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USE YOUR SWORD

The ancient Christians knew a lot about soldiers. They were all around them. The Roman Centurions actively pursued those that were “disobedient.” They dressed in full armor, with their swords always at their sides, ready for battle.

In Ephesians 6:17 we learn that one of the pieces of armor for a Christian is the sword of the Spirit. It says in verse 17b, ***“and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.”*** You see, using the word of God as a weapon takes out the enemy. Knowing that the Christians of his day would understand about the armor that a soldier of that day wore, Paul wrote about this to the Hebrew Christians. In Hebrews 4:12 ***“For the word of God (the sword) is quick (alive), and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder (cutting in half) of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”***

Knowing that the Word of God can be used as a sword, lets us be reminded that we have a very powerful weapon. A one-edged knife or sword is sharp, but a two-edged sword would mean it cuts coming and going. We yield the word as a weapon to ward off the enemy that would try to get close to us. We take the sword (which is the Word of God) and say, In Jesus’ name we resist you. Jesus is the Word, so the sword, being the Word is also Jesus. What a mighty weapon we have in using the name of Jesus.

When we use it properly, it cuts away the things in our heart that are undesirable to God but also cuts off the demonic attacks from Satan that would try to keep us in bondage. Let the Sword (the word of God) cause your life to be cut off from the undesirable sinful lifestyle. By studying the word, we know what we must cut off.

Remember, Satan is a defeated foe through the work of Jesus’ shed blood and resurrection. He can only deceive us into believing we can be defeated. He is a lion without teeth. He roars but has no bite unless we allow him to bite.

Take up the sword, which is the Word of God and fight the good fight of faith. Know your weapon more than anything else. Keep it sharp! Be ready to use it, by having it with you, and in you always. We win when we know what our weapons are and how to use them. We lose when we do not know them and how to use them!