

***“The Real War on Terror, part 3:  
The Sword of the Spirit”***

*Ephesians 6:17b*

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*“And take...the sword of the Spirit, which  
is the Word of God”*

With this verse, God commands all Christians to masterfully wield and apply the Word of God in specific, tactical, skillful and practical ways to ward off satanic temptations and demonic attacks. The Word of God is efficacious because of its supernatural nature. Following are some of its major characteristics:

1. The Word of God is inspired [‘God-breathed’].  
*“All Scripture is inspired by God”*  
*(2 Timothy 3:16)*  
*“Thy Word is truth” (John 17:17)*

2. The Word of God is authoritative.  
*“And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written...’ ”*  
*(Luke 4:4)*  
*“Scripture says...” (Romans 10:11)*

3. The Word of God is living.  
*“The word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12)*  
*“ ‘Is not My word like fire?’ ” declares the LORD, ‘and like a hammer that shatters a rock?’ ” (Jeremiah 23:29)*

4. The Word of God is sufficient.

*“All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable...that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

*“his delight is in the law of the LORD...in whatever he does he prospers” (Psalm 1:2-3)*

*“Thy word have I treasured in my heart, that I may not sin against Thee” (Psalm 119:11)*

*“that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse” (Romans 1:19-20)*

5. The Word of God is perspicuous.

*“The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple” (Psalm 19:7)*

*“And after He called the multitude to Him, He said to them, ‘Hear and understand” (Matthew 15:10)*

*“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life” (1 John 5:13)*