

WINNING THE WAR

“Know Your Enemy” – Part 9 of 10
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ARE WE REALLY IN A WAR?

1. _____ SAYS YES

“Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour..” **1 Peter 5:8 (NLT)**

2. SATAN’S _____ SAY YES

For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain. **1 Thessalonians 3:5 (ESV)**

When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. **Matthew 13:19 (ESV)**

Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens, ‘It has come at last — salvation and power and the Kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters has been thrown down to earth — the one who accuses them before our God day and night.

Revelation 12:10 (NLT)

3. _____ SAYS YES

Therefore, put on every piece of God’s armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm.

Ephesians 6:13 (NLT)

HOW DO WE KNOW IF WE’VE WON THE WAR?

JUSTIFICATION – To be declared righteous by faith in Jesus the Christ

SANCTIFICATION – The process God uses to make us holy

GLORIFICATION – God’s final removal of sin from saints in glory

WILES OF THE DEVIL

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the WILES of the devil.” **Ephesians 6:11 (NKJV)**

NLT – Strategies

NIV – Schemes

KNOW YOUR ENEMY

1. _____
Greek Word – μεθοδεια – methodeia
Where we get the word METHOD
With a road; to operate on an avenue; to operate on a chart or route
2. _____
“...for we are not ignorant of his (Satan’s) devices. **2 Corinthians 2:11(KJV)**
Mind that is scheming, calculating, conniving, devious, sly or clever.
SATAN’S WILE OF ATTACK – To fill the human mind with _____
3. _____
Greek Word - δολιος – dolios
Bait, trick, crafty, deceitful
To bite the bait
4. _____
Greek Word - διαβολος – diabolos
One who repeatedly strikes until penetrating an object in order to ruin it,
affect it, take it captive, to slander, accuse or defame.
To ensnare with a net

Devil is more of a job description than a proper name

THE RESULT OF THE DEVIL’S WILES

His _____ becomes my _____

SO WHAT SHOULD I DO?

*“We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.” **2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)***

“...we pull down every proud obstacle that is raised against the knowledge of God; we take every thought captive and make it obey Christ.”

2 Corinthians 10:5 (GN)

THE WAR IS A BATTLE OF THE MIND

*“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” **Romans 12:2a (NIV)***