

Our Secret Weapons

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I. Introduction.

- A. Text: II Corinthians 10:1-6.
- B. We have many false teachers in the church today: the Moonies, the Mormons, etc.
- C. Paul responds as a shepherd who sees his flock under attack.

II. The weapons of spiritual warfare.

- A. We live in a raunchy world—it makes a person feel helpless.
- B. Our weapons are not fleshly—they have divine power to destroy spiritual strongholds.
 - 1. Christians are not to depend upon coercion, pressure, and conflicts to oppose the evil in their midst.
 - 2. The Christian's weapons are powerful.

C. The weapons are...

- 1. Truth.
 - a. This is why it is important that we saturate ourselves with the Scripture.
 - b. It is too easy to think about life the way that everyone else does.
- 2. Love.
 - a. Love is a mighty force. (I Corinthians 13)
 - b. We often pay lip service to it, but we rarely put it into action.
- 3. Faith.
 - a. This is the recognition that God is at work and in charge.
 - b. Faith expects God to do something. (Hebrews 11)
- 4. Service. Do good to those who treat you wrongly.
- 5. A stronghold.
 - a. It breaks through arrogant assumptions.
 - b. It breaks through our own improper thoughts.

- c. Once we have been delivered, we must be alert to keep from these things.
- d. We can learn the truth about life through the Scriptures and live righteously ourselves.

Application questions:

1. How are the Christian's weapons more powerful than the world's?

2. Which weapon stands out to you? Explain.

3. How have you responded or seen others respond to the evangelism of false teachers such as Mormons or Jehovah witnesses? Has this response been consistent with the use of the spiritual weapons of warfare?
