

God didn't call you to a playground

**VICTORY IN
SPIRITUAL WARFARE
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EPHESIANS 6:10-11

but a battleground.



HIS AGENDA

➤ **INDIVIDUAL**

➤ **FAMILY**

➤ **CHURCH**

➤ **SOCIETY**



HIS FOUR STAGES OF STRATEGIES

➤ **DESIRE**

➤ **DECEPTION**

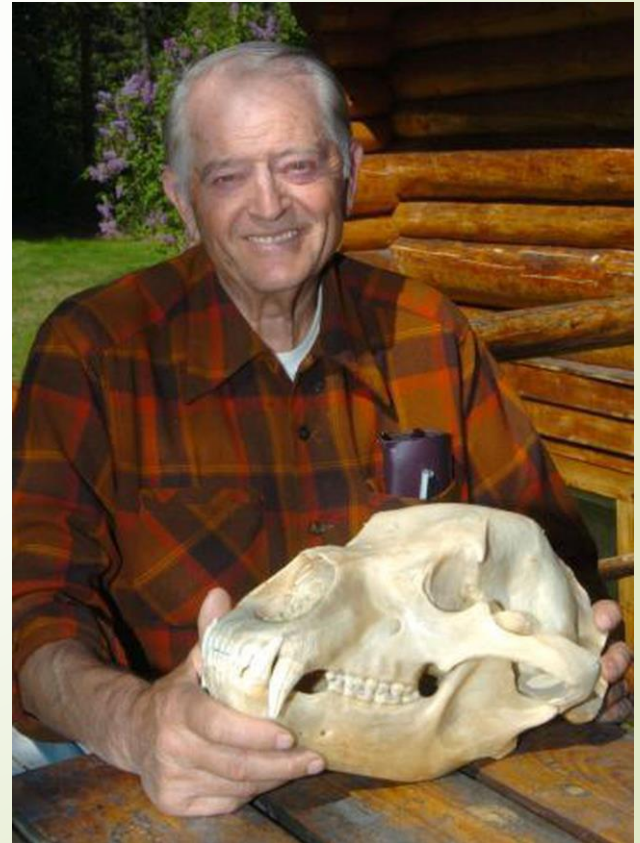
➤ **DISOBEDIENCE**

➤ **DEATH**

Strategy for Battle — Eph. 6:10

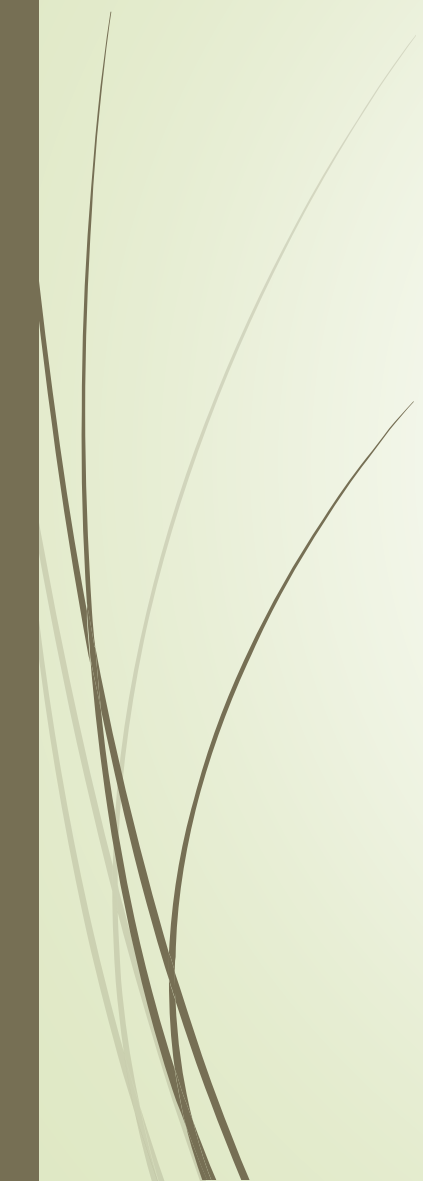
➤ “You will be able to **STAND FIRM...**”

The late Earl J. Fleming, an Alaska state biologist, was perhaps the only man to investigate objectively the bear's reputation for attacking humans. When Fleming encountered a bear, he neither ran nor shot. At the end of his unique study, he had encountered 81 brown bears, and although several staged mock charges, not one actually attacked.





Strategy for Battle

- Authority – strong in the Lord
 - Power – his mighty power
 - Union – the armor of God
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AUTHORITY

- Man's place in God's plan
 - – Gen. 1:26, 28
- Man's sin created a transfer of authority to Satan – John 12:31 (ruler of this world)
- Christ's death restored the original authority to those in Him and gave us legal right "I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you" (Lk 10.19)



POWER

- Understand, Satan may have lost his authority but he didn't lose his POWER
- He uses his power in our lives when we are preoccupied with worldly affairs that keep us from functioning underneath our authority; outside of our authority he has the right to use his power
- We have been given authority AND power Acts 1:8

UNION

- How we have both authority and power is through our uniting with Christ
- Colossians 2:6-15

USING OUR AUTHORITY

- Understand we do not own authority, but use the authority given us by God, by serving **ONLY** Him
- Authority is a by-product of serving God, not a separate entity
- Authority **CANNOT** be used outside of God's will
- We **DO** have authority over places: i.e. homes, jobs, land, etc.
- We **CAN** have authority over demons: Luke 9:1; Daniel 10
- We **HAVE** authority when attacked: 1 John 4:4 "Greater is He..."



CONCLUSION

- Stand Firm in:
- The AUTHORITY we've been given by God which allows us to operate in His POWER because we are UNITED with Him as we walk in His will through Christ!