

Ephesians 6:10-13
Spiritual Warfare

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Ephesians 6:10-13; I Peter 5:6-9;
Matthew 4:3, 5-6, 8-10; John 5:44

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¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. Ephesians 6:10-11

¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Ephesians 6:12

There is a lot of evil in this world that isn't of human origin.

¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. Ephesians 6:13

Two great mistakes: Discount spiritual evil OR See it everywhere

Recognize your enemy. Know their tactics. Plan to resist.

The Satan and The Devil

The adversary: He operates as a deceiver, or as an accuser. He uses all of this against you in collaboration with your sinful nature.

- I'm good: You are the hero of all of your stories.
- I'm good, (but you're not): Chronically talks bad about other people. Common for conflicted marriages and work environments.
- You're good (but I am not): Always putting themselves down. Strategy to get people to compliment them by saying, "No you are good."
- I'm Helpless, I Suffer: "Why does it always happen to me?" Victim mentality, they don't have to think about resolving anything because they aren't responsible.
- I'm blameless: "See what you made me do". Gives excuses for behavior and choices.
- I'm fragile: Avoids being held responsible by advertising that they are fragile. "I can't handle what other people handle."
- I'm tough: Two versions--
 - Psychologically: "I can handle a lot." They always talk about what they are doing, not how they are doing.
 - Physically: "I'm hard, dangerous, and sometimes violent."
- I know it all: No matter the subject, they know all about it. They only ask questions because they want to give the answer.

⁶ So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor. ⁷ Give all your worries and cares to God, for he cares about you. 1 Peter 5:6-7

⁸ Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8

⁹ Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith. Remember that your family of believers all over the world is going through the same kind of suffering you are. 1 Peter 5:9

There is strength in numbers. God's strength is available for you. You can't stand up to your enemy without it.

³ During that time the devil came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become loaves of bread." Matthew 4:3

⁵ Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, ⁶ and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, 'He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone.'" Matthew 4:5-6

The purpose of accusation is to give you a low view of yourself to get you to do things you shouldn't. Using shame to motivate or discourage.

⁸ Next the devil took him to the peak of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ "I will give it all to you," he said, "if you will kneel down and worship me." Matthew 4:8-9

The purpose of temptation is to give you too high of a view of yourself to get you to do something you shouldn't. Appealing to your pride.

¹⁰ "Get out of here, Satan," Jesus told him. "For the Scriptures say, 'You must worship the LORD your God and serve only him.'" Matthew 4:10

In temptation Satan is hiding from you the Holiness of God and he plays up the love.
In accusation he is hiding from you the love of God and he holds up holiness and wrath.

When I listen to the accusations and temptations in my mind, who am I worshipping and serving?

⁴⁴ You try to get praise from each other, but you do not try to get the praise that comes from the only God. So how can you believe? John 5:44

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