

# THE MARRIAGE AFFIRMATION

The husband and wife relationship is always a prime target for demonic attack. If you and your spouse are honest, understand how to live the Christ-life and are working hard on it—then don't overlook the enemy. Use the following at least twice a day for one week and then as needed.

After you have read the Bible and prayed, put on the armor as described in Ephesians 6 or the Warfare Prayer.

Follow the directions as given in Ephesians 4 & 5:

- o Put off the old man (all you were as an unsaved person with its error and sin)—4:22
- o Choose to think according to the Bible—4:23
- o Put on the new man (all you are in Jesus Christ)—4:24
- o Choose to resist the Devil (with all his influence in your life and marriage)—4:27
- o Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with Himself and to teach you—5:18

Then in a firm and authoritative voice (speaking aloud—this is not a prayer, but a spiritual declaration, a way of resisting the Devil), state the following:

"In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I smash down all the workings of Satan and wicked spirits upon me, upon my wife/husband, \_\_\_\_\_, upon our children, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and upon our marriage.

"With the power of the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of the Lord Jesus, I break Satan's hold upon us and the control he has developed in our marriage. I break down all the ways he has tried to divide us. I smash down all the effects of the angry words we have said to one another. I choose to forgive my wife/husband, \_\_\_\_\_, and declare I choose to be to her/him the kind of a wife/husband that would glorify God.

"I command, in the name of Jesus Christ, that every facet of Satan's hold upon our marriage must be broken, and I repudiate every demonic gift and control that has come to me from my ancestral lines. I cover my wife/husband, \_\_\_\_\_, our children, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and myself with the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ."

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