

Take Hold Of Your Weapon

Ephesians 6:17 (NIV) — (17) Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Hebrews 4:12 (NIV) — (12) For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

I) The Sword Of The Spirit Is The Word Of God.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 (NIV) — (16) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **(17)** so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Peter 1:20–21 (NIV) — (20) Above all, you must understand that no prophecy of Scripture came about by the prophet's own interpretation. **(21)** For prophecy never had its origin in the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Hebrews 11:3 (NIV) — (3) By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

Isaiah 55:10–11 (NIV) — (10) As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, **(11)** so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.

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II) The Sword Of The Spirit Works Both Defensively And Offensively.

2 Timothy 4:1–4 (NIV) — (1) In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I give you this charge: **(2)** Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction. **(3)** For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. **(4)** They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

Matthew 22:37–39 (NIV) — (37) Jesus replied: “ ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ **(38)** This is the first and greatest commandment. **(39)** And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’

III) To Use The Sword Of The Spirit Effectively, We Must Immerse Ourselves In It.

Psalms 119:11 (NIV) — (11) I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.