

WINNING THE WAR

“The Enemy Within” – Part 4 of 9

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ROMANS 8

1. Weapon #1 _____.

ANTIDOTE: I must remind myself daily what _____ did for me.

*So now there is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ Jesus. For the power of the life-giving SPIRIT has freed you through Christ Jesus from the power of sin that leads to death. The law of Moses could not save us because of our sinful nature. But God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent his own Son in a human body like ours, except that ours are sinful. God destroyed sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins. He did this so that the requirement of the law would be fully accomplished for us, who no longer follow our sinful nature but instead follow the Spirit. **Romans 8:1-4 (NLT '96)***

2. Weapon #2 UNCONTROLLED _____.

ANTIDOTE: I must ask the Holy Spirit to give me better _____.

*“Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what that the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the SPIRIT have their minds set on what the SPIRIT desires. The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the SPIRIT is life and peace.” **Romans 8:5-6 (NIV)***

“The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot please God.”

Romans 8:7-8 (NIV)

3. Weapon #3 _____.

ANTIDOTE: I must realize I have the ability to say, “_____”.

“But you are not controlled by your sinful nature. You are controlled by the SPIRIT if you have the SPIRIT of God living in you. (And remember that those who do not have the Spirit of Christ living in them do not belong to him at all.)

Romans 8:9 (NLT)

*“So, dear brothers, you have no obligations whatever to your old sinful nature to do what it begs you to do.” **Romans 8:12 (LB)***

4. Weapon #4 _____.

ANTIDOTE: I must turn my thoughts to God whenever I'm _____.

“Those who are led by God's Spirit are God's children. For the Spirit that God has given you does not make you slaves and cause you to be afraid; instead, the Spirit makes you God's children, and by the Spirit's power we cry out to God, ‘Father!’

My Father! 'God's Spirit joins himself to our spirits to declare that we are God's children!' **Romans 8:14-16 (GNT)**

5. Weapon #5 _____

ANTIDOTE: I must focus on the _____ term, not the _____ term.

"Since we are his children, we WILL possess the blessings he keeps for his people, and we WILL also possess with Christ what God has kept for him; for if we share Christ's suffering, we will also share his glory! I consider that what we suffer at this present time cannot be compared at all with the glory that is going to be revealed to us." **Romans 8:17-18 (GNT)**

6. Weapon #6 _____

ANTIDOTE: I must remember that God is _____ and He is in _____.

"Also, the Spirit helps us with our weakness. We do not know how to pray as we should. But the Spirit himself speaks to God for us, and even begs God for us with deep feelings that words cannot explain. God can see what is in people's hearts. And He knows what's in the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit speaks to God for his people in the way God wants." **Romans 8:26-27 (NCV)**

"AND we know that in ALL things God works for the good of those who love Him, who've been called according to His purpose." **Romans 8:28 (NIV)**

"What can we say about such wonderful things as these? If God is for us, who can ever be against us? And since God did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't God, who gave us Christ, also give us everything else?"

Romans 8:31-32 (NLT '96)

"Since God did not spare even his own Son but gave him up for us all, won't God, who gave us Christ, also give us everything else?" **Romans 8:32 (NLT '96)**

7. Weapon #7 _____

ANTIDOTE: I must trust that God will never stop _____ me.

"I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels won't, and all the powers of hell itself cannot keep God's love away. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, or where we are---high above the sky or in the deepest ocean---nothing will ever be able to separate us from the love of God demonstrated by our Lord Jesus Christ when he died for us."

Romans 8:38-39 (LB)