

WHAT THE GENUINE MUST BE AWARE OF AS FATHER CHASTISES

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Nugget

“When Your judgments are executed, people learn righteousness” (Isaiah 26:9).

The Holy Spirit Enables The Genuine To Be Gladiators

The Spirit and the armor of God create an invincible force!

Dear Friends in Christ Jesus our Lord,

If you're *genuinely* born again, you are indwelt by the Holy Spirit. Equipped with the spiritual armor of God, this means you are enabled to live as a gladiator with the **love-based courage** to engage in **spiritual warfare** for the souls of mankind. That's why we're writing this Nugget to encourage the *genuine* if you're not actively living as our Lord's gladiators: so that “[you] will come to [your] senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken [you] captive to do his will” (2Timothy 2:26). Reluctance and fear are among Satan's devices, and he is desperate to prevent you from having any burden for the salvation of those in your relational sphere. **If** our Lord Jesus came back today, would He find you armed with love-based courage as His gladiator?

“Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms” (see Ephesians 6:11-18 for details of your armor).

The spiritual weapons of God include your armor given you by the Holy Spirit. This enables even the weakest of the *genuine* to be spiritually mighty gladiators. NEVER THINK TOO LITTLE OF YOURSELF SINCE IT'S THE SPIRIT IN YOU WHO IS MIGHTY! We wrote **God's Instruments For War – Discovering & Coordinating Spiritual Gifts As Weapons of Warfare** to strengthen you and those with you in Christ to more effectively serve as Spirit-empowered gladiators. Prayerfully consider this: If you're falling short of this specific God-given purpose, then you may either be •entertaining sin or strongholds (1John 3:9), or perhaps •you don't even belong to our Lord Jesus. His Word explicitly warns, “*If anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ*” (Romans 8:9). If you're sinning, then repent and fulfill by the Spirit your part in the war for souls out of love for your Lord and for them. If you don't have the Spirit, read: **The Gospel of the Covenant is the Pilgrimage to Salvation** to help you become *genuinely* born again.



Keep reminding yourself that the **New Covenant** in which the *genuine* abide enables you to experience direct personal access to your heavenly Father *Abba*, to Jesus as your Lord, and to His indwelling Spirit. This is a blessed reality without the need for theological interpretations or religious rituals. Also, within the **New Covenant** are specific responsibilities given for the *genuine* in fulfilling your Father's will. And through the spiritual gifts apportioned to each of you, you're able to cooperate together in doing Father's will. Doing the will of God is anchored in the life of our Lord, so this should be the heart response too in every *genuine* follower of His:

- “For I have come down from heaven, not to do My own will but the **will of Him** Who sent Me” (John 6:38).
- “For whoever does the **will of God**, he is My brother and sister and mother” (Mark 3:35).
- “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the **will of My Father** Who is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21; see also John 7:17).
- “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the **will of God**, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:2; see also Ephesians 5:17; Colossians 1:9-12, 4:12; Hebrews 10:36; 1Peter 4:2; 1John 2:17).

The *Genuine* Are Christ's Gladiators; Not So The Scribes!

We've previously written two articles about the vast differences between the lives of gladiators and scribes. You'll find them helpful so you can appreciate the tremendous significance of loving and serving Christ as a *genuine* gladiator:

[*Avoid The Paralyzing Analysis Of The Scribes \(Part 1\):*](#)

[*Avoid The Paralyzing Analysis Of The Scribes \(Part 2\)*](#)

Here are some ways in which gladiators differ from scribes. Which best describes your experience?



Gladiators are guided and empowered by the Spirit of our Lord, fully aware of Father's grace toward them. Their love-based courage is a result of having put into action our Lord's commands in obedient trust. They're able to share their own personal experiences of spiritual empowerment and divine intervention as they are guided by the Holy Spirit's *rhema*, His specific word for them. They have learned by the Spirit's work in and through them to be living examples of absolute trust in the Lordship of Jesus. And through the Spirit they've lived repentantly so they might fully obey our Father's purposes for His glory (Ephesians 2:10).

Scribes are the theologians and teachers who hold such influence among nominal Christians. In scribal theology, the "learned" analyze and dissect the Bible to concoct their own biased comments and creedal positions. Having absolutely no experience of the Holy Spirit's *rhema* or His empowerment, scribes rely on their intellectual scribalism. In so doing they eradicate the Lordship of Jesus as well as the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Thus, scribal teaching is the nominal reproducing the nominal.



"I baptize you in water for repentance, but He Who comes after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you in the Holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

If you're *genuine* and are actively engaged in spiritual warfare against the devil, "fire" can refer to the gifts the Spirit has apportioned you to be used for Father's purposes for you (see Acts 2:2-4). Paul certainly understood how invaluable spiritual gifts are when he commanded his protégé, Timothy, ***"to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands"*** (2Timothy 1:6; see also 1Timothy 4:14). This encouragement ***"to fan into flame the gift of God"*** applies to every genuine follower of our Lord Jesus. The mutual cooperation of spiritual gifts are the Spirit's effective strategy against the devil in the spiritual battle for the souls of unbelievers.

"Fire" might also refer to the demonic counterattacks which the *genuine* experience in spiritual battle. The Spirit of our Lord enables the *genuine* to be powerful and victorious, but that doesn't mean they don't get wounded! Paul encourages us, ***"The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds"*** (2Corinthians 10:4). Our foremost weapon is the **Name of Jesus**, authority which He entrusted to the *genuine* (Mark 16:17,18). *Genuine* gladiators rely extensively on the Name of Jesus to evict demons to free the captive.

Finally, we wholeheartedly encourage you if you're *genuine* to fully embrace the life of a love-grounded courageous gladiator. By His grace we've lived this way and have experienced the fire in the gifts the Spirit has given us, as well as Satan's fiery darts (Ephesians 6:16). Our transition out of theological positioning and religious ritual required us to completely trust the Holy Spirit to guide us in applying God's Word. Experiencing the intimate relational connection we have with our Father, our Lord Jesus and the Holy Spirit is very precious to us. May you want the same for yourself.

