

Spiritual warfare is usually **hidden**.
Most of the **time** we do not even
realize we are being **attacked**.

*But we have **ALL** been in a
Spiritual War since we were
born.*

Spiritual warfare will come in **different**
forms. *It CAN* even **weaken** you
physically with injuries or **illnesses**.

Spiritual warfare *can also come from
other people* who are being **influenced**
through ***demonic oppression or even
possession.***

Keep in **mind** that ***all the people
you know*** are **under spiritual attack**
just as you are and **they may not
recognize it either.**

Also, **be aware** that ***ANIMALS*** can
be oppressed *or even possessed*
by **demons**.

But the greatest weapon Satan and his evil demons have to use against us is the god of *SELF*.

We humans are **naturally *SELF* centered.** *It is ALL about **me**.* And while Satan *ATTACKS us with **OUR** wants, **OUR** desire to please **OUR SELF**,* we get **further and further away** from God.

The further we get from God, the easier it is for Satan to attack us in emotionally **hurtful** and **physically harmful ways.** And **worse** than just the attacks, **some people never get saved.**

“The heart *is* deceitful above all **things,** And desperately wicked;
Who can know it?

[The *deceitful heart* being referred to here is yours. We all have **HEARTS that *lie* to us. We are **fickle** and **forgetful** in the **things and people** we care about.]**

[*Interjections in brackets*] **Jeremiah 17:9 NKJV**

Satan uses *DISTRACTION* against us.
 If **we** are **distracted** with all **our wants** and **desires**, then *he has very little work to do.*

Satan **encourages** us to **please our SELF**. And then *WE* **dig deeper** and **deeper** into a **sinful lifestyle**.
And because of the sinful lifestyle we *DISTANCE OUR SELF* from God.

Those [*People*] who **trust in themselves** are **fools**, but those who **walk in wisdom** are **kept safe**.

[*Interjections in brackets*] **Proverbs 28:26 NIV**

Little sins... a **little partying**, a **little sex outside** of marriage... **No big deal**.

Everyone does it, right?

These are lies, by the way.

LIES meant **to *make you think it is OK* to do those things**.

The **deeper** into the PIT of SIN we get, the **harder** it is **to SEE A WAY OUT**.

But We Need God...

When *WE ALLOW* **our wants:**
sports, pleasure, movies, BOOKS,
people, hobbies and other
SEEMINGLY HARMLESS things
 — *to keep us happy* and **ignoring**
God, we are not WORSHIPING GOD.

With our ***time*** (*and money*) *SPENT* on
watching or playing sports and
LITERALLY **everything but God,**
we are worshipping our SELF and
EVERYTHING that IS NOT GOD.

Therefore, **we are giving Satan our**
worship. Satan could not be happier.
Satan is happy. We THINK we are happy.
But God... HE is NOT happy.

Trust in the **LORD** with all your
 heart,
And lean NOT on YOUR OWN
understanding; [*Do not be fooled into*
trusting what you THINK you understand
by your own smarts. Ask God to give you
wisdom and good judgement in all things.]

[*Interjections in brackets*] **Proverbs 3:5 NIV**