

Spiritual Warfare, Part 2

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I. Introduction.

- A. Satan has discovered that certain things work against us.
- B. Satan is out for us.
- C. God expects us to finish the work. (John 17:4, Proverbs 22:3)
- D. Satan wishes ill for all believers, especially those involved in leadership or active in ministry.
- E. Satan has several titles.

II. The liar. (John 8:44)

- A. Truth is the great casualty of our culture.
- B. People have forsaken it for tolerance.
- C. The disease is denial. (John 18)
- D. The symptom is busy-ness.
- E. The solution is truth. We must slow down and listen.
- F. True guilt is firm and gentle—false guilt comes from Satan and not the Holy Spirit.

III. The prince of this world. (John 12:31)

- A. Satan is the commander of the air. (Ephesians 2)
- B. The disease is distortion.
- C. Satan distorts things like money. (I Timothy 6:17)
- D. The true purposes of sex are procreation, pleasure and prevention of infidelity.
- E. Power is legitimate but a love of it brings distortion. (Romans 13, III John)
- F. The symptom is discontent.
- G. The treatment is thankfulness.

IV. Satan. (II Corinthians 2:11)

- A. He takes advantage of unbelievers by nurturing a spirit of unforgiveness through real or imagined wrongs.
- B. The disease is depression.
- C. The symptom is anger.
- D. The treatment is forgiveness.
- E. Sometimes we need time to work through the forgiveness.

V. Enemy. (I Peter 2:21-23)

- A. We do not take revenge—we surrender.
- B. Every human being has an innate drive to worship.
- C. Believers are hiding among the gifts of God from the presence of God.
- D. We must keep ourselves from idols.

VI. Angel of light. (II Corinthians 11)

- A. The disease is deception.
- B. The symptom is inordinate zeal.
- C. The treatment is being spirit led.
- D. Satan is trying to rape the bride on the way to the wedding through the false gospel of some preachers.
- E. Satan looks like an apostle but he is not.

VII. Ruler of the darkness of this world.

- A. The disease is doubt.
- B. The symptom is fear.
- C. The treatment is the whole armor of God. (Ephesians 6)

VIII. The accuser of the brothers. (Revelation 12)

- A. The disease is discouragement.
- B. The symptom is insecurity.
- C. The treatment is hope. (Romans 15:13)

Application questions:

1. What does it mean that Satan is an “angel of light” in II Corinthians 11?

2. Which portrait of Satan do you find to be most poignant in your own life? Explain.

3. Spend some time in Ephesians 6 reviewing the armor of God. How can these “tools” help us to break the rule of Satan in our lives? Explain.
