

We're At War.

Ephesians 6:10-18

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Life is not a playground, but a battleground. We are not on a cruise ship, but a battleship.

1. (6:10-13) We are at war with the devil and demons.

A Handbook of Enemy Strategies

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He is the *Father of lies*. John 8:44

His *nature* is falsehood! He only speaks the truth in order to deceive.

Therefore, his chief enemy is truth - *he opposes God's word*. Genesis 3:1-5

He *casts doubt on God's goodness [and sufficiency]*. Genesis 3:1-5

He *misuses Scripture*. Mt. 4:6

He *causes dissension over doctrine and causes rifts*. Rom. 16:17-20

He *tempts saints with sexual allurements*. 1 Cor. 7:5; 1 Tim. 5:15

He *takes advantage of unresolved anger*. 2 Cor. 2:11; Eph. 4:27

He *promotes pride*. 1 Tim. 3:6

We began with *liar* and end with *pride*. Connection: the *truth* is that God is God and we are not. It is humbling. The only way to rebel against the lowliness of creaturehood is to be a liar. Therefore humility under God is the great devil resistance (James 4:6-7).

Degrees of Demonic Attack:

- Influenced
- Controlled to varying degrees
- Owned or possessed (not a believer, 1 John 5:18-19)

Kinds of Demonic Attacks:

- Fear
- Accusation
- Deception (lies)
- Temptation
- Sickness

Categories of Demonic Attack:

- Overt
- Covert

2. (6:14-18) We must put on the full armor of God.

3. We have been commanded to resist the devil (James 4:7-10)

Rev 12:11 They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

1. Believe that you have been redeemed by the precious blood of the Lamb; Appropriate by faith the strength and the victory that is your through Christ. Walk in the name of Jesus Christ.

2. Proclaim the Gospel without shame or fear; Always be prepared to give the reason for the hope that you have in Christ.

3. Be willing to die for Jesus; Be fully surrendered and fully committed to Christ. Love Christ more than your own life.