

## Resisting the enemy's attack

**Proverbs 24:6** For by wise counsel you will wage your own war, and in a multitude of counselors *there is* safety.

Ingenuity: good strategy (=intelligence) intellectual capacity to quickly provide a solution to a problem or question

**Ephesians 4:27** nor give place to the devil.

- Place: (Greek) topos. It has to do with topography. Territory. Location. Access point and point of entry.
- If the devil is defeated, dethroned, and destroyed. Why does he attack us?
- Devil is diabolos and means: “He who strikes repeatedly until he successfully penetrates an object to ruin it, affect it and take it captive.”
- He who controls your mind controls your life.

5 words that describe how the devil works:

1. Snares
2. Schemes
3. Strongholds
4. Oppression
5. Deception

### 1. Snares

**Ephesians 6:11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

- Snare: A method of making a path. An avenue of attack. This avenue leads to your mind. action of spying or threatening a person.
- The devil's method is to attack your mind.

## 2. Schemes

**2 Corinthians 2:11** (NET) so that we may not be exploited by Satan (for we are not ignorant of his schemes).

- Schemes: noema means brain, mind. Deranged, disturbed, modified, twisted mind.

## 3. Stronghold

- He wants to make a nest in your mind.
- Stronghold is a prison. A castle.
- Prison is so you do not come out.
- The castle is so that no one can enter.

## 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. <sup>4</sup>For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, <sup>5</sup>casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

- **Captive:** Taking a captive prisoner at swordpoint.
- The devil builds a road.

## 4. Oppression

### Acts 10:38

how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, who went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him.

- Depression: it can be due to natural causes, but it can also be spiritual. Chemical imbalance.
- Oppression: is demonic. Katadunasteuo (gr.) Kata means to dominate, to subjugate. Dunamis power. A power that oppresses your mind. It subjugates you.
- The ultimate goal is to deceive you. Deception is a trap.

**Example:** lenses of deception.

- The devil uses reinforcements. Thoughts bring reinforcements.

**Example:** Balls - illustrating how the devil beats you.

**Example:** A sword.

**How do I resist the enemy's attack?**

1. Submit to God

**James 4:7** Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

Submit (hupotas so) Someone who is submitted to some type of authority. Hide behind someone's back.

**Illustration:** The wife protects herself behind her husband.

Resist: oppose against someone. Stand against.

## The Battle of the Mind

### Isaiah 26:3 (NKJV)

You will keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose mind is stayed on You*, Because he trusts in You.

### Mark 12:30 (NKJV)

And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This *is* the first commandment.

- This is a priority of having our minds aligned with that of Christ.

### Romans 12:2 - GOD’S WORD Translation (GW)

<sup>2</sup>Don’t become like the people of this world. Instead, change the way you think. Then you will always be able to determine what God really wants—what is good, pleasing, and perfect.

### Philippians 2:5 (NKJV)

Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus

### James 1:8 (NKJV)

8 A double-minded man is fickle 'fi-kəl in all his ways.

- marked by lack of steadfastness, constancy, or stability

### 2 Corinthians 11:3 (NKJV)

But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, 'kraf-tē-nəs so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

- The success or failure of your life will be determined in the battle of your mind.
- The biggest enemy is you.
- Judge your mind: Do you have peace, joy, faith. Or anxiety, sadness, doubt.
- Your thoughts determine your attitude.
- When you change your thoughts, you change your life.
- In your mind there may be worried, fear, anger, doubt. O love, joy, peace, and hope
- The person who is always worried is destined to fail.

- Your worry is saying that you do not have confidence that God can take care of you.

**What is attitude?** Attitude is a feeling from within expressed by behavior from the outside.

- Attitude is what is in your mind.
- Your mind is filled with faith, or it is filled with doubt.
- Your mind is your best friend or your worst enemy.
- What is in your mind is going to bring people closer or push them away.
- There is no victory without a fight.
- There is no sun without a night.
- There is no purchase without a price.
- There is no crown without a cross.
- You cannot change what you do not confront.

**Your success is linked to your mind!**

**Romans 8:35-39** (NKJV)

<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written: “For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.”

<sup>37</sup> Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup> For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**2 Timothy 4:7-8** (NKJV)

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. <sup>8</sup> Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing.

**James 1:2-3** (NKJV)

My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various 'ver-ē-  
es trials, <sup>3</sup> knowing that the testing of your faith produces patience.

- Matthew was killed by the sword.
- Mark was dragged by horses to death.
- Luke was hanged in Greece for preaching the gospel.
- John was put in a pot burning with oil.
- Peter was crucified with his head upside down.
- Bartholomew [bär-'thä-lə-,myü](#) was beaten to death.
- Andrew was crucified in Greece.
- Thomas was stabbed to death.
- Judas alpheus was killed by arrows when he refused to deny Jesus.
- Paul was beheaded in Rome.

**Matthew 24:13** (NKJV)

But he who endures to the end shall be saved.

- The attitude of the believer turns problems into victories!
- If what you are doing does not have resistance and opposition, what you do is not worth it.
- Adversity is an opportunity for those who have the mind of Christ.
- Joseph came to the throne of Egypt through abuse, betrayal, slander, persecution.
- If you do not endure the persecution of the pit, you will be destroyed by the prosperity of the palace.
- The person who passes through the pit is a candidate for promotion.
- Abraham Lincoln became a great president after being defeated for public office 12 times.

**Philippians 4:8** - New King James Version

<sup>8</sup> Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things *are* noble, whatever things *are* just, whatever things *are* pure, whatever things *are* lovely, whatever things *are* of good report, if *there is* any virtue and if *there is* anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.