

“ADVANCING 3”
“Waging War with Our Thoughts and Words”

I. PROPHECY & SPIRITUAL WARFARE

A. Prophecy Releases Strength, Encouragement and Comfort 1 Corinthians 14:3 ... one who prophesies strengthens others, encourages them, and comforts them.

B. Prophecy Empowers Us for Spiritual Warfare 1 Timothy 1:18 So Timothy, my son, I am entrusting you with this responsibility, in keeping with the very *first prophecies* that were spoken over your life... use your prophecies as weapons as you wage spiritual warfare by faith

II. OUR THOUGHTS AND WORDS

A. Aligning and Focusing Our Thoughts Isaiah 55:9 “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.

PRINCIPLE 1: Learning what Types of Thoughts to give our Attention to and how to Realign our Minds with God’s Thoughts is a Vital Part of Waging War with Prophetic Promises.

1. Setting Our Thoughts Colossians 3:2 *feast on all the treasures of the heavenly realm* and fill (set) your thoughts with heavenly realities, and not with the distractions of the natural realm.

PRINCIPLE 2: Our Lives are a Direct Result of Our thoughts; Setting our Thoughts on Prophetic Promises Transforms Our Minds by Thinking God’s Higher Thoughts.

2. Forming Our Thoughts Matthew 12:33 Either make the tree sound (healthy and good), and its fruit sound (healthy and good), or make the tree rotten (diseased and bad), and its fruit rotten (diseased and bad); for the tree is known and recognized and judged by its fruit.

B. Forming and Shaping Our Words

1. The Dynamics of Our Words Proverbs 12:14 *Wise words bring many benefits ...*

PRINCIPLE 3: God Intended for us to Use our Words to Activate our Future, not just Respond to the Circumstances of Life!

2. Words Form Our Desires Mark 11:24 Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you shall have *them*.

PRINCIPLE 4: God Designed it so that our Words bring about the Things that we Desire.

3. Personal Prophecy and Our Words Proverbs 10:11 The mouth of the righteous is a well of life...

III. WINNING SPIRITUAL WARFARE

PRINCIPLE 5: Satan wages War by Building Strongholds within our Minds; if he can Control our Thoughts, he can Control our Future.

A. Engaging in Spiritual Warfare John 8:44 ... for he is a liar [himself] and the father of lies and of all that is false.

PRINCIPLE 6: Spiritual Warfare is established through Patterns of Deceiving Thoughts, Suspicions, Doubts and Fears within our Minds that weaken our Faith and corrupt our Conscience.

B. Empowered to Win Spiritual Warfare 1 Timothy 1:18 & 19 ... according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck

PRINCIPLE 7: Cultivating Prophetic Promises with our Thoughts and Words produces Strong Faith and Cleanses our Conscience from the Defilement of Guilt, Shame and Regret, Empowering Us to Win in Spiritual Warfare.