



FIGHT FOR IT
Part 2 – Fighting the Enemy
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Fight the good fight for the true faith... - 1 Timothy 6:12

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, and I have remained faithful. - 2 Timothy 4:7

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. – Ephesians 6:12

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. – James 4:7

KNOWING AND RESISTING THE ENEMY

1) Our enemy is a DECEIVER.

(Jesus) “...He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.”
- John 8:44

✓ **Replace LIES with God’s TRUTH.**

A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil... ¹⁷ and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. – Ephesians 6:10-11, 17

2) Our enemy is a DESTROYER.

Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.
- 1 Peter 5:8

And “don’t sin by letting anger control you.” Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ for anger gives a foothold to the devil. – Ephesians 4:26-27

✓ **Fight TEMPTATION with God’s STRENGTH.**

3) Our enemy is an ACCUSER.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: “Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.” – Revelation 12:10

✓ **Overcome the accuser with God’s ADVOCATE.**

My dear children, I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate who pleads our case before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who is truly righteous. – 1 John 2:1