

The background is a close-up, high-contrast photograph of dark, layered rock, likely slate or shale. The rock surface is highly textured, with numerous sharp, angular edges and deep, irregular cracks that create a complex, three-dimensional pattern. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the rough, uneven surfaces of the rock layers while casting deep shadows in the crevices, emphasizing the rugged and weathered nature of the material. The overall color palette is monochromatic, ranging from deep charcoal to dark grey.

Stand

14 But if you have *bitter jealousy* and *selfish ambition* in your heart, do not be arrogant and so lie against the truth.

James 3:14–16

15 This wisdom is not that which comes down from above, but is *earthly, natural, demonic.*

James 3:14–16

16 For where *jealousy* and *selfish ambition* exist, there is *disorder and every evil thing.*

James 3:14–16

jealousy: [zelos]_zeal,
enthusiasm in embracing,
pursuing, or defending an idea,
person or thing, carried with
fierce indignation or punitive zeal.

James 3:14–16

selfish ambition: [eritheia]

electioneering or intriguing for position and power — a partisan and fractious spirit which does not disdain low arts

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Part of our Kingdom
call is to offer the
wisdom of Christ in a
world embracing
foolishness.

We cannot do so if we
have no Heavenly
wisdom to offer.

10 Finally, *be strong in the Lord*
and *in the strength of His might.*

Ephesians 6:10–13

11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to *stand firm* against the *schemes* of the devil.

Ephesians 6:10–13

12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

Ephesians 6:10–13

13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to *resist in the evil day*, and having done everything, to *stand firm*.

Ephesians 6:10–13

Standing firm means
we do not lose:

hope
peace, or
love

**Do not be overcome by evil
but overcome evil with good**

Romans 12:21

Spiritual warfare is
won by moving in the
opposite spirit of the
enemy.

We cannot win a
spiritual warfare with
carnal weapons. Fighting
fire with fire burns
the whole house down.

3 For though we walk in the flesh,
*we do not war according to the
flesh*

2 Corinthians 10:3–5

4 for *the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.*

2 Corinthians 10:3–5

5 *We are* destroying speculations
and every lofty thing raised up
against the knowledge of God,
and we are *taking every thought*
captive to the obedience of Christ,

2 Corinthians 10:3–5



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