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“The soul who gives freely shall be made fat; and he who **waters** shall also be watered himself.” ⇨ Proverbs 11:25. The verb **water** means *slake: bathe, make drunk, (take the) fill, satiate, (abundantly) satisfy, soak, water (abundantly)*. How can these be **weapons**?

God does not want trials to conquer us ⇨ Romans 8:37; 1 Peter 4:12 “Beloved, do not be astonished at the fiery trial which is to try you, as though a strange thing happened to you”. Trials in living God’s way reveals His glory, which makes us **jump for joy**, literally translated ⇨ 1 Peter 4:13. **We have more to do** than to “count it all joy” ⇨ James 1:2...

Christians are **doers** ⇨ James 1:22-25. Regarding trials, we **wrestle**: “Put on the whole armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not **wrestle** against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the world's rulers, of the darkness of this age, **against spiritual wickedness** in high places. Therefore take to yourselves the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having **done** all, to stand.” ⇨ Ephesians 6:11-13. Look closely at this:

Ephesians 6:14-18 ⇨ goes on to say what wrestling consists of, identifying faith for quenching fiery trials. **Understand this** (because immature Christians do not): we **do not** fight the *symptoms of sin* we see; we **do** fight the spiritual *powers of sin* we do **not** see:

☑ Overcoming evil with good ⇨ Romans 12:21.

☑ Dealing with another Christian ⇨ 2 Thessalonians 3:12-16.

☑ Dealing with a non-Christian ⇨ Romans 12:20 (**note**: “heaping coals of fire on his head” means sharing your live coals from your fire (holder-hat) with your enemy whose fire has gone out. Immature Christians think this refers to revenge, which the previous verse just condemned! If this was you: repent, and move on).

Spiritual warfare is **ministry, not meanness**. **We** were enemies of God until Jesus saved us ⇨ Romans 5:10. Remember **how**: God’s **kindness** saved us ⇨ Romans 2:4; Ephesians 2:8, John 3:16. God’s **weapon** was **water** to our dry, evil soul. Jesus **did not** fight the *symptoms of our sin*; He **did** fight the *power of our sin*... just what we needed.

Besides teaching us how to minister to *others*, Jesus’ example teaches us how to live *our own life*: with **weapons of water**. The Bible, from beginning to end, uses **water** to represent **life** ⇨ Genesis 2:6, Revelation 22:17. **Water** is a spiritual **weapon** because the heart of spiritual warfare is life and death: “The thief does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly” (*literally* superabundantly) ⇨ John 10:10. Do we understand this yet??

Example: some ‘Christian’ voices used non-Christian weapons during the recent USA government election: **meanness** about the *symptoms of sin*, **not** addressing the *power of sin* behind them, and **not** using the **weapon of water** to **minister** to spiritual need. Maybe God refused to honor such ‘Christianity’ by putting ‘their opponent’ in office... faults and all! Judgment starts in God’s house ⇨ 1 Peter 4:17; perhaps they gave God no choice. On March 30, 1863 President Lincoln had a Day for National Humiliation, Fasting & Prayer!

Marriage example: yours! Got **Weapons Of Water** when you go through trials?? ♥