

POINTS TO PONDER

- A lot of people think that if they could just increase in their faith, they would have fewer fights. But that is simply not true.
- We don't fight for victory, but we fight from victory. We are blessed by God and the enemy tries to rob us of our blessings.
- He's already made me the head and not the tail, and so I'm not fighting to obtain victory. I'm fighting to maintain, by faith, what is rightfully mine, bought and paid for (Deut. 28:13).
- Even in sin, God has forgiven us. God doesn't hold it against us. God loves us and by grace we submit to God and resist the devil or sin.
- God does answer prayers, and God does work mightily in our lives by grace through simple faith. But many times, between the shore of "I believe I receive" to the shore of "I now have and see" is a gap of time.
- You need to use God's ability—not your ability. Don't look unto yourself, the author and confuser of your faith. Learn to look unto Jesus in the fight, the author and finisher of your faith (Heb. 12:2).
- Jesus is the one living in me. Jesus is the one encouraging me, empowering me to pray to see things change and to see signs and wonders.
- Many times, when you're believing God, the enemy will attack your faith. There will be a battle in your mind that you must be equipped to fight. The devil can lie to you and assault your mind as you trust God. You have to understand that when you believe God, many times that's when the warfare begins—and it can be intense.
- Make sure when you're in any fight, you're standing on the Word of God. This is how we stand. We can't stand on our feelings, emotions, or human reasoning.
- Many people abort and disregard what they do know because of what they don't know. I can't let what I don't know confuse me about what I do know.
- Why is God going to answer my prayer? Because I prayed in the name of Jesus, standing in the righteousness that God Almighty has given me.
- You have to actively renew your mind and cast negative thoughts down and out. That's how you stand and keep from quitting. If you don't counter the voices in your mind, if you don't counter the assault on your heart, you'll get weak.

- Fighting with God is not fighting the good fight of faith. That's fighting the wrong fight.
- One of the ways I fight a good fight is to not allow strife to come between me and anyone. Put on and shod your feet with the gospel of peace. The gospel of peace is that God has made peace with you through the blood of His cross. He's not mad at you. Why are you mad at Him or anyone else?
- As soon as you believe God for something and you step out in faith, the devil will begin to throw fiery darts of doubt. He's trying to get you to let your shield down and give up on your faith. He's trying to get you to quit by thinking, *Well, maybe it doesn't work for me.* Maybe faith isn't what I thought it was. Maybe faith isn't enough. Faith is more than enough to see everything God has provided for you by His amazing grace. You just need to learn how to keep fighting the good fight of faith.
- There are so many shallow Christians. They'll pray and believe God for five minutes, but if they don't see something in five minutes, they just give up. You have to learn to fight no matter what your symptoms are. You need to learn to keep fighting. No matter how intense the battle is, don't doubt.
- Many times, when you're fighting a battle, your emotions do get out of whack. Your understanding is challenged, and so you have to put on that helmet of salvation. You have to constantly renew your mind if you're going to see transformation in your life.
- The devil will come. However, you can submit to God, take up His weapons, use them to resist the devil, and he will flee. Draw nigh to God, and He will strengthen you in the battle.
- If you have a disease, you don't need to hang out with people full of doubt and unbelief who make excuses for why God doesn't heal people. You need to find people who are filled with the Word of God and who know how to stand and agree with you.