

## Secrets of God's Armor

- I am amazed at the number of people who are held back from pursuing their dreams because of fear, questions, lies, condemnation, temptations and/or sin.
- Everyone of us has a dream that God put inside of us... (Eph 2:10; Phil 3:12-14) We were meant to pursue it and present the result to God as the fruit of a well lived life. (1 Cor 3:10-13)
- That is what Satan wants to steal from us. (John 10:10a)

# Spiritual Warfare

Present Reality

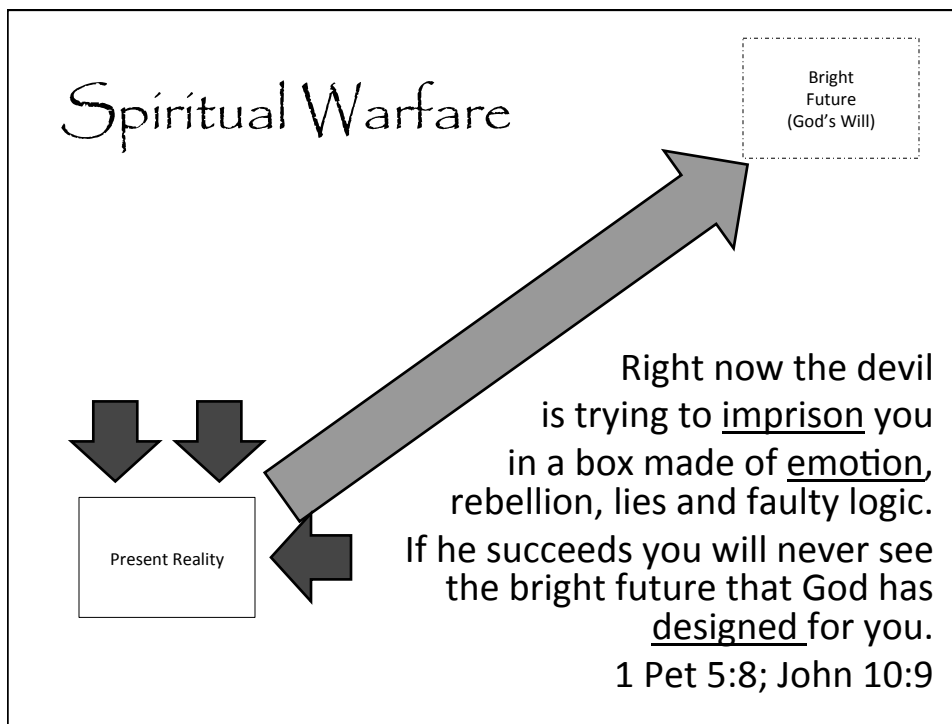
# Spiritual Warfare

Bright  
Future  
(God's Will)

Present Reality

God has a bright future for you. This bright future involves enjoying all the benefits and blessings that come from living God's way in each of the 10 relationships of life.

Eph 2:10; John 10:10



## Ephesians 6:10-18

- Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH  
1) TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF  
2) RIGHTEOUSNESS, and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE  
PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF 3) PEACE; in addition to  
all, taking up the shield of 4) faith with which you will be  
able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.  
And take THE HELMET OF 5) SALVATION, and the sword of  
the Spirit, which is the 6) Word of God. With all 7) prayer  
and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in  
view, be on the 8) alert with all perseverance and petition  
for all the saints,

We need to de-Romanize and  
de-spiritualize the Armor of God

The Armor of God  
is radically practical and useable

## The Armor of God is powerful

- What truth do I need?
- What righteous choice or action do I need?
- What peace or harmony strategy do I need?
- What God assigned risk do I need to take?
- What way of escape do I need to take?
- What Wisdom from God do I need to quote?
- What prayers do I need to pray?
- What precautions do I need to take?



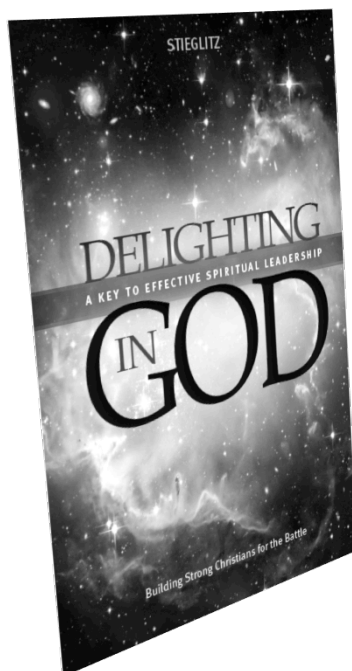
Truth

Which Truth(s) do you need to defeat the specific lies, manipulation, doubt or fear that the Devil is spreading in your life?  
There are 4 kinds of Truth that usually work

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Which Truth do you need?  
**1. Truth about God**  
Read the Psalms for the day  
(7, 37, 67, 97, 127)  
asking God, "What do I need to know about You to handle today and/or tomorrow?"  
Learn about Salvation

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## Expanding our Relationship with God

Learning who He is, How He acts, what He thinks, feels and decides.

His Essence

His Attributes

His Nature

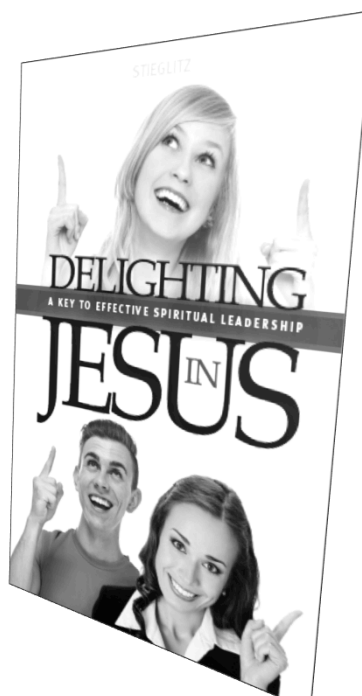
His Names


His Works

## Expanding our Understanding of Jesus

Jesus came from heaven and was born of the virgin Mary. He lived a perfect life and taught the clear principles of God.

He died four our sins that we could have a relationship with God. We need to learn more about what He did and taught.





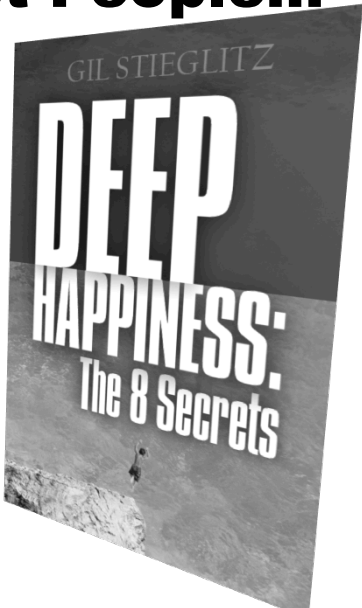
Which Truth do you need?

**2. Truth about yourself**

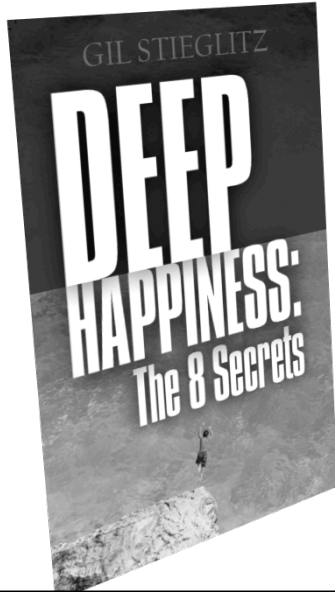
- Position in Christ (32-37)
- Honesty about self
- Dreams, Skills, Gifts, Passion
- Blindspots

**The Happiest People...**

- **and humble**
- **Have processed their mistakes, wounds, pain, and losses**
- **Have developed impulse control and use their emotions to fuel and enjoy life**
- **Pursue their dreams and positive purpose with diligence**
- **Are forgiving, non judgmental and gracious**



## The Happiest People...



- **beneficial, constructive thoughts rejecting unethical, depressive and selfish thoughts**
- **Savor each day, harmonize with the people around them, and do not attack others**
- **Set boundaries for themselves and others and are willing to invest and sacrifice to protect those boundaries**

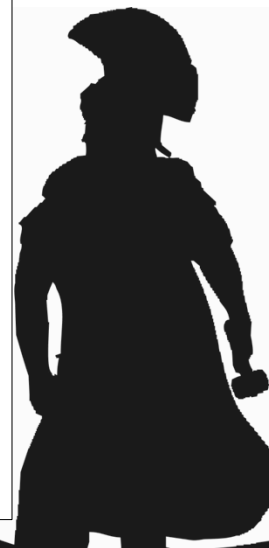
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### 3. Truth about Others

Book of Proverbs – Fools

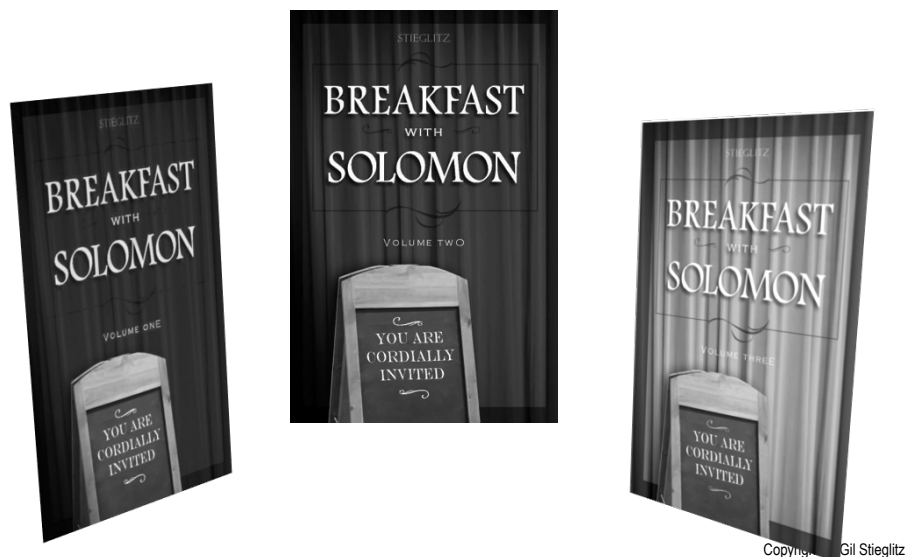
Book of Proverbs - Answers

Read through the Proverb for the day asking God, “What is the answer to your number 1 problem of that day?”



## Listening for the Whispers of God

A different verse of proverbs every day



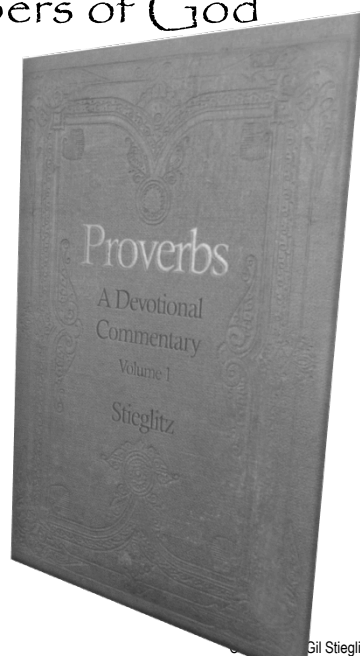
## Listening for the Whispers of God


Lord, what should I do about...?

Lord, what is your wisdom about...?

The top 1 or 2 questions you have

- the proverb for that day with your question in mind.
- Whatever verses jump out at you, mark them.
- Study those verses they are your wisdom from God

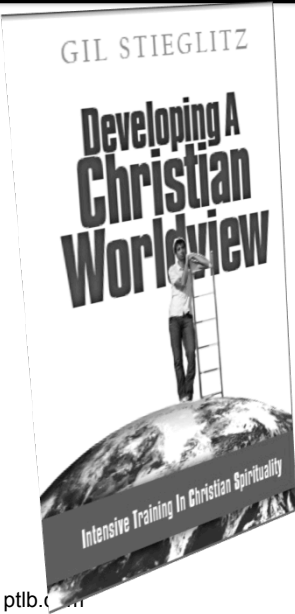
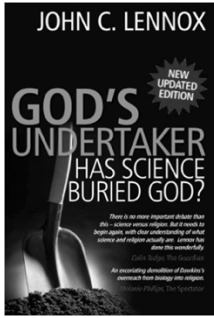

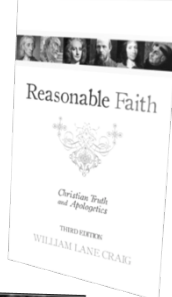






Which Truth do you need?

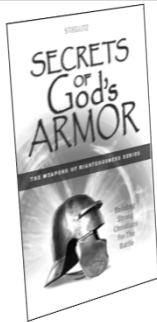
**4. Truth about the World**  
Creation, History, etc.  
 There are some things you think are true that are not.  
 Evil in its many forms  
Apologetics – Craig, Lennox  
 McDowell, Mooreland

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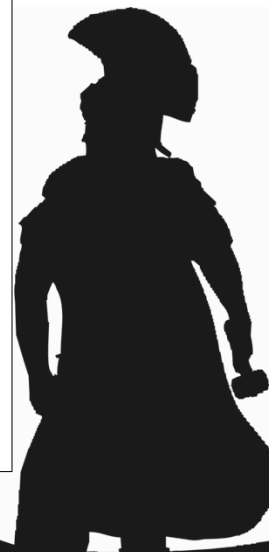
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The first piece of Armor that God supplies is

# Key Truths

What truth(s) do you  
need to live a righteous  
loving life?



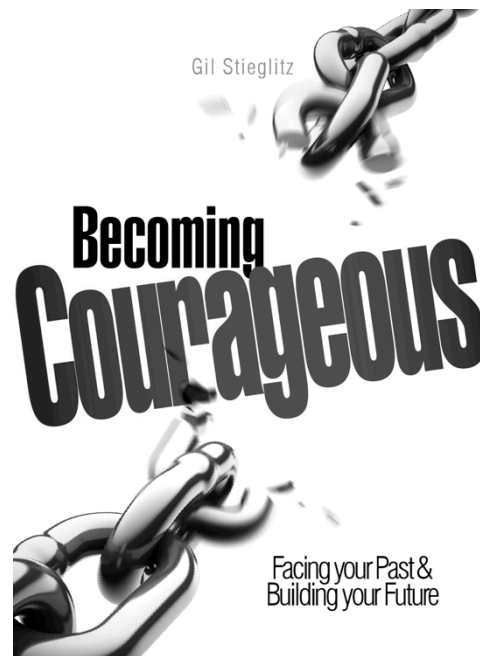



1. You are Responsible for every choice you made or didn't make  
You choose this life  
Stop playing the victim,  
stop blaming, criticizing, whining,  
You can choose differently

Gal 6:7 Whatsoever a man sows this shall he also reap

**Understand the  
Consequences of  
repeating Demonic Sins**

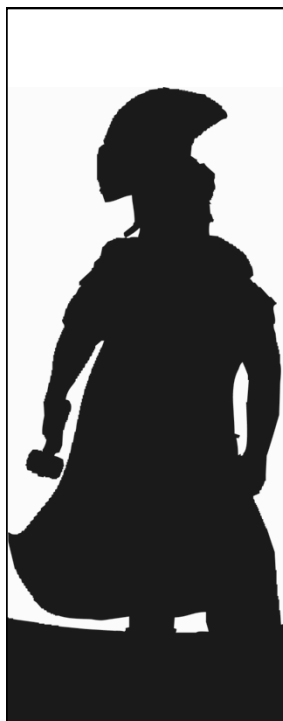
- Pride
- Rebellion
- Bitterness
- Anger
- Lust
- False Worship
- Transference





2. Feedback is Truth –  
(reproof) is coming right now

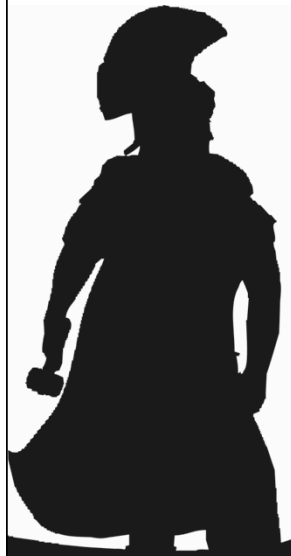
Proverbs 1:22 “Turn to my reproof,  
Behold, I will pour out my spirit on you;  
I will make my words known to you.



3. You have a purpose:  
Find it and do it everyday

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His  
workmanship, created in Christ Jesus  
for good works, which God prepared  
beforehand so that we would walk in  
them.

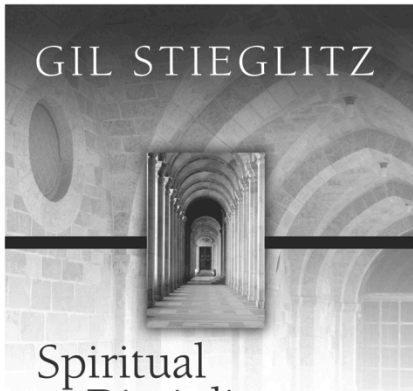
What has God given, taught and  
inspired you to do?



## 4. Life is Relationships

*All the other stuff is secondary*

Matthew 22:37 And He said to him, “ ‘YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND.’ “This is the great and foremost commandment. “The second is like it, ‘YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.



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### How to Pursue God

- Confession: Personal, Family, National
- Holy Spirit: Guidance – Yielding
- Repetition: Memorization - Meditation
- Interaction: Bible Study - Prayer
- Service: Daily, Church, World
- Togetherness: Worship - Fellowship
- Identification: Baptism, Communion, Witnessing
- Abstinence: Fasting, Solitude, Silence, Sleep
- Needs: Love – Giving

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- **2 Corinthians 13:5** Test yourselves *to* see if you are in the faith; examine yourselves! Or do you not recognize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you—unless indeed you fail the test

## Make sure you are a truly committed Christian

- **1 John 5:10-12** The one who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself; the one who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed in the witness that God has borne concerning His Son. 11 And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. 12 He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

## Make sure you are a truly committed Christian

- **1 John 5:15-18** We know that no one who is born of God sins; but He who was born of God keeps him and the evil one does not touch him. 19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies in *the power of* the evil one. 20 And we know that the Son of God has come, and has given us understanding, in order that we might know Him who is true, and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

