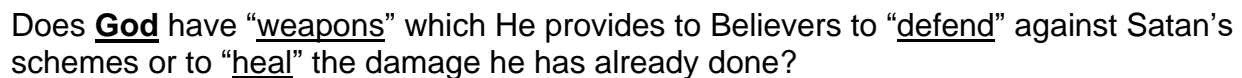


We have observed that **Satan** has “weapons” (‘schemes’) which he likes to use against a marriage or any other relationship which should be marked by God’s “love”:



--**Paul emphasizes** that there is a real “**war**” going in the Believer’s “\_\_\_\_\_” between the thinking of our “Old Man” and our “New Man”! Attempting to “**war**” or “**fight**” spiritual battles by “\_\_\_\_\_” thinking is powerless and fruitless! “Surface” patterns and issues might change, but never reaches the real “Source” of the problem!

--**Paul declares** that the Believer has a different arsenal → “weapons” not of the “flesh”, but the “Spirit”! These spiritual weapons are “**Divinely Powerful**”! They are able to “**destroy**” or “**demolish**”:

- Paul summarizes** the “secret” of spiritual victory →  
*“ . . . bringing **every thought captive to the obedience of CHRIST!**”*  
 (Every “thought” **aligned** with the Word of God!)

## “God’s Weapons For Victory!”

### I. “\_\_\_\_\_” by the \_\_\_\_\_!

*“But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you . . . But when He, the Spirit of Truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth . . . He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you.”* John 16:7, 13, 14

A. Possession of God’s “Weapons” requires being “\_\_\_\_\_!”  
*“But a natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually appraised (discerned).”* I Cor. 2:14

B. Utilizing God’s “Weapons” requires the “\_\_\_\_\_” of Christ!  
*“He who is spiritual appraises (discerns) all things . . . But we have the mind of Christ.”* I Cor. 2:15

**Helpful Thought:** “The problems of life are God’s \_\_\_\_\_ for learning His \_\_\_\_\_!”

### II. “\_\_\_\_\_” by the “\_\_\_\_\_”!

*“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh.”* Galatians 5:16

A. **Definition:** Saying “\_\_\_\_\_” to God!  
Simply placing my “\_\_\_\_\_” where He instructs!

→ A Picture:

B. **Result:** God is in \_\_\_\_\_!

--of my \_\_\_\_\_;  
--of my \_\_\_\_\_;  
--of my \_\_\_\_\_!

### III. “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”, Eph. 4:32.

*“Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, **forgiving** each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”*

**A. Definition:** The “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” to allow the love of Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ where it is not \_\_\_\_\_ nor even \_\_\_\_\_ for!

**B. Result:** God does what we are “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” to do!

→ Illustration: “I cannot \_\_\_\_\_ him!”

→ Illustration: “I refuse to be in the same \_\_\_\_\_!”

### IV. “Not \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_”!

*“I have been **crucified with Christ**; and it is no longer ‘I’ who live, but **Christ lives in me**”; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.”*  
Galatians 2:20

**A. Definition:** The realization that Jesus Christ actually does \_\_\_\_\_ within me!

→ Key: Jesus Christ is now the “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” of life!

→ Key: Jesus Christ is now the source of my “ \_\_\_\_\_ ”!

**B. Result:** The very “ \_\_\_\_\_ ” of Christ is \_\_\_\_\_ into the broken, dead relationship!

→ Question: “When you go home . . .

→ Illustration: “I’m \_\_\_\_\_; I’m \_\_\_\_\_!”

## Summary Observations

1. The Word of God clearly teaches the “\_\_\_\_\_” of marriage!  
--God says that He “\_\_\_\_\_” divorce, Malachi 2:16.  
--God says that what He “\_\_\_\_\_” together, should not be \_\_\_\_\_, Matt. 19:6.
2. Not every marriage (or relationship) can be \_\_\_\_\_!  
--Often, there is no Biblical support for ending the relationship, but the “Hurt” and “Disappointment” \_\_\_\_\_ because of:
  - a. \_\_\_\_\_ differences!  
→No unity of Spirit – Church; Bible; Prayer!  
→No fellowship – Sharing of life!
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ differences!  
→Life goals!  
→Life experiences!
3. Not every marriage (or relationship) can be \_\_\_\_\_!  
--Where there is destructive “\_\_\_\_\_”!  
→ Between “\_\_\_\_\_” and “\_\_\_\_\_”!  
→ Between “\_\_\_\_\_” and “\_\_\_\_\_”!  
→ Between “\_\_\_\_\_”!  
→ Between “\_\_\_\_\_”!
4. There is a time to \_\_\_\_\_ destructive relationships!

**Warning:** We often leave \_\_\_\_\_! (Cultural or Family Pressure)  
We sometimes stay \_\_\_\_\_! (Fear or Legalism)

**A Powerful Statement** → About responsibility for the breakup! (Eph. 4:15)

*“I am your \_\_\_\_\_; I \_\_\_\_\_ You; I want to stay; **BUT**, I cannot accept the present situation; **THE CHOICE IS** \_\_\_\_\_! You will bear \_\_\_\_\_!”*

**Encouragement:** The Holy Spirit, by the Word of God, will give freedom to “\_\_\_\_\_” or to “\_\_\_\_\_”!  
--**Key:** Only the individual can make the final decision!!

**Our Attitude toward one another is of vital importance!** We do not fully know the experience of another Believer. We cannot accurately judge their lives and decisions! Each of us brings private and personal matters into being “Brothers” and “Sisters” in Christ’s Body! His **love** is our **unity**!

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