

**The Sword of the Spirit** | We have learned that the armor of God is essential for the Believer. While the other pieces of armor that we have considered were necessary to protect the soldier from the enemy's attacks, they could not kill the enemy. Only the sword could do that. We need the Sword of the Spirit to live a victorious life.

Ephesians 6:17 says, "...And take the helmet of salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God." Paul not only tells us to take the Sword of the Spirit, but also tells us that the sword is the Word of God. The Word of God is not an antiquated book that is disconnected from humanity; on the contrary, as it says in Hebrews 4:12, "For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." This is why every Believer must carry his/her sword. Let us examine the effectiveness of this Sword in our life. The Word is used for the following:

## **1) Edification of the Saints**

- a. 2 Timothy 3:16, 17 – The Word teaches, rebukes, corrects, and instructs.
- b. Psalm 119:130 – The Word imparts understanding
- c. Ephesians 5:26, 27 – The Word Sanctifies the church

## **2) Guiding of the Saints**

- a. Psalm 119:105 – His Word is our Light
- b. Psalm 119:9 – His Word keeps us pure
- c. Psalm 119:133 – His Word directs our steps

## **3) Saving us from Sin**

- a. Psalm 119:11 – His Word keeps us from sinning against Him
- b. 1 Corinthians 10:11, 12 – The Word was written so that we may not fall
- c. Psalm 17:4, 5 – The Word from His Lips keeps the Destroyer away

More than any other time in history, the people of God need to lay His Word "in the tablets of our heart (Deuteronomy 10:5)!" We need His Word to edify our lives, to guide us, to save us and keep us from sin. Let us therefore take up the most powerful weapon in our arsenal: The Sword of the Spirit!