

We are in a WAR!

Hindi nagpapahinga ang kaaway!

Walang Cristianong weakling

Christ has already overcome the enemy!

We must remain in Christ

God gives us the "keys" to His kingdom

There is power in salvation testimony!

There is power/authority in Jesus' name!

## 7 SPIRITUAL WEAPONS

- 1. Belt of Truth
- 2. Breastplate of Righteousness
- 3. Feet for Gospel-Sharing
- 4. Shield of Faith
- 5. Helmet of Salvation
- 6. Sword of the Spirit
- 7. Prayer in Spirit



Maraming taong gustong BUMAIT pero hindi nila magawa. Why?

All men are sinners and have fallen short of the glory of God

Psalm 14:3 - All have turned aside, they have together become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one.

(ref. Psalm 143:2, Prov. 20:9, Romans 1:8-3:23)

Isaiah 53:6 – "We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way..."

**Psalm 51:5** - Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me. ("inherited sin")

Our fallen, sinful nature makes flesh (sarx) strong

The "flesh" is "the defective humanness inclined toward self-centeredness, with its center in our sinful bodies which includes our mind, emotion and will."

-Dr Ed Murphy

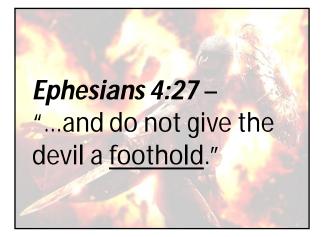
**Galatians 5:19-21-** The acts of the sinful nature are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Romans 7:15-18 - I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. As it is, it is no longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out..."

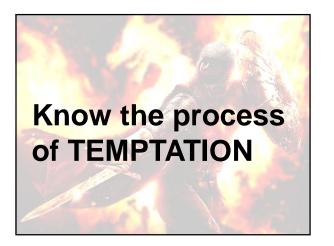
"...but I see another law at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within my members. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God-through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

Sin is
all about
SELF-CENTEREDNESS
and
REBELLION
against God

You cannot defeat the enemy if you always give him access to your life



Romans 6:11-13- In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.



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REMEMBER: God does not cause people to sin

Fleshly desires DRAG us away from God (within)

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To be ENTICED is to enjoy the temptation

We commit sin when we YIELD to our sinful desires (within us)

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Continuous practicing of small sins can grow and can result in DEATH (body, soul and spirit)

To defeat your flesh, you must have a DISCIPLINED spiritual life

Matthew 26:41 - Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.

James 4:7,8 - Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double- minded.

Submit to God (Humility)

Resist the Devil (Say No!)

Come Near to God (Proactive Christian Life)

Wash your Hands and Purify your Hearts (Pursue Holiness) To defeat your sinful flesh, your must surrender to CHRIST!

Romans 7:24-8:2 - What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God--through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in the sinful nature a slave to the law of sin. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.