

## **The Sword of the Spirit- Heb. 4:1-2; Eph. 6:10-18; Is. 55:10-11; 2 Cor. 10:3-5**

If God is in the house, something's going to change. His 'house' is you. God is in the transforming business and that is why He has given us the Holy Spirit, He is the change agent. Things will not remain status quo if we want to move in the Spirit of God. The moving of the Spirit is not limited to a church service, it must be everyday, everywhere. If we remain humble and open to receiving the seed of God, we will be changed. What we hear will not profit us unless it is coupled with faith. How are we walking, in faith or rebellion? Rev. 3:20- Are we trying to do church (life) without Jesus?

The sword of the Spirit is the word of God. Our sword is not huge and hard to wield, that belongs to our Commander in Chief. As a soldier, ours is small and easy to manoeuvre. It is time to take responsibility for getting God's word for our selves and not expect to be spoon-fed all the time; it reveals our level of maturity.

As soldiers, we need the protection of our platoon, but when alone we are able to fend for ourselves. Are we in a fight or flight mode? Are we fighting for what's right, our marriage, our kids... or have we sounded retreat? Have we surrendered them to the enemy? We are in a battle for our lives and theirs. If God is passionate for them, why aren't we?

What kind of warriors are we? Do we deny there is a battle? Do we avoid it? Are we passive and expect God to do it all? We need to be fighting on our knees.

A stronghold is something in our life that does not have God's approval. When was the last time we asked God if such and such a thing has His approval? We need to be on the offensive. We need to be wise in God's word for ourselves because that is what the enemy will attack to bring doubt in our minds. The sword of the Spirit will protect us. It is powerful and our only means of attack. Learn to use it to go after the enemy of your soul. The Holy Spirit wants to fill and equip us for battle. It's not a matter of having more of God; it's about giving Him more of us. The Holy Spirit is like a foreman who knows what needs to be done and what's involved in the doing. Spirit filled means that as co-labourers we need to listen and follow His directions. He is the Healer. We are like doctors, we do His work according to His word, but the results are still up to Him. Our job is to believe and act because with Him all things are possible. May we experience and know for ourselves in these days the effects and the influence of the Holy Spirit. we minister to others according to the degree that we allow the Holy Spirit to work in and through us. It's about an inflow for an outflow.