

Keep Your Spirit Charged

Many Christians struggle with identifying their real enemy. While we face opposition and challenges from people around us, the Bible reveals a deeper truth about the spiritual forces at work in our lives.

Who Is Your Real Enemy?

Your enemies are not flesh and blood. The Bible tells us that our true enemies are spirits, demons, and evil spirits. Even when people make themselves our enemy, it's really not the people themselves - they're being inspired by evil spirits.

In most cases, you don't even have to deal with the human being. You just need to deal with the evil spirit behind the human being that's inspiring them to be an enemy against you. This understanding changes everything about how we approach conflict and opposition.

Why Do Christians Blame God Instead of the Enemy?

Too many Christians confuse God for the enemy. When trials and storms hit, they default to saying "God works in mysterious ways" or "God's in control" - even when the enemy is clearly causing problems.

This happens even among Spirit-filled, Word-of-faith believers. In the heat of battle, they forget they have an enemy and blame God instead. But God is not your enemy. The only reason this enemy can operate is because mankind has welcomed him into the human race, giving him legal rights to cause confusion and chaos.

You Have Authority Over Evil Spirits

We must know that we have authority over these evil spirits and all our enemies. The enemy can't have us, and he can't have what God has given us - unless we give it to him or surrender it to him.

Many people do surrender to the enemy because they don't truly understand they have an enemy. They'll agree with this truth in church, but when facing real trials, they revert to blaming God or accepting defeat.

The Enemy Comes Immediately to Steal

"For he that speaketh in an unknown tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God: for no man understandeth him; howbeit in the spirit he speaketh mysteries. He that speaketh in an unknown tongue edifieth himself..." - 1 Corinthians 14:2,4 King James Version (KJV)

Every time God does something good in your life, the enemy comes immediately to try to steal it. He's very persistent and will continue to pressure you, stirring up people against you to wrestle that blessing out of your control.

You must be in it for the long haul and declare: "I am not giving in to the enemy. He cannot have what God has given me."

Don't Lose What You've Obtained

There's a warning in Scripture about not losing the things we've obtained. This includes revelation and understanding of God's Word. Many people were taught the truth, could quote it, even preach it back - but in trials, they can't find those truths.

Instead of reaching for God's promises, they reach for opinions, feelings, what others are saying, or what doctors are telling them. The first thing the enemy comes to steal is the Word, then he tries to steal everything else.

Standing Fast in Truth

"Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." - James 4:7 (KJV)

The Bible promises that if you resist the devil, he will flee. Not maybe - he will flee. But can you stand fast long enough to make him flee? How rooted and grounded are you in God's promises?

This is why we need more than superficial understanding of God's Word. We must be rooted and grounded through constant meditation, thinking about it, talking about it, and putting it into practice daily.

Don't Wait for Crisis to Use God's Word

Don't wait for big trials before you start speaking God's Word. Use it every day, even when there's no sign of problems. When it comes to healing and health, thank God daily for keeping you healed and healthy.

If you do something that isn't good for your health, take responsibility immediately. Ask for forgiveness and close any door you may have opened to the enemy.

When Problems Persist

Sometimes when problems persist, you need to examine if you've opened a door somewhere. Ask yourself: "Have I missed it somewhere?" Usually, it's something simple and right in front of you - something your heart already knows you shouldn't be doing or should be doing.

Don't go on a great witch hunt trying to figure out what's wrong. If you're constantly believing you're missing it when you're not, that becomes the problem. But do check honestly, take responsibility where needed, close the door, and lock it shut.

Building Yourself Up in Faith

"But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost, Keep yourselves in the love of God..." - Jude 1:20-21 King James Version (KJV)

The Bible instructs us to build ourselves up on our most holy faith by praying in the Holy Spirit. This word "building up" can also mean "charged up." We're to keep ourselves charged up spiritually, just like we charge our phones.

Jesus himself often withdrew into the wilderness to pray. If Jesus needed to get away and pray regularly, how much more do we need to withdraw and charge ourselves up in prayer?

The Power of Consistent Prayer

Many people wouldn't leave home without their phone charger, knowing their phone might die. Yet they'll go into their day without charging themselves up spiritually through prayer and God's Word.

Your spiritual life is more important than your phone battery. You need to recognize when you're running low spiritually and keep yourself in the green - fully charged and ready for whatever comes.

Maintaining Spiritual Perception

When you're filled with faith and spiritually charged, you become more perceptive. You can discern what's happening around you, pick up on problems before they manifest, and perceive what people are thinking or what's in their hearts.

Faith people can see faith in others. They have spiritual depth perception that carnal people lack. This discernment comes from staying connected to God through prayer and His Word.

Be a Taker, Not Just a Hearer

When you go to church or spend time with God, go to take something. Don't just be satisfied with good teaching - be like those men who tore through the roof to get their friend to Jesus. They had such faith that Jesus could see it.

The power of the Lord was present to heal everyone in that house, but only those who plugged into it by faith received what they needed. Don't just sit there like a "rubber biscuit" - be intense about receiving from God.

Life Application

This week, commit to daily spiritual charging. Just as you wouldn't leave home with a dead phone, don't start your day without connecting with God through prayer and His Word. Set aside time each morning to withdraw from distractions and charge yourself up spiritually.

When facing opposition or problems, remember your real enemy isn't flesh and blood. Resist the devil with God's Word, take authority over evil spirits, and refuse to surrender what God has given you.

Ask yourself these questions:

- Am I blaming God for problems that are actually coming from the enemy?
- Do I charge myself up spiritually as consistently as I charge my devices?
- When trials come, do I reach for God's promises or default to worry and doubt?
- Am I taking responsibility for any doors I might have opened to the enemy?
- How rooted and grounded am I in God's Word for the battles ahead?

Quotes

1. "When people make themselves your enemy, it's really not the people; it's the evil spirits influencing them."
2. "In most cases, you don't even have to deal with the person—you need to deal with the evil spirit behind them that's inspiring the opposition."
3. "We have authority over evil spirits (our enemies)."
4. "The enemy cannot have what we refuse to surrender to him."
5. "Every time God does something good in your life, the enemy comes immediately to try to take it—he'll try to steal it right out from under you."
6. "He is persistent—very persistent. He will continue to pressure you and stir up people against you, trying to wrestle it out of your hands."
7. "You have an enemy—and it's not God. Too many people confuse God with the enemy."
8. "Many tongue-talking, Holy Spirit-filled, Word-of-faith people still blame God for bad things the moment the trial gets too hot for them."
9. "This joy that I have—the world didn't give it to me, and the world can't take it away."
10. "The Bible says if you resist the devil, he will flee. Not 'maybe' or 'sometimes'—he will flee."

11. “How rooted and grounded are you in God’s promises?”
12. “Don’t wait for major trials before you practice the Word. Don’t wait for something catastrophic before you start speaking God’s Word.”
13. “When things persist, it is good to ask, ‘Where did I miss it? Did I open a door somewhere?’”
14. “If you opened the door to the problem, you must find it, close it, and lock it—otherwise the problem will keep coming back.”
15. “You deserve a quality life because Jesus made you deserving through His sacrifice.”
16. “The supernatural should become natural to us.”
17. “You are more important than your phone—keep yourself charged.”
18. “People know to charge their phones, but they don’t realize the importance of plugging into God’s presence—through His Word and through prayer.”
19. “Faith people recognizes faith in people—but the carnal mind cannot perceive it.”
20. “When you go to church, you come to receive. When you go to prayer—whenever you meet with Him—you’re taking hold of something every time.”

Verses

1. First John
2. Jude 1:20
3. First Corinthians 14
4. First Corinthians 14:2
5. First Corinthians 14:4
6. Jude 1:17
7. Jude 1:20

8. Jude 1:21

9. Mark 6

10. Luke 5

11. Luke 5:16

12. Luke 5:17

Summary

Many Christians struggle to identify their real enemy, often blaming God for problems that actually come from spiritual forces. Our true enemies are not flesh and blood, but evil spirits and demons that inspire opposition against us. We have authority over these spiritual enemies, but we must resist them with God's Word and refuse to surrender what God has given us. The enemy comes immediately to steal every blessing, starting with God's Word from our hearts. To stand strong, we must stay spiritually charged through daily prayer and meditation on Scripture, just as we charge our phones. When facing trials, we should examine if we've opened any doors to the enemy, take responsibility, and close them immediately.