LESSON AND REFLECTION GUIDE

# Identity Before Biblical Spiritual Warfare

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Biblical spiritual warfare begins with your relationship to God through Jesus Christ. You need to know whose you are, what Christ has done for you, where spiritual authority comes from, and how to respond willingly to Him. These truths become practical as you pray, surrender what God brings to your attention, resist evil, and walk in obedience.

Read the passages in context. Then complete the identity work at the end. The aim is to leave with a clear foundation in Christ and one faithful step you are ready to take.

READ AND UNDERSTAND / PAUSE AND RESPOND / TAKE THE NEXT STEP

All Scripture quotations are from the King James Version.

# 01 Know whose you are

You belong to Him as His child and learn to live under His care and authority.



## READ AND UNDERSTAND

"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:" **John 1:12**

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." **Galatians 3:26**

Your relationship with God begins with receiving Jesus Christ and believing on His name. Through Christ, you come to the Father. You belong to Him as His child and learn to live under His care and authority.

Read Colossians 1:12–14. The Father delivers His people from the power of darkness and brings them into the kingdom of His dear Son. In Christ there is redemption and forgiveness of sins. This gives you a foundation for facing your life honestly and moving forward with God.

**Write down what these passages say about you as a believer:**

- I am a child of God by faith in Jesus Christ. John 1:12; Galatians 3:26.
- I have redemption and forgiveness in Christ. Colossians 1:13–14.
- I am a new creature in Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17.
- I belong to God's household and people. Ephesians 2:19; 1 Peter 2:9–10.

## PAUSE AND RESPOND

Have I received Jesus Christ and placed my faith in Him? What do John 1:12 and Galatians 3:26 teach me about my relationship with God?

## TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Let these truths shape your response to God. Bring your choices, habits, relationships, and concerns to the Father as someone who belongs to Him.

NEXT Live in relationship with Christ

# 02 Live in relationship with Christ

Abiding means remaining in Christ, receiving His words, and walking in His love and commandments.



## READ AND UNDERSTAND

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing." **John 15:5**

Identity in Christ is lived through continuing fellowship with Him. Read John 15:1–10. Abiding means remaining in Christ, receiving His words, and walking in His love and commandments.

Having Christ-given authority and being prepared to exercise it are connected through discipleship. Grow in dependence on Him, understanding of His Word, humility, and love for the people you serve. Stay connected to mature believers who can pray with you and help you continue faithfully.

## PAUSE AND RESPOND

What time will I set aside for Scripture and prayer? What does abiding in Christ require in my life today? Read John 15:1–10.

## TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Make room each day to read His Word, speak honestly to the Father through Jesus Christ, and obey what you understand. Ask the Holy Spirit to teach and strengthen you. Romans 8:14–16 joins being led by the Spirit with belonging to God as His children.

### MY TIME FOR SCRIPTURE AND PRAYER

NEXT Stand in what Christ has accomplished

# 03 Stand in what Christ has accomplished

Your confidence begins with Christ's accomplished work.



## READ AND UNDERSTAND

"And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it." **Colossians 2:15**

Read Colossians 2:13–15 together. Paul connects this triumph with being made alive with Christ, forgiveness, and the cross. Your confidence begins with Christ's accomplished work. You come to Him for forgiveness and stand in the victory He has won.

"Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;" **Hebrews 2:14**

Hebrews 2:14–18 explains why the Son shared our humanity. The passage connects His death with the defeat of the devil and deliverance from the fear of death. He is also a merciful and faithful High Priest who helps those who are tempted. His victory gives you grounds for confidence, and His present ministry gives you help as you walk with Him.

## SCRIPTURE NOTES

CONTINUE Stand in what Christ has accomplished

# 03 Stand in what Christ has accomplished

Christ reigns, and His people belong under His rule.



## READ AND UNDERSTAND

"The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies."
**Psalm 110:2**

Read Psalm 110:1–3 alongside Matthew 22:41–46. The psalm points to the Lord whom David calls his Lord. Christ reigns, and His people belong under His rule. You approach spiritual warfare as His disciple, trusting His victory and obeying His direction.

## PAUSE AND RESPOND

Read Colossians 1:13–14; 2:13–15 and Hebrews 2:14–18. Write what you are trusting Christ for and what His work means for your present need.

## TAKE THE NEXT STEP

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## MY NEXT STEP

NEXT Know where authority and power come from

# 04 Know where authority and power come from

Deliverance belongs to the work of God.



## READ AND UNDERSTAND

"But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you." **Matthew 12:28**

In Matthew 12:22–29, Jesus answers an accusation about the source of His power. He identifies the Spirit of God and the presence of God's kingdom. Deliverance belongs to the work of God. Depend on His Spirit as you follow Christ and serve others.

"And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;" **Mark 16:17**

Read Mark 16:15–20 with the commission to preach the gospel. Jesus places this ministry in His name, and the passage ends with the Lord working with His messengers. His name expresses whose authority they serve under and whose work they depend on.

"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you." **Luke 10:19**

In Luke 10:17–20, the seventy return from the work Jesus sent them to do. They report that the devils are subject to them through His name. Jesus says, "I give unto you." The authority comes from Him. It is received and exercised under His lordship.

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## READ AND UNDERSTAND

Jesus also tells them where their deepest joy belongs:

> "Notwithstanding in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven." **Luke 10:20**

Keep these truths together: Christ gives authority, His servants depend on Him, and belonging to God remains the foundation. Trust His care while following Him through the trials He also prepares His disciples to face (Luke 21:12–19).

## PAUSE AND RESPOND

Read Matthew 12:28; Mark 16:17; Luke 10:17–20. Whose power and name do Christ's servants rely on? How will this guide your response?

## TAKE THE NEXT STEP

When you pray or support someone seeking freedom, come in dependence on Christ, speak truthfully, and serve with humility. The person receiving ministry deserves patient care. The purpose is freedom to live with God and grow as a disciple.

NEXT Choose willing surrender and participation

# 05 Choose willing surrender and participation

Your response to Christ should be an honest response of your own.



## READ AND UNDERSTAND

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." **James 4:7**

Read James 4:6–10. Submission and resistance belong with humility, drawing near to God, repentance, and a cleansed heart. Begin by placing yourself under God's authority. Bring Him what needs to change, receive His forgiveness, and act on His Word.

Psalm 110:3 describes the King's people as willing. Your response to Christ should be an honest response of your own. Engage with the work before you. Read the Scriptures, name the areas that need surrender, ask for help where you need it, and follow through on the next step.

If you receive personal ministry, participation should be voluntary and understood. You can ask questions, pause, or stop. Those ministering should explain what they are doing and respect your choice. Willingness is a matter of responding freely to God and participating in ministry; it is not a way of measuring God's love or blaming someone who is struggling.

## PAUSE AND RESPOND

Name the belief, habit, attitude, relationship pattern, or competing commitment you need to bring under Christ's authority. Be honest about where you need help. Read James 4:6–10.

## TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Begin with what God has made clear:

- Confess your sin to God and receive His promised forgiveness. 1 John 1:9.
- Turn from the conduct you have confessed. Proverbs 28:13.
- Surrender any commitment or practice that competes with your allegiance to Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:9.
- Make an honest repair where your actions have harmed someone, with wisdom and appropriate support. Matthew 5:23–24.
- Continue in prayer and obedience, asking for help as you grow. James 4:7–8.

NEXT Put your identity into daily practice

# 06 Put your identity into daily practice

Set aside time for Scripture and prayer.



## READ AND UNDERSTAND

Read Ephesians 6:10–18. Paul tells believers to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. The whole armour of God gives practical direction for standing faithfully.

- **Truth:** receive God's Word and practise honesty in your speech and decisions.
- **Righteousness:** follow what is right before God in the matter facing you today.
- **The gospel of peace:** stay rooted in the gospel and be ready to share Christ and serve others.
- **Faith:** trust God's character and promises when fear, accusation, or temptation presses on you.
- **Salvation:** remember the Saviour to whom you belong and the hope He gives you.
- **The Word of God:** read, learn, and apply Scripture as you resist temptation and obey Christ.
- **Prayer:** pray at all times in dependence on the Spirit, including prayer for other believers.

## PAUSE AND RESPOND

Choose one concrete step of obedience or service. Write when you will take it and, if useful, who you will ask to support you. Read Ephesians 6:10–18.

## TAKE THE NEXT STEP

Set aside time for Scripture and prayer. Choose an act of obedience, seek support, and look for someone you can encourage or serve. Continue tomorrow.

NEXT Complete your identity work

# 07 Complete your identity work

Keep your Bible open as you write.



Take one page and answer these questions in your own words. Keep your Bible open as you write.

## Who do I belong to

Have I received Jesus Christ and placed my faith in Him? What do John 1:12 and Galatians 3:26 teach me about my relationship with God?

## What has Christ done for me

Read Colossians 1:13–14; 2:13–15 and Hebrews 2:14–18. Write what you are trusting Christ for and what His work means for your present need.

## Whose authority and power will I rely on

Read Matthew 12:28; Mark 16:17; Luke 10:17–20. Whose power and name do Christ's servants rely on? How will this guide your response?

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## How will I remain close to Him

What time will I set aside for Scripture and prayer? What does abiding in Christ require in my life today? Read John 15:1–10.

## What am I willing to surrender

Name the belief, habit, attitude, relationship pattern, or competing commitment you need to bring under Christ's authority. Be honest about where you need help. Read James 4:6–10.

## What will I do next

Choose one concrete step of obedience or service. Write when you will take it and, if useful, who you will ask to support you. Read Ephesians 6:10–18.

Return to this page as you grow with Christ in worship, prayer, character, fellowship, service, and witness.

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