

Testimonies on Spiritual WARFARE PRAYER

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The following testimonies are written by Bob Reehm, Author of *Every Man A PURE Warrior* and Lonnie Berger, author of *Every Man A Warrior*. It

I have found this kind of prayer to be very effective in my own life and in the lives of many of the men that I've discipled. I would encourage you to be like a Berean Christian. In Acts 17:11 the Bereans searched out the Scriptures to see if the things that Paul was teaching them were accurate or not. Study this appendix and make your own conclusions about warfare prayer.

When I was assigned to pioneer a ministry on a military base in California, I did all the things that I had been taught to successfully start a ministry. I did evangelism, challenged men toward discipleship, conducted spiritual interest surveys, recruited a prayer team, and so forth, but all these efforts yielded NO spiritual fruit. No one came to Christ.

After working diligently at this for several months, I had an hour-long complaint session with God. Listening to me whine and moan, the Holy Spirit gently brought to mind the teaching of Jesus in Mark 3:27 which says that "*no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man*" (ESV). And then it struck me that I had not yet bound the strong man! I read the passage again and it became very clear that what I needed to do was warfare praying.

Empowered by this counsel, I did a prayer walk around the barracks, claiming the area for Jesus. I specifically prayed, asking the Lord to bind the deceiving spirits and every demon of doubt, of unbelief, or of hard hearts, that were keeping young military personnel locked in darkness. After walking around the barracks seven times, praying for fruit and binding the strong man I felt a spiritual breakthrough. Within a week, God brought fruit! One man came to Christ and a Bible study started in the barracks which led to numerous men being discipled.

Paul teaches in Ephesians 6:12 that our fight is not with people but against spiritual forces of evil. In places of great darkness, the Evil One must be subdued before new fruit can be born.

If you are under demonic attack, feel you are hitting a brick wall in personal character growth, or your ministry advances have stalled, I encourage you to read carefully Lonnie Berger's teaching, below, and experiment with this kind of praying. We must bind the strongman. ***I was set free from a forty-year addiction to porn and have seen many men get spiritual breakthroughs in their battle for purity by praying this kind of spiritual warfare prayer.***

Lonnie Berger, President of Every Man A Warrior

In 1975, I came to Christ and immediately had a hunger for the Word. In reading the Scripture, I came across a passage where Jesus cast out demons, and as a new believer, I was intrigued as to what this meant. The next Sunday, my pastor spoke on this issue and assured the congregation that since the United States was a Christian nation that meant demonic activity was rare, only happening in places like Africa, and therefore should be ignored. I remained ignorant on this subject for the next fifteen years.

In the early 1990s, my family encountered serious spiritual attacks. My children, age three and five, were harassed each night by demonic dreams and would wake up screaming and describing the ugly creatures that were trying to bite them. After seeing my own children under such oppressive assaults, my theology of “demons only happen in Africa” went out the window.

I began to ask God for help and was led to Dr. Charles Kraft at Fuller Theological Seminary to get training in spiritual warfare. Dr. Kraft is a conservative theologian, graduated from Wheaton College, Ashland Theological Seminary and served as a missionary in Nigeria during the 1950s.

Dr. Kraft has written several books on this subject. His material was instrumental in helping to lay a biblical foundation for how I would understand spiritual warfare. Over the years, I have used these principles to help many people find freedom from spiritual oppression.

The Spiritual Warfare Prayer Found in EMAPW

In the name of Jesus, I bind every demon that has an assignment against me. I cancel your assignments, I cut you off from your spiritual head, I break any curses that give you strength, and I command all of you to be bound together and cast into the abyss. Be gone in the name of Jesus. Do not return, do not send replacements. I command this in Jesus' name.

The Biblical Foundations for Spiritual Warfare praying can be found on our website: www.EveryManAWarrior.com under Resources-Downloads- Leader's Guides from EMAPW Lessons