

## Daily Bible Readings for Home Study

**LET'S STUDY!!**

**Your Read-Ahead for: 22 May 2022**

### *Spiritual Weapons*

**Monday-** Fight a Good Fight (2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:1-8)

**Tuesday-**The Christian's Strength (Galatians 2:17-21)

**Wednesday-**Strength in God (Psalm 84:1-12)

**Thursday-**Weapons of Righteousness (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 6:3-10)

**Friday-**Paul's Desire (Romans 1:8-15)

**Saturday-**Spiritual Alertness (1<sup>st</sup> Thessalonians 5:1-11)

**Sunday-**Paul' Defense (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:1-12, 17-18)

# Spiritual Weapons <sup>1</sup>

**Lesson Text: 2nd Corinthians 10:1-12, 17-18**

**Related Scriptures:**

**1st Corinthians 2:1-16; Ephesians 6:10-18**

**TIME:** A.D. 56

**PLACES:** Macedonia

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***GOLDEN TEXT:*** “Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalted itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ”. (2nd Corinthians 10:5 KJV)

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## *Scripture Lesson Text*

**2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:1-18**

1 Now I Paul myself beseech you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, who in presence am base among you, but being absent am bold toward you:

**2 But I beseech you, that I may not be bold when I am present with that confidence, wherewith I think to be bold against some, which think of us as if we walked according to the flesh.**

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:

**4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)**

5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

**6 And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.**

7 Do ye look on things after the outward appearance? if any man trust to himself that he is Christ's, let him of himself think this again, that, as he is Christ's, even so are we Christ's.

**8 For though I should boast somewhat more of our authority, which the Lord hath given us for edification, and not for your destruction, I should not be ashamed:**

9 That I may not seem as if I would terrify you by letters.

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<sup>1</sup> Union Gospel Press, Adult Bible Teacher, Winter Quarter, 03 March 2022, *Concern for a Weaker Brother*

**10 For his letters, say they, are weighty and powerful; but his bodily presence is weak, and his speech contemptible.**

11 Let such a one think this, that, such as we are in word by letters when we are absent, such will we be also in deed when we are present.

**12 For we dare not make ourselves of the number, or compare ourselves with some that commend themselves: but they measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise.**

13 But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.

**14 For we stretch not ourselves beyond our measure, as though we reached not unto you: for we are come as far as to you also in preaching the gospel of Christ:**

15 Not boasting of things without our measure, that is, of other men's labors; but having hope, when your faith is increased, that we shall be enlarged by you according to our rule abundantly,

**16 To preach the gospel in the regions beyond you, and not to boast in another man's line of things made ready to our hand.**

17 But he that glorifies, let him glory in the Lord.

**18 For not he that commended himself is approved, but whom the Lord commended.**

### **Lesson Aim**

**Facts:** To realize that the weapons of our spiritual warfare must be the spiritual weapons ordained by God.

**Principle:** to understand that since our warfare is spiritual, our weapons in that conflict must also be spiritual if they are to accomplish God's spiritual victory.

**Application:** To resist the temptation to see other people as our enemies in our spiritual conflict. Even those who seem to side with Satan are his victims (as we once were) who need to be saved through faith in Christ.

### **Introduction**

In this week's lesson, Paul contrasts himself with those who oppose him at Corinth. His focus is on spiritual warfare and the spiritual weapons in such conflict.

**I. Developing the Lesson:**

- a. Mighty through God (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:1-6)
- b. Edification, not destruction (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:7-11)
- c. Boasting only in the Lord (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:12, 17-18)

**II. Studying the Text**

**a. Gentle and Bold in Christ (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:1-6)**

- i. Paul's entreaty (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:1)
- ii. Paul's stand (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:2)
- iii. Paul's weapons (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:3-4)
- iv. Paul's polemics (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:5-6)

**b. Confident in Christ (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:7-12)**

- i. Power in the gospel (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:7-8)
- ii. Power unexpected (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:9-10)
- iii. Power in integrity (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:11-12)

**c. Boasting in Christ (2<sup>nd</sup> 10:17-18)**

- i. Boasting in vain (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:17)
- ii. Boasting in Christ (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 10:18)

**III. Take Aways**

**IV. Announcements**

**V. Closing Prayer**