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I Peter 5:8

⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

The demands of warfare:

- Vision
- Rules of engagement
- Purpose
- Strategy
- Weaponry

1. Vision

2. Rules of engagement

- Prayer

Ephesians 6:18

¹⁸ praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

- Consecration

Matthew 17:21

²¹ However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.

Daniel 9:3

³ Then I set my face toward the Lord God to make request by prayer and supplications, with fasting, sackcloth, and ashes.

Joel 2:15

¹⁵ Blow the trumpet in Zion, Consecrate a fast, Call a sacred assembly;

- Submission

James 4:7

⁷ Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Zechariah 4:6

⁶ So he answered and said to me: "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' Says the LORD of hosts. "

I Samuel 17:47

⁴⁷ Then all this assembly shall know that the LORD does not save with sword and spear; for the battle is the LORD'S, and He will give you into our hands.

- Trust

Psalm 20:7 (Isaiah 30:15-17)

⁷ Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

- Forceful aggression

Matthew 11:12 NIV

¹² From the days of John the Baptist until now, the kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful men lay hold of it.

3. Purpose

Overwhelming victory

Romans 8:37 NASB

³⁷ But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

4. Strategy

- Discern

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II Corinthians 2:11 NIV

¹¹ in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes

Ephesians 6:11 NIV

¹¹ Put on the full armour of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

- Stand

Ephesians 6:13

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

- Wrestle

Ephesians 6:12

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

- Withstand

Ephesians 6:13

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

- Resist

I Peter 5:9

⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.