

# IronWorks: **SWORD MASTERY**

**“Mastering Perspective” April 3 & 8, 2009**

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How does a Sword Master operate in an environment that gravitates toward disorder?

PERSPECTIVE: STANDING TRUE IN A DISORDERED ENVIRONMENT

## ① **Oriented by the Word:**

*“For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”*

Hebrews 4:12

Exercises:

Read and reflect: Proverbs; Joshua; Nehemiah; Luke-Acts; Romans

Train your mind:

The Case for Christ, by Lee Strobel (also: The Case for Faith)

Reason for God, by Timothy Keller

Champagne for the Soul, by Mike Mason

Buy a Study Bible

## ② **Guided by the Holy Spirit:**

*“Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.” Galatians 5:25*

Operations of the Spirit:

Assurance: Romans 8:14-15

Conviction of sin: John 16:8

Equipping for ministry: Ephesians 4:11, 12

Filling and empowering: Ephesians 5:17; 1 Corinthians 12

Exercises:

Pray: Ephesians 3:16-21

Worship: Personal and corporate

My Utmost for His Highest, by Oswald Chambers

Use media; limit media

③ **Alert to Relationships:**

**MasterCard memory verse:**

*“So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.” 2 Corinthians 5:16*

God knows where I am!

My neighbor is not my enemy!

I have been given so that I can give!

TRUE PERSPECTIVE IS SEEING PEOPLE FROM GOD’S POINT OF VIEW.

**Small Group Discussion Questions:**

- ① How is a truth from the Word of God affecting your perspective today?
- ② How do you feed yourself spiritually outside of meetings and worship services?
- ③ How is your life or lifestyle changing because of the Holy Spirit’s promptings and guidance?
- ④ Name a person or two whom you need to see from God’s perspective. Pray for them, and for your opportunities to show God’s grace as a witness.