

SPIRITUAL WARFARE: WHAT AND HOW TO FIGHT

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Standing In Your Inheritance in Christ, Part 32

MAIN IDEA: Explore how the enemy attacks us through people, how to identify it, and how to respond.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against... spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.
Ephesians 6:12

1. **TEMPTATION**— Luring you into sin, destruction, harm.

The tempter came to him... **Matt. 4:3** (1 Thess. 3:5; Matt. 6:13; 1 Tim. 6:9)

Temptations in LUST, GREED, MATERIALISM, SUBSTANCE, and PRIDE.

the lust of the *flesh*, the lust of the *eyes*, & the pride of *life*...
1 John 2:16 (1 Timothy 6:9)

Temptations to ANGER, RAGE, BITTERNESS, RESENTMENT

“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.
Ephesians 4:26–27 (Prov. 12:18)

Temptation into LYING

...there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. **John 8:44**

Temptations into JUDGING, CRITICIZING

Do not judge, or you too will be judged. **Matthew 7:1**

WHAT TO DO? _____! **Remove yourself.**

Flee from sexual immorality. **1 Corinthians 6:18**

No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it. Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry. **1 Corinthians 10:13–14** (1 Tim. 6:11; 2 Tim. 2:22)

I made a covenant with my eyes not to look lustfully at a young woman. **Job 31:1**

2. **ACCUSATION**—Attacks against your identity, worth, destiny

The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God...” **Luke 4:3**
...the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.
Revelation 12:10 (Zech. 3:1)

Reckless words pierce like a sword **Proverbs 12:18** (James 3:6,9)

WHAT TO DO? Stand in _____!

DISTINGUISH: The Spirit *convicts*, the enemy *accuses*. (John 16:8)

ASK QUESTION: What has God said about me?

And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death. **Revelation 12:11** ESV

- **Standing in Christ’s death...** guilty, but sin’s paid for completely. (1 Pet. 3:18; Col. 1:22; 2 Cor. 5:14; Rom. 5:6,8; 1 Cor. 15:3)
- **Word of our testimony...** I have received Him, and now am in Him. Blameless. (Eph. 1:4; 3:12; 1 Cor. 1:8; Rev. 14:5)
- **Will not hang onto self...** will look completely now to Jesus & His love. (Luke 9:23; Phil. 3:3)

3. **DECEPTION**— Attacks of either lies or half-truths.

And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. **Revelation 12:9** ESV (Rom. 16:18)

He (serpent) said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not...’?” **Genesis 3:1** (2 Cor. 11:3; 1 Tim. 4:1)

WHAT TO DO? Stand in the _____,
declaring it aloud.

Jesus answered, ‘*It is written* in the Scriptures...’
Matthew 4:4,7,10

Know what the Scriptures say.

Declare them aloud.