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Part 4: "The Art of War"

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I CAN ACTUALLY DEFEAT EVIL IN MY LIFE IF I CAN REMEMBER TO...

1.	MY SIGHTS.
	"For we are <u>not fighting against flesh-and-blood</u> enemies, but against <u>evil rulers and authorities</u> <u>of the unseen world</u> , against mighty powers in this dark world, and against <u>evil spirits in the heavenly places</u> ." Ephesians 6:12 (NLT)
2.	KEEP FOXHOLE
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"I am absolutely sure that nothing is 'unclean' in itself. The Lord Jesus has convinced me of this. But someone may consider a thing to be 'unclean.' If they do, it is 'unclean' for them. Your brother or sister may be upset by what you eat. If they are, you are no longer acting as though you love them. So don't destroy them by what you eat. Remember that Christ died for them. So suppose you know something is good. Then don't let it be spoken of as if it were evil. God's kingdom is not about eating or drinking. It is about doing what is right and having peace and joy. All this comes through the Holy Spirit. Those who serve Christ

in this way are pleasing to God. They are pleasing to people too. So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build up one another. Don't destroy the work of God because of food. All food is 'clean.' But it's wrong to eat anything that might cause problems for someone else's faith. Don't eat meat if it causes your brother or sister to sin. Don't drink wine or do anything else that will make them sin. Whatever you believe about these things, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the person who doesn't feel quilty for what they do. But whoever has doubts about what they eat is guilty if they eat. That's because their eating is not based on faith. Everything that is not based on faith is sin."

Romans 14:14-23 (NIRV)

"Stop doing anything evil, and do good. Look for peace, and do all you can to help people live peacefully."

Psalm 34:14 (ERV)

"So then, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but now even more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling."

Philippians 2:12 (HCSB)

3.	USE ONLY	THE	

"Do not retaliate with evil, regardless of the evil brought against you. Try to do what is good and right and honorable as agreed upon by all people. If it is within your power, make peace with all people. Again, my loved ones, do not seek revenge; instead, allow God's wrath to make sure justice is served. <u>Turn it</u> <u>over to Him</u>. For the Scriptures say, 'Revenge is Mine. I will settle all scores.' But consider this bit of wisdom: "If your enemy is hungry, give him something to eat. If he is thirsty, give him something to drink; because if you treat him kindly, it will be like heaping hot coals on top of his head.' <u>Never let evil</u> get the best of you; instead, <u>overpower evil with the good</u>."

Romans 12:17-21 (TVB)

"Finally, all of you should agree and have concern and love for each other. You should also be kind and humble. Don't be hateful and insult people just because they are hateful and insult you. Instead, treat everyone with kindness. You are God's chosen ones, and he will bless you. The Scriptures say, 'Do you really love life? Do you want to be happy? Then stop saying cruel things and quit telling lies. Give up your evil ways and do right, as you find and follow the road to peace. The Lord watches over everyone who obeys him, and he listens to their prayers. But he opposes everyone who does evil."

1 Peter 3:8-12 (CEV)