

## “WHEN DARKNESS IS FOUND IN YOUR LIGHT”

- a. Without virtue the believer’s victory is usually short lived.
- b. Demons are notorious for causing Christians victories to turn into defeats.
- c. How? By causing them to lose courage (faith) and to believe a lie.
- d. Please remember, it takes great courage and strength to possess the land we conquer from the enemy through spiritual warfare.

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- III. Another way that Jesus prepared His disciples for spiritual warfare was to teach them not to be presumptuous.
  - A. There are no shortcuts to successful warfare; only ways to make it longer and more perilous.
    1. One of the best ways I know to do this is to enter battle blinded by presumption.
      - a. The word presumption here means *to presume or accept a lie as truth*.
      - b. Remember, untested idealism is the envisioning of thoughts based in an imaginary “idea form” such as a notion or fancy.
      - c. This “idea form” is not necessarily truth as God sees truth, but more times than not it is based on our “conception” of an idea we have created in our minds.
    2. This is deception in its highest form; because when a believer is deceived, they seldom if ever realize it.
    3. When they fail to recognize deception, it becomes an open invitation for the enemy to take them out.
    4. This is confirmed in Luke 6:41-44 AMP: **“Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye but do not notice or consider the beam**

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[of timber] that is in your own eye? V42, Or how can you say to your brother, Brother, allow me to take out the speck that is in your eye, when you yourself do not see the beam that is in your own eye? You actor (pretender, hypocrite)! First take the beam out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye. V43, For there is no good (healthy) tree that bears decayed (worthless, stale fruit, nor on the other hand does a decayed (worthless, sickly) tree bear good fruit. V44, For each tree is known and identified by its own fruit; for figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor is a cluster of grapes picked from a bramble bush.

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#### **PART II**

#### **“PREPARING FOR BATTLE”**

- IV. Lets take a look at the preparation for the battle in the soul (mind) before spiritual warfare is to be undertaken.
- A. Please remember that Jesus was crucified on Golgotha which meant, *“place of the skull.”*
1. If we as disciples are to be effective in spiritual warfare, we must learn to war the enemy in the battleground of the mind; i.e., the “place of the skull.”
  2. The mind or territory of the carnal Christian is a haven for uncrucified thoughts, and is a “beachhead” for satanic assault in their lives.
    - a. The root for all uncrucified thoughts is the carnal mind, often found in Christians that are full of untested idealism.
    - b. Remember, idealism is envisioning the thought in the idea form, such as a notion or fancy.