

Be Strong in the Lord!




When a ship goes to sea, there are *three essential* questions its captain must address:

1. Why are we out here?
Essential ethics
2. How do we keep from sinking?
Individual ethics
3. How do we keep from bumping into other ships?
Social ethics

Tactics of Terror



Isaiah 14:12 5 – The Five “I Wills” of Satan

1. “I will ascend into heaven”
 - Satan wanted to take God’s abode away from Him
 - **SELF-WILL**
2. “I will raise my throne above the stars of God”
 - Satan wanted to rule over the angelic beings
 - **SELF-EXALTATION**
3. “I will sit on the mount of assembly”
 - Satan want to rule over the Earth
 - **SELF-ENTHRONEMENT**
4. “I will ascend above the heights of the clouds”
 - Satan wanted to displace God’s rule
 - **SELF-ASCENSION**
5. “I will make myself like the Most High”
 - (Satan wanted to be God!
 - **SELF-DEIFICATION**

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“The worst is always very near the best; there is something much worse than Atheism which is Satanism; otherwise known as Being God.”

(G.K. Chesterton)

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1. What is the general strategy of the devil?
 - Our first clue comes from a few of his names.
 - Two names are the most popular names given him in the scriptures:
 1. Satan (adversary) (Job 1:6-12; Job 2:1-7; Zechariah 3:1-2; Matthew 4:10; Matthew 12:26; Matthew 16:23; Mark 1:13; Mark 3:23, 26; Mark 4:15; Mark 8:33; Luke 10:18; Luke 11:18; Luke 13:16; Luke 22:3, 31; John 13:27; Acts 5:3; Acts 26:18; Romans 16:20; 1 Corinthians 5:5; 1 Corinthians 7:5; 2 Corinthians 2:11; 2 Corinthians 11:14; 2 Corinthians 12:7; 1 Thessalonians 2:18; 2 Thessalonians 2:9; 1 Timothy 2:20; 1 Timothy 5:15; Revelation 2:9, 13, 24; Revelation 3:9; Revelation 12:9; Revelation 20:2, 7)
 2. the devil (accuser) (Matthew 4:1, 5, 8, 11; Matthew 13:39; Matthew 25:41; Luke 4:2-3, 5, 9, 13; Luke 8:12; John 8:44; John 13:2; Acts 10:38; Acts 13:10; Ephesians 4:27; Ephesians 6:11; 1 Timothy 3:6-7; 2 Timothy 2:26; Hebrews 2:14; James 3:15; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8; 1 John 3:8, 10; Jude 9; Revelation 2:10; Revelation 12:9, 12; Revelation 20:2, 10)

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 - Our first clue comes from a few of his names.
 - In several cases, he is given the names of animals or creatures:
 3. the serpent (Genesis 3:1-2, 4, 13-14; 2Corinthians 11:3; Revelation 12:9, 14-15)
 4. ancient serpent (Revelation 12:9; Revelation 20:2)
 5. the coiling serpent (Isaiah 27:1)
 6. Leviathan (Isaiah 27:1)
 7. the gliding serpent (Isaiah 27:1)
 8. the dragon (Revelation 12:4, 7, 13, 16-17; Revelation 20:2)
 9. enormous red dragon (Revelation 12:3)
 10. the great dragon (Revelation 12:9)
 11. the monster of the sea (Isaiah 27:1)
 12. the wolf (John 10:12)

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1. What is the general strategy of the devil?
 - Our first clue comes from a few of his names.
 - Some of his descriptive names give insight into his power:
 13. angel of the Abyss (Revelation 9:11)
 14. the god of this age (2 Corinthians 4:4)
 15. the prince of demons (Matthew 9:34; Matthew 12:24; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15)
 16. the prince of this world (John 12:31; John 14:30; John 16:11)
 17. the ruler of the kingdom of the air (Ephesians 2:2)

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 - Our first clue comes from a few of his names.
 - *Other descriptive names give insight into his character:*
 - 18. the accuser of our brothers (Revelation 12:10)
 - 19. the enemy (Matthew 13:39; Luke 10:19; 1 Timothy 5:14)
 - 20. your enemy (1 Peter 5:8)
 - 21. a liar (John 8:44)
 - 22. the father of lies (John 8:44)
 - 23. the lawless one (2 Thessalonians 2:8-9)
 - 24. murderer (John 8:44)
 - 25. the tempter (Matthew 4:3; 1 Thessalonians 3:5)
 - 26. the thief (John 10:10)
 - 27. the evil one (Matthew 5:37; Matthew 6:13; Matthew 13:19, 38; John 17:15; Ephesians 6:16; 2 Thessalonians 3:3; 1 John 2:13-14; 1 John 3:12; 1 John 5:18-19)

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 - *He is also known by these "proper" names:*
 - 28. Beelzebub (Matthew 10:25; Matthew 12:24, 27; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15, 18-19) – "the lord of flies," "the lord of dung," or "the dung-god."
 - 29. Belial (2 Corinthians 6:15) – "worthlessness"
 - 30. Abaddon (Revelation 9:11) – Hebrew for "destruction." In the OT, the dwelling place of the dead. In the NT, the Hebrew name for the ruler of the Abyss.
 - 31. Apollyon (Revelation 9:11) – the Greek translation of the Hebrew word Abaddon, meaning "the destroyer."

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1. What is the general strategy of the devil?
 - Our first clue comes from a few of his names.
 - "the Destroyer"
 - What does it mean to "destroy?"
 - To ruin
 - To spoil
 - To tear down
 - To break up
 - To demolish
 - To do away with
 - To kill
 - To subdue
 - To defeat
 - To crush
 - To render useless or ineffective

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2. How does he plan to do this?
 - The Bible makes clear that the tactics of the devil fall into two major divisions.
 1. He attacks the human race directly:
 - Demon possession (caution!)
 1. Man of Capernaum, healed by Christ in the synagogue on the Sabbath (Mark 1:24; Luke 4:35)
 2. Maniac of Gadara, possessed by and healed of a legion of demons (Matt. 8:28-32; Mark 5:2-13; Luke 8:33)
 3. A mute man healed by Christ, causing the multitudes to rejoice (Matt. 9:32-33)
 4. A girl from Tyre and Sidon, healed at request of her heartbroken mother (Matt. 15:28; Mark 7:29)
 5. A boy at the base of Mount Hermon, healed at the request of his heartbroken father (Matt. 17:18; Mark 9:25; Luke 9:42)
 6. A blind and deaf man whom Christ was accused of healing by the power of Beelzebub (Matt. 12:22; Luke 11:14)
 7. Woman with an 18-year infirmity, healed by Christ in a synagogue on the Sabbath (Luke 13:10-13)
 8. Mary Magdalene, healed by Christ of seven demons (Mark 16:9; Luke 8:2)
 9. Judas Iscariot, possessed by Satan himself (Luke 22:3; John 6:70; 13:27)
 10. A slave girl with powers of divination, healed by Paul at Philippi (Acts 16:16-18)
 11. Sceva's sons, renegade Jews at Ephesus (Acts 19:15)

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 1. He attacks the human race directly:
 - Direct spiritual battle in the unseen realm
 - 2 Kings 6:17
 - Daniel 10:10-14
 2. By far, the majority of the attacks of the devil against Christians are indirect.
 1. This is why they are called the "wiles," "schemes," "tricks" of the devil.
 - Wiliness means deviousness, circuitry, something not obvious, difficult to detect.
 2. The two channels through which Satan tricks us are the *world* and the *flesh*.
 - Some have said that the Satanic trilogy is Satan, the world, and the flesh.
 - This is not the case, as Satan is responsible for the two

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"...it is through the channels of the world and the flesh that the Devil makes his indirect and most insidious attack upon human life."

(Stedman, *Spiritual Warfare*)

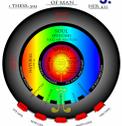
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2. How does he plan to do this?

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1. The two channels through which Satan tricks us are the world and the flesh.
2. Satan's attacks us through our soul: *mind, will, emotions*.
3. The world (not "earth"). **Ephesians 2:1-3**
 1. the god of this age (2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 Cor. 2:6-8)
 2. the prince of demons (Matthew 9:34; Matthew 12:24; Mark 3:22; Luke 11:15)
 3. the prince of this world (John 12:31; John 14:30; John 16:11)
 4. the ruler of the kingdom of the air (Ephesians 2:2)
 5. Anointed Cherub (Ezekiel 28:14)
 6. Angel of Light (2 Corinthians 11:14)
4. Conformity! **Romans 12:2**
 - Pressure to keep in line, to not be different.
 - Those who do swim up stream are ostracized!



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"The 'world' is human society, blindly and universally accepting false values, shallow concepts and insights and deluded ideas of reality, as well as almost desperately insisting upon conformity to those standards and insights."
 (Stedman, *Spiritual Warfare*)

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5. The *Flesh*. **Ephesians 2:1-3**

"...[Satan] has interposed himself between God and humanity and takes the pure life (or love) of God and twists and distorts it so that it is no longer outward directed, as it came from God, but it becomes inward directed; that is, no longer other-loving, but it becomes self-loving ... That life is called 'the flesh.'"

"This, then, is the primary characteristic of the flesh: it is self-serving. It is God's life, misused. It can have all the outward appearance of the life of God—loving, working, forgiving, creating, serving—but with an inward motive that is aimed always and solely at the advancement of self. It thus becomes the rival of God – *another god!*"
 (Stedman, *Authentic Christianity*, page 67)

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2. How does he plan to do this?

"The flesh is that inward urge within us toward total independence, toward being our own little gods and running our worlds to suit ourselves. It is that continual drift within us toward self centeredness and selfishness."
 (Stedman, *Spiritual Warfare*)

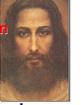
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"It is part of the devil's business to keep the Christian's spirit imprisoned. He knows that the believing and justified Christian has been raised up out of the grave of his sin and trespasses. From that point on, Satan works that much harder to keep us bound and gagged, actually imprisoned in our own grave clothes."
 "He knows that if we continue in this kind of bondage we will never be able to claim our rightful spiritual heritage. He knows also that while we continue bound in this kind of enslavement we are not much better off than when we were spiritually dead."
 (A.W. Tozer *Renewed Day by Day*)

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Romans 12:2
Hebrews 5:12 14

Moses
Law
Flesh
Sight
Rules

"the Destroyer"

- To ruin
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• What do I think?
 • How do I feel?
 • What do I want?
 • What do I believe?

anxiety
 sensuality guilt pride
 idolatry lustre actions fear anger
 jealousy
 impure thoughts
 stealing arrogance
 disputes factions
 death
 boastfulness
 envious
 worrying
 self-control

Jesus
Grace
Spirit
Faith
Freedom

• What does He say?
 • How does He feel?
 • What does He want?
 • What does He say is True?

love
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