**Noonday & Wednesday Bible Study**

**New Thoughts for a New Year**

**Session 7, Part 1: Fighting an Invisible Foe**

**Ephesians 2:1-2**

**The Physical Realm of War**

* missiles blaring
* guns blazing
* bombs blasting

***With ease, we visibly perceive the ravages of war with our five senses!***

**The Physical Effects of Spiritual Realm**

* visible effects of invisible foe:
	+ daily lives
	+ relationships
	+ health
	+ wealth

***Part of the challenge to live a successful and prosperous life lies in the fact that Westerners often relate to Satan, demons, and principalities as if they are fictional characters like Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny!***

**Spiritual Cryptographers**

* we:
	+ unlock plots, plans, and participants
	+ uncover hidden schemes
	+ understand spiritual matters

***Proverbs 1:6***

***Like the Cryptologists demonstrate, so much of spiritual intelligence is not only learning to decode clues, but also having the divine insight to solve the riddle!***

**The Gift of Discernment**

* understand:
	+ how the spirit world actually works
	+ what it is believers are dealing with
	+ who it is we are at war with

***Ephesians 2:1-2***