



Discuss – What do you think Spiritual Warfare is / is about?
How important do you think it is in the church today?

Right from the beginning of the bible we see that there is in existence two spiritual Kingdoms. The first is the Kingdom of God, the second is the kingdom of Satan.

The bible makes it clear that before man was made Satan and a third of the angels in heaven used their free will to rebel against God and as a result were cast down to heaven. Just as Satan was tempted by power and position, so Adam and Eve were also tempted and fell into rebellion and sin.

Read –

Genesis 3 v 1 – 6

Job Ch 1 v 6 – 11

Matthew Ch 4 v 1 – 11

Acts Ch 5 v 1 – 5

1 Corinthians Ch 7 v 5

This highlights for us the fact that the battle ground of Spiritual warfare is focused on the freedom of the will and the thought life of an individual.

Focus of Satanic attack – is human beings and especially the people of God. Revelation Ch 12 v 13 – 17

The battle ground – is the thought life of the individual

Satan's desired outcome - destroy the work of God in the world today. His desire is to dishonour God by bringing shame and even judgement upon God's people.
compromise a Christian's life through sin and compromise
discredit the Gospel of Jesus Christ – make people blind to it power.

The tactics demons use – demons plant seeds of lustful and evil thoughts into our imaginations. If left alone, these thoughts work their way into the human heart and mind. The outcome is that sin is then conceived and sinful action results!! Demons feed thoughts into the human mind to intensify the evil that is already there. The whole focus is to deceive God's people. 1 Peter Ch 5 v 8

Process of thought attack – evil thought or doubt – leads to – **Free will choice** – leads to - **habit of sin or doubt** – leads to - **Loss of control** – leads to – **demonic bondage** – leads to – **almost total possession**

Discuss – why do you think it is difficult to control our thought life?

How do you think you can become sensitive to recognise and deal with thought attacks by demons?

what are the weak areas in your life that the devil would tempt you in?

Areas that demons regularly tempt us in:-

Doubts, Temptations, Evil thoughts, Desires for independence, Pride, Lust, Materialism, Fears.

Discuss – **What impact do you think an undisciplined thought life might have on the church?**

Jesus calls Satan the Father of lies. (John Ch 8 v 44) His desire is to give you a false impression of truth, pleasure and reality. If he can do this then he gains control and ground in your life (Ephesians Ch 4 v 27) This will eventually lead to habits and slavery to sin that Satan will torment and enslave you by.

One of the most important reasons Jesus came to the Earth was to destroy the work of Satan and set the captives free.

Read – Luke Ch 4 v 11 – 19 Matthew Ch 12 v 22 – 29

Jesus ministry was all about taking back from Satan that which is God's 1 John Ch 3 v 7 – 9

Restoring the image of God to people – deliverance

Healing sickness – result of the fall

Taking away the stain of sin – the cross

Restoring people relationships back to God – The cross & sanctification

Defeating death – by raising to new life

How do we have victory in our thought life to overcome the lies and temptations of the devil?

Read – 2 Corinthians Ch 10 v 3 – 5 Philipians Ch 4 v 8 James Ch 4 v 7 – 8 Luke Ch 10 v 17 – 20