

Destructive power

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Adversaries

Eph 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. **14** Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

We have spent some time on discussing the reality that Christ has given us victory over the enemy. We also shortly discussed how we should overcome satan or any adversary. Still, defeating the enemy is a much more personal and practical matter. How does it relate back to the way we do things. How do we destroy our enemy? How do we recognize him? What are the things we should or should not do?

1. Understanding when to attack

1.1. We are in constant battle, yet we have to identify the attack

1.2. Discover the area of attack

- Although the battle is constant you still have to discover the real area of attack
- Not knowing the precise area you are attacked will make your battle useless
 - Firstly you will battle the wrong enemy and cause another attack
 - Secondly you will still be attacked with your attention distracted

1.3. Discover the specific enemy

- If you know the enemy attacking you it will change your battle plan.
- Identify whether it is satan or yourself

1.4. Making battle constantly is useless

- a) You have to realize that satan can also win time by keeping you busy with fighting him.
 - This is one of the oldest strategies of the enemy.

1.5. Decide the reason for attack

a) Permission granted

- Sometimes we grant permission for an attack in our lives by sin
- Sometimes God grants permission for an attack

b) Permission taken

- Sometimes the enemy attacks because he assumes you will allow it.

1.6. Discover your position of attack

a) Ensure that you attack from a position where you can actually win

- You might not have the advantage to defeat your enemy because you are not equipped properly. (Scripture, prayer, Fasting)

b) Attack from a position in Christ.

c) Attack from a position of authority

2. When you attack

2.1. Use the right attack strategy

- a) Cutting off resources could be a great strategy
- b) Attack Directly
- c) Bless the opposite instead of fighting to defeat the enemy

2.2. Keep on doing battle

- a) Do not grow weary
- b) Every day is more important than hard attack

Things to think and do

- Do you have an enemy?
- Are you an formidable opponent?

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