

SERMON OUTLINE

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Our Spiritual Warfare

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I. **Winning the Battle**

A. There Are No "Innocent-Bystanders"

1. **The Process of Growth to Godliness** - Ephesians 4:20-24
 - a. Knowledge - "you learned, heard, and were taught Christ"
 - b. Change of Heart - "renewed in the spirit of your mind"
 - c. Action - "lay aside old, put on the new"
 - d. Perseverance - 2 Corinthians 4:16 - inner man renewed
2. **Satan Seeks to Keep God Out of Our Lives**
Church - Eph 4:1-16; Personal lives - Eph 4:17 -- 5:21;
Homes - Eph 5:22 -- 6:4; Schools / Jobs - Eph 6:5-9
3. **Breaking the "Growth" Process to Godliness**
 - a. "Knowledge" ONLY: leads to arrogance
 - b. "Change of Heart" ONLY: leads to spiritual laziness
 - c. "Action" ONLY: leads to confidence in SELF and not God
 - d. "Perseverance" ONLY: leads to action by "rote"

B. Victory Comes Through Surrender

1. **Plug Yourself In**
 - a. Ephesians 6:10-11 - in the Lord... His might... His armor
 - b. Galatians 2:20 - crucified with Christ... Christ lives in ME
2. **Give Your Will to God!** The biggest battle is with OURSELVES

C. Failure Is NOT an Option

1. **Paul's Description of the Battle:** Ephesians 6:12
2. **Nothing Is Worth Losing this Battle for:** 2 Timothy 4:6-8

D. So Get Ready!!

1. **It Falls On Me to Do Something:** Ephesians 6:13
2. **Put On the Armor** - Ephesians 6:14-17
 - a. Truth: Always let God guide your life - ONLY in truth!
 - b. Righteousness: Don't leave a step out or the way blocked.
 - c. Preparation of the Gospel of Peace: A message of HOPE.
 - d. Faith: Stay plugged in, God is the source!
 - e. Salvation: We have what is most valuable
 - f. The Word of God: Satan will fight you, pray Eph 6:18-19
3. **Jump Into the Battle:** This is not a drill, this is serious!