

How to Understand and Overcome Opposition

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When we do the right thing, when everyone else is doing the wrong thing -- Those are actions that can lead to us being attacked rather than supported or defended

- Doing the right thing is not always rewarded in this world.
- Faithful living can activate opposition

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- **John 15:18–19 (NIV) — 18** “If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. **19** If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.
- **2 Timothy 3:12 (NIV) — 12** In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

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There is a constant drumbeat of the enemy's opposition aligned against God and His people

- **1 Peter 5:8–9 (NIV) — 8** Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. **9** Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.
- ***Alertness is required because our enemy rarely shows himself for who he is***

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Devil = False Accuser, Slanderer (diabolos)

- *Given to malicious gossip*
- *Utters malicious false statements, charges, assertions*

Enemy = Adversary (antidikos)

- *Is actively and continuously hostile*
- *Contends with, opposes, or resists.*

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- **(1 Cor 16:8-9 NIV)** But I will stay on at Ephesus until Pentecost, (9) because a great door for effective work has opened to me, and there are many who oppose me.
- **(Gal 5:7-8 NIV)** You were running a good race. Who cut in on you and kept you from obeying the truth? (8) That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you.

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Satan:

- A Liar And A Deceiver
- Has No Honor
- Does Not Play By The Rules
- Attempts To Divert Us From Our Course
- Does Not Want Us To Finish The Race
- Tries To Close Doors Of Opportunity & Ministry

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A TRUE CLICHÉ : *“If We Are Going To Win -- We Have To Run A Smart Race!”*

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Where Opposition Comes From

- **(Gal 5:8 NIV)** That kind of persuasion does not come from the one who calls you.
- **(Eph 6:12 NIV)** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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When Moving Ahead For God

Opposition Is A Sure Thing

- **(John 16:33 NIV)** “In this world you will have trouble.”

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The Kingdom Is Advanced Thorough Struggling And Contention

- **(Mat 11: 12 KJV)** And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.
- Advances In The Kingdom Happen Through Battles Being Fought And Won

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The Nature Of The Opposition

- *Opposition Often Comes From A Person (a tool of Satan) Who Doesn't Have An Up-to-date Relationship With Christ*

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When We Move Forward And Begin To Open Doors Of Opportunity, We Must Expect The Opposition Of Satan

- **(Eph 4:27 NIV)** ... do not give the devil a foothold.

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- **THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO STOP -- *If You Will Keep On In The Strength Of The Lord You Will Be A 100% Victor!***
- ***We Need To Learn To Trust Fully In The Lord***

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Be Wise To The Schemes Of The Devil

- **Scripture Outlines The Weapons That We Fight With In Order To Overcome The Opposition Of Satan**
- **If We Use These Offensive Weapons, We Can Overcome The Opposition Of Satan**

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We Need To Use These Weapons...

- The Blood Of The Lamb The Word Of Your Testimony
- The Word Of God The Name Of Jesus
- Praise And Singing Fasting
- Intercession Obedience
- Abandonment
- *Then we will then be able to **move out -- storm Satan's strongholds -- break through his gates -- release captives --carry away spoils***