27 Admonitions for Christians

- N.T. Christians are always considered to be Baptized with in the Holy Spirit as a second experience after you believed, Eph. 1:13
- 1. Learn that you must take Satan's tools seriously. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8) If we do not devote our full attention to being parents and grandparents, Satan will seek to separate us from the hearts of our children.
- 2. Ask God to forgive you for any abomination you have brought into your home. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9) Our hearts need to be clean and pure before the Lord in order to fight for our children. It is important to possess the land positionally as well as experientially.
- 3. Realize we are in a war. "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Ephesians 6:10-11).
- 4. Understand that our enemy is spiritual. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places" (Ephesians 6:12)
- 5. Know what your armor is. "Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness/ and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." (Ephesians 6:13-18)
- 6. Understand that you do not have to fear the devil when you are a Christian. "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love and of a sound mind." (2 Tim. 1:7) When we begin to understand God's power then we need not be afraid of the enemy. However, if your church is allowing things of the enemy to control the leadership, beware.
- 7. Stand in the power and authority of His grace as Christ has given you. "Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4)
- 8. Don't give the devil a foothold. "Neither give place to the devil" (Eph. 4:27)
- 9. Remember, we cannot fight Satan in our own strength and power. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds? (2 Cor. 10:4). We do not have Ghostbusters guns; we have the power of God to knock down the devil.
- 10. Remember, Christ has already overcome. "Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us" (Rom. 8:37).
- 11. Don't say, "what I don't know can't hurt me." What you don't know can destroy you! (2 Cor. 2:11).
- 12. Be careful of your fellowship with the ungodly. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful words of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).
- 13. Fight the good fight. "Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses" (1 Tim. 6:12).
- 14. Know the difference between truth and error. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God, because many false prophets are gone out into the world. (1 John 4:1-6).

- 15. Don't be carnal minded. "For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be: (Rom. 8:6-7).
- 16. Avoid the works of the flesh. "Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, reveling, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God" (Gal. 5:19-21).
- 17. You can recover yourself from the enemy. " and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will" (2 Tim.2: 26).
- 18. Don't let the world steal your love. "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (1 John 2:15-16).
- 19. Don't try to imitate the world. "and be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:2)
- 20. Know that you can overcome the world. "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:4-5).
- 21. Know that our weapon is the Word. "For the word of God is quick and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged 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." (Heb. 4:12).
- 22. You can't fight the devil alone. "Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, the Lord rebuke thee: (Jude 9)
- 23. Pray for your children's eyes to be opened. "To open their eyes, and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are sanctified by faith that is in me" (Acts 26:18).
- 24. Satan can possess people. "And he asked his father, how long is it ago since this came unto him? And he said, of a child" (Mark 9:21). And because children can be possibly be possess, we need to keep objects and materials away from our children that open them to attack. We need to pray and protect our children.
- 25. Christ can protect a believer. "but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not" (1 John 5:18).
- 26. Some demons will be removed only through prayer and fasting. "And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting" (Mark 9:29).
- 27. Remember, God's angels will protect you. "Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? (Heb. 1:14).

Remember that fearing the devil and his destructive works is idolatry in making him the object of our fear we consider him more powerful than the Almighty God, the God of all creation.

We need to fear God in reverence and love, understanding that He has great power and His love will never fail, for God is love. He will provide and protect our families if we are submitted to Him in truth and in deed. (2 Tim. 1:12)