

Spiritual Warfare what is it?

St. John Paul II says – “Spiritual combat is an element of life which needs to be taught anew and proposed once more to all Christian’s today. It is a secret and interior art, an invisible struggle in which we engage every day.”

“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly realms.”(Eph 6:12)

Spiritual Warfare Satan’s ID

2 I’s Isolation and Inadequacy

4 D’s Disappointment, Discouragement, Doubt, Despair

1. Sudden or extreme onslaught of various troubles losses, and trials.
2. Attacks of physical danger, illness, life threatening loss
3. Increased temptation and luring towards sin or wrong choices
4. Feelings of overwhelming despair, darkness, and fear
5. Deep confusion, feelings of condemnation and guilt, dulled spiritual awareness

Ignatius 6 signs of the Devil

Sadness – The devil is trying to take away your peace of mind.

Regret – The devil tries to disturb your soul by filling you with doubts about your good actions.

Impediments – The devil excels in making the practice of virtue seem too difficult. Everything is blown out of proportion.

Disturbance – Tensions in the family come from moody temperaments and vivid emotions, foolish things are said or done.

Fallacious Reasoning – false theories breed sins against faith, justice, or charity

Discouragement – attacks the merit of perseverance

Combatting Warfare

The Standard of Jesus – Good Shepherd – Jesus the perfecter of Human Nature – Jesus the Good Father

Unity – Belief – Forgiveness

Entering Belovedness – 2 C's Community and and 4H's Held – Hope – Humility – Happiness

1. The Gift of the Holy Spirit
2. Armor of God
3. Prayer

Combatting Warfare through

4. His Word
5. Power of Praise
6. Obedience to Christ

Eucharist and Sacramental Life

St. Faustina Equipping for the Spiritual Battle

1. Trust is a spiritual weapon.
2. Recourse to Jesus and spiritual director
3. Do not bargain with temptation.
4. Quickly reveal temptation.
5. Humility defeats the devil
6. Patience
7. Interior Mortifications
8. Gossiping is never of God
9. Mind your own business is key to spiritual warfare
10. Stay true to vows
11. Divine Mercy is a weapon
12. Feeling poured out to the Lord
13. Silence
14. Honesty is a weapon to defeat Satan
15. Gratitude
16. Resist the spirit of curiosity
17. Acedia
18. Fear
19. Invoking the Holy Spirit brings conviction
20. Merit lies in the will
21. Dependence on God is a weapon of spiritual warfare
22. Vigilance and Discerning

Angel Choirs and their Duties

THE FIRST SPHERE - COUNCILORS OF GOD



Seraphim - Focused on love of God

Cherubim - Focused on God's Divine Plan

Thrones - Represent the judicial power of God

THE SECOND SPHERE - GOVERNORS



Dominions - Focused on guarding the Universe and protecting it from harm

Powers - Focused on fighting the forces of evil that desire to destroy things of Creation

Virtues - Focused on Universe operating according to God's design

THE THIRD SPHERE - MESSENGERS OF GOD



Principalities - Guardian Angels of the nations and cities.

Archangels - Guardian Angels appointed to guard special individuals, such as the Church, the Pope, possibly the Virgin Mary while on Earth

Angels - Guardian Angels who directly look after the affairs of mankind

9 Choirs of Angels



1st Triad - Contemplate And Adore God Directly

Seraphim - 6 Wings - 2 Cover Feet, 2 Cover Face, 2 For Flight - Name means 'The Burning Ones' - Isaiah 6:1-7

Known as purest love and "ardor", Seraphim are the purest and deepest created level of adoration. Inflamed with the love of God. Seraphim experience the greatest knowledge of God. They protect the mystery of those who love with their own pure love. The Blessed Mother sends the Seraphim to gather our prayers and transport them into her Holy Immaculate Heart. Seraphim draw near the meek, together with Cherubim and Thrones. But the Seraphim have more capacity to love, more wisdom, knowledge, power and might, humility and graciousness, than the other choirs of angels. - They are the Attendants at the Throne of God and praise God singing, "Holy Holy Holy is the Lord of Hosts!"

Cherubim - 4 Faces AND 4 Wings - 2 Cover Feet and 2 For Flight - Name means 'The Fullness of Wisdom' - EXD 25:18-21, EZK 10:14, REV 4-6

Cherubim are known for their mighty powers of knowledge, their deep love, and their intimacy with God. Cherubim are protectors of the inner chambers of the Divinity. - They Contemplate God's Providence and are assigned to protect special places.

Thrones - Flaming, Rotating Rings Covered With Eyes - EZK 10:17, COL 1:16, DAN 7:9

Thrones are known for their pure humility. Thrones see the truth clearly and mete out God's will. Thrones are known to dispense the justice and power of God. All lower choirs depend upon Thrones to access God. - They represent the steadfastness of the love of God. They contemplate God's power and judgment, and they appear as the most unlike the other when revealed.

2nd Triad - Fulfill God's Plan In The Universe

Dominions - EPH 1:21, COL 1:16

Dominions retain power over all leadership and all created matter. Charged with representing exquisite order, Dominions show people the proper things to do. They support attitudes needed to be preserved in order to achieve happiness. Those who invite Dominions into their lives to assist with tasks and assignments usually have no difficulty making correct decisions, living fulfilling and prosperous lives, and enjoying their lives immensely. Known as spirits of wisdom, Dominions draw people near the Holy Spirit of Love to experience a profusion and outpouring of those graces. Filled with a zeal for the splendor and order of creation, Dominions are great ministers of God's justice to the cosmos and the world, thereby governing the forces of chaos. Lord over the lower choirs and humanity. They take illumination from the higher hierarchies and govern the universe.

Powers - EPH 3:10, EPH 6:12

Powers defend the cosmos as tireless champions of goodness, serving as special Warrior Angels against evil. Powers watch over those who govern countries, cities, congregations, and agencies. Powers detect schemes and tricks before they happen, sending warnings to people when others seek to cause harm and hurt. - They assist in governing the natural order. They are warrior angels tasked with fighting the war against the demonic choirs.

Virtues - EPH 1:21

Virtues govern all nature, controlling motion and the elements. Because Virtues deeply love humanity, they watch over humans most tenderly, assisting people to grow in holiness and to avoid accidents. Virtues bring about signs and wonders that humans crave, including miracles. When people become sick, alone, or frightened, Virtues make difficult things easier. - They run the operation of movement in the universe. They are often associated with planets, elements, seasons, and nature.

3rd Triad - Interact And Serve Humanity Closely

Principalities - EPH 3:10, EPH 1:21

Principalities guard particular nations, cities, provinces, towns, villages, and hamlets - helping to guide administration. Principalities may communicate ideas, stir up circumstances, and even interfere in human affairs to accomplish the direct will of God. When humans exacerbate problems, Principalities help solve problems which humans with their limited natures create. Principalities guide events in order to bring blessings of contentment and abundance to the places they protect. - They are the princes of the lowest triad assigned to care and guard communities, kingdoms, states, and parishes. They are associated with transitions in power.

Archangels - JUDE 9, 1THES 4:16, TOB

Archangels personally intervene in crises and times of need to protect and guard nations, cities, airports, churches, houses, and families. Because Archangels have a most special and protective love for all people on earth, they bring great goodness and much happiness to those who invoke their aid and assistance. - They are the Leader angels assigned to communicate and carry out God's important plans for man. Michael, Gabriel, and Rafael are the only 3 names we know.

Angels - LUK 22:43, MAT 18:10, HEB 13:2

Angels are invisible spirits of sheer intelligence and will who are most caring and solicitous. Angels can penetrate the most secret complexities of science in an instant. Angels assist those who ask for help. - These Angels are closest to the material world and humanity. The lowest choir is where we get the majority of our personal guardian angels.

