

Podcast Episode Notes
Season 3 Episode 10 What's the Best Weapon Against You?

You have likely heard about the armor of God and how we can protect ourselves in the midst of spiritual warfare. But have you ever stopped to think which of the devil's weapons work best against you? The first step is to know what tactics he likes to use. The second is to realize which ones work the best against you.

Scripture References

Ephesians 6:18 "...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert (be watchful, attentive, ready) with all perseverance"

1 Peter 5:8-9 – Be sober-minded (calm and collected in Spirit, circumspect); be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith..."

Some of Satan's Names/Titles

Satan means adversary 1 Peter 5:8

Devil means accuser Rev 12:9-10

Enemy means opposing us Luke 10:18-19

The god of this world who blinds 2 Cor 4:4

The prince of the power of the air Ephesians 2:2

Roaring lion who intimidates 1 Peter 5:8

Serpent – sneaky, poisonous Rev 12:9-10

Jesus called him: liar (John 8:44), murderer (John 8:44), thief who steals, kills, destroys (John 10:10), tempter (Matthew 4:3)

The 5 D's – Satan's Primary Weapons

DISTORT

The enemy of our soul will attempt to distort and disfigure the character of God in our hearts and minds. Genesis 3:1 – "Did God *really* say?"

Counterpunch: know and declare the character of God from the Scriptures and real-life experience (Exodus 34, Psalm 145)

DISTRACT

Distractions: loss of focus, diversions, commotion, confusion, "spiritual swirl", "squirrels", picking up of offenses.

Mt. 16:13-23 - From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind

me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

Counterpunch: trust (Proverbs 3:5-6, Isaiah 50:10) and obey (Exodus 14:10-22)

Reminder: when you've lost your way, go back to the last thing the Lord showed you to do

DISCOURAGE

Accusation, failure, hopelessness, destroy

He aims to remove courage to obey Jesus

Discouragement can come after big victory, not just in the midst of difficulty - Elijah – 1 Kings 19:1-18

Counterpunch: see the big picture afresh (2 Kings 6:14-16)

Worship warfare (Psalms 149:6-9)

Prayer warfare (Ephesians 6:18)

DECEIVE

A blend of falsehoods mixed with a portion of truth – aimed at our vulnerabilities

How Jesus was attacked – Matthew 4:1-11

If you were the devil, how would you take you out?

Counterpunch: commitment to walk in truth. Relational accountability – having other's backs

DIVIDE

Separating relationships

Operating independently

Satan cannot defeat a united church!

Counterpunch: maintaining unity – Ephesians 4:1-6

Be agents of reconciliation – 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Resist Fiercely

Give no opportunity to the devil – Ephesians 4:27

Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. – Ephesians 6:13

Realign to truth

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

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