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THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT



"But the Helper (Comforter, Advocate, Intercessor—Counsellor, Strengthenener, Standby), the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name [in My place, to represent Me and act on My behalf], He will teach you all things. And He will help you remember everything that I have told you." (John 14:26). This is a great promise; the question to ask yourself is, is the promise a reality in your life?

At times we may wonder what brings power to the word of God for it to become a weapon? The only answer to this is our faith in the word of God through the Holy Spirit (John 1). For someone to use a weapon, they need to be trained. The principle behind training to be able to properly use a weapon also applies to Christians who need to be trained on how to apply the word of God.

It is from the same word we read that the devil tried to use to deceive Jesus Christ. At first glance, Scripture is a normal and logical communication. It is supernatural only in its revelatory nature and not in how it uses human language to communicate God's actual thoughts. Therefore, it is possible for the man without God's Spirit (the unbeliever) to mentally grasp the meaning of Scriptures, at least in terms of its logical content. That is why we need the Holy Spirit to bring about enlightenment to what we read.

We may ask why the Holy Spirit should teach us about things we know already? It is for us to receive life from the word of God; we need the Spirit of God to reveal the Heart of the author. We Christians need to understand our weapon, the word of God.

Another dimension to this revelation is; how should our relationship with the Holy Spirit be for the word to be effective? We have the Spirit in us, but He is dormant or inactive most of the time. Not because He wants to, but because He is not given the room to be expressed. Many live their Christian lives without even acknowledging the Holy Spirit. We read verses about promised victory, and we go out to fight without acknowledging the Holy Spirit and become surprised when we lose. To fight, you need something within you that will convince you about what you carry. We are the church of God based on His Spirit; therefore, we should not fall into the trap of habits and monotony.

Remember the importance of having a relationship with the Holy Spirit when facing battles. It is said in Scripture: "In the last days, God says: "I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams." You can interpret that as God saying, "I will give them the weapon to overcome the enemy that they will be facing". You are an overcomer, a great victor; all weapons are at your disposal through the Holy Spirit. Therefore, put on your full armour as a champion warrior of God.

