

Knowing your Enemy

Various Scriptures

“If you know the enemy and know yourself, you need not fear the result of a hundred battles. If you know yourself but not the enemy, for every victory gained you will also suffer a defeat. If you know neither the enemy nor yourself, you will succumb in every battle.”-Sun Tzu, The Art of War

Who is your enemy? _____ Ephesians 6:12

What are some common mistakes we make while engaging in spiritual warfare?

* _____ our enemy

*Attack the _____ people

*No _____

*Lack of _____

Titles of our Enemy:

- 1) **Satan:** Job 1:6 (52 times in the Bible)
- 2) **Day-Star:** Isaiah 14:12 (Lucifer) This was the name of Satan _____ his fall.
- 3) **Son of the morning:** Isaiah 14:12
- 4) **The anointed Cherub:** Ezekiel 28:14
- 5) **The Devil:** Matthew 4:1 The name Devil literally means _____.
Do you know why? He slanders both _____ and _____.
- 6) **Tempter:** Satan is the one who _____ people to sin.
- 7) **Ruler of Demons:** Matthew 9:34
- 8) **Beelzebul:** Matthew 12:24 “Lord of the flies” or “Lord of dung”
- 9) **The Evil One:** Matthew 13:19
- 10) **Enemy:** Matthew 13:39
- 11) **Liar:** John 8:44
- 12) **Father of Lies:** John 8:44 He is the one who _____ lies.

13) **Murderer:** John 8:44

14) **Ruler of this World:** John 14:30 In the sense that the world is still characterized by sin. Satan is the major _____ over our world's system. 1 John 5:19

15) **god of this age:** 2 Corinthians 4:4

16) **Angel of light:** 2 Corinthians 11:14 he disguises himself and knows how to make succumbing to his temptations appear like _____ and _____ things to do. Can you think of some examples of this in your life?

17) **Adversary:** 1 Peter 5:8 Satan stand in opposition to everything holy.

18) **Abaddon and Apollyon:** Revelation 9:11 In Hebrew and Greek he is identified as the destroyer filled with hatred against God, trying to destroy every good thing that God has done.

19) **Dragon and Old Serpent:** Revelation 12:9

20) **Deceiver of the whole world:** Revelation 12:9 he is the _____ deceiver.

21) **Accuser of God's people:** Revelation 12:10 God's people are constantly accused by Satan and his demons.

Just like our job descriptions describe the _____ of our roles and _____ of our occupations, all of these names highlight the nature and detail of Satan's evil character. Sadly, there are some in our world who adopt these views have come under the influence of Satan and are hostile, power driven, cunning and have evil intent toward God and His people.

Where did Lucifer go wrong? How did he go from the anointed Cherub to the Evil one?

_____ ; Ezekiel 28:15-16

It is defined as undue confidence in and attention to one's own skills, accomplishments, state, possessions or position. Pride is easier to recognize than to define, easier to recognize in others than in oneself. Bottom line, it is rebellion against God because it attributes oneself the honor and glory due to God alone.

Do you know any other words to describe pride?

A prideful person will never ask for _____ because they do not admit their sinful condition. Finally, this attitude toward God finds expression in one's attitude towards others, often causing people to have a low estimate of the ability and worth of others and therefore to treat them with either contempt or cruelty.

Different types of pride:

Pride of race (Luke 3:8), *spiritual pride* (Luke 18:9), *pride of riches* (James 1:10) *pride of life/sin* (Romans 1:26-31)

What does God say about pride? Proverbs 6:17; 16:18; Psalm 31:18; James 4:6

What are some ways we can overcome pride? Ezekiel 18:32; Ephesians 4:27; Ephesians 6:13; 1 Peter 5:6-9;

Satan's Prideful downfall Isaiah 14:12-15

I will... ascend into heaven. It's not that he wanted to go or get into heaven, remember he was already there even after his fall (Isaiah 6; Job 2:1), but this was a desire to come _____ God's throne.

I will... exalt my throne above the stars of God; This statement lets us know that Satan wanted his throne to challenge and defeat God's throne. He also wanted _____ of God's angels to follow him. Keep in mind he was successful in getting 1/3 of the angels to come with him. Now they are called demons.

I will... also sit on the mount of the congregation on the farthest sides of the north; This third statement pointed to his desire to rule and have authority over the entire universe. He _____ a share of God's glory, some left with him while others remained loyal to God.

I will... ascend above the clouds; when we look at scripture, the clouds are associated with the glory of God. Exodus 13:21 tells us that the lord was in a pillar

of cloud by day. Not only did Satan want God's glory, but here he reaches for a greater glory. Above all he wanted to be on display.

I will... be like the Most High. In Satan's final statement he expressed his ultimate desire to be like God. However there is no such possibility, because God is creator (eternal) and Satan is creation. God is omnipresent but Satan can only be in one place at a time. God has never answers to anyone, but Satan has to get permission to act.

After he had been kicked out of heaven, his next efforts have been to influence and destroy God's creation, especially human beings, why? Simply because we are made in His _____. His first temptation on record was to insert the notion of pride into Adam and Eve. Genesis 3:1-7

With pride he influenced Eve to **doubt** God's word, **deceived** them into thinking they can be "like God" and encouraged them to **disobey** His instruction.

Which Father are we acting like?

Did you know we're acting like Satan when we...

Rebel against the Word of God...

Refuse to obey legitimate authority...

Relinquish hate instead of love...

This was Satan's M. O. then and it is the same today. The question is, now that you know who he is and how he operates, how will you respond?

Remember the Words of Jesus when He was tempted by Satan....

*Food to satisfy his natural hunger from fasting (doubt); Matthew 4:4

*Trusting God or testing God (deception); Matthew 4:7

*Worship Satan instead of God (disobedience); Matthew 4:10

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. -James 4:7-8