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Fight the Good Fight of Faith: How Do We Fight Our Enemy?

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What have we learned?

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

What have we learned about your 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.**

What have we learned about your enemy?

2 Corinthians 4:4 (New Living Translation, NLT)

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

Let's keep it real!!! More often we desire resources rather than The Source.

1 Timothy 6:10 (King James Version, KJV)

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.

- **Nothing is wrong with money! The problem is we desire money more than we desire God; which leaves us in two positions: with a lot of money...or no money at all.**

Matthew 19:23-24 (Amplified Bible, AMP)

23 Jesus said to His disciples, "I assure you and most solemnly say to you, it is difficult for a rich man [who clings to possessions and status as security] to enter the kingdom of heaven. 24 Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man [who places his faith in wealth and status] to enter the kingdom of God."

Fight The Good Fight of Faith: How do we fight our enemy???

- **LEARN TO LOVE GOD AND USE MONEY; INSTEAD OF LOVING MONEY AND USING GOD.**

Matthew 13:1-23 (AMP)

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and was sitting beside the sea [of Galilee]. 2 But such large crowds gathered around Him that He got into a boat and sat there [positioning Himself as a teacher], while the whole crowd stood on the shore.

3 He told them many things in parables, saying, "Listen carefully: a sower went out to sow [seed in his field]; 4 and as he sowed, some seed fell beside the road [between the fields], and the birds came and ate it. 5 Other seed fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil; and at once they sprang up because they had no depth of soil. 6 But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, and thorns came up and choked them out. 8 Other seed fell on good soil and yielded grain, some a hundred times as much [as was sown], some sixty [times as much], and some thirty. 9 He who has ears [to hear], let him hear and heed My words."

10 Then the disciples came to Him and asked, “Why do You speak to the crowds in parables?” 11 Jesus replied to them, “To you it has been granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been granted. 12 **For whoever has [spiritual wisdom because he is receptive to God’s word], to him more will be given, and he will be richly and abundantly supplied;** but whoever does not have [spiritual wisdom because he has devalued God’s word], even what he has will be taken away from him. 13 This is the reason I speak to the crowds in parables: because while [having the power of] seeing they do not see, and while [having the power of] hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand and grasp [spiritual things]. 14 In them the prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled, which says, ‘You will hear and keep on hearing, but never understand; And you will look and keep on looking, but never comprehend; 15 For this nation’s heart has grown hard, And with their ears they hardly hear, And they have [tightly] closed their eyes, Otherwise they would see with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, and turn [to Me] And I would heal them [spiritually].’

16 But blessed [spiritually aware, and favored by God] are your eyes, because they see; and your ears, because they hear. 17 I assure you and most solemnly say to you, many prophets and righteous men [who were honorable and in right standing with God] longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.

18 **“Listen then to the [meaning of the] parable of the sower: 19 When anyone hears the word of the kingdom [regarding salvation] and does not understand and grasp it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart.** This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road. 20 The one on whom seed was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and at once welcomes it with joy; 21 yet he has no [substantial] root in himself, but is only temporary, and when pressure or persecution comes because of the word, immediately he stumbles and falls away [abandoning the One who is the source of salvation]. 22 And the one on whom seed was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the worries and distractions of the world and the deceitfulness [the superficial pleasures and delight] of riches choke the word, and it yields no fruit. 23 And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands and grasps it; he indeed bears fruit and yields, some a hundred times [as much as was sown], some sixty [times as much], and some thirty.”

- **Much like in the court room the devil is always trying to place reasonable doubt against the Word of God; choosing to follow scriptures you like and agree with while discounting and ignoring scriptures you don't like; ultimately resulting in an impotent faith.**

FIGHT THE DEVIL WITH GIVING!

2 Corinthians 9:6-13 (AMP)

6 Now [remember] this: he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows generously [that blessings may come to others] will also reap generously [and be blessed]. 7 Let each one give [thoughtfully and with purpose] just as he has decided in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver [and delights in the one whose heart is in his gift]. 8 And God is able to make all grace [every favor and earthly blessing] come in abundance to you, so that you may always [under all circumstances, regardless of the need] have complete sufficiency

in everything [being completely self-sufficient in Him], and have an abundance for every good work and act of charity. 9 As it is written and forever remains written, "He [the benevolent and generous person] scattered abroad, he gave to the poor, His righteousness endures forever!"

10 Now He who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your seed for sowing [that is, your resources] and increase the harvest of your righteousness [which shows itself in active goodness, kindness, and love]. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you may be generous, and this [generosity, administered] through us is producing thanksgiving to God [from those who benefit]. 12 **For the ministry of this service (offering) is not only supplying the needs of the saints (God's people), but is also overflowing through many expressions of thanksgiving to God.** 13 **Because of this act of ministry, they will glorify God for your obedience to the gospel of Christ which you confess, as well as for your generous participation [in this gift] for them and for all [the other believers in need],**

FIGHT THE DEVIL WITH GIVING! When we Give as God has instructed:

- **it makes your enemy angry!**
- **it breaks generational curses.**
- **it stops bad things from happening.**
- **it always reveals what's really in my heart.**
- **it can make me laugh or it can make me cry.**
- **it prepares a future that is greater than the present.**
- **it signifies i am ready to be responsible for increase.**
- **it displays God's ability in the earth through my life.**
- **it qualifies me to be in places where I would normally be rejected.**
- **it gives me access to abundant heavenly favor, grace, and earthly blessings.**
- **when you give as God has instructed it is a direct hit to the devil signifying there is hope, love, or faith active within the giver.**
- **this is dangerous for your enemy because the activation of hope, faith, and/or love can and will move God to first place in your life.**

FIGHT THE DEVIL WITH GIVING!

- **Today is your tomorrow unless you sow something different (extra).**