

THE MIND GAMES

Part 5: Welcome To Warfare

(Romans 12:2 NIV)

FIVE AREAS OF RENEWAL

- ❖ God is real, real big and a rewarder
- ❖ God loves me personally and will never reject me
- ❖ I have become a new creation in Christ with immense potential
- ❖ God has called me to a life of growth and Christlikeness ***(Philippians 3:14 NKJV)***
 - ◆ Paul spent more time talking about what they were to become than addressing their problems
 - ◆ Paul's prayers for the churches are very revealing ***(Colossians 1:9-12 NKJV)***
- ❖ I am delivered from spiritual darkness and a vital member of God's Kingdom ***(Colossians 1:13-14 NKJV)***
 - ◆ Recognize the works of darkness
 - ◆ Do not accept the works of darkness in your life
 - ◆ Minimize the works of darkness

WELCOME TO WARFARE *(2 Corinthians 10:3-5 NIV)*****

- ❖ Some pretty strong language
 - ◆ We are at war, but not a physical battle
 - ◆ We do have weapons - and they are God designed
 - ◆ We pull down strongholds and take thoughts captive
- ❖ Paul continues this battle theme ***(Ephesians 6:10-12 NLT)***
 - ◆ Much hope in these verses
 - ◆ There is an unseen realm and we have to deal with it
- ❖ Much more than theory or philosophical ***(Ephesians 6:13-18 NLT)***
 - ◆ God's armor gives us the advantage
 - ◆ Start with truth ***(John 17:17 NKJV)***
 - ◆ Knowing you're on the right side - not because of what you have done
 - ◆ Wearing proper footwear - shoes of peace with God

THE SHIELD OF FAITH

- ❖ Dealing with the fiery darts
 - ◆ Flaming arrows meant to start a fire
 - ◆ Quench - means we can extinguish these arrows (thoughts, feelings, words that hurt)
- ❖ Practical application of the shield of faith
 - ◆ Faith has an action to it ***(James 2:17 NKJV)***
 - ◆ One of the best actions of faith is speaking ***(2 Corinthians 4:13 NKJV)***