

Halloween 2021 - Knowing the Enemy “Strategies & Tactics II”

A couple of weeks ago we started NEW Mini Series revolves around the Idea of: Competitive Sports : *Value in “Watching Tape”* - studying the opponent -

****VIDEO** Shaq watching tape.

***1 Peter 5:8-9** NKJV

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

This devil or accuser “Your” Adversary: Enemy

Characteristics: *Is14:12–14 *Ezekiel28:11-19 *Rev12:7-11

We have been able to identify him as Lucifer - son of the morning. Prince of Darkness, Father of Lies, Satan. Perfect & beautiful Cherub -angel ... until iniquity was found in him.

PRIDE

WE KNOW HIM AS that serpent of old, Bezelbub / Baal , Belial, Apollyon “the destroyer” & even legion.

He has tactics, techniques, & strategies. Patterns that we can pick up. WHY? BECAUSE.....

He is nothing but a created entity that has limitations and patterns of behaviors that can be exploited...

As we “Watched the Tape”.....

1 John 2:15-17

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world. 17 And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.

Opening Prayer

(3) AREAS we are to guard our hearts... *The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, & the pride of life....*

Last week we covered Lust of the Flesh....

Lust is a psychological force producing intense **desire for something, or circumstance while already having a significant amount of the desired object.**

Lust can take any form such as the lust for **sexuality , **money**, or power.**

Lust results in desiring to please ourselves, regardless of God's moral law...

Selfishly we put our physical needs/wants before anyone else....

We want to satisfy our own carnal pleasures, even if it's in violation to God's creative order.

Back in Genesis the tape revealed that Eve was able to see that it was... Good for FOOD - Lust of the FLESH

She was also able to see that...

Pleasant to the EYES - Lust of the EYES

Desirable to make one WISE - PRIDE of LIFE

Pleasant to the EYES - Lust of the EYES

Simply put, the lust of the eyes is the sinful desire to possess what we see or to have those things which have visual appeal.

The covetting of money... Money itself is NOT evil....

The LOVE of money is the root of ALL evil..

When your life is about how much you earn or the clothes you wear, the cars you drive, the trips you take.... The next iphone,

or other physical things that are not from God, but from the world around us. Psychotropic drugs, high end gadgets & toys that don't have significant purpose, But still cost an arm & a leg...

keeping up w/ the Joneses...

These physical things do not last; they will pass away.

2nd Law of Entropy - everything is passing away

Tesla- *rust pit*

In contrast, the child of God is guaranteed eternity.

Lust of the Eyes is birthed through covetousness - The Bible says,” “Thou shalt not covet.” But [Exodus 20:17](#) goes farther than merely forbidding covetousness by giving examples of things people covet:

***Exodus 20:17**



17 ^t“You shall not covet ^uyour neighbor’s house; ^vyou shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

When we covet the spouse of someone else, we are emotionally leaving the one we pledged our lives to. We may never touch the person we covet inappropriately, but, in our hearts, we desire that which is not ours, and that is sin. Jesus equated inward lust with outward adultery ([Matthew 5:28](#)).

It is impossible to love our neighbor while at the same time coveting his or her spouse (see [1 Peter 1:22](#); [Mark 12:33](#)). Covetousness causes us to see neighbors as rivals, and that creates [jealousy](#) and [envy](#) and may eventually lead to acting out our inward sin ([James 1:14–15](#)).

In most cultures, having servants means that the household is doing well financially. Human beings are prone to comparison, and we judge our own success by how we think we compare to others.

**Luke 12:15



15 And he said to them, **“Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”**

You shall not covet your neighbor’s ox or donkey. Coveting the work animals of another meant dissatisfaction with one’s own livelihood. The attitude of covetousness created resentment toward God and jealousy toward neighbors.

Today, coveting a neighbor’s work animal may sound a little like this: “Why does he get all the breaks? I work just as hard as he does, but I get nowhere. If I just had what he has, I could do better, too.”

We cannot love and serve our neighbors if we are jealous of their lot in life. Coveting another's livelihood can result in believing that God is not doing a good job caring for us, as we accuse Him of being unfair in the way He has blessed someone else.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor. *This command covers all possessions. We need to guard our hearts against slipping into covetousness in any area.*

Covetousness kills contentment, joy, and peace.

****1 Timothy 6:6–10**

 English Standard Version

6 But godliness with contentment is great gain, 7 for we brought nothing into the world, and³ we cannot take anything out of the world. 8 But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. 9 But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

When we stay continually aware of all God has done for us, we safeguard our hearts against covetousness

Finally, ... Desirable to make one WISE - PRIDE of LIFE

The pride of life can be defined as *anything that is “of the world,”* meaning *anything that leads to arrogance, ostentation, pride in self, presumption, and boasting.*

anything that exalts us above our station in life and offers the illusion of God-like qualities, wherein we boast in arrogance and worldly wisdom

Ever meet someone who puts others dwn so they can exalt themselves? *A better than tho attitude*

The FALL OF LUCIFER WAS CAUSED BY THE SAME CHARACTER DEFECT..... Pride

I deserve better than this.... I want what's owed to me... what I deserve...

NOTHING IS OWED to us.... Naked we came into the world & naked we leave it.

Contrary to popular belief... what YOU make of YOUR life is up to YOU!!!

Unfortunately When we don't get what we want or need ... or perhaps... have to wait too long for it....

There's your enemy.... Presenting LUST

Are there any areas discussed here this morning that you could identify with? Any LUSTS?? Carnal desires & comforts? Needing the next iphone, or coveting what you cant have.

Has PRIDE infiltrated into your heart?

Where have you fallen short of Gods Holiness? What thoughts have you had that are not pleasing to Him? Hidden motives? Secret agendas? Whether in thought, or deed, sins of omission or commission, Gods Grace is here today... Examine yourselves, understand His redemptive process, and make a choice today to receive His provision in Jesus.... As we partake of His offering we also unite ourselves together to each other.

We are true brothers and sisters now eternally bound by Jesus Christ

Communion

For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the same night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "Take, eat; this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

Please contact us via our website @thepeakcc.com Let us know how we can come along your side to help your spiritual growth...

I'd like to invite you to connect w/ us...Visitors link... fill out that connect card...

***“The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face shine upon you,
And be gracious to you,
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace.”***

I bless you in the Name of the Father, & of the SON, & of the Holy Spirit... Amen!!

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