

*Crushing the Devil* Discussion Guide

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**CRUSHING** THE DEVIL

Your Guide to Spiritual Warfare and **Victory in Christ**



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The following Reader's Guide is meant to aid discussions as they relate to *Crushing The Devil* and to your life as a believer. They are designed to get readers and Book Club members talking about their lives, their own experiences and their expectations.

### **Chapter 1: Right, Capacity, Ability**

- Are you in Christ Jesus?
- What entitlements do you have in Christ Jesus?
- What do you think of the millionaires in rags?
- Are you a spiritual millionaire in rags?
- What would you say is the solution or cure for ignorance?

### **Chapter 2: Who Are You?**

- Who are you?
- Do you consider yourself to be a child of God and a joint heir with Christ Jesus?
- What does it mean to be a joint heir?
- What is your purpose in life?
- Is there a difference between your standing positionally and your standing in reality?

### **Chapter 3: Spiritual Warfare**

- What is your understanding of spiritual warfare?
- What experience do you have of spiritual warfare?
- Which of the weapons of spiritual warfare do you consider most important? Why?
- What would you say is the main objective of spiritual warfare?
- How do you fast? How often should one fast?

## **Chapter 4: Strategy in Spiritual Warfare**

- How do we devise strategy in spiritual warfare?
- What is your understanding of the call to spiritual violence?
- Can you recall any time when you took by force something spiritual that was rightfully yours?
- When we bind the strong man (who is, of course, Satan) what goods of his can we plunder?
- As a Christian, if you are not like a thermometer, what instrument can you liken yourself to?

## **Chapter 5: Your Authority Over the Enemy**

- In what ways has Satan manifested himself in your life?
- Have Satan's names given you a better understanding of his mission?
- What is authority and in what ways have you exercised your authority over Satan?
- Is it realistic to give thanks to God in all circumstances?
- Can we ever pray too much?

## **Chapter 6: Demonic Schemes and Methods**

- How would you describe fear?
- Have you ever felt crippled by fear?
- How have you dealt with fear in the past?
- Have you ever had difficulty forgiving anybody?
- Do you regularly suffer from panic attacks or have recurring nightmares? How should we deal with those?

## **Chapter 7: How Does the Enemy Disobey?**

- In what ways have you experienced Satan's disobedience?
- How did you deal with the situation?
- How should we deal with Satan's disobedience?
- Why do you think Satan sometimes pushes the boundaries?
- How easy do you think it is for Satan to introduce sin into the Lord's camp?

## **Chapter 8: Fulfilling Your Obedience**

- Are there areas of your life where you have been less than fully obedient?
- Have you ever sworn to your hurt? What would you have done if you were Jephthah?
- When was the last time you led somebody to Christ? Why does the Bible refer to Christians as witnesses?
- If you are married, do you honor your spouse?
- If you have children, do you treat them as a limited-time loan from the Lord?

## **Chapter 9: Preparation for Battle: The A–Z of Spiritual Warfare**

- Have you believed that the devil is just a myth or fable?
- Why should Christians have no business playing around with ideas of the devil as a fun-loving, beer-swilling guy who just wants us to have a good time?
- What is the role of the Holy Spirit in ensuring that as a child of God you do not deliberately, knowingly, and habitually practice sin?
- In the "A–Z of Spiritual Warfare," what stands out the most for you, and why?
- How does one avoid the sin of prayerlessness?

## **Chapter 10: Punishing the Enemy's Petulance**

- What is the most effective way of carrying out self-examination?
- What is the longest period you have spent in persistent prayer?
- Do you consider yourself to be somebody who can rightly handle the Word of truth?
- How do you see death?
- What is the difference between bread and seed, and how and where should we sow our seed?

## **Chapter 11: Walk the Talk**

- How do you walk the talk?
- Can you ask people to imitate you even as you imitate Christ?
- What is the difference between walking the talk and talking the walk?
- How do you avoid mediocrity?
- How would you define hope?
- How can you add value to your local church and make it more relevant to the local community?

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