

How to trump the enemy?

[2 Corinthians 10:3-5](#)

There is a war going on that is not being fought with bombs, bullets, or guns. The war is a battle for your minds, thoughts, and actions. The battlefield is your mind, your home, your work, your school and your church. In other words, there is no demilitarized zone (DMZ). Wherever Christians are is the battlefield. God has given us offensive and defensive supernaturally powered weapons for this warfare. No matter how great a defense you play you must score to win. This week's sermon will explore offensive weapons of warfare. Some of the **offensive weapons** include **the Word of God, the blood of Jesus, the Word of our testimony, praise, prayer and fasting, and the name of Jesus**. God's Word is more powerful than a two-edged sword (**Hebrews 4:12**). The blood of Jesus and the word of our testimony will defeat the enemy every time (**Revelation 12:11**). Praise silences the enemy (**Psalms 8:2**). Prayers are effective in accessing God's power (**James 5:16**). When you combine prayer and fasting chains are broken and the enemy will flee (**Mark 9:29**). The bible says that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow ... (**Philippians 2:9-11**).

God has given us these weapons and it is up to us to learn how to skillfully use them to defeat the enemy. The enemy is on the prowl daily seeking whom he can devour. It is important that we are armed, dangerous and skilled at deploying attacks and pulling down strongholds. When we leave home every day we must be strapped and ready for battle. It is our responsibility to be prayed up and covered with the armor of God before we go into the world. The battle is ongoing and can be covert and require reconnaissance missions. Be ready to be blindsided and caught off guard but never unprepared for battle. You have been drafted into battle. You can trump the enemy by using God's weapons of warfare.

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Prayer

Almighty God, we have confidence that you hear and answer our prayers. We come confessing our sins, faults and shortcomings. We ask that You would forgive us. In the name and power of Jesus break the chains of addiction and abuse in the lives of your people. I plead the blood of Jesus over the life of our children, grandchildren, and their children. Lord, teach us how to raise children of destiny that love and serve You wholeheartedly. May we be examples and mentors of people of faith. Grant us wisdom. We break every generational curse and every negative word spoken over the lives of your people. We speak healing and deliverance over their lives. Thank you for Your blood that has cleansed us from all unrighteousness. May we recognize the plots and schemes of the enemy. No weapon formed against us will prosper. You are our protection. Lord we love You and adore You. This we pray in the name and power of Jesus Christ our Lord and savior.

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Stewardship Moment

Tithing is one way to worship God—to honor Him as your provider and remind yourself that all of your resources belong to Him and are provided through His grace. As you give away that first 10% of your income, you set your course to honor God in the way you handle the rest of your finances.

- **When to Give**

Consider your pay schedule, and establish a pattern of giving when your resources increase. This habit allows you to regularly remind yourself of God’s faithfulness and to express gratitude to Him by giving to meet the needs of others.

- **Where to Give**

Typically, the tithe should be given to the local church where you worship. These gifts support your pastor and ministry staff members who are actively serving you, and they help maintain the work of the church in your community. As God prospers you and directs you, additional gifts can be given to [other ministries](#) that are advancing the Gospel.

- **What to Give**

The tithe is 10% of your gross income. In addition to giving 10% of your monetary income, consider giving God the firstfruits of other resources as well, such as your time (giving Him the first part of your day in a quiet time and taking one day in seven to focus on worship and rest) and energies (investing your gifts and abilities in your church and community).

- **How to Give**

Your motives for giving are important to God. ***“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.” (II Corinthians 9:7–8)***

Give with the expectation that God will faithfully supply whatever you need so that you can abound in good works!

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Scripture

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³ For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. ⁴ The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. ⁵ We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.