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**Life – there's an app for that!**

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### Ephesians 6:10-13 **“Spiritual Warfare1”**

If Jesus came to give us fullness of life (Jn10:10) why is my life anything but that? IT'S A WAR...the thief comes to kill, steal & destroy! If the devil can't get you to go to hell he will bring as much hell into your life he can to make you miserable minimizing your impact.

#### **Who Are We Fighting?** v12

- We have three enemies: Society, Satan & Sinful Self (nature). Eph 2:1-3
- Behind the scenes aggravating the flesh & blood evil (society/sinful nature) is something that is not flesh and blood (Satan). Eph1:18-21; Col2:15; Jn10:10
- Satan is not the opposite equal of God but a fallen angel limited to one place at a time, but has a demonic presence, an intelligence network communicating & working with him. (Luke10:17-20; Isa 14:12-17; Ezek28:11-19; Rev12:4; Matt25:41; Dan10:13-14)

#### **What Are His Schemes?** v11

Schemes Gr. Methodeia (methods) = strategies cunning arts, deceit, craft, trickery (2Cor2:11) Devil Gr. Diabolos = prone to slander, slanderous, accusing falsely

#### **Two Extremes We Must Avoid:** (inferred)

- Don't Underrate Satan's power. v12 wrestle “struggle” = GR. life or death struggle
- Don't Overrate Satan's Power vv10-11 be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. 1Pet 5:8-9

#### **Two Schemes We Must Fight:** (2Cor11:14; Jn8:44)

Pride is self-absorption manifested in...

- Superiority is an inflated view of self (Temptation).
- Inferiority is a deflated view of self (Accusation).

Satan goes to great lengths to distort our view of God because one glimpse of His Majesty & you are forever ruined for anything else. (2Cor4:4, 11:3)

#### **How Do We Fight?** Two things: v13

- Know the particular devices Satan uses on you: Temptation or Accusation? (2Cor10:3-5; John8:31-32)
- The Gospel is the Armor of God! (Rom1:16-17)



# Growing

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- 1) In the book of Ephesians Paul goes from our WEALTH (Believe) as Christians (chapters 1-3) to our WALK (Behave) as Christians (chapters 4-6:9). Why do you think Paul ends the letter with our WAR as Christians considering the struggle we have narrowing the gap between what we believe & how we behave?
- 2) Read Ephesians 6:10-13. What does Paul mean when He says in v12 "We wrestle not against flesh and blood..."? What are our three enemies (Eph 2:1-3)? Who is it that is behind the scenes aggravating flesh & blood evil (society & sinful nature)? (Luke 10:17-20; Isa14:12-17; Ezek 28:11-19; Rev12:4; Matt25:41)
- 3) How does our modern western world belief that everything (even evil) has a natural cause & a scientific explanation conflict with the biblical view of spiritual warfare? What is the definition of "schemes" & "devil" (v12)? What two extremes must we avoid in considering the devil's schemes?
- 4) Pride is self-absorption (self-centeredness) manifested in what two ways? How would an inflated view of self (superiority) play into the devil's temptations? How would a deflated view of self (inferiority) play into the devil's accusations?
- 5) In learning how to fight why is it important to know the particular devices Satan uses on you: Temptation (superiority/insensitive conscience) or Accusation (inferiority/over sensitive conscience)? The Gospel is the Armor of God (Rom1:16-17)! Explain. How does the Gospel help us to overcome the temptation & accusation of devil?