

## 12. Resist the Devil (part 2)

We have a sworn spiritual enemy, Satan, who has devoured, and destroyed many followers of Jesus. He is wily and skilled in what he does. The better we know our enemy, the better armed and able we will be to successfully resist his attacks.

From the following verses, list some of the schemes and tactics that he uses against those desiring to walk in obedience and holiness.

2 Cor 2:11 ‘so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.’

2 Cor 11:14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

John 10:10a The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy...

John 8:44 You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

1 Thes 3:5 For this reason, when I could stand it no longer, I sent Timothy to find out about your faith. I was afraid that in some way the tempter might have tempted you and our efforts might have been useless.

Rev 12:10b ...For the accuser of our brothers, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world...

Eph 6:11f-12 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers,

against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

**MEMORIZE:** 1 Peter 5:8

Luke 4:13 says, “the devil left until a more opportune time.” I have found this acrostic helpful in discerning WHEN demonic attacks might occur.

**S:** stressed. When I am under a lot of stress, I’m vulnerable

**T:** Tired. When I am overly tired, I am vulnerable

**A:** Alone. Satan seldom if ever attacks when I am WITH a brother

**B:** Bored or bombed (under the influence of booze or drugs)

**S:** Spiritual High; after a spiritually significant event

### **Questions:**

1. What tactics or roles does Satan take on to attack us?
2. How do these tactics work together?
3. What other tactics are you aware of that are not listed in these verses?
4. How can I apply the truth of this verse to my life today?

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**Discussion: How has Satan used some of these tactics against you? When are your vulnerable times?**

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