

## Doctrine of the Root of Righteousness

1. For those who are still struggling for victory over secret sin, or a particular sin that is well known to all, let me encourage you not to stop struggling for in the struggle is the hope of salvation.
2. Use the spiritual weapons of warfare so that the time will come when the Evil One will flee from you as per James 4:7 which says, *“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.”*

## Weapons of Spiritual Warfare

- Memorize Scripture. *Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.*
- Pray. *Mark 14:38 Watch ye and pray, lest ye enter into temptation. The spirit truly is ready, but the flesh is weak.*
- Become Accountable. *James 5:16 “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”*
- Anticipate physical sickness in self or someone close to you. *Psalm 119:67 Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.*
- Remove the objects and means that facilitate sin. *Romans 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.*
- Consider whether or not there has been a genuine conversion in the heart. *Romans 13:11 And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. 13 Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.*
- Cultivate a sense of fear of God. *Malachi 3:16 Then they that feared the LORD spake often one to another: and the LORD hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before him for them that feared the LORD, and that thought upon his name.*
- Meditate on what it means to abide in Christ. *John 15:4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.*

- Remain in hope that God will sanctify your life. *Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:*
- Consider a renewed concern for God's holiness. *Joshua 7:9 "...and what wilt thou do unto thy great name? Or, What will happen to the honor of your name?*