







¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.



¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.



¹⁴ Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,



¹⁵ and, as shoes for your feet,
having put on the readiness
given by the gospel of
peace.



¹⁶ In addition to all this, take
up the shield of faith, with
which you will be able to
extinguish all the flaming
arrows of the evil one.



¹⁷ and take the helmet of
salvation, and the sword of
the Spirit, which is the word of
God





Know What You Have.

2 Cor. 10:13

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

1 Peter 1

*³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for **a salvation** ready to be revealed in the last time.*

What Kind of Power Does This Sword Hold?

This Sword Equips Us to Fight in an Arena that is Bigger than Us.

This Sword Prepares Us to Face an Opponent that is Stronger than Us.

Know What You Have.

2 Corinthians 10:3

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.



*With the Sword of the Spirit,
You are Not Powerless
Encounter the Enemy Where
You Find Him.*

Stay Close to Your Source.

Gal. 5:25

If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.



The Holy Spirit: What Does He Do?

He Reveals Truth

Jn. 16 ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth

The Holy Spirit: What Does He Do?

He Teaches & Reminds

Jn. 14 ²⁶ But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.

The Holy Spirit: What Does He Do?

He Speaks about Jesus

Jn. 15 ²⁶ "But when the Helper comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, he will bear witness about me.

The Holy Spirit: What Does He Do?

He Reveals Humanly Unseen Truths

1 Cor. 2 ¹² Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might understand the things freely given us by God. ¹⁴ The natural person does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are folly to him, and he is not able to understand them because they are spiritually discerned.

The Holy Spirit: What Does He Do?

He Confronts People about Their Sin

Jn. 16 ⁸ And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment

*Our Ability to Draw the Sword of
the Word of God Depends on
Our Nearness to the Holy Spirit.*

*Are You Living in Fellowship with
Him?*

Don't Accept Substitutes.

Ephesians 6:17
the sword of the
Spirit, which is the
word of God,



*What's Your Relationship Like
with God's Word?*

*You'll Never Be Able to Deploy
it for Spiritual Victory if it's Not
Your Own.*




