Spiritual Warfare

**Jesus has given all Christians the authority to cast out demons.**

These signs will accompany those who **believed**: in my name they will cast out demons... Mark 16:17

Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you. Luke 10: 19

**Before attempting spiritual warfare, a Christian must put on the full armor of God.**

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 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. 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

**Where are Satan and his demons? Satan and some demons are not in hell, but roam the earth.**

The LORD said to Satan, "From where do you come?" Then Satan answered the LORD and said, "From roaming about on the earth and walking around on it." Job 1:7

**What should we say when we cast out demons? The power to cast out demons is in the name of Jesus. Notice the Jesus and disciples cast out demons with very few words.**

"Come out of the man, you unclean spirit!" Mark 5:8 (Jesus said this)

You deaf and mute spirit, I command you, come out of him and **do not enter him again**.” Mark 9:25 (Jesus said this)

These signs will accompany those who believed: **in my name** they will cast out demons...Mark 16:17 (we have to use Jesus’ name when casting out demons)

The seventy returned with joy saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in **Your name**.” Luke 10:17-20

Paul . . .turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her!” And it came out at that very moment. Acts 16:18 (Paul had to use Jesus’ name.)
What can hinder us?  Unbelief, lack of faith, not enough prayer and fasting

Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, “Why could we not drive it out?” And He said to them, “Because of the littleness of your faith”. Matthew 17:19-20

But this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting. Matt. 17:21

Jesus said to him, “‘If you can?’ All things are possible to him who believes. Immediately the boy’s father cried out and said, “I do believe; help my unbelief.” Mark 9:23-25

Are the demons afraid of Jesus?  yes

You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe-and tremble! James 2:19

Can we perform spiritual warfare from a distance? Yes

And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed" . . .Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour. Matt 15:21-28 (the daughter was not present)

A good soldier must always be prepared. Satan may return even after you have been successful.

When the devil had finished every temptation, he left Him until an opportune time. Luke 4:13