

FOUNDATION CORNERSTONE

FCS1-4-17: The Sword in God's Armor

Sword: "... and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:" (both an offensive and defensive weapon)

Sword: (Greek 3162 - as used in *Ephesians 6:17*) machaira makh'-ah-rah probably feminine of a presumed derivative of 3163; a knife, i.e. dirk; figuratively, war, judicial punishment:--sword.

Sword: ([Merriam-Webster.com](https://www.merriam-webster.com)) a weapon (as a cutlass or rapier) with a long blade for cutting or thrusting that is often used as a symbol of honor or authority.

Spirit: (Greek 4151 - as used in *Ephesians 6:17*) pneuma pnyoo'-mah from 4154; a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze; by analogy or figuratively, a spirit, i.e. (human) the rational soul, (by implication) vital principle, mental disposition, etc., or (superhuman) an angel, demon, or (divine) God, Christ's spirit, the Holy Spirit:--ghost, life, spirit(-ual, -ually), mind.

The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit. It is alive and powerful. It is able to identify and separate any spirit from the soul as it understands the difference of thoughts and intents from the heart.

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, *they* are spirit, and *they* are life.

This powerful weapon can be an instrument of destruction or if used as intended, an instrument of great power. Just as a sharp knife in the hands of a child is dangerous, that same knife in the hands of a surgeon may bring life. Knowing how to be led of God in its usage is the work of a spiritual warrior.

2 Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Hebrews 5:12-14 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. 13 For every one that useth milk *is* unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe. 14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, *even* those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

The Word of God is weapon that is used as a defensive instrument against evil. It also is a light that gives direction and correction to the righteous.

Matthew 4:10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.

Psalms 119:105 Thy word *is* a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

When fighting the Devil, stay in the scriptures and never stray from the Word of God. The Word of God is your sword and life.



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Question 1

As defined, the sword of the Spirit is the Word of God.

True

False

True/False

Question 2

The sword of the Spirit must be used skillfully because:

- A person may make a lot of money using it.
- It is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- It is sharper than any two edged sword.
- It is alive and powerful.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 3

As described in 2 Timothy 2:15, if a person uses the Word of God rightly, they ...

- will not be ashamed.
- can show how smart they are.
- are called a great person of the faith.

Multiple choice (Unique answer)

Question 4

As described in Hebrews 5:14, the person that comprehends strong meat ...

- is a person of full age.
- is a person that is well familiar with the Word because they use it on a regular basis.
- is a person that has their spiritual senses used by God often.
- is a person that is just starting out in the use of the Word of God.

Multiple choice (Multiple answers)

Question 5

As described in Matthew 4:10, Jesus used the Word of God to rebuke Satan.

True

False

True/False



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