

**CONTEND FOR THE FAITH - DO NOT CONCEDE!**

**Hebrews 10:23, 35, Jude 1:3-4**

Jesus told us in Luke 12:32, that it is the Father’s good pleasure to give us the Kingdom. In Romans 14:17, it says that the Kingdom of God is not meat and drink but righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, In John 10:10, Jesus said, that there is a thief and he has come to steal, to kill and to destroy, but I (Jesus) have come to bring life and life abundantly. In 2 Cor 1:20, Paul says that ALL the promises of God are yes and amen. In Number 23:19, it says that God is not a man that He should lie, nor a son of man that He should repent; Has He said and will He not do it? Or, has He spoken and will He not make it good? In Isaiah 55:10-11, it says that God’s Word (written and spoken) will not return void. His Word is like the rain that comes down from Heaven, it MAKES the vegetation in the earth grow so it produces bread and seed for the people. However, Jesus warned us in Mark 3:24-25, that there are two opposing kingdoms on earth; the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Satan. Then He tells in Matthew 11:12, that the Kingdom of God has to be taken by force. Thank God that He didn’t stop there. In Luke 10:19, He went on to give us authority over the Kingdom of Satan. This God given authority, along with the Word of God in our mouth, (Heb 4:12, Rom 10:8), under the teaching, leading and power of the Holy Spirit, (1 John 2:27, Acts 1:8, Rom 8:14), are the weapons of our warfare discussed in, 2 Cor 10:3-5. True Believers can take the Kingdom of God by force and live in it, on this earth; Righteousness, Peace and Joy in the Holy Spirit.

 **Examples:**

Luke 4:1-15

Acts 16:25-34

Jesus 3 years ministering

Luke 18:1-8

Genesis 5:32-10:1 – Noah

1 Samuel 16 and 2 Samuel 5:4 – David

Abraham

Moses

Joshua

Paul

James

Peter

 John

**Ground Rules-Start Here!**

\*The Word is how we know God and how we develop a relationship with Him, Psalm 119:105, John 8:31-32, 14:21

\*We rightly divide the Word of God by looking at the entire Word on a topic/subject, 2 Timothy 2:15, 3:16-17, 2 Corinthians 13:1, Psalm 119:160, Proverbs 25:2

\*We eat food to keep the body alive we must receive Christ and eat the Word to keep our relationship with God alive, John 1:12, 3:16, 6:36-63, 15, Matthew 4:4, Proverbs 4:20-22

\*We must receive and yield to the Holy Spirit our helper and teacher, John 14:16, 26, 16:13-15, 1 Corinthians 2:12, Luke 11:13, Acts 1:8

\*We must do what we learn from the Word in order to receive greater light and understanding, Proverbs 4:18, John 14:21, James 1:8, 22-25, Psalm 119:130, Galatians 5:24

\*We can expect God to speak to us, lead and guide us, John 10:27, Psalm 32:8, Isaiah 45:2, Revelation 3:20, Romans 8:14

\*We take God at His Word, agree with Him and start possessing the Kingdom of God, 1 John 5:14, Matt 18:19

**Your Weapons/Tools**

**Word of God**

2 Tim 3:16-17/Heb 4:12

**Authority**

Luke 10:19

**Tongue**

Prov 12:6, Matt 15:11

**Holy Spirit**

John 14:16, 1 John 2:27

**How Long do you take Authority and Stand?**

Luke 18:1-8

Ephesians 6:12-18

Galatians 6:9

Matthew 24:13

**\*1 John 5:14**

**How do we Take that Authority?**

Luke 10:19

Acts 1:8/John 14:16

2 Corinthians 1:20

Romans 10:8/Pro 12:6

Matthew 16:19, 18:18

Ephesians 6:12-13

**The Outcome of taking the Authority**

1 John 4:4

Romans 8:37

1 John 5:4

John 16:33

John 14:12

3 John 2

Galatians 6:7-9

**Authority Over Who?**

Mark 3:24-25

John 10:10

Ephesians 6:12