2. Where is the spiritual battle?

A. Spiritual battles will occur in your mind.

   2 Corinthians 4:4 (ESV) In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

   2 Corinthians 11:3 (ESV) But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

   1 Chronicles 21:1 (ESV) Then Satan stood against Israel and incited David to number Israel.

   • Satan places ideas in your mind and makes you think they are your ideas.

     John 13:2 (ESV) During supper, when the devil had already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon’s son, to betray him,

   • Satan's ideas often sound reasonable.

   • Satan's ideas often appeal to your God-given desires and appetites.

     Genesis 3:6 (ESV) So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

   • Satan's ideas are often focused on "self".

   • Satan's battle against our minds is extremely deceptive.

     Ephesians 6:17 (ESV) and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

     2 Corinthians 10:4-5 (ESV) 4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. 5 We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

B. Spiritual battles will occur in your family.

C. Spiritual battles will occur in your finances.

   Matthew 6:24 (ESV) No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

D. Spiritual battles will occur in your church.
E. Spiritual battles occur in government.

**Ephesians 6:12 (ESV)** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

3. Whose authority do we fight with?

**1 John 4:4 (ESV)** Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

**Ephesians 6:10-11 (ESV)** 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

**Ephesians 6:16 (ESV)** In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one;

**Luke 10:17 (ESV)** The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!”

**Luke 10:19-20 (ESV)** 19 Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. 20 Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.”

**Romans 16:20 (ESV)** The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**1 Corinthians 10:13 (ESV)** No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

**Ephesians 1:17-20 (ESV)** 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, 18 having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, 19 and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might 20 that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places,

**James 4:7 (ESV)** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

- You have authority over Satan because of your position in Christ.

  **Ephesians 2:6-7 (ESV)** 6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

- You have authority over Satan because Christ lives in you.

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