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Let us make sure of a fact – *though we will mention the devil often* – Jesus has and will destroy him.

And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day.

Jude 1:6

Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Matthew 25:41

And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time?

Matthew 8:29

He cannot alter your standing in Christ
or your eternal destiny, but he can
turn your life here inside out.

Your soul is your life.

A powerful creature wants to destroy
you in the sight of God and men.

Sensationalism or speculation are not my goals, but rather to warn each of you to fight a winning war.

How powerful is this enemy?

1. Bible says ... he is the god of this world.
2. Bible says ... prince of the power of the air.
3. Michael does not use railing accusations.
4. He can take any person captive at his will.
5. He brought violence on Job in succession.
6. He easily moved David and Peter to big sins.
7. By his army he knows and does very much.

This subject can only be known by
revelation, not by rationalization,
research, rumor, or other ways.

Human senses of sight and hearing
are precious indeed, but rather
helpless to research spirits.

In a Darwinian world, spirits or the supernatural are ignored; the devil and angels are mocked like a joke.

God is a Spirit.
Angels are spirits.
Fallen angels are spirits.
There is a spirit world.
You have a spirit.

We usually only think of our physical lives in bodies – so we foolishly understate the spirit world.

We usually only think of what our five senses help us identify, but there is a whole different realm.

Think much deeper than your eyes.

You see clothes and a face.

There are underclothes.

Then there is skin.

Then organs.

Processes.

Vitality.

Spirit?

The power and risk of the spirit realm
is far greater than the danger you
can detect with five senses.

The air is not just for breathing; it also holds created spirits, both good and bad, that are always around us.

He is prince of the power of the air.

So we will open many pages of scripture and find everything our Lord and Savior wants us to know about this raging spiritual warfare.

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

II Timothy 3:16-17

There have been and are great
conflicts outside our senses of
spirits fighting for good or evil.

We recently studied John the Baptist,
who prepared Israel for Jesus by
restoring relationships.

But God cursed the wicked generation
to destruction and ruin by giving
them over to the devil.

5 Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

6 And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

Malachi 4:5-6

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to his baptism, he said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?

Matthew 3:7

43 When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.

44 Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.

45 Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation.

Matthew 12:43-45

When God gave Israel over to Satan,
the Jews became the most rabid
generation known on earth.

And with many other words did he testify and exhort,
saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation.

Acts 2:40

15 Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men:

16 Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

I Thessalonians 2:15-16

So ended the external Jewish church
and nation in unprecedented God-
forsaken evil, pain, and trouble.

We live in the most peaceful,
prosperous, and protected situation
that any Christians have ever enjoyed.

This illusion can deceive you!

And he gave them their request;
but sent leanness into their soul.

Psalm 106:15

For the turning away of the simple shall slay them,
and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them.

Proverbs 1:32

Let their table become a snare before them:
and that which should have been for their welfare,
let it become a trap.

Psalm 69:22

He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful.

Matthew 13:22

9 But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.

10 For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

I Timothy 6:9-10

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or attack while I preach!**

And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

Mark 4:15

8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith.

9 Then Saul, (who also is called Paul,) filled with the Holy Ghost, set his eyes on him,

10 And said, O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord?

Acts 13:8-10

A terrible war rages for your soul, and
you are a combatant in the fight,
whether you like it or not.

It is being fought against you even as
these first slides of introduction
are presented to you.

The consequences of ignorance or not
fighting can hardly be overstated ...
as it is for the ruin of your soul.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1 Peter 5:8





Pastor, you exaggerate ... *Really?*

Unhappy heart/mind

Miserable marriage

Rebellious children

Job progress lost

Few real friends

Assets reduced

Failing health

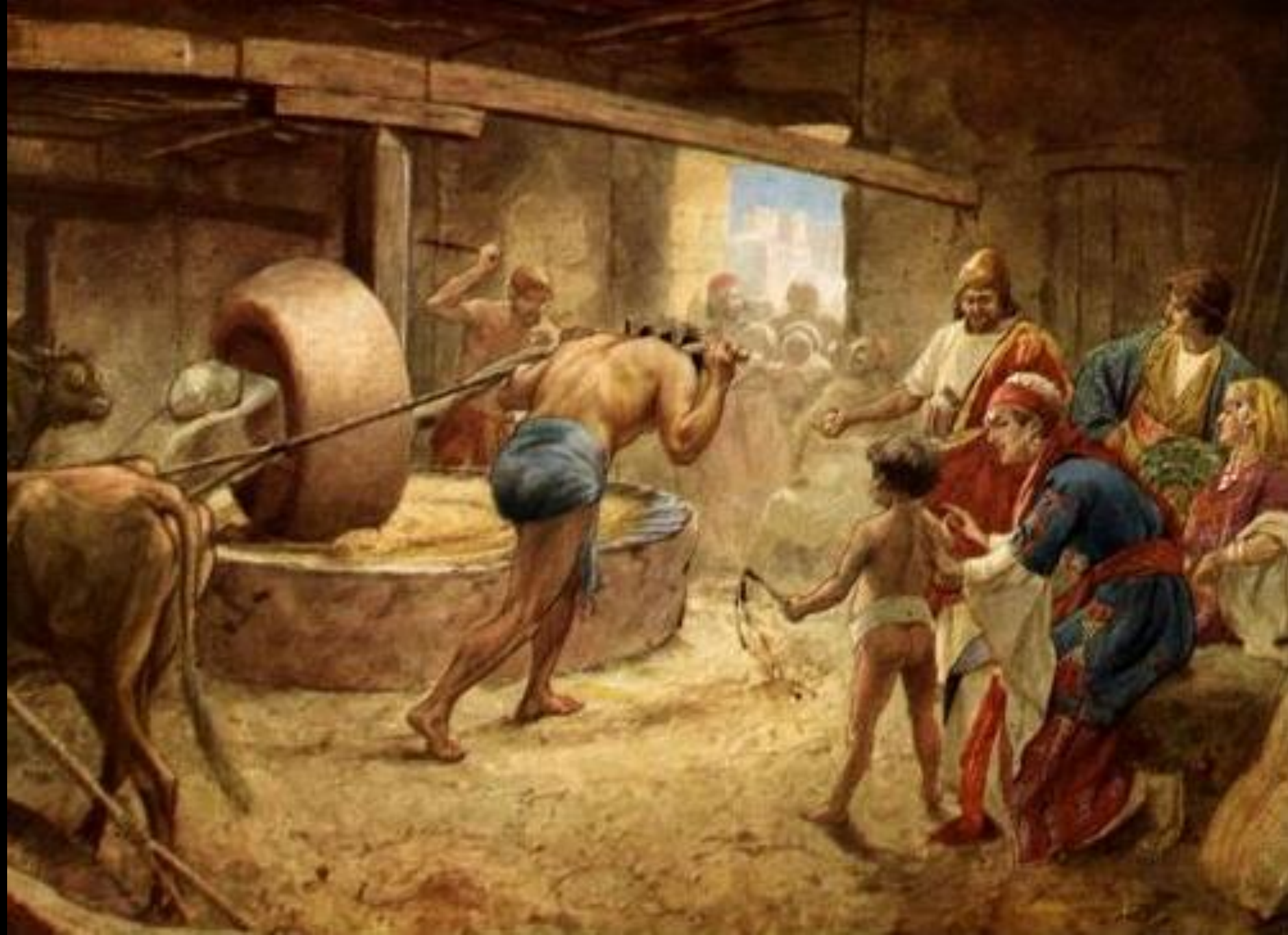
Fear to die

Suicidal

Think Lot!



Think Samson!



Think Solomon!

Solomon's grief at the end was likely
some of the worst in human history.

**It takes wisdom to know folly.
His conscience could truly kill.
Jeroboam like a hungry hyena.
1000 women wanting a piece.
Knowing of judgment coming.**

11 And thou mourn at the last, when thy flesh and thy body are consumed,

12 And say, How have I hated instruction, and my heart despised reproof;

13 And have not obeyed the voice of my teachers, nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!

14 I was almost in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly.

Proverbs 5:11-14

**What other-worldly power took
down the wisest man ever?**

If we give place to the devil by not
managing our monogamous
marriages, what of him?

Let us make a history run of Satan's
effect on the lives of individuals
and/or groups of men.

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Genesis 3:1

9 Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought?

10 Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land.

11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

Job 1:9-11

And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

I Chronicles 21:1

And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him.

Zechariah 3:1

17 And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit;
18 And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.

Mark 9:17-18

But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

Matthew 16:23

And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

John 13:2

And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

Luke 22:31

But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

Acts 5:3

To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

I Corinthians 5:5

Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

I Corinthians 7:5

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

II Corinthians 2:11

But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

II Corinthians 11:3

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

II Corinthians 11:14

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

II Corinthians 12:7-8

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:11-12

24 And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient,

25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

II Timothy 2:24-26

9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him....

17 And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ.

Revelation 12:9-17

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I have heard from members about trials this past week that were diabolical and destructive.

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or attack while I preach!**

Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken even that which he seemeth to have.

Luke 8:18

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We must not play games with Jesus'
name against a spirit who knows
true and false worshippers.

13 Then certain of the vagabond Jews, exorcists, took upon them to call over them which had evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying, We adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth.

14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, and chief of the priests, which did so.

15 And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

Acts 19:13-15

16 And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and overcame them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

17 And this was known to all the Jews and Greeks also dwelling at Ephesus; and fear fell on them all, and the name of the Lord Jesus was magnified.

18 And many that believed came, and confessed, and shewed their deeds.

Acts 19:16-18

It is not pronouncing Jesus' name that worked but rather trust in the name by an obedient believer – Paul.

Paul could cast out devils as one of the apostolic sign gifts, which went away as surely as taking up serpents.

There is not a hint of doing any such things by ministers like Timothy and Titus in 13 chapters written to them.

My grandfather was a Spiritist,
communicating with spirits,
until saved in 1928.

He did not escape the devil by a deliverance ministry or exorcism but rather by faith in Jesus Christ.

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Jesus the Son of God, fully divine and
fully human, has defeated Satan
and all evil spirits for us.

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Genesis 3:15

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Hebrews 2:14

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

I John 3:8

Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

John 12:31

And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 2:15

But remember, the five verses we just read are about the legal phase of salvation, not the practical.

Jesus defeated Satan legally at the cross and will cast him into hellfire, but we have a daily war to fight now.

Despite knowing his coming ruin and torment, he is committed to hateful rage against God and His children.

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them.
Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the
devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because
he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Revelation 12:12

3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more....

7 And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

8 And shall go out to deceive the nations ... to gather them together to battle....

9 And they compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city....

Revelation 20:3-9

God in infinite wisdom for His drama of the universe created and allowed an enemy He would finally destroy.

In wisdom He allows the enemy to devour believers, if they ignore His strength and strategies.

Let us forget such broad strokes and wide view of human existence to focus on Satan's war with you.

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1 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.

2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred.

3 And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread.

Matthew 4:1-3

The devil went after a practical need
Jesus had due to His long fasting.

How wise is it to work too many hours
and/or play too many hours to
be sober and vigilant?

And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

Mark 4:15

Conviction against sin or for godliness
is one of God's greatest gifts to
be sought and protected.

Have you wondered how you can feel
it during preaching and resolve to
reform and quickly forget it?

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You need not do these things to lose:

Visit the witch of Endor
Offer children to Molech
Join First Church of Satan
Play with a Ouija Board
Contact Dead Relatives
Drink a Goat's Blood
Pray to the Moon

Simple faults can leave you exposed.

Physically Tired
Unfinished Projects
Spend Too Much
No Bible Reading
Unresolved Offences
Stuffed Calendar
Negative News
Television
Children

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The first line of resisting the devil is to eliminate practical situations of vulnerability.

We recently studied I Corinthians 7,
the Bible's marriage chapter.
It mentioned Satan.
Do you recall?

3 Let the husband render unto the wife due benevolence: and likewise also the wife unto the husband.

4 The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

I Corinthians 7:3-5

Satan went after a hungry Jesus.

He will attack you and/or your
spouse if sexually unhappy.

This is the word of God speaking to you about one of the most personal, practical, and dangerous parts of life.

Evil spirits in the air hate you, and they are happy to spread the word about your poor marital sex.

Spirits are in my bedroom?

Yes, of course!

They mock your lock!

And they see 20-20 in the dark!

And they hear words! and thoughts?

Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

Ecclesiastes 10:20

Solomon's point was the long ears of
kings to discover political rumors,
but Satan knows you better.

Satan goes to and fro in the earth,
and he walks up and down in it.
He knew every detail of Job.

Let Paul's warning about marital sex
extend to all aspects of marriage
and all other parts of life.

And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou?
Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to
and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.

Job 1:7

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1 Peter 5:8

Good angels are everywhere and
observe human conduct, so
why not evil angels?

4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou hast vowed.

5 Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay.

6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thine hands?

Ecclesiastes 5:6

For this cause ought the woman to have power on her head because of the angels.

I Corinthians 11:10

Your relationship with your spouse is
known to God and to the devil.

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

I Peter 3:7

You are in a spiritual war. Believe it!

The consequences of a poor marriage
hinder God and bring on the devil.

God timed 6 PPT lessons to exalt marriage during recent weeks.

Are you like Adam and Eve enjoying His world?

Or the Bible-reading couple in bed?

What are poor marriages?

Either spouse disappointed
Escape to porn or to novels
Harsh words or loud speech
Not praying together as heirs
Any cold war lasting overnight
Perfunctory partners w/o passion
No praise of spouse to others
Silent treatment for any time
Lack of regular verbal praise
Not celebrating life daily

If you really care, not wanting God to
desert you and Satan to get you,
then recall I Peter 3:1-7.

<https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2014/i-peter-3/>

And this have ye done again, covering the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping, and with crying out, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, or receiveth it with good will at your hand.

Malachi 2:13

What causes spousal tears or anger?

Wife hurt by his neglect
Husband hurt by pushback
Wife hurt by comparisons
Husband hurt by neglect
Wife hurt by his moods
Husband often nagged
Husband a spendthrift
Wife dotes on children

At this stage in our study, let us learn
that we give place to the devil by
dysfunctional marriages.

You may be able to hide dysfunction
from most other people, but you
cannot hide it from the devil.

If any wives gloat that the verses
were about husbands being too
harsh ... Proverbs is all about
odious wives, not husbands!

If any wives gloat that the verses
were about husbands being
too hard, there is more.

Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? curse God, and die.

Job 2:9

Who caused Job's wife to say such things to him in his great misery?

This study is about Satan getting into your life to destroy you.

14 I will therefore that the younger women marry, bear children, guide the house, give none occasion to the adversary to speak reproachfully.

15 For some are already turned aside after Satan.

I Timothy 5:14-15

Bitterness, envy, or strife from either spouse is devilish and from beneath.

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

James 3:14-16

A gentle, loving, merciful spirit is of David and Jesus. Anything else is another spirit not of those two.

And I am this day weak, though anointed king; and these men the sons of Zeruah be too hard for me: the LORD shall reward the doer of evil according to his wickedness.

II Samuel 3:39

But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of.

Luke 9:55

So it is our sober duty to make our marriages better for our defense and also for favor in heaven.

Neither give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4:27

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1 Peter 5:8

Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

1 Peter 5:9

Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

Examine heart, thoughts, feelings, and
all internal ideas and crush them into
absolute obedience to God's word.

Thinking mean thoughts of an enemy?

Tell yourself, *Stop!*
I am Jesus Christ's.
Pray for the enemy.

Thinking lustful fantasies of another?

Tell yourself, *Stop!*
I am Jesus Christ's.
Invest in your spouse.

Envious at the prosperity of others?

Tell yourself, *Stop!*
I am Jesus Christ's.
Text them some praise.

Sober and vigilant for your whole life.

Bitterness or Grudges

Disrespect Driving Laws

Cheat God's Work Ethic

Drink Past Moderation

Television Over Bible

Envy or Resent Others

Weak Prayer Life

Despise Rulers

Moody Whiner

Spend; No Saving

Worldly Music

Foolish Friends

Name-Calling

Doze in Sermons

The devil will leave you for easier prey.

How is spiritual victory so easy?

Finally, my brethren,
be strong in the Lord,
and in the power of his might.

Ephesians 6:10

I can do all things through Christ
which strengtheneth me.

philippians 4:13

Victory in Jesus!

Second Sunday ... May 30, 2021
First Sermon – Slides 88-189
Second Sermon – Slides 191-293

Learn the most powerful tool against
the devil and his personal attacks.

The war is spiritual.

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means Satan will win and destroy you.**

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:12

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Ephesians 2:2

We should not be surprised Ephesians identifies the war as spiritual.

<https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2017/the-holy-spirit-in-ephesians/>

The war is spiritual.

**Spiritual resistance compromised
means Satan will win and destroy you.**

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

II Timothy 3:5

Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, The temple of the LORD, are these.

Jeremiah 7:4

For they call themselves of the holy city, and stay themselves upon the God of Israel; The LORD of hosts is his name.

Isaiah 48:2

Spiritual compromise is common.

Isaiah 29:13-14

Isaiah 48:1-2

Isaiah 58:1-2

Jeremiah 7:1-15

Ezekiel 33:30-32

Micah 3:11

Matthew 15:7-9

I Corinthians 12:31

Paul by the Holy Spirit taught two actions of the believer in full armor.

He first taught standing
in a context of wrestling.

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:10-12

13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

Ephesians 6:13-14

Since we only know modern wrestling, the Holy Spirit's metaphor is weakened.

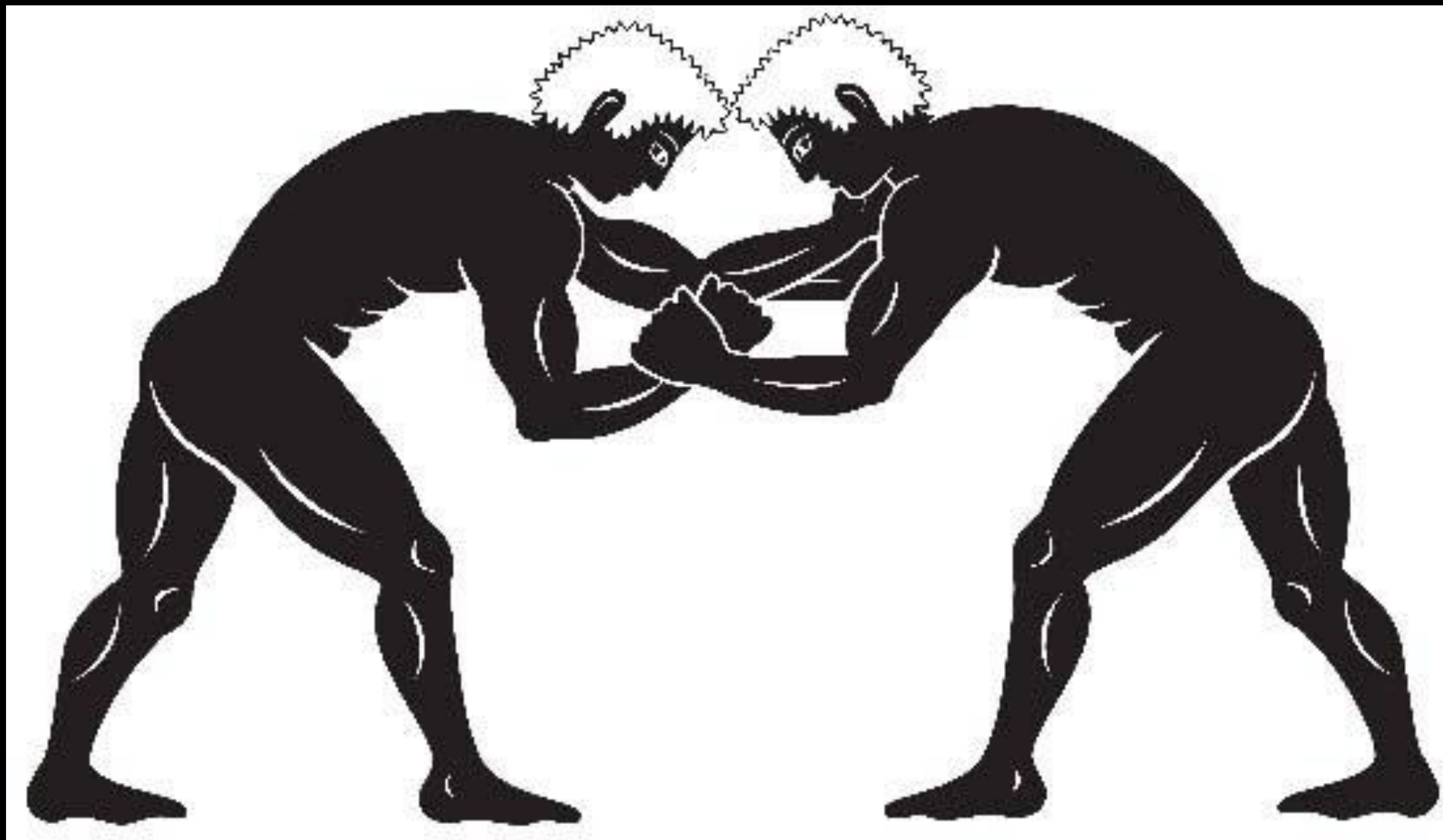
Paul lived in the social context of Greek games where wrestling ruled from 708 B.C. as best test of strength.







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Greek wrestling and Sumo wrestling
have one basic rule for you to lose –
other than your feet touch the mat.

In other words, you lose when you are taken down and any body part touches the mat.

In other words, you must withstand
all the force of the enemy to stand.

Now see wrestling while standing
as resisting any effort to
take you down.

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Will Satan force you down to the
mat of sin in your thoughts,
speech, or actions?

Are you vulnerable to a take down in
your marriage, job, child training,
use of alcohol, civil rebellion?

His wiles are trick moves to get you to
lose your stance and fall to the mat.

If you lightly viewed “standing” in this context, now you know much better.

Stand!

Do not let him take you down!

Stand!

In the power of Christ's might!

Paul by the Holy Spirit taught two actions of the believer in full armor.

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in a context of wrestling.

The second action is the best
and assists the first action.



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Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Ephesians 6:18

Prayer is the most powerful tool
against the devil and personal attacks.

Our study is about spiritual warfare.

The most spiritual activity is prayer.

Yes! Prayer is the winning action!

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Ephesians 6:18

This intense praying is like wrestling.

We recall Jacob wrestling with God.

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Ephesians 6:18

This praying is intense effort ...

Always

All Prayer

Supplication

In the Holy Spirit

Watching Thereunto

All Perseverance

All Saints

This praying is intense effort ...

Never Quitting
All Forms of Prayer
Begging and Pleading
With Holy Ghost Assistance
Vigilant in Every Direction
Importunately Faithful
For Your Brethren

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against the devil and personal attacks.

The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

James 5:16

28 And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out?

29 And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

Mark 9:28-29

7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

8 For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.

II Corinthians 12:7-8

But only right praying will work!

If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me:

Psalm 66:18

He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.

Proverbs 28:9

Therefore, you must eliminate every compromise with sin in thorough repentance for God to hear.

God has not and never will forgive the devil for his first sin or any sin since.

But we can confess and repent ... be forgiven ... and make prayer powerful!

27 He looketh upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, and it profited me not;

28 He will deliver his soul from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light.

Job 33:27-28

I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.

Psalm 32:5

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso
confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

Proverbs 28:13

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 55:7

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

I John 1:9

But only right praying will work!

But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.

Matthew 6:7

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer: therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.

Matthew 23:14

Why do we need to pray in the Spirit?

20 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

21 Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

Jude 1:20-21

Because the Spirit must be present
with power for successful living.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

Romans 15:13

Because the Holy Spirit greatly
enhances our fervency and content.

26 Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

27 And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:26-27

How do we pray in the Spirit?

How do I pray in the Spirit?

Get Full of Him

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

Ephesians 5:18

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?

Luke 11:13

How do I pray in the Spirit?

Get Full of Him
Submit to His Will

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

I John 5:14

Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts.

James 4:3

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Get Full of Him

Submit to His Will

Walk in the Holy Spirit

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Galatians 5:16

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,
longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Galatians 5:22-23

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Get Full of Him

Submit to His Will

Walk in the Holy Spirit

Avoid Hindering Conduct

And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.

Ephesians 4:30

Quench not the Spirit.

I Thessalonians 5:19

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But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and he fought against them.

Isaiah 63:10

14 But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him.

15 And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee.

I Samuel 16:14-15

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The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart;
and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

Psalm 34:18

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

Psalm 51:17

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Mind the Spiritual

5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Romans 8:5-6

18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

Philippians 3:18-19

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And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be taken away from thee. And Elisha said, I pray thee, let a double portion of thy spirit be upon me.

II Kings 2:9

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Ask to Do So

And now, O LORD my God, thou hast made thy servant king instead of David my father: and I am but a little child: I know not how to go out or come in.

I Kings 3:7

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.

James 1:5

And it came to pass, that, as he was praying in a certain place, when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.

Luke 11:1

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Will you stand and not go down?

Will you rightly pray for all saints?

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The War for Your Soul

My goal in these messages is to make
Satan as personal and practical as
he is in his plan to devour you.

While he has other campaigns to destroy churches and nations, we see the Bible's personal emphasis.

You need to think of him sitting on your shoulder, waiting in your car, and living in your bedroom, etc.

Be sober,
be vigilant;
because your adversary
the devil,
as a roaring lion,
walketh about,
seeking whom he may devour:

1 Peter 5:8







Our adversary is not ...

Antifa

BLM

Communists

Democrats

Educators

Fauci

Our danger is not ...

Socialism

GMO Foods

Vaccinations

Gun Seizures

Illegal Aliens

War with China

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood,
but against principalities,
against powers,
against the rulers of the darkness of this world,
against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Ephesians 6:12

Our adversary may be ranked?

Satan
Thrones
Dominions
Principalities
Powers
Might
Legion
Devils

See Dan 10:13,21; I Thess 4:16; Jude 1:9;
Eph 1:21; 6:11-12; Col 1:16; I Pet 3:22.

We try to avoid the word *demon*,
for it is not found in our Bibles.

Fallen angels are called *devils* 48
times, under a chief, called the Devil.

The two sermons today may
be summarized as **BAD**.

The devil is **BAD**.
He wants you to be **BAD**.
His three main tools are **BAD**.
The world is all his, and it is **BAD**.
He directs your old nature to be **BAD**.

What do I mean by **BAD**?

B = Bitterness

A = Arrogance

D = Deceit

Where **Bitterness** includes:

Anger

Murder

Debate

Revenge

Envy

Scorn

Grudges

Strife

Hatred

Unforgiveness

Where **Arrogance** includes:

Conceit

Haughtiness

Pride

Puffed Up

Vanity

Where **Deceit** includes:

Error

Heresy

Hypocrisy

Lies

Slander

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We should live like David committed
to live in Psalm 101 ... 14 x ***I will!***

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2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way. O when wilt thou come unto me? I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

3 I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off: him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

Psalm 101

In a study like this, we can never lose sight or faith in the fact Satan has been and will be defeated.

Jesus Is His Creator, Ruler, and Judge,
and Satan knows these certain facts.

And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Genesis 3:15

33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,
34 Saying, Let us alone; what have we to do with thee, thou Jesus of Nazareth? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art; the Holy One of God.

Luke 4:33-34

And the evil spirit answered and said, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

Acts 19:15

Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them.
Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the
devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because
he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

Revelation 12:12

Satan has never done anything God
did not allow or plan for him to do.

We should never give him credit
above what scripture grants him.

Only God holds dominion in this universe, not the devil His creature.

A controversy on this matter early in my life gave me confidence about it.

11 But put forth thine hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will curse thee to thy face.

12 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thine hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of the LORD.

Job 1:11-12

And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

Job 2:3

5 But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face.

6 And the LORD said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thine hand; but save his life.

Job 2:5-6

The devils even had to ask Jesus
for permission to enter pigs.

30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding.

31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine.

32 And he said unto them, **Go**. And when they were come out, they went into the herd of swine: and, behold, the whole herd of swine ran violently down a steep place into the sea, and perished in the waters.

Matthew 8:30-32

These diabolical fiends turned a man
into a lunatic ... and then pigs as well.

Fools or ignorant Christians may say,

The devil made me do it.

But God holds sinners guilty even if
He allowed Satan to influence them.

And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

I Timothy 2:14

Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee.

Genesis 3:16

And Satan stood up against Israel, and provoked David to number Israel.

I Chronicles 21:1

And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing: but now, I beseech thee, do away the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

I Chronicles 21:8

And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done evil indeed; but as for these sheep, what have they done? let thine hand, I pray thee, O LORD my God, be on me, and on my father's house; but not on thy people, that they should be plagued.

I Chronicles 21:17

31 And the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat:

32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.

Luke 22:31-32

61 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said unto him, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice.

62 And Peter went out, and wept bitterly.

Luke 22:61-62

3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost, and to keep back part of the price of the land?

4 Whiles it remained, was it not thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thine own power? why hast thou conceived this thing in thine heart? thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down, and gave up the ghost: and great fear came on all them that heard these things.

Acts 5:3-5

Satan used lying to kill Ananias and
Sapphira by the just judgment of God.

These examples should cause caution
... but never to blame God or the devil
... and to vigilantly resist his devices.

Let us look further into the nature of
this diabolical fiend and his lusts.

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Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.

John 8:44

Our Lord's remarkable words, beyond saying the Jews were Satan's children, identified two of his greatest traits.

Satan was a murderer from the start.

Satan is the first liar and void of truth;
lies are his tool; he is father of lies.

Try to imagine a worse pair of lusts
than taking truth and life from men?

Is there a worse creature than one
vicious enough to lie and then to kill?

The first murderer was Satan in Eden.

The first murderer was Cain by Satan.

Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

Hebrews 2:14

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

Romans 5:12

He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

I John 3:8

And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

Genesis 4:8

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

I John 3:11-13

Anything leading in the direction of
murder is a device of the devil.

This opens a whole field of study,
which has been taught before in
different ways at different times.

Where **Bitterness** includes:

Anger

Murder

Debate

Revenge

Envy

Scorn

Grudges

Strife

Hatred

Unforgiveness

14 But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth.

15 This wisdom descendeth not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish.

16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.

James 3:14-16

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Bitterness, envy, and strife are devilish
leading to confusion, evil, and lunacy.

Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God;
lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and
thereby many be defiled;

Hebrews 12:15

Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them.

Colossians 3:19

What is bitterness?

It is an offence held in memory to
justify criticism or resentment.

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murder is a device of the devil.

I have heard and seen bitterness in
my life that has shocked me,
because it is lunatic.

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justify criticism or resentment.

Glorious and godly men defer anger
and pass over transgressions.

The discretion of a man deferreth his anger;
and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

Proverbs 19:11

We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not;
but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself,
and that wicked one toucheth him not.

I John 5:18

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31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

32 And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

Ephesians 4:31-32

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Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous;
but who is able to stand before envy?

Proverbs 27:4

Bitterness and God's hatred of it
have been preached in detail.

<https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2000/bitterness-will-destroy-you/>

<https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2002/forgotten-sins/>

<https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2003/colossians-3/>

<https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2014/sins-of-the-heart/>

Many references against bitterness
have been made by James 3:14-16.

Pastor, you are really worked up about bitterness leading to murder and any similar things being Satan's devices.

I have only just begun. Hold on.
Let's see how clear we can make it.

21 Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, **Thou shalt not kill**; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

22 But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

Matthew 5:21-22

Jesus the Lord of glory and Head of
this church declares that merely
unjustified anger is murder.

The **WITHOUT A CAUSE** modifier in this warning from Jesus is by God's definition only, not by yours at all.

Every single person that has ever
been angry has believed and would
tell you that they had sufficient cause.

Your effort to defend yourself and
your sin is the devil speaking in you.

23 Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar, and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee;

24 Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift.

25 Agree with thine adversary quickly, whiles thou art in the way with him; lest at any time the adversary deliver thee to the judge, and the judge deliver thee to the officer, and thou be cast into prison.

26 Verily I say unto thee, Thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou hast paid the uttermost farthing.

Matthew 5:21-22

God hates every difference between men, no matter who started it, and He expects us to end them or else!

Grudge not one against another, brethren,
lest ye be condemned:
behold, the judge standeth before the door.

James 5:9

God rejects Bible reading, prayer, or church attendance if there is anger or anything tending toward murder.

Some people live in the past, holding on to offences, which gives place to the devil and destroys all worship.

If you are angry or bitter by anything
before today, you are sinning today.

If you have any of eleven **BAD** sins ...

**God has not heard your prayers.
God has not accepted your worship.
God has not opened His word to you.**

Millions of Christians go to church,
read the Bible, and pray ... with it
all offending God due to bitterness.

Neither give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4:27

This simple clause should terrify you.

How do we give place to the devil?

How do we let him into our lives?

How do we give him advantage?

How do I let that roaring lion and
diabolical fiend and devourer
into my life?

Neither give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4:27

26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath:

27 Neither give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4:26-27

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Jesus said ... *unjustified anger is murder.*

Paul said ... *anger gives place to Satan.*

Anger is one of many sins against others
that tends toward murder, making
you a child of the devil.

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II Corinthians 2:11

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This is exactly what we want to know.

How can we learn Satan's devices to
deprive him of any advantage to
capture and devour us?

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II Corinthians 2:11

10 To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also: for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it, for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;

11 Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

II Corinthians 2:10-11

This plain, powerful, simple passage
is priceless in our spiritual war.

Do you understand it?
Do you tremble before it?
Will you obey its warning?

Satan's device to gain an advantage
over us is not forgiving others!

Only idiots or rebels can be ignorant,
for this fits perfectly with everything
we have seen in scripture this far.

Where **Bitterness** includes:

Anger

Murder

Debate

Revenge

Envy

Scorn

Grudges

Strife

Hatred

Unforgiveness

The person needing to be forgiven
was the wicked and profane sinner
that had slept with his father's wife.

6 Sufficient to such a man is this punishment, which was inflicted of many.

7 So that contrariwise ye ought rather to forgive him, and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one should be swallowed up with overmuch sorrow.

8 Wherefore I beseech you that ye would confirm your love toward him.

II Corinthians 2:6-8

Self-righteous persons cannot
comfort, love, or forgive such sinners
... thus giving Satan an advantage with
a device that is obvious and simple.

God forgave you ... 10,000 talents.

The most another person can violate
you is a measly 100 pence or less.

34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due unto him.

35 So likewise shall my heavenly Father do also unto you, if ye from your hearts forgive not every one his brother their trespasses.

Matthew 18:34-35

God will deliver any person, even His children, to the tormentor, if they do not forgive all offences in their hearts.

But pastor, you go too far ... if I don't
get angry and fight back ... others
will take advantage of me!

7 Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded?

8 Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren.

I Corinthians 6:7-8

Do you know what an angry, bitter,
murderous person looks and talks like?

Do you know what a forgiving, loving,
and merciful person looks and talks like?

Which are you?

Which will you be the rest of your life?

The antidote, cure, remedy, and resistance against bitterness is **LOVE**, which has been taught over and over.

Brotherly love and Christian charity
are detailed in the Bible.

Brotherly love and Christian charity
are true Christianity against the devil.

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 13:34-35

You can be happy ... and healthier ...
by loving this wisdom and doing it.

Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

Submit yourself to God ... by believing
and obeying the truth you just heard.

Resist the devil ... by rejecting any
harsh thoughts arising in your heart.

Resist the devil ... by only thinking
good thoughts and praying for all.

Resist the devil ... by forgiving all
offences against you or your family.

Resist the devil ... be at peace with all
others and be a great peacemaker.

Resist the devil ... do not let him get a wedge between you and any person.

The devil will run away!

He has no advantage with pacifists!

Third Sunday ... June 6, 2021
First Sermon – Slides 295-373
Second Sermon – Slides 375-439

The War for Your Soul

Be sober,
be vigilant;
because your adversary
the devil,
as a roaring lion,
walketh about,
seeking whom he may devour:

1 Peter 5:8

Finally, my brethren,
be strong in the Lord,
and in the power of his might.
Put on the whole armour of God,
that ye may be able to stand
against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:10-11

The devil wants to devour you
by getting you to sin ... in order

To destroy your joy and peace

To shame God and His Son

To disgrace Christ's gospel

To discourage other Christians

To divide the church of God

To encourage unbelievers

To frustrate the Holy Spirit

To get you to quit the fight/race

For this study, we do not care ...

1. About depravity of reprobates going to hell.
2. About the legal and final victory for all elect.
3. About Satan's involvement in world politics.
4. About distracting heresies like the Nephilim.
5. About cloaked devil worship like Masonry.
6. About demons involved in UFO sightings.
7. About Mormon Michael-Satan-Jesus lies.

For this study, we do care ...

1. What the devil specifically does against you.
2. What you can do to resist and defeat Satan.
3. What happens to those that do not resist.
4. What is the real source of lunatic thinking.
5. What are Satan's main devices, tools, wiles.
6. How a Christian can stand and resist Satan.
7. How Christians can protect their families.

We summarized three of the
devil's devices as **BAD**.

The devil is **BAD**.
He wants you to be **BAD**.
His three main tools are **BAD**.
The world is all his, and it is **BAD**.
He directs your old nature to be **BAD**.

What do we mean by **BAD**?

B = Bitterness

A = Arrogance

D = Deceit

Where **Bitterness** includes:

Anger

Murder

Debate

Revenge

Envy

Scorn

Grudges

Strife

Hatred

Unforgiveness

Where **Arrogance** includes:

Conceit

Haughtiness

Pride

Puffed Up

Vanity

Where **Deceit** includes:

Error

Heresy

Hypocrisy

Lies

Slander

What do we mean by **BAD**?

B = Bitterness

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Before we leave bitterness, which many of you appreciated last Sunday, let us consider bitterness a little more.

What is bitterness?

It is an offence held in memory to
justify criticism or resentment.

Anything related to bitterness or
grudges or not forgiving is a
device of the devil.

But if ye have bitter envying
and strife in your hearts,
glory not, and lie not against the truth.
This wisdom descendeth not from above,
but is earthly, sensual, devilish.
For where envying and strife is,
there is confusion and every evil work.

James 3:14-16

Bitterness, envy, and strife

in your heart

is earthly, sensual, devilish.

But the wisdom that is from above
is first pure, then peaceable,
gentle, and easy to be intreated,
full of mercy and good fruits,
without partiality,
and without hypocrisy.
And the fruit of righteousness
is sown in peace
of them that make peace.

James 3:17-18

Neither give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4:27

Be ye angry, and sin not:
let not the sun go down upon your wrath:
Neither give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4:26-27

You give place to the devil

by anger from before today!

Lest Satan should get an advantage of us:
for we are not ignorant of his devices.

II Corinthians 2:11

To whom ye forgive any thing, I forgive also:
for if I forgave any thing, to whom I forgave it,
for your sakes forgave I it in the person of Christ;
Lest Satan should get an advantage of us:
for we are not ignorant of his devices.

II Corinthians 2:10-11

Satan's device for leverage over you
is you not forgiving others' offences.

I have heard and seen bitterness in
my life that has shocked me,
because it is lunatic.

Some hold past offences, thinking about them, stewing about them in frustration, losing joy, peace, and vitality for real happiness.

The devil is a destroyer.

He wants to devour Christians.

From inside them to ruin their lives.

Jesus is the life-giver.

He wants your abundant life.

He gives great joy inside that shows.

A simple idea!

Stop all anger about others offending
you and ignore their offences.

The discretion of a man deferreth his anger;
and it is his glory to pass over a transgression.

Proverbs 19:11

A simple idea!

Stop being disappointed or frustrated
with others, for you do more to them!

A simple idea!

Forgive all past offences and look only
to the present in all relationships.

A simple idea!

Never think or say inside or to others,
They did such and such to me.

A simple idea!

Never think or say a negative thought
about others ... only kind, nice things.

A simple idea!

Never, ever complain to anyone
about another person. Only praise!

A simple idea!

Pray for blessings on each person you
count as an enemy or an irritant.

Never Forget!

Bitterness and its related sins are often against spouse or family, so start flushing with them.

Forgive and forget everything your spouse has ever done wrong.

Think about them and treat them like the perfect one you picked.

If you do not outperform all other same spouses, what holds you back?

If your spouse is not happier than all other same spouses, why the cruelty?

Be not overcome of evil,
but overcome evil with good.

Romans 12:21

Okay ... so what ... your spouse did
you wrong in some terrible way!

Why will you sin against God by taking
the low road to get revenge?

Never, never think in your marriage ...

Okay, let's see what they think of this.

Never, never think in your marriage ...

I am justified ignoring him/her awhile.

You can be happy ... and healthier ...
and meet God with great confidence
... by loving this wisdom and doing it.

All the days of the afflicted are evil:
but he that is of a merry heart hath a continual feast.

Proverbs 15:15

A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance:
but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

Proverbs 15:13

It is good and comely for one to eat and to drink,
and to enjoy the good of all his labour
that he taketh under the sun all the days of his life,
which God giveth him: for it is his portion.

Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth,
and hath given him power to eat thereof,
and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labour;
this is the gift of God.

For he shall not much remember the days of his life;
because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.

Ecclesiastes 5:18-20

God wants you happy.

Satan wants you frustrated.

Bitterness and grudges destroy joy.

You can be happy ... and healthier ...
and meet God with great confidence
... by loving this wisdom and doing it.

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine:
but a broken spirit drieth the bones.

Proverbs 17:22

A sound heart is the life of the flesh:
but envy the rottenness of the bones.

Proverbs 14:30

Wrath is cruel,
and anger is outrageous;
but who is able to stand before envy?

Proverbs 27:4

It shall be health to thy navel,
and marrow to thy bones.

Proverbs 3:8

For they are life unto those that find them,
and health to all their flesh.

Proverbs 4:22

God wants you healthy.

Unless He has other blessings.

Bitterness and grudges hurt the body.

You can be happy ... and healthier ...
and meet God with great confidence
... by loving this wisdom and doing it.

We know that we have passed from death unto life,
because we love the brethren.

He that loveth not his brother abideth in death.

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer:
and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life in him.

I John 3:14-15

My little children,
let us not love in word, neither in tongue;
but in deed and in truth.
And hereby we know that we are of the truth,
and shall assure our hearts before him.
For if our heart condemn us,
God is greater than our heart,
and knoweth all things.

I John 3:18-20

God is love;
and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God,
and God in him.

Herein is our love made perfect,
that we may have boldness in the day of judgment:
because as he is, so are we in this world.

I John 4:16-17

And beside this, giving all diligence,
add to your faith virtue;
and to virtue knowledge;
And to knowledge temperance;
and to temperance patience
and to patience godliness;
And to godliness brotherly kindness;
and to brotherly kindness charity.

II Peter 1:5-7

Pastor, I need more about this device.

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Fourth Sunday ... June 13, 2021
First Sermon – Slides 441-502
Second Sermon – Slides 504-641

What do I mean by **BAD**?

B = Bitterness

A = Arrogance

D = Deceit

Where **Arrogance** includes:

Conceit

Haughtiness

Pride

Puffed Up

Vanity

Not a novice,
lest being lifted up with pride
he fall into the condemnation of the devil.

I Timothy 3:6

Is this the devil condemning
or being condemned?

The devil would never condemn a
minister's pride but rather praise it!

Paul told Timothy not to ordain a rookie, for God would condemn him like He condemned Satan for his pride.

Satan's pride led to his rebellion, and
he will use this lust of his against us.

Love not the world,
neither the things that are in the world.

If any man love the world,
the love of the Father is not in him.

For all that is in the world,
the lust of the flesh,
and the lust of the eyes,
and the pride of life,
is not of the Father,
but is of the world.

I John 2:15-16

The fear of the LORD is to hate evil:
pride,
and arrogance,
and the evil way,
and the froward mouth,
do I hate.

Proverbs 8:13

And I will punish the world for their evil,
and the wicked for their iniquity;
and I will cause the arrogance of the proud to cease,
and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

Isaiah 13:11

Seest thou a man wise in his own conceit?
there is more hope of a fool than of him.

Proverbs 26:12

Pride goeth before destruction,
and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Proverbs 16:18

Proud and haughty scorner is his name,
who dealeth in proud wrath.

Proverbs 21:24

LORD,
my heart is not haughty,
nor mine eyes lofty:
neither do I exercise myself in great matters,
or in things too high for me.

Psalm 131:1

God hates the **BAD** devil!

These six things doth the LORD hate:
yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

A proud look,
a lying tongue,
and hands that shed innocent blood,

Proverbs 6:16-19

Did we just hap on the devil's three?

Pride (Arrogant)

Lying (Deceit)

Murder (Bitter)

God hates **BAD** people
that do not repent!

Bitterness and arrogance go together.

Fighting and pride are teammates.

Only by pride cometh contention:
but with the well advised is wisdom.

Proverbs 13:10

Resist the devil ... by exalting others
and their things over you and yours.

Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory;
but in lowliness of mind
let each esteem other better than themselves.
Look not every man on his own things,
but every man also on the things of others.

Philippians 2:3-4

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love;
in honour preferring one another;

Romans 12:10

Resist the devil ... by never wanting
service from others but rather
giving it instead.

But it shall not be so among you:
but whosoever will be great among you,
let him be your minister;
And whosoever will be chief among you,
let him be your servant:
Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto
but to minister,
and to give his life a ransom for many.

Matthew 20:26-28

Resist the devil ... by getting down to
the least or youngest in the church.

Mind not high things,
but condescend to men of low estate.
Be not wise in your own conceits.

Romans 12:16

Then there arose a reasoning among them,
which of them should be greatest.

And Jesus ... said unto them,
Whosoever shall receive this child
in my name receiveth me:
and whosoever shall receive me
receiveth him that sent me:
for he that is least among you all,
the same shall be great.

Luke 9:46-48

Resist the devil ... by serving others
with hospitality that is all about them.

Use hospitality
one to another
without grudging.

1 Peter 4:9

Resist the devil ... by telling anyone
you can that you are less than others.

Surely I am more brutish than any man,
and have not the understanding of a man.

I neither learned wisdom,
nor have the knowledge of the holy.

Proverbs 30:2-3

Unto me,
who am less than the least of all saints,
is this grace given,
that I should preach among the Gentiles
the unsearchable riches of Christ;

Ephesians 3:8

Resist the devil ... by praising and
commending others every Sunday.

The beauty of Israel is slain upon thy high places:
how are the mighty fallen!

II Samuel 1:19

Take Mark, and bring him with thee:
for he is profitable to me for the ministry

II Timothy 4:11

Resist the devil ... by never talking
about yourself but asking about others.

Resist the devil ... by doing a kindness
for someone not a friend that costs you.

Resist the devil ... by getting involved
in another's problems to help them.

The devil will run away!

He has no advantage with the meek!

Pastor, I need more about this device.

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<https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2016/pride/>

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<https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2004/lie-of-self-love/>

<https://letgodbetrue.com/proverbs/index/proverbs-by-topic/expanded-topics/>

We have covered 2/3 of **BAD**.

B = Bitterness

A = Arrogance

D = Deceit

A simple concept and virtue, exalted
in Christianity, destroys both
Satanic devices.

Charity and Love

Suffer a Long Time
Show Kindness
Do Not Envy
Do Not Vaunt Self
Do Not Be Puffed Up
Do Not Behave Rudely
Do Not Seek Your Own
Not Easily Provoked
Hate Evil Surmising

Charity and Love

Do Not Rejoice in Faults

Do Rejoice in Truth

Bear All Things

Believe All Things

Hope All Things

Endure All Things

We now face the last 1/3 of **BAD**.

B = Bitterness

A = Arrogance

D = Deceit

Where **Deceit** includes:

Error

Heresy

Hypocrisy

Lies

Slander

Ye are of your father the devil,
and the lusts of your father ye will do.
He was a murderer from the beginning,
and abode not in the truth,
because there is no truth in him.
When he speaketh a lie,
he speaketh of his own:
for he is a liar, and the father of it.

John 8:44

Many scriptures testify of the devil
turning men away from the truth.

And these are they by the way side,
where the word is sown;
but when they have heard,
Satan cometh immediately,
and taketh away the word
that was sown in their hearts.

Mark 4:15

In whom the god of this world
hath blinded the minds of them
which believe not,
lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ,
who is the image of God,
should shine unto them.

II Corinthians 4:4

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

II Corinthians 11:3-4

9 Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan
with all power and signs and lying wonders,
10 And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them
that perish; because they received not the love of the truth,
that they might be saved.

II Thessalonians 2:9-10

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

I Timothy 4:1-3

25 In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves;
if God peradventure will give them repentance to the
acknowledging of the truth;

26 And that they may recover themselves out of the snare
of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.

II Timothy 2:25-26

And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Revelation 20:3

Let's not be confused or question
where lies come from and why there
is such great hatred against His truth.

They are of the world:
therefore speak they of the world,
and the world heareth them.

We are of God:
he that knoweth God heareth us;
he that is not of God heareth not us.
Hereby know we the spirit of truth
and the spirit of error.

I John 4:5-6

We must be so committed to truth
we will question and condemn any
imitation Jesus, spirit, or gospel.

3 But I fear, lest by any means, as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if ye receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him.

II Corinthians 11:3-4

The first liar and lie was Satan to Eve.

And the serpent said unto the woman,
Ye shall not surely die:

Genesis 3:4

What did that lie cost our race?

The three-fold death of all mankind.

We must pray, study, and hold faithful
to all truth without wavering until a
tsunami of new evidence turns us.

We have one criterion and only one
for truth – the written scriptures
interpreted by their own rules.

We will not change anything we believe until a tsunami of new proof can fully replace the old.

Some stubbornness is good; it is
called faithfulness to hold
fast to truth.

I have pages of tables of truth He
has shown us over years with
clear evidence to change.
Isaiah in 2019/20!

The perilous times of the last days are
marked by Christians turning
from truth to fables.

For the time will come
when they will not endure sound doctrine;
but after their own lusts
shall they heap to themselves teachers,
having itching ears;
And they shall turn away their ears from the truth,
and shall be turned unto fables.

II Timothy 4:3-4

We combat this trend of Christians and churches by restating doctrine and demanding strong Bible proof.

We must also fight the devil's lies in all other parts of life from personal honesty to hating all lying inputs.

God hates the **BAD** devil!

16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

Proverbs 6:16-17

Did we just hap on the devil's three?

Pride

Lies

Murder

16 These six things doth the LORD hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him:

17 A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood,

18 An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief,

19 A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

Proverbs 6:16-19

God hates **BAD** people
that do not repent!

Ye shall not steal,
neither deal falsely,
neither lie one to another.

Leviticus 19:11

Lying lips are abomination to the LORD:
but they that deal truly are his delight.

Proverbs 12:22

Wherefore putting away lying,
speak every man truth with his neighbour:
for we are members one of another.

Ephesians 4:25

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Revelation 21:8

For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whoremongers,
and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and
maketh a lie.

Revelation 22:15

We must also fight the devil's lies in all other parts of life from personal honesty to hating all lying inputs.

Neither give place to the devil.

Ephesians 4:27

A wicked doer giveth heed to false lips;
and a liar giveth ear to a naughty tongue.

Proverbs 17:4

Go from the presence of a foolish man,
when thou perceivest not in him the lips of knowledge.

Proverbs 14:7

Cease, my son,
to hear the instruction
that causeth to err from
the words of knowledge.

Proverbs 19:27

I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way.

O when wilt thou come unto me?

I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes:

I hate the work of them that turn aside;

it shall not cleave to me.

Whoso privily slandereth his neighbour, him will I cut off:
him that hath an high look and a proud heart will not I suffer.

He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house:

he that telleth lies shall not tarry in my sight.

Psalm 101

Who knowing the judgment of God,
that they which commit such things are worthy of death,
not only do the same,
but have pleasure in them that do them.

Romans 1:32

Be not deceived:
evil communications corrupt good manners.

I Corinthians 15:33

God's inspired warnings tell us to reject the folly and lies of the world, Hollywood or conservative talkers.

Resist the devil ... by bringing every
issue back to the Bible to prove it.

Prove all things;
hold fast that which is good.

I Thessalonians 5:21

God forbid:
yea, let God be true,
but every man a liar....

Romans 3:4

Resist the devil ... by helping this
church be pillar and ground of truth.

The church of the living God,
the pillar and ground of the truth.

And without controversy
great is the mystery of godliness:
God was manifest in the flesh,
justified in the Spirit,
seen of angels,
preached unto the Gentiles,
believed on in the world,
received up into glory.

I Timothy 3:15-16

Resist the devil ... by avoiding even hearing errors and lies of the world.

Be not deceived:
evil communications corrupt good manners.

I Corinthians 15:33

If Satan perceives you enjoy worldly inputs, then he will use them to corrupt your faith and love.

Cease, my son,
to hear the instruction
that causeth to err from
the words of knowledge.

Proverbs 19:27

Go from the presence of a foolish man,
when thou perceivest not in him
the lips of knowledge.

Proverbs 14:7

Why would you listen to anyone or
anything contrary to gospel truth
or without the gospel truth?

Resist the devil ... flush all bitterness
lest God see you hiding it in His house.

He that hideth hatred with lying lips,
and he that uttereth a slander,
is a fool.

Proverbs 10:18

He that hateth dissembleth with his lips,
and layeth up deceit within him;
When he speaketh fair, believe him not:
for there are seven abominations in his heart.
Whose hatred is covered by deceit,
his wickedness shall be shewed
before the whole congregation.

Proverbs 26:24-26

The same devil that sows bitterness
and grudges in your heart wants you
to lie about them by attending church.

His goal is to destroy others by your
hypocrisy and to destroy you
in your hypocrisy.

I will therefore that men pray every where,
lifting up holy hands,
without wrath and doubting.

I Timothy 2:8

Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar,
and there rememberest that thy brother
hath ought against thee;
Leave there thy gift before the altar,
and go thy way;
first be reconciled to thy brother,
and then come and offer thy gift.

Matthew 5:23-24

Resist the devil ... by never diluting the truth for worldly facts or opinions.

Jesus is the Truth.

He is the Faithful and True.

Truth of His Gospel is Transcendent.

The church of the living God,
the pillar and ground of the truth.

And without controversy
great is the mystery of godliness:
God was manifest in the flesh,
justified in the Spirit,
seen of angels,
preached unto the Gentiles,
believed on in the world,
received up into glory.

I Timothy 3:15-16

For many walk,
of whom I have told you often,
and now tell you even weeping,
that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:
Whose end is destruction,
whose God is their belly,
and whose glory is in their shame,
who mind earthly things.

Philippians 3:18-19

The devil loves to have you dilute the gospel truth of Jesus for worldly info and then be distracted by your truth.

Some use “truth” for mere opinions
about politics, medicine, history,
finance, health, government,
school, conspiracies, etc.

I hate vain thoughts:
but thy law do I love.

Psalm 119:113

The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man,
that they are vanity.

Psalm 94:11

Paul was very cautious to define truth carefully lest he attract reprobates by worldly wisdom of any kind.

And I, brethren, when I came to you,
came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom,
declaring unto you the testimony of God.
For I determined not to know any thing among you,
save Jesus Christ, and him crucified....
That your faith should not stand
in the wisdom of men,
but in the power of God.

I Corinthians 2:1-5

For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid,
which is Jesus Christ.

Now if any man build upon this foundation
gold, silver, precious stones,
wood, hay, stubble;

Every man's work shall be made manifest:
for the day shall declare it,

because it shall be revealed by fire;

and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is.

I Corinthians 3:11-13

I have heard for over fifty years about
“wholesome” entertainment and
“conservative” crusades.

By “wholesome” some have touted
Anne of Green Gables, which is
as faith-based as Tarzan.

If any man teach otherwise,
and consent not to wholesome words,
even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and to the doctrine which is according to godliness;
He is proud, knowing nothing....

I Timothy 6:3-5

By “conservative,” do not say Rush Limbaugh or Tucker Carlson, for neither spoke a word of truth.

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world:
and this is the victory that overcometh the world,
even our faith.

Who is he that overcometh the world,
but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

I John 5:4-5

Resist the devil ... never define truth
as mere mental assent to Bible facts.

The devil and his angels believe all Bible facts far more than you do and tremble in that knowledge.

Thou believest that there is one God;
thou doest well:
the devils also believe,
and tremble.

James 2:19

I have heard esteemed persons, when questioned about family members, say ... *But they believe the truth.*

All they mean by truth is facts like
election ... regeneration before faith ...
unconverted elect ... no Christmas, etc.

Such “truth” can be believed by
reprobates with great enthusiasm.

Such “truth” will not get anyone into heaven, but rather and only a changed life.

Trust ye not in lying words, saying,
The temple of the LORD,
The temple of the LORD,
The temple of the LORD,
are these.

Jeremiah 7:3

They profess that they know God;
but in works they deny him,
being abominable, and disobedient,
and unto every good work reprobate.

But speak thou the things
which become sound doctrine:

Titus 1:16 – 2:1

For there are certain men crept in unawares,
who were before of old
ordained to this condemnation,
ungodly men,
turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness,
and denying the only Lord God,
and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jude 1:4

The devil will run away!

He has no advantage with lie haters!

Pastor, I need more about this device.

<https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2021/war-for-truth/>
<https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2019/superstition-or-truth/>
<https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2019/the-only-right-worldview/>
<https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2017/truth-is-not-a-right/>
<https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2001/god-hates-compromise/>
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Fourth Sunday ... June 13, 2021
First Sermon – Slides 441-502
Second Sermon – Slides 504-641

Let us move on from **BAD**.

B = Bitterness

A = Arrogance

D = Deceit

Where **Bitterness** includes:

Anger

Murder

Debate

Revenge

Envy

Scorn

Grudges

Strife

Hatred

Unforgiveness

Where **Arrogance** includes:

Conceit

Haughtiness

Pride

Puffed Up

Vanity

Where **Deceit** includes:

Error

Heresy

Hypocrisy

Lies

Slander

A special Bible phrase occurs ten times
and condemns the 'B' and 'D' of BAD,
and it will certainly resist the devil.

Mercy and truth are met together;
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

Psalm 85:10

By mercy and truth iniquity is purged:
and by the fear of the LORD men depart from evil.

Proverbs 16:6

Let not mercy and truth forsake thee:
bind them about thy neck;
write them upon the table of thine heart:

Proverbs 3:3

Device #1 – Witchcraft

Avoid anything to do with witchcraft
under any activity, name, or disguise.

<https://letgodbetrue.com/sermons/index/year-2011/witchcraft/>

Wherefore come out from among them,
and be ye separate, saith the Lord,
and touch not the unclean thing;
and I will receive you,
And will be a Father unto you,
and ye shall be my sons and daughters,
saith the Lord Almighty.

II Corinthians 6:17-18

Bible Terms for Witchcraft

Sorcery

Magic

Astrology

Witch

Wizard

Necromancer

Soothsaying

Charmer

Familiar Spirits

Prognosticators

Stargazers

Enchantments

Divination

Observing Times

Modern Uses of Witchcraft

Sorcery

Magic

Astrology

Palm Readers

Harry Potter

Divining Rod

Wishbone

Demonic Games

Horoscopes

Fortunetellers

Ouija Boards

Friday the 13th

Eastern Meditation

Fortune Cookies?

Device #2 – Music

Avoid worldly music, like rock and rap, including CCM, with artists, audiences, fruit like lunatics.

https://www.wayoflife.org/reports/rock_musc_and_insanity.html

https://www.wayoflife.org/reports/rock_music_and_suicide.html

https://www.wayoflife.org/reports/character_and_philosopy_of_rock_music.html

Device #3 – Television

Audio, video, special effects, and soundtracks combine to powerfully present Satan's lies.

<https://www.wayoflife.org/database/unplug.html>

[https://www.wayoflife.org/reports/scriptural warnings that apply to tv.html](https://www.wayoflife.org/reports/scriptural_warnings_that_apply_to_tv.html)

Device #4 – Alcohol

The intended effect to relax the central nervous system goes too far when drunk, so it opens the Christian to devilish conduct and/or devilish influence while under the influence.

Device #5 – Hopelessness

Christians loving anyone or anything on earth more than Christ give Satan place to destroy your hope and ruin the love, joy, and peace of God's Spirit. *Yea hath god said....?*

Device #6 – Question God

Hate and deny blasphemous insanity to question God e.g. 9/11 or Brian Burlsworth. Only question why you are not in hell already or in a living hell here on earth.

Don't forget Christian armor
From Ephesians 6:10-18