

Spiritual Warfare
satan's Greatest Weapon
John 8:31-47

³¹To the Jews who had believed Him, Jesus said, "If you hold to My teaching, you are really My disciples. ³²Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³They answered Him, "We are Abraham's descendants and have never been slaves of anyone. How can You say that we shall be set free?" ³⁴Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. ³⁵Now a slave has no permanent place in the family, but a son belongs to it forever. ³⁶So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. ³⁷I know that you are Abraham's descendants. Yet you are looking for a way to kill Me, because you have no room for My word. ³⁸I am telling you what I have seen in the Father's presence, and you are doing what you have heard from your father." ³⁹"Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do what Abraham did. ⁴⁰As it is, you are looking for a way to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. ⁴¹You are doing the works of your own father." "We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God Himself." ⁴²Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on My own; God sent Me. ⁴³Why is My language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. ⁴⁴You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. he was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe Me! ⁴⁶Can any of you prove Me guilty of sin? If I am telling the truth, why don't you believe Me? ⁴⁷Whoever belongs to God hears what God says. The reason you do not hear is that you do not belong to God."

⁵⁵"Though you do not know Him, I know Him. If I said I did not, I would be a liar like you, but I do know Him and obey His word."

Introduction

1. Remember the strategy: Deceive, Divide, Destroy
2. satan's greatest weapon is _____.
3. You are more at risk with regard to satan's _____ than his power.
4. Because satan's greatest weapon is deception, your most important weapon is _____.
5. The truth that sets us free is the truth about _____ and _____.
6. It's possible to be very religious and not _____ spiritual truth.
7. Jesus did not invent truth, He _____ truth.
8. Our defeated enemy the devil is evil because he has _____ the truth.

Notice the emphasis on truth in the Gospel of John:

Jesus came full of grace and truth, John 1:14

Worship of God must be in Spirit and in truth, John 4:24

John the Baptist came as a witness to the truth, John 5:33

Jesus is identified as the way, the truth and the life, John 14:6

The Holy Spirit is the Spirit of truth, John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13

Scripture is described as truth, John 17:17, Ps 119:60

Jesus died because of truth, John 18:37-38

Application: Flood your mind with truth, God's truth.