
SPIRITUAL MAPPING FOR EFFECTIVE SPIRITUAL WARFARE – Part 2

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2. Why Should You Spiritually Map an Area?

In the following scripture we see that the Lord had Moses send spies into the land to find out specific details concerning the land. He wanted them to possess the land, not just move in and blend.

"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, 'Send thou men, that they may search the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel; of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, everyone a ruler among them. ... And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, 'Get you up this way southward, and go up into the mountain; and see the land, what it is and the people that dwelleth therein, whether they be strong [hard, bold, violent] or weak [slack in mind and body], few or many; and what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good [bountiful, better, best] or bad [in affliction, adversity, calamity]; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in tents [a temporary inhabitant of the land, migrant transient], or in strong holds [permanent residents]; and what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage and bring of the fruit of the land'; Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes." Numbers 13:1-2, 17-20

They also noted the people groupings and their locations within the land.

"The Amalekites dwell in the land of the south; and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and by the coast of Jordan." Numbers 13:29

The Apostle Paul did some spiritual reconnaissance while in Athens which revealed to him the city had been given over to idols. The result of his studying and surveying better equipped him for addressing the leaders of the city and later evangelizing the area.

"Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred in him, when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. ... Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, 'Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too super-stitious. For as I passed by, and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription, TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Whom therefore ye ignorantly worship, Him declare I unto you.'" Acts 17:16, 22-23

You need to be firm in your understanding of spiritual mapping and spiritual warfare. In almost anything you do, you will be challenged by someone at some time, as to the work you are doing.

Before you step into a mapping and/or warfare project, you need to know that you have been called by God to do so. Know where you stand scripturally, not as a means of defence, but as a confidence in what you are doing.

Today, when we scout out our land, what are we looking for? What is the spiritual land like? Do we have camps or strongholds of pornography? Does our city have camps of homosexuality, alcohol abuse, drugs? Is our city held by strongholds of poverty, debt, maybe greed? What camps have joined forces in order to accomplish a greater work? Don't be fooled by thinking that the camps of darkness don't strategize and even work together. They do! Our mapping exposed a treaty, of sorts, between two camps. We noticed that everywhere there was the presence of Santeria (an ancient religion with African roots that includes animal sacrifices, prevalent among Cubans), there were a number of places that promoted pornography. One work enabled and strengthened another. To deal in warfare with one camp and not the other would be futile. Similarly ties were exposed between homosexuality and new age works.

We cannot merely go to church services on Sundays, and Bible studies during the week, and know what is going on in our communities. We need to invest the time and energy it takes to scout out the land.

Years ago when my husband and I were weighing renting a particular house, we strongly considered the neighbourhood. We first visited to see the house about ten o'clock in the morning. Everything in the neighbourhood looked quiet and well manicured. I decided, however, to pay a return visit in the early evening. I found a different picture. Older teenagers congregated in front yards playing loud music, smoking, and girls scantily dressed were hanging on boys. Younger children were playing ball in the street while cursing flowed out of their mouths with no hesitation. Well, we had four small children at that time and felt that this was not the place for us to rear them in their formative years. When we consider a house, don't we as well consider the school district involved? What stores are close to which our children could bicycle?

God wants us to learn to scout out the land. No neighbourhood is perfect. We need to know how the enemy is operating in our area and seek the Lord for His strategy to bring in righteousness.

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