Biblical Spiritual Warfare Syllabus  
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Class meeting: Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30pm. We will begin every week in the Worship Center for prayer and singing at 6:15pm and breakout for classrooms at 6:30pm. Our classroom is in the Worship Center.

COURSE DESCRIPTION AND OBJECTIVES

Spiritual Warfare can be a confusing topic in the Bible, and it is made even more confusing how it is written and preached about in our culture. On one hand, it is ignored, chalked up to a superstitious people who have not been enlightened like we have with science and reason, and on the other hand, it is spoken about like the devil is hiding under every rock waiting to get you like the boogie monster. The Bible is not silent on spiritual warfare, nor does it assume the believer should be without training on the schemes of the devil. In these six weeks, our aim is to examine the Bible and let the word teach us how Christians should defend against the schemes of the enemy, not culture, science, or manmade homebrew.

The goal of Biblical Spiritual Warfare is 3-fold:
1) To have life and have it abundantly, not allowing the enemy to kill, steal, and destroy (John 10:10),
2) For the Body to be built up and equipped for the work of the ministry so that we are not tossed to and fro by human cunning or the craftiness of the deceit of the enemy (Eph. 4:12-16),
3) To help anyone who has every struggled with fear, shame, or powerlessness in their spiritual life be strong in the Lord and the strength of his might (Eph. 6:10).

COURSE SCHEDULE

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### Week 2:

**September 12**  
*A New and Better Adam: Jesus has Authority over the Spiritual Realm and Models Obedience*  
Matt. 4:1-11; Mark 1:12; Luke 4:1-13; Romans 5:12-21; 1 Corinthians 10:6-13; John 16:33  
_Screwtape Letters 6-10_

### Week 3:

**September 19**  
*Satan’s Power in Moral Deception: Temptation by and through Spiritual Warfare*  
Genesis 3:1-15; James 1:2-10; 2 Corinthians 10:1-6  
_Screwtape Letters 11-16_

### Week 4:

**September 26**  
*Put on the Whole Armor of God: Our Defense against Spiritual Warfare*  
Ephesians 6:10-20; Romans 8:31-39; 1 Thessalonians 5:6-8  
_Screwtape Letters 17-22_

### Week 5:

**October 3**  
*Intercessory Prayerwalking Crumbles Strongholds: Our Offense Confronting Spiritual Warfare*  
Exodus 32:11-14; John 17:1-26; Colossians 1:9-14  
_Screwtape Letters 23-27_

### Week 6:

**October 10**  
*Light Momentary Suffering Produces Eternal Fruit: Evangelism and Spiritual Warfare*  
John 15:18-19; 2 Corinthians 4; Zechariah 4:6  
_Screwtape Letters 28-31_

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**COURSE TEXTS**

**Required:**

C.S. Lewis, *Screwtape Letters*  
Or if you have previously read the *Screwtape Letters*,

Additional Resource Recommendations from Chuck Lawless

Dean and Vice-President of Graduate Studies and Ministry Centers at Southeastern Seminary in Wake Forest, NC, where he also serves as Professor of Evangelism and Missions. In addition, he is Global Theological Education Consultant for the International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.


2. William Gurnall, *The Christian in Complete Armour*. It’s a massive 17th century work, but it’s packed full of powerful statements. Start with the abridged version if you don’t want to read the full work.

3. Tremper Longman III and Daniel Reid, *God is a Warrior*. This resource will help you build a necessary foundation for understanding spiritual warfare: the battle we face is not ours, but the Lord’s.

4. Clinton Arnold, *3 Crucial Questions about Spiritual Warfare*. The questions are What is Spiritual Warfare?, Can a Christian be Demon-Possessed?, and Are We Called to Engage Territorial Spirits? Even if you differ with the conclusions, you’ll learn from this scholar.

5. Thomas Brooks, *Precious Remedies against Satan’s Devices*. This one’s not the easiest read, but it’s worth the effort. Learn how this Puritan preacher described Satan’s strategies and the believer’s measures to overcome him.

6. Chuck Lawless, *Discipled Warriors: Growing Healthy Churches that Threaten the Enemy*. I admit my personal bias here, but I want to help leaders and congregations live in victory.