



PICKING UP THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT

Ephesians 6:17 // Dr. Ron Jones

Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil . . . and take . . . the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. EPH. 6:11, 17 ESV

Like a small dagger, the *gladius* was a double-edged sword that was razor sharp and used in hand-to-hand combat.

For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. HEBREWS 4:12 ESV

The Word of God

- _____ = the writings or Scripture
2 TIMOTHY 3:16; 2 PETER 1:20
- _____ = God's word explained and interpreted
JOHN 1:1-2, 14
- _____ = the specific application of God's word
EPHESIANS 6:17

Jesus the Master Swordsman

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. MATTHEW 4:1 ESV

But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" MATTHEW 4:4 ESV

Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You.
PSALM 119:11 ESV

Breaking Free of Strongholds

For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. 2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-4 ESV

"A stronghold can be defined as a pattern of unrighteousness that holds you hostage outside the will of God." DR. TONY EVANS

We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ. 2 CORINTHIANS 10:5 ESV

The defeat of _____ is an Old Testament illustration of the divine power to destroy strongholds. JOSHUA 6

God's _____ fought God's _____ yields God's _____.