

Every Thought Captive

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For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ

2 Corinthians 10:3-5

Spiritual warfare is not mystical; it is rational. It's not about *territory*; it's about *truth*. Scripture doesn't tell us to use tactics that are occult and superstitious, but just the opposite.

We can see this clearly in the way Paul describes spiritual warfare in our passage. We'll draw from this passage three admonitions that will help you wage spiritual warfare effectively:

1. DON'T MISUNDERSTAND THE BATTLE

This is not a fleshly war. It is not a battle over earthly territory or a battle against flesh and blood.

1. The issue is ideological.

2. The arena of this warfare is closer to home than you might think.

3. *The primary battlefield is the mind.*

2. DON'T DISTRUST YOUR WEAPONS.

Because this war is spiritual, it must be fought with spiritual weapons.

3. DON'T RELINQUISH THE FIGHT