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**Spiritual Warfare I**  
**Syllabus**



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## About the Author

Dr. Michael K. Lake is the Chancellor and Founder of the Biblical Life College and Seminary and the Founder of the Biblical Life Foundation. He received his Doctor of Theology from North American School of Theology. He later completed the Doctor of Religious Education at New Covenant International Bible College and his Doctor of Psychology in Clinical Pastoral Psychology at Faith Theological Seminary.

Dr. Lake received Jesus at the age of twelve. On his thirteenth birthday, he answered God's call on his life to minister the Gospel. Several years later, he received the Baptism in the Holy Spirit. He shares the Word of God in a very "down to earth" manner that all enjoy. His commitment to "real world" theological education is seen in his concept that ministerial training is half academics and half Spiritual Boot Camp.

Dr. Lake is also serving as the Bishop/International Overseer for the United Full Gospel Church. He has served as an educational consultant for several national and international Christian organizations. He is listed in "Who's Who Among Outstanding Americans", "Sterling's Who's Who Executive Edition", "Nationwide Register's of Who's Who in Executives and Businesses" and "Who's Who Among American Teachers" for his accomplishments with the school.

## **Module Overview**

### **I. Module Description**

This module is a Biblical and theological study of the call of God for every believer to engage in Spiritual Warfare. A thorough study of preparation for engaging in warfare, the weapons of our warfare and use of them on the battlefield of life are covered.

### **II. Module Perspective**

- a. Many believers and ministries are not experiencing the victory that Jesus provided for the Church at Calvary. Only when each believer begins to wage war against the power of the enemy of God, will we see overall victory in the Church of Jesus Christ.
- b. Many believers have tried to engage in Spiritual Warfare but have failed because they have not properly prepared their hearts. It is through proper preparation and education in the weapons of our warfare that successful Spiritual Warfare can be conducted.

### **III. Required Materials**

Lake, Michael K. - *Spiritual Warfare 1 Tape Set*. 22 lectures on 13 Audio tapes. (See order form at front of this syllabus.)

Renner, Rick. - *Dressed to Kill*. Tulsa, Oklahoma: Teach All Nations and Rick Renner Ministries. (Abbreviated DTK)

### **IV. Module Requirements and Assignments**

#### **Undergraduate Level**

- a. The student is required to listen carefully to the twenty-four lectures of recorded material, keeping in mind the questions listed in the syllabus which will form a part of the Final Examination.
- b. At the end of each lesson will be "Biblical Life Applications." These are ways to apply in a practical way what has been learned during that lesson. The student should keep a personal journal to record what God reveals and what happens in his/her life while applying these "Biblical Life Applications."
- c. At the end of each lesson are Review Questions. The student should answer these questions upon completion of listening to the recorded lectures. The syllabus is self-grading and the answers are located at the end of this syllabus.\* The student is to use these questions to prepare for the Final Examination

\* On-Campus Students: Your Instructor may choose to withhold the answer key to the syllabus and then grade the Review Questions in class.

- e. Final Examination: There will be one Final Examination for this module. The questions will be taken from both the recorded lecture materials and the Review Questions in the syllabus.
- c. Collateral Reading: The student is to read through the required book for the collateral reading and write a 5 - 10 page report on it, double-spaced. The student should include with the report, the type-written essays assigned in lessons 11, 13 and 19.

### **Graduate Level**

- a. The student is required to listen carefully to the twenty-four lectures of recorded material, keeping in mind the questions listed in the syllabus which will form a part of the Final Examination.
- b. At the end of each lesson will be "Biblical Life Applications." These are ways to apply in a practical way what has been learned during that lesson. The student should keep a personal journal to record what God reveals and what happens in his/her life while applying these "Biblical Life Applications."
- c. At the end of each lesson are Review Questions. The student should answer these questions upon completion of listening to the recorded lectures. The syllabus is self-grading and the answers are located at the end of this syllabus.\* The student is to use these questions to prepare for the Final Examination

\* On-Campus Students: Your Instructor may choose to withhold the answer key to the syllabus and then grade the Review Questions in class.

- d. Final Examination: There will be one Final Examination for this module. The questions will be taken from both the recorded lecture materials as well as those covered in the list of Review Questions in the syllabus.
- e. Collateral Reading: The student is to read through the required text for the collateral reading and write a 5 - 10 page report on it, double-spaced.
- f. Term Paper: The student is to choose an area covered in this study and develop a term paper of at least 15 pages in length and no more than 20 pages in length. The paper should be typed, double-spaced. The Term Paper, Book Report and Final Exam should be turned in together to the School for grading.
- g. The student should include with the reports and final exam, the type-written essays assigned in lessons 11, 13 and 19.

# Lesson One

## Introduction to Spiritual Warfare

 **Listening Assignment:** Listen to Lecture 1 on Tape 1. [External students only]

 **Note for Perspective Students:** You can download this entire lecture in MP3 format from our website at <http://www.biblical-life.com/Library1.htm>

### ***Lecture Outline***

#### **Introduction:**

It seems that with the subject of Spiritual Warfare, there are two camps. The first camp ignores its existence and lives in total defeat. The second camp has gone to the extreme, has gotten off biblically and lives in defeat because of their extremism. In the middle of the road, we find God. He is calling us to Spiritual Warfare in biblical balance. In this balance lies victory for every Christian. Let's search out the Scriptures and find God's divine balance together.

#### **I. Every Member Active**

Ephesians 4:11-16  
I Corinthians 12:16-27

##### **a. The Five-Fold Ministry - Body Equippers**

Over the centuries, the Church has gotten off-balance concerning those in the five-fold ministry. In actuality, there are two types of ministry, they are:

- Governmental Ministry
- Congregational Ministry

Governmental Ministry refers to those called into the Five-Fold Ministry. These leaders are called of God to bring individuals into the Kingdom of God and prepare them for the ministry. Paul tells us that they are in the Body for the "equipping of the saints for the work of ministry..."

We have been taught that the Pastor or Teacher or Evangelist or Prophet does the work of the ministry. Actually these individuals are EQUIPPERS AND GUIDERS. They equip the Body for ministry and Guide them into the truths of God's Word and purpose for a particular congregation or ministry.

Fallacy of Clergy vs. Laity - No where is clergy and laity found in the Word of God. This concept is not from God, but rather from paganism! These terms

were never used in the Church until pagans came flooding into the Church when Constantine made Christianity the official religion of Rome. We are all to do the ministry.

**b. All Members Called**

In Ephesians 4:16, we find “from whom the **WHOLE BODY**, joined and knit together by **WHAT EVERY JOINT SUPPLIES**, according to the effective working by which **EVERY PART DOES ITS SHARE**, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

The result in thinking that those in the five-fold ministry do all ministry has accomplished two things. They are:

- Overwork those in the five-fold ministry.
- Frustrate members of the Body because they felt they have no purpose or ministry. It has made them observers and not participants in God’s Work.

**II. Every Member Called to Warfare**

Ephesians 6:10-11

Luke 18:1

- a. We are all to be strong and put on the whole armor of God. **FOR WE ALL WILL HAVE TO STAND AGAINST THE WILES OF THE DEVIL.**
- b. Jesus taught that **ALL** men should pray and not lose heart.

**THESE ALL SOUND LIKE WE HAVE ALL BEEN CALLED TO PRAY, PUT ON GOD’S ARMOR AND TO STAND AGAINST THE WORKINGS OF THE DEVIL.**

**III. A Team Effort**

Ephesians 4:16

The Body of Christ is built up as we all do our part. Pastors are overworked and frustrated. They cannot do it all. As we all do our part in the work of the ministry, it will free each of us to do our part and receive the benefits from everyone doing their parts. Revival will never come just because a preacher preaches well. It will come when all of God’s people seek the face of the Lord, lift up their communities, ministers, churches to God and tell the Devil to **STOP!** It is a team effort.

**IV. Don’t Fall Off the Side of the Road**

I Thessalonians 5:21

- a. God’s Word tells us to “Test all things; hold fast what is good.” Too many Christians have gotten off on wild tangents. This is not God’s Will. God is a God

of balance and soundness.

- b. In *Dressed to Kill*, Rick Renner shares some of the ditches some Christians have fallen into. Here are a few:
1. **Continual Deliverance:** These are Christians that do not necessarily have demonic strongholds, but rather are trying to cast out the flesh and trying to throw up sins of the flesh. Yes, there can be demonic influence, but not the way these believe. Our major “inner war” is renewing our minds to the Word of God.
  2. **Warring Tongues:** Some believe you fight Satan by screaming at him in tongues. First, the Word tells us that when we speak to God in our heavenly language, we are speaking divine mysteries to God. We do not even understand what we are praying unless we pray for an interpretation. I can assure you that Satan does not move in the Gifts of the Spirit and cannot have the gift of interpretation of tongues! If we are going to yell anything at him, let’s yell the Word!
  3. **Refusing to Believe in the Warfare:** This one is of my own adding. If Satan can make us believe he is not real and everything is natural and nothing spiritual, he can go about his business with little pressure from us. WE NEED SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT to know when it is spiritual or natural.

 **Biblical Life Application**

Ask the Holy Spirit what your place is in the Body of Christ besides that of Spiritual Warfare. Also seek to diligently study the Word and seek to maintain the divine balance for true victory in life.

1. What is the difference between Governmental Ministry and Congregational Ministry?

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2. Is the concept of Clergy and Laity Scriptural?

Yes

No

3. God's Word tells us to \_\_\_\_\_ A \_\_\_\_\_ all things; \_\_\_ B \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ C \_\_\_\_\_ what is good.

A. \_\_\_\_\_

B. \_\_\_\_\_

C. \_\_\_\_\_

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