

The Invisible War!

Part One—Know Your Enemy

I. The question is often asked: are we really in a war?

1 Timothy 1:18 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare. (NKJV)

1 Timothy 6:12 fight the good fight of faith lay hold on eternal life (NKJV)

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.(NKJV)

2 Timothy 2:3 therefore we are not must endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ (NKJV)

2 Timothy 2:4 engaged in warfare, entangled himself with the affairs of this life that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier. (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 16:13 stand in the faith, be brave, be strong. (NKJV)

10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. **11** Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. **12** For our struggle is not against [a]flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. **13** Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist on the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. **14** Stand firm therefore, having belted your waist with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, **15** and having strapped on your feet the preparation of the gospel of peace; **16** [b]in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming

arrows of the evil *one*. **17** And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

18 [c]With every prayer and request, [d]pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, [e]be alert with all perseverance and every request for all the [f]saints, Ephesians 6:10-18 (NASB)

II. Studying Satan's game.

We wrestle not against flesh blood, but against the powers and rulers in the spiritual realm.

Finally be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might . Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. Ephesians 6:10-11

2 Corinthians 11:14 that Satan disguises himself as an angel of light

The Enemy has an agenda!

1. Satan's first agenda is the individual.

Peter 2 tells us, Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil moves around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

2. His second agenda is the family.

3. Next on his agenda is the church.

Ephesians 4:3 says that we are to preserve the unity with the body of Christ.

4. The last item on Satan's agenda is society itself.

Philippians 4:6-8

Be anxious for nothing, but everything about prayer and supplication with Thanksgiving let your request be made known to God and the peace of God, will surpass all uncomprehending. Yaun will guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus.

Finally brother, whatever is true whatever is honorable whatever is right whatever is pure whatever is lovely whatever is a good repute if there is any excellence, and if anything worthy of praise dwell on these things.

III. I want to close out by talking about his strategies. We can see that he's got four stages in his strategy to defeat us.

1. The first stage begins with **desire**.
2. His next strategy is **deception**.
3. His next strategy is **disobedience**.

James 1:15 tells us when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin.

4. The last stage in the enemies strategy is **death**.