**Wealth Walk Warfare**

**Progression**
**(Like a kid growing up in a household)**

**Wealth - Walk – Warfare**

The most valuable thing we have is ‘relationships’

 With God our Father Himself…

 …and one another.

 Then things come in their proper order & priority.

*Eg. We use things to reach and love people, not use people to reach and love things.*

**Spiritual economics**

**“Heaven’s *supply* meets whatever Earth’s *need / demand* ”**

Comfort for the grieving

Food for the hungry

Strength for the weak

Forgiveness for the sinner

Healing for the sick

**Salvation:**

“deliverance, rescue, safety, welfare, prosperity,”

**What then is the Proper Focus in the Word?**

Part of the warfare we experience is to emphasize truth at the expense of other truth

Our tendency is to latch onto a truth…

 …take it to an extreme…

 … and then it becomes an error.

Example: Suffering & persecution

**Whole Counsel**’ of God’s Word puts proper focus or emphasis on matters like:

 Faith

 Grace

 Suffering

 Prosperity

 Persecution

 Deliverance

**Today’s Focus**

Jesus wants us to know how to be victorious in the fight of faith:

Our ‘warfare’

**Ephesians 6:10**

*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.****11****Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to* ***stand*** *against the wiles of the devil.*

*-* You will face opposition.

 -‘Be’ strong: strength is a state of being not doing.

 - We are to ‘put on’ the **whole** armor: not to leave gaps

 -‘Stand’ implies adopting a posture of: *“this is my bone”…* now skat!

Pushback, resist the adversary who is trying to take your bone away.

(It’s not the size of the dog in the fight … it’s the size of fight in the dog).

***12****For we do not* ***wrestle*** *against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness 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****.*

The ‘wrestling’ is to **hold onto** what belongs to you in Christ.

 Saying: “It’s mine devil , so I resist you in Jesus name”.

**1 Peter 5:8**

*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.****9Resist*** *him,* ***steadfast in the faith****,*

***14Stand*** *therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,****15****and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;****16****above all, taking the shield of faith with which you* ***will be able to quench all*** *the* ***fiery darts*** *of the wicked one.****17****And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;*

We need God’s protection in our warfare:

 Top to bottom…

 ‘Quench all’ the fiery darts

**One ‘chief’ dart
Accusation**

**Revelation 12:10**

***10****Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, “Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the* ***accuser of our brethren****, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.*

Satan is the legalistic **accuser,** God is the merciful **justifier.**

Eg. When King Zerubbabel (Ezra 4) began rebuilding the Temple in Jerusalem a **letter of accusation** was written to Persian King Artaxerxes mischaracterizing the Jews as rebellious people.

 Satan will fire **darts of accusation** even when you are doing God’s will.

**Jesus is our advocate**

**1 John 2:1**

*My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And* ***if***

*anyone sins, we have an* ***Advocate with the Father****, Jesus Christ the righteous.*

Sin is abnormal for the Christian

 Jesus is the righteous one… and we are in Him!

**What fight are we in?**

**1 Timothy 6:12**

*Fight the* ***good fight of faith****, lay hold on eternal life, to which you are also called, and have* ***professed a good profession*** *before many witnesses.*

We do not fight …

 The devil

 Nor the ‘flesh’

 Nor one another.

*The fight is to keep your eyes on Jesus when everything screams the opposite.*

**How to use our spiritual weaponry**

**2 Corinthians 10:3b-5**

*For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.****4****For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down* ***strongholds****,****5****casting down* ***arguments*** *and* ***every******high thing*** *that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing* ***every thought*** *into captivity to the obedience of Christ,*

 ‘strongholds’ / ‘arguments’ / ‘high things’ / ‘thoughts’

 ‘every’ high thing and ‘every’ thought

Never mind ‘draining the swamp’…

 …drain the brain of ‘stinking thinking’

**We live in gentler times!??**

**Final take away**

Were told that things will get **darker and lighter** at the same time!

**Isaiah 60:2**

*For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people:* ***but*** *the LORD shall arise upon you, and his glory shall be seen upon you.*