

Series: Contending For The Faith

Lesson 1: Identify the Battle [June 16, 2019]

➤ **Jude 3**

- Romans 12:3 — Faith has been delivered to us by God
- Contend = fight for, focus on, endeavor to accomplish
- What are you endeavoring to accomplish by Faith?

I. We're in a Battle

A. The Battle

1. For our health (defeating sickness & disease)
2. A financial battle (defeating lack & poverty)
3. For properous, solid, loving relationships (defeating anger & bitterness)

B. Satan is fighting to destroy the family unit — he hates and perverts anything that God has done

C. 3 John 2

1. “even as” = to the degree or level of prosperity in the soul
2. Soul = the emotional and thought process that governs the will of man
3. Matthew 26:41 — “the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak”
4. Flesh = a manner of thinking outside of the Will of God or outside the direction of God's Word

II. Prepare for Battle

A. 1 Timothy 6:12

1. Eternal Life = Living in the fullness of God's Glory (God's Will: full prosperity)
2. Eternal Life = Living in the Fullness of THE BLESSING (the empowerment to prosper)

B. Ephesians 6:10 - 20

1. The whole Armor is based on God's Word (dressing spiritually to win the battle)
2. Ephesians 6:11 = when YOU put on the Armor of God, you strengthen both spirit and soul

C. God's Word to Pastor Jerry on the Armor:

1. March 2016: “Too many of My people are dressing in the dark — dressing spiritually with NO Revelation knowledge of My Word”
2. April 2016: “Without prayer, without the Armor, without faith, without My Word there is NO stand, No Victory, No Overcoming ... just shipwreck”
 - a. 1 Timothy 1:18 & 19