



Word on Wednesday Bible Study
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The Real Fight – Ephesians 6:12

Purpose of the Lesson:

1. Correct **MISDIRECTED SPIRITUAL WARFARE**
2. Develop **DISCERNMENT**
3. Prepare believers to **STAND FIRM**
4. Lay theological groundwork before the Armor of God

Key Scripture: ***“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”*** Ephesians 6:12

The Greek word for “wrestle” means **hand-to-hand combat**

- Indicates: **Proximity, Persistence, Exhaustion**

Four Categories of Opposition:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

I. Organized Evil – “...against the rulers, against the authorities...”

Evil is _____ and _____.

Evil embeds itself in: _____,
_____, _____

Authority becomes dangerous when detached from **God’s moral order**.

Illustration: A polluted river makes people sick downstream because the problem is upstream.

II. Deceptive Darkness – “...against the cosmic powers over this present darkness...”

Darkness distorts: _____

Darkness warps: _____

Darkness makes evil appear: _____

Illustration: Furniture in the dark is dangerous because familiarity creates **FALSE** confidence.

III. Persistent Spiritual Resistance – “...against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

- The enemy often aims for:
 - Fatigue over **fear**
 - Distraction over destruction
 - **Delay** over denial

Resistance often appears as:

- “I’ll pray tomorrow.”
- “I’m just tired.”
- “It doesn’t really matter.”

Key Point: Quitting quietly is often the enemy's preferred **VICTORY!**

Reflection Questions:

1. Where do you see organized evil influencing systems today?

2. What cultural darkness has become normalized?

3. Where do you feel persistent spiritual resistance?

4. What does it look like to stand firm in Christ?
