



REN 208 - 3 credits

War in the Spirit

Description

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers...” How often are Christians caught unaware of the enemy who rages around them, seeking to devour them. With proper understanding and perspective, one can effectively engage the enemy and defeat him and his efforts against their lives, families, ministries, and homes.

Texts

Destined to Overcome by Paul E. Billheimer

Charge! by Ernie and Betsy Phillips

Possessing the Gates of the Enemy by Cindy Jacobs

one collateral from the choices listed below

Course Requirements

1. Read *Destined to Overcome* by Billheimer, answering the questions included in this syllabus.
2. Read *Charge! A Manual for Spiritual Warfare* by Phillips, answering the questions at the end of the book.
3. Read *Possessing the Gates of the Enemy* by Jacobs, answering the questions included in this syllabus.
4. Earn at least a “B” on the mid-term and final exams.
5. Read one of the collateral books listed below. Write a three- to five-page typed paper discussing what you learned from the book, what the Lord particularly spoke to you through it, and changes that have been and will be made in your life as a result of your study of the book. This paper is to be submitted to your instructor in the final lesson.

Destined for the Throne by Paul E. Billheimer
Possibly the greatest book on prayer ever written. If you are still unconvinced about the effectiveness and purpose of prayer, or if you want to understand more about the “on-the-job training” God has prepared for you, this is the book you should read.

Christian Set Yourself Free by Graham and Shirley Powell

If you have struggled with an area of sin which seems more powerful than you are to control it and the normal spiritual disciplines have not had any permanent effect, perhaps it is time to examine the possibility of a demonic stronghold. This book will give you proven guidelines to self-deliverance from demonic oppression and show you the way to victorious Christian living.

Healing Through Spiritual Warfare by Peggy Scarborough

Peggy writes this extremely helpful book from her own experience in warring through to victory over cancer in her own body. This book will help you apply the teaching of this course to the specific area of physical healing.

Silencing the Enemy by Robert Gay

Absolutely outstanding teaching on the power of “warfare praise”. Provides clear Scriptural teaching on this exciting weapon of spiritual warfare and leads you into practically taking part.

Breaking Strongholds in Your City by C. Peter Wagner
Engaging the Enemy by C. Peter Wagner

These two texts explore in depth the ideas introduced in the final chapters of Cindy Jacobs’ text. The first describes how to use spiritual mapping to make your prayers for your city more strategic, effective, and targeted. The second teaches how to fight and defeat territorial spirits. These books are recommended for the more mature intercessor who is part of a team praying together for your city.

Prayer Shield C. Peter Wagner

Maybe your family and personal life make “active duty” in the regular army unrealistic at this time. However, you can have a vitally important place in winning the war as a member of the support team of the “National Guard”. You can learn how to most effectively intercede for pastors, Christian leaders, and others who are on the spiritual frontlines. If this is the current call of God on you, this is the book you need.

Objectives

Academic:

You will quote the following verses:

- ✓ Revelation 12:10,11
 - ✓ Luke 10:19
 - ✓ Revelation 3:21
 - ✓ I John 4:4
 - ✓ I Corinthians 10:3-5
 - ✓ Psalm 18:28
 - ✓ Genesis 22:17,18
 - ✓ Ezekiel 22:30
 - ✓ Ephesians 6:12
 - ✓ Psalm 149:6-9
 - ✓ I Samuel 30:24
- You will trace the transfer of authority on the earth from man to satan to Christ and His Church.
 - You will state the source of satan's power over man today.
 - You will state the purpose of prayer, according to Billheimer.
 - You will state the purpose of creation.
 - You will state a working definition of faith.
 - You will to state the three steps of all spiritual warfare.
 - You will know the goal of praise and worship.
 - You will know and recognize the symptoms that may indicate the presence of strongholds, bondages and curses.
 - You will state the prime requisite for becoming free of a bondage.
 - You will state the purpose of fasting in spiritual warfare.
 - You will state the purpose of the gifts of the Spirit in spiritual warfare.
 - You will state at least three of the weapons of our warfare.
 - You will state the two aspects of true intercession.
 - You will state the clean heart principle.

Standards for Grading Assignments

As indicated below, "C" or 2.0 level work is considered average. **Leaders are not average people.** You are therefore expected (required) to put forth the effort necessary to demonstrate at least "B" (3.0) level work or higher on all assignments which you submit. Any which do not will be returned to you with input from your instructor on how you can raise your grade to the expected level. **A course grade will not be given until your assignments demonstrate that you have understood the material presented in the course and allowed your life to be transformed by the Spirit and the Word studied** — the requirements for attaining a "B".

Your individual assignments (notebooks, tests, reports) will be graded according to the following standards. These grades will be averaged together to determine your course grade. Remember, CLU is training leaders and leaders are above-average people. Your work will reflect that.

- "D"
- Indicates barely passing work that is inferior to the average both in quantity and in quality.
 - Manifests a lack of initiative or sense of responsibility or both.
- "C"
- Average work; either steady work of an acceptable quality, or work of a high quality which is uneven, irregular or fragmentary.
 - May be mechanically or outwardly correct but shows little reflection upon or personal assimilation of the material.
- "B"
- Intelligently has fulfilled the requirements of this course.
 - Understands the subject matter presented and has applied it to his life in a limited manner but has not really made the truths his own.
- "A"
- Grasped the material with thoroughness, industry and correctness of detail.
 - Made the material his own by thinking about it and integrating it, using originality, natural ability, and insight.

- You will state the job of the intercessor and of God in an individual's life.
- You will state the main qualifications of a prayer leader, and recognize the main focus of ministry of the various types.
- You will state what one of the most critical things is that a prayer leader must find out from God.
- You will recognize the three kinds of strongholds.
- You will state the usual reason for laughter in prayer.
- You will know the principles for avoiding "flaky intercession".
- You will recognize "witchcraft prayers".
- You will know what to do if you believe you have received a word of judgment against your spiritual overseer.
- You will state the four requirements for personal prayer partners.
- You will state at least three dangers to beware of with personal prayer partners.
- You will state three reasons why satan is so affected when we praise God with music.
- You will discuss the battle strategy Jesus used to defeat the enemy in the wilderness.
- You will know the two vital safeguards to be considered when participating in seasons of spiritual warfare over your city.
- You will know how to discern the strongholds over a geographical area.

Behavioral:

- You will respond to satan's challenges as the Lord intends you to.
- You will speak only words that are in agreement with the Scriptures.
- You will use praise and worship in spiritual warfare.
- You will effectively wield the short-term weapon of binding and loosing.
- You will effectively deal with strongholds, bondages, and curses. You will fast as led by the Spirit.
- You will rely on the gifts of the Spirit, and will use them as they are given.
- You will engage in both aspects of true intercession.
- You will live in the clean heart principle.
- You will do only your job as an intercessor, leaving God's job for Him to do.
- You will avoid "flaky intercession".
- You will not be a part of "witchcraft prayers".
- You will absolutely follow the required protocol if you believe you have received a word of judgment against your spiritual overseer.
- You will submit to the vital safeguards when participating in seasons of spiritual warfare over your city.



REN 208 War in the Spirit Course Schedule

Lesson One

Assignment to be completed:

Read the Foreword, Preface, and Part One of *Destined to Overcome* by Billheimer, answering the questions included in this syllabus.

The answers to the questions about the three texts will be submitted to your instructor at the end of the course so prepare them in whatever manner will be most effective to do so. You may want to write your answers in the place provided in this syllabus. Or, you may want to type your answers and include those typed pages in the appropriate place in the syllabus. Or, especially if your instructor lives in another country, you may want to put your answers in a special file on your computer. Then, at the end of the course, you can attach that file to a letter to your instructor and send it to him quickly, easily, and inexpensively by e-mail.

Memorize Luke 10:19.

Complete Self-Test One. You may do these Self-Tests with open book if necessary. Correct the Self-Tests each week, using the answer keys included in your course notebook.

Subjects to be explored:

The Technique of Spiritual Warfare

Related objectives:

- You will quote Luke 10:19.
- You will trace the transfer of authority on the earth from man to satan to Christ and His Church.
- You will state the source of satan's power over man today.
- You will state the purpose of prayer, according to Billheimer.

Lesson Two

Assignment to be completed:

Read Parts Two and Three of *Destined to Overcome*, answering the questions included in this syllabus.

Part Four is not required reading but you may wish to read it to find out more about the life of this remarkable man of God.

Memorize Revelation 3:21.

Complete and check Self-Test Two.

Subjects to be explored:

Developing the Personal Prayer Life

Turning on the Switch

Related objectives:

- You will quote Revelation 3:21.
- You will state the purpose of creation.
- You will respond to satan's challenges as the Lord intends you to.
- You will state a working definition of faith.