

Halloween 2021 - Knowing the Enemy “Strategies & Tactics”

Last week we started a mini series spinning off of “Battle Tested Philosophy” - WARRIOR’S MINDSET - This NEW Mini Series revolves around the Idea of: Competitive Sports : Value in “Watching Tape” - studying the opponent -

Encourage you to go listen to the past messages.. Avail FREE

There is NO DOUBT we are living in a world of tic-tok’s & videos. We even have home surveillance videos going viral
Surveillance cameras: - RING Doorbells

So much you can tell by replaying a video over & over again...

MMA - Kick Boxing - Boxing: Watch & study opponents previous fights...

Football:

It could be scary stepping out onto the field of competition
On the field of battle... - not KNOWING WHAT you're up
against?

The more familiar you are with the opponents techniques, the
better equipped you are to stand against him....

***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.

Opening Prayer

This devil or accuser



"Your" Adversary: Enemy Grk: *antidikos*



Characteristics: *Is14:12–14* Ezekiel 28:11-19* *Rev 12:7-11

We have been able to identify him as Lucifer - son of the morning.

Was cut down to the ground.

Said in his heart I will be like the Most High.'

Was the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty.

"You were the anointed cherub who covers.

What happened??

his heart was lifted up because of his beauty;

He corrupted his wisdom for the sake of his splendor

He was perfect in his ways from the day he was created,

Till iniquity was found in him.

P R I D E

defiled your sanctuaries , multitude of your iniquities

WE KNOW HIM AS that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, whoS PRIMARY JOB IS TO deceive the whole world

he and 1/3 of angelic hosts who once stood before the Divine Counsel of God... were cast dwn

AKA : Beezelbub / Baal , Apollyon “the destroyer” & father of lies.

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

Let's “Watch 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.

3 AREAS we are to guard our hearts... The lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, & the pride of life.... Associated with the LOVE of the WORLD.

Let's take a look at what this would look like practically...

Where do we 1st encounter this fibber??

***Genesis 1:1-4** NKJV

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

2 And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

3 And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.

4 And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.

God then proceeds to create this world & MAN who He tasked to HAVE DOMINION... RULE over His creation...

***Genesis 3:1-7** NKJV

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "

4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "*You will not surely die.*
5 For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was *good for food,* that it was *pleasant to the eyes,* and a tree *desirable to make one wise,* she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.

Then the serpent said to the woman, "*You will not surely die.*
Planted a seed of doubt. Lied & directly contradicted God.

What was the enticement? *you will be like God*

Don't we still want to be like God??

When people say.... “well, to me God is like this positive energy of love & life,,,,, - mental image of their god - Idolatry - in essence ... I am my own god.

Satan was able to show and convince Eve that this direct act of rebellion actually had rewards to it.

She was able to see that it was...

Good for FOOD - Lust of the FLESH

Pleasant to the EYES - Lust of the EYES

Desirable to make one WISE - PRIDE of LIFE

Good for food or in other words ... Lust of the FLESH

Desires that arise from the fact that we are earth-bound, fleshly creatures are not sins in themselves.

We desire food, water, shelter, sex, and comfort. God created us with those desires.

However, we are born sinful, desiring to please ourselves, regardless of God's moral law... Selfish & self-centered we put ourselves before anyone else....

Romans 3:10, 12 **ESV**

10 as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one;

12 All have turned aside; together they have become
worthless;
no one does good,
not even one.”

When fleshly desires rule over us, ... *when it takes priority over God's will*, they cause us to violate God's righteousness.

They become lusts.

Hunger isn't SIN. We all get hungry... some of us get hungry and irritable... AKA “*HANGRY*” .

But when hunger surpasses “eating to live”. When our appetite & desires go against God's creative design for me...

Overeating / eating a poor diet / irregular

Eating becomes a lust... it turns into GLUTTONY & we begin to “Live to Eat”....

Are you with me this morning??

When our Natural - physiological desires for intimacy become perverse, it can lead to adultery, fornication, homosexuality,

& SEXUAL ADDICTIONS. All ways that we find to numb the pain and perhaps, do for ourselves what we may “*feel*” God isn't doing for us...

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

Paul tells us in

***Romans 8:12-14** ESV

12 So then, brothers,⁵ we are debtors, ^cnot to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. 13 For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you ^dput to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are ^eled by the Spirit of God are ^fsons⁶ of God.

Dying to self is putting to death the deeds of the body,

***Galatians 5:24** New International Version

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

What are its passions and desires that would be “sinful”?

***Galatians 5:19-21** NKJV

19 The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

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....

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...

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

In contrast, the child of God is guaranteed eternity.

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 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?

TO BE LIKE GOD... take on His characteristics.. ???

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

Are there any areas that you could identify with here this morning? LUST?? Carnal desires & comforts? Needing the

next iphone, or coveting what you cant have. Has PRIDE infiltrated into your camp?

If you're online..... Would you stand up & stretch your hand towards the screen?? If you are here this morning & you are ready to surrender the lust in the FLESH, Lust of the EYES, PRIDE???

Come to the altar & let me pray for you.

*"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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