

Grace Notes

Weaponology

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***I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.
Psalm 119:11***

I'm memorizing the 12th chapter of Romans. That's not a boast.

It's a confession.

Recently, I walked into our house and my 13 year old daughter, Macy, said, "Dad, I've memorized Romans 12:9-21. Wanna hear it?" I said, "Sure." A few minutes later she rattled off all 13 verses. I cannot tell you how powerful that moment was. I sat there speechless as the Holy Spirit got in my face and said something that went like this: "Nick, your daughter is hiding large parts of My Word in her heart. It's time to get off your 'blessed assurance' and lead her—by example." My response? "Yes Sir."

Sure, I have a number of Scripture verses committed to memory. But it's been a while since I had someone walk up to me and quote almost an entire chapter of the Bible by memory—someone who's 13, no less!

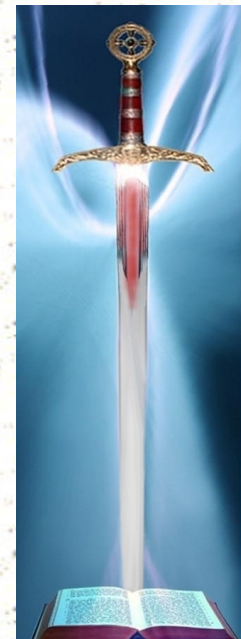
This whole exchange got me thinking. (That's an understatement.)

When Paul described "the armor of God" in Ephesians 6, he likened God's Word to a sword — "the Sword of the Spirit." Pastor/author, Charles Stanley, notes that "this is the only offensive piece [of armor] Paul mentions." And, when memorized, it becomes a concealed weapon against the enemy. Folks tend to forget that, when Satan tempted Jesus in Matthew 4 & Luke 4, Jesus responded to each of the enemy's onslaughts with the Word of God.

There's a show called "Weaponology" on *The Military Channel*. (Remember when we just had ABC, NBC & CBS?) It's a series that explores the genealogy of war machines & weaponry. These weapons apply only to our natural world. After my visit with Macy, however, I was reminded of "weaponology" as it applies to the supernatural.

Far too often we rush into life's battles with right motives, but wrong weapons. Paul reminded the Corinthians, "For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds." (2 Corinthians 10:3-4)

Echoing Ephesians 6:12, author/Theologian, J.I. Packer, once said, "The Christian's life is not a bed of roses; it is a battlefield, on which he has constantly to fight for his life." May we arm ourselves wisely.



Soli Deo Gloria, Nick