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## **Fight the Good Fight of Faith: How Do I Fight? Intro**

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### **Fight the Good Fight of Faith**

#### **1 Timothy 6:12 (New King James Version, NKJV)**

**Fight the good fight of faith**, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

#### **1 Timothy 6:12 (Amplified Bible, AMP)**

**Fight the good fight of the faith [in the conflict with evil]**; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called, and [for which] you made the good confession [of faith] in the presence of many witnesses.

#### **Ephesians 6:11-12 (NKJV)**

11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

#### **Ephesians 6:11-12 (AMP)**

11 Put on the full armor of God [for His precepts are like the splendid armor of a heavily-armed soldier], so that you may be able to [successfully] stand up against all the schemes and the strategies and the deceits of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood [contending only with physical opponents], but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this [present] darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly (supernatural) places.

- **You cannot fight against something that you don't believe in, know about, or ignore.**
- **You must KNOW who you are and what you are capable of.**
- **In any battle, collecting as much intel on your opponent is crucial to success!**

## Let's get to know our enemy

- **The enemy fights with:**
  - **Ideas**
  - **Thoughts**
  - **Suggestions**
- **His job is to get us to carry out and mature his ideas, thoughts, and suggestions.**
- **The devil is a liar!**

### **John 8:44 (AMP)**

44 You are of your father the devil, and it is your will to practice the desires [which are characteristic] of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because **there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks what it natural to him, for he is a liar and the father of lies and half-truths.**

- **He is a deceiver!**

### **2 Corinthians 11:14 (New Living Translation, NLT)**

But I am not surprised! Even **Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.**

### **2 Corinthians 11:3 (NLT)**

But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, **just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent.**

### **Revelation 12:9 (NLT)**

This great dragon—the **ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, the one deceiving the whole world**—was thrown down to the earth with all his angels.

- **He is the god of this world**
- **He is also a mind blocker of truth**

### **2 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT)**

Satan, who is **the god of this world, has blinded the minds of those who don't believe.** They are unable to see the glorious light of the Good News. They don't understand this message about the glory of Christ, who is the exact likeness of God.

- **He is a thief, murderer, and destroyer of lives**

### **John 10:10 (NLT)**

**The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy.** My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.

### **Matthew 13:19 (NLT)**

The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message about the Kingdom and don't understand it. Then the evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts.

### **Let's get to know our enemy**

- **The Deceiver - Satan's target - your mind; his weapon - lies; his purpose - to make you ignorant of God's will; your defense - the inspired Word of God.**
- **The Destroyer - Satan's target - your body; his weapon - suffering; his purpose - to make you impatient with God's will; your defense - the imparted grace.**
- **The Ruler - Satan's target - your will; Satan's weapon - pride; Satan's purpose - to make you independent of God's will; your defense - the indwelling Spirit of God.**
- **The Accuser - Satan's target - your heart and conscience; Satan's weapon - accusation; Satan's purpose - to bring an indictment by God's will; your defense - the interceding Son.**

### **How do I fight?**

#### **Mark 9:14-29 (AMP)**

14 When they came [back] to the [other nine] disciples, they saw a large crowd around them, and scribes questioning and arguing with them. 15 Immediately, when the entire crowd saw Jesus, they were startled and began running up to greet Him. 16 He asked them, "What are you discussing with them?" 17 One of the crowd replied to Him, "Teacher, I brought You my son, possessed with a spirit which makes him unable to speak; 18 and whenever it seizes him [intending to do harm], it throws him down, and he foams [at the mouth], and grinds his teeth and becomes stiff. I told Your disciples to drive it out, and they could not do it." 19 He replied, "O unbelieving (faithless) generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring him to Me!" 20 They brought the boy to Him. When the [demonic] spirit saw Him, immediately it threw the boy into a convulsion, and falling to the ground he began rolling around and foaming at the mouth. 21 Jesus asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he answered, "Since childhood. 22 The demon has often thrown him both into fire and into water, intending to kill him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!" 23 Jesus said to him, "[You say to Me,] 'If You can?' All things are possible for the one who believes and trusts [in Me]!" 24 Immediately the father of the boy cried out [with a desperate, piercing cry], saying, "I do believe; help [me overcome] my unbelief." 25 When Jesus saw that a crowd was rapidly gathering [around them], He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You deaf and mute spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again!" 26 After screaming out and throwing him into a terrible convulsion, it came out. The boy looked so much like a corpse [so still and pale] that many [of the spectators] said, "He is dead!" 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and raised him; and he stood up. 28 When He had gone indoors, His disciples began asking Him privately, "Why were we unable to drive it out?" 29 He replied to them, "This kind [of unclean spirit] cannot come out by anything but prayer and fasting."

## How do I fight?

- I fight with The Word
- I fight with Prayer & Fasting
- I fight with Praise & Worship
- I fight with Faith

### James 4:6-8 (NLT)

6 And he gives grace generously. As the Scriptures say, "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." 7 So humble yourselves before God. **Resist (confront, counteract) the devil, and he will flee from you.** 8 Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world.