

## The Christian's Armor: The Sword of the Spirit

### Ephesians 6:17b

#### Study Questions

1. Hebrews 4:12 says the Word of God is *living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword...*
  - a. What does the context of Heb 4:12 tell us about how the Word of God warns those who disregard the Bible?
  
  - b. How does God's fulfillment of His Word encourage us to take it seriously?
  
  - c. How does the Word of God reveal the thoughts and intentions of the heart (see Prov 4:23; Mk 7:20-23; Matt 5:21-30; Jer 17:9)?
  
2. 1 Corinthians 2 describes a wisdom Christians have that is not understood by the world because it is *spiritual*. God has given us this wisdom through His Spirit (2:10), and so through His Spirit, we have "the mind of Christ." (2:14)
  - a. How is it possible for Christians to understand the mind of the Lord?
  
  - b. In what sense do Christians have "the mind of Christ?"
  
  - c. Comparing 1 Corinthians 2 to Hebrews 4:12, what is the Word of God able to do for us initially (see 2 Tim 3:14-15; James 1:21)?
  
  - d. What does the Word of God continue to do for those who are committed to it (see 2 Tim 3:16-17; Ps 119; Col 1:28)?
  
3. The Word of God is described in this passage as "The Sword of the Spirit."
  - a. In what ways is the Word of God a defensive and offensive weapon?
  
  - b. How can the Word of God be used to resist temptation? (see Matt 4:1-11)
  
  - c. In what ways can we "sharpen our sword" as Christians for when times of difficulty and temptation come?
  
  - d. How can we take the Word of God offensively into the world to make God known (see Rom 10:14-17)?