

Title: Victory through Vigilance VI
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I Peter 5:8

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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

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- 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.

- **Defend**

Through armour [truth, integrity; word of righteousness; sober mobility; faith; mind soundness; prayer & confession]

- **Deny & frustrate**

Ephesians 4:27

²⁷ nor give place to the devil.

- **Expose darkness**

Ephesians 5:11

¹¹ And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.

- **Demolish**

II Corinthians 10:3-5 NIV

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- **Take captive**

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- **Punish**

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5. **Weaponry**

- **Scripture's confession**

Matthew 4:4

⁴ But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

- **Believer's authority**

Luke 10:19

¹⁹ Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

- **Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

Ephesians 6:17

¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;

- **The Blood of the Lamb**

Revelation 12:11

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- **The Name of the Lord – Yahweh Sabaoth**

Joshua 5:14-15

¹⁴ So He said, "No, but as Commander of the army of the LORD I have now come." And Joshua fell on his face to the earth and worshiped, and said to Him, "What does my Lord say to His servant?" ¹⁵ Then the Commander of the LORD'S army said to Joshua, "Take your sandal off your foot, for the place where you stand is holy." And Joshua did so.

I Samuel 17:45

⁴⁵ Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. "

Psalms 24:7-10

⁷ Lift up your heads, O you gates! And be lifted up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. ⁸ Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle. ⁹ Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. ¹⁰ Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory. Selah

Jude 9

⁹ Yet Michael the archangel, in contending with the devil, when he disputed about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a reviling accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"