

## **Battle Ready- S.W.O.R.D.**

### ***Learning to Handle the Sword of the Spirit***

#### **S — Spirit: Walk in the Spirit (*Galatians 5:16*)**

We must acknowledge and yield to the Holy Spirit daily. Moment by moment, choice by choice, we choose to walk in His direction. We actively seek Him through ongoing dialogue and through the Word.

#### **W — Word: Consume the Word (*Psalms 119:11*)**

We need a consistent diet of Scripture—reading, studying, and memorizing—so that we have a ready answer for the lies of the flesh and the attacks of the enemy.

#### **O — Obedience: Follow His Instructions (*John 14:15*)**

**It's simple:** if we truly love Jesus as Lord, we will obey His commands. Obedience is the natural expression of genuine love.

#### **R — Repentance: Turn and Surrender (*2 Chronicles 7:14*)**

Repentance is the battleground of spiritual formation. Our flesh—shaped by habits, influences, and temptations—resists the work of the Spirit and the Word.

Our role is to turn and follow, again and again.

Repentance is a conscious, continual choice—active, essential, and intentional. It is our daily participation in the Spirit's transforming work.

#### **D — Discernment: Hear the Voice of God (*1 John 4:1-2*)**

There are many voices, many opinions, and an enemy who masquerades as an angel of light.

How do we know what is truly from God?

We follow steps **S-W-O-R**.

If we attempt to discern God's voice without God's Word, we are not hearing Him—we are hearing ourselves.

## S.W.O.R.D. Daily Reading & Application Plan

### S — Spirit: Walk in the Spirit

**Verse:** *Galatians 5:16*

**Daily Reading:** Galatians 5:13–26

**Reflect:**

- Where am I relying on my flesh instead of the Spirit today
- What fruit of the Spirit do I need Him to grow in me

**Respond:**

- Pray: “Holy Spirit, lead my steps today.”
- Choose one moment today to pause and consciously yield to Him.

### W — Word: Consume the Word

**Verse:** *Psalms 119:11*

**Daily Reading:** Psalm 119:9–16

**Reflect:**

- What truth from today’s reading confronts a lie I’ve been believing
- What verse can I carry with me today

**Respond:**

- Write down one verse to memorize.
- Speak it out loud once in the morning, once midday, once at night.

### O — Obedience: Follow His Instructions

**Verse:** *John 14:15*

**Daily Reading:** John 14:12–21

**Reflect:**

- **It’s simple:** What clear instruction from Jesus am I avoiding
- What step of obedience would show my love for Him today

**Respond:**

- Identify one act of obedience you can take today.
- Do it immediately — before excuses form.

## **R — Repentance: Turn and Surrender**

**Verse:** *2 Chronicles 7:14*

**Daily Reading:** Psalm 51

**Reflect:**

- Where is my heart resisting God
- What habit or attitude needs to be surrendered

**Respond:**

- Pray a simple prayer: “Lord, I turn. I surrender.”
- Replace one sinful pattern with one Spirit-led action today.

## **D — Discernment: Hear the Voice of God**

**Verse:** *1 John 4:1-2*

**Daily Reading:** 1 John 4:1-6

**Reflect:**

- What voices are shaping my decisions today
- Does what I’m sensing align with Scripture, the Spirit, and obedience

**Respond:**

- Test every thought against the Word.
- If it contradicts Scripture, reject it.
- If it aligns with S-W-O-R, receive it.