

Staying Awake and Staying Aware 1 Peter 5: 8 - 11

Two Spiritual Principles

- **Opposition** Before A Breakthrough AND **kickback** After A Breakthrough.
- Satan's ultimate desire is to **destroy** us, he at least wants to **neutralize** us.

Knowing Our Opponent

2 Corinthians 2:11 Schemes – “noéma” = **thoughts** and **purposes**.

Ephesians 6:11 Schemes – “methodeia” = **craftiness**.

Five of Satan's Primary Schemes

- **Doubt** (Genesis 3:1,4,5; Matt: 4:1-11)
- **Accusation** (Genesis 3:5; Rev. 12:10)
- **Division** (Isaiah 14:12; Lk 10:18; Rev. 9:1; 12:3-4)
- **Distractions** (Lk 4:11-15; Matt. 24:36-39)
- **Deception** (2 Cor. 4:4; John 8:44; Proverbs 14:12)

Distractions lead to **drifting**. Drifting leads to **compromise**.

Compromise can lead us **anywhere**, except **anywhere** we really want to go.

LifeGroup Questions: Applying the Teaching to Our Life

1. Do you believe we have an enemy who opposes God's work and God's will in our lives?
2. On a scale of 1 to 10, how awake and aware are you of the enemy's schemes?
3. Of the 5 primary schemes listed above, which one(s) has the enemy used the most to oppose your life of fruitfulness and faithfulness as a follower of Christ?
4. Of the 5 primary schemes listed above, which one(s) is the enemy using right now to oppose your life of fruitfulness and faithfulness as a follower of Christ?

Core Christlike Characteristic:

Trustworthy Steward of God's Resources/Living Surrendered