

People Builder's Network
Firm Foundation Series
Lesson Nine: **SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

The reality of satan and demons is demonstrated throughout scripture. Every Christian must realize there is no exemption from contact with the dark forces of hell in the earth. By reading the Word of God we can find out how to walk in the authority Christ has provided over all the power of the enemy.

OUR ADVERSARY

1. Satan is adverse or opposed to all of God's plans and purposes. Therefore, he will be in opposition to our Christian progress and the fulfillment of our divine destiny.

"Be _____, be _____; because your _____ the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may _____". I Peter 5:8

2. Satan, formerly Lucifer, one of God's archangels before his rebellion, now commands a host of demonic spirits that work together for the overthrow of God's kingdom. "For we wrestle not against _____ and _____, but against _____, against _____, against the rulers of the _____ of this world, against spiritual _____ in high places". Ephesians 6:12

3. List the activities of the devil in each verse.

1. 2 Corinthians 4:4-

2. Matthew 4:1-

3. Matthew 8:16-

4. Matthew 10:1-

5. Matthew 17: 14-18-

6. Luke 4: 33-37-

7. Luke 13: 11-17-

8. Acts 16:16-

9. Acts 5:3-

10. Luke 22: 3-6-

11. 2 Thessalonians 2:9-

12. Revelation 12:9-

13. Revelation 12:10-

4. 2 Corinthians 2:11 tells us not to be “_____ of his _____”.

5. Luke 10: 19 says “Behold I give unto you _____ to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the _____ of the enemy: and _____ shall by any means hurt you”. The word power here comes from two different Greek words: **Exousia** which means **authority** and **dunamis** meaning **power, force or might**. God is saying, “**I give you authority over all satan’s power**”.

6. **Authority** means “**the right to command**”. Jesus said, “In My _____ shall they cast out _____”. Mark 16:17 The phrase “**cast out**” means to “**throw out by force**”. Jesus and the disciples cast out devils many times, and we shall cast out devils also as true spirit filled believers.

7. The disciples were overjoyed with the results of using their authority in Jesus name. “And the seventy returned again with joy, saying, Lord even the _____ are _____ (obey) unto us through thy name”. Luke 10:17

8. Every believer has the right to use Jesus’ name in spiritual warfare because we have been baptized into Christ and we are now His body. “For as many of you as have been _____ into Christ have put on Christ”. Galatians 3:27

9. How do we cast out the devil? We simply give the demons the commands we want them to obey. We don’t have to spend long time in dialogue with devils. Devils are subject to the believer. Just follow the example of the Apostle Paul in Acts 16:18, “And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and _____ to the _____, I _____ thee in the name of _____ to come out of her. And he _____ the same hour”.

RECOGNIZING DEMONS

10. We must learn to differentiate between what is the devil and what is the fleshly nature of believers who are not walking in the spirit. Generally, a believer who is manifesting wrong behavior is not demonized, but yielding to the sinful desires of the flesh. The believer will know when they are in disobedience to God because they will already know by the Spirit and Word what the right behavior should be, but are unwilling to do it. This is not the devil, this is rebellion in the heart of the believer which needs to be repented of immediately. When someone is under the power of the devil, (demonized), they will not necessarily know of the devil's presence unless the Holy Spirit discloses it. The gift of discerning of spirits is needed to disclose the devil's presence in such cases, and is available to the spirit filled believer. "To another the _____ of _____". 1 Corinthians 12:10

11. The devil can also be recognized by what is said, "And every _____ that _____ not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God". 1 John 4:3 "If the believer knows the doctrines of the Bible he will not be easily deceived by "doctrines of devils".

12. The devil can also be recognized by what he does. Read Mark 5:1-16. The man who was demon possessed lived in the graveyard and was self destructive. This abnormal behavior is evidence of demon power. What type of spirit indwelt this man? Mark 5:2 _____

THE BELIEVERS ARMOR

13. Paul told the Ephesians believers to "put on the whole armor of God". Read Ephesians 6: 10-18. List all six pieces of armor mentioned.

1. _____ Verse 14
This piece enables you to overcome satan's lies.
2. _____ Verse 14
This piece enables you to overcome condemnation.
3. _____ Verse 15
This piece enables you to overcome strife.
4. _____ Verse 16
This piece enables you to overcome doubt.
5. _____ Verse 17
This piece enables you to overcome discouragement.

6. _____ Verse 17
This piece enables you to attack the devil.

14. Satan's greatest area of attack upon your life will be in your mind. He will try to implant negative and critical thinking into you that will make you a voice for him if you succumb to it. You have control over your thought life, use it. Paul said in Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are _____, whatsoever things are _____, whatsoever things are _____, whatsoever things are _____ report: if there be any virtue, and if there be any _____, _____ on these things".

15. The scripture teaches us that we can completely overcome the devil. "Neither give _____ to the _____" Ephesians 4:27

16. Instead of letting the devil operate in our lives we are to "Submit to God, _____ the devil and he will _____ from you". James 4:7