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What is Godly violence? God is love ⇒ 1 John 4:8, 16. Fight the good fight of faith ⇒ 1 Timothy 6:12. The weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but powerful to God to the demolish strongholds, arguments and every high thing lifting up itself against the knowledge of God, bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of Christ, ready to avenge all disobedience ⇒ 2 Corinthians 10:4-6. Also read ⇒ Matthew 11:12.

Godly violence is forcefully changing the spiritual environment according to God-directed methods. Instead of sending them directly to hell, God temporarily sent the devil & demons to earth with limited power to *help* Christians mature. God wants us exercising His authority now; which we will be doing in larger scale later ⇒ 1 Corinthians 6:2-3. Spiritual violence is needed *now* as God wants to use us to bring His kingdom to earth.

What if I am not a violent person? You better *not* be violent! Godly violence is *not* the personal kind; it's spiritual. This means a paralytic could be spiritually violent. The term "praying Grandma" is a real example. I personally received powerful answers from my grandmother's prayers 5 time zones / 6,000 miles away, when neither one of us had any idea what was happening with the other. It's about **God's violence**, and not our own.

How does Godly violence work? Biblical example: Nero was Emperor and killing Christians when the Apostle Paul wrote Timothy between 65 and 67 A.D. to pray for kings and those in leadership ⇒ 1 Timothy 2:1-2. Paul did *not* harm Nero, but *did* pray. Nero *killed himself* in 68 A.D. and *none of his offspring lived* past 4 months old. Many examples exist regarding Israel... and the best is yet to come (read end times Scriptures).

How can I become spiritually violent? Keep learning Scripture because *that* is your primary spiritual weapon ⇒ Ephesians 6:17. Keep building intimacy with the Holy Spirit because *He* is God's voice to each individual on earth; God and Jesus are in Heaven ⇒ Ephesians 1:20. Using these, God instructs us to address certain evils around our lives. This can range from praying, maybe intensely, to actually doing things, maybe difficult.

What is a personal example? *Our children* live among strong evil opposition. We need to exercise spiritual authority *over* those evils, even if the kids now live elsewhere. Use Scripture and Holy Spirit directed prayer to demolish evil in its tracks. God honors our practice and maturity with spiritual discernment to increase our warfare effectiveness. Another example: capturing all *OUR* thoughts and making them line up with the Bible.

Do I need to be afraid of retaliation? We need to know who God is and who we are. **God has no competition**; never did; never will. Knowing *He* calls *us* to spiritual violence answers the question: fearing God removes all other fears ⇒ Psalm 27:1. Retaliation will be formed but is specifically cancelled by our Godly violence ⇒ Isaiah 54:16-17. God's warfare is *always all about victory because of Him*, no matter how long it takes! Hooray!

Do I have to be spiritually violent? Yes and you will *want* to be once you understand God empowers the obedient. Sometimes tough but always eventually enjoyable as your spiritual violence is **worship to God**, brings much needed **help to others** and **satisfaction to you**. Married couples make excellent co-warriors. **Time For Violence**♥ Loren Falzone