

Debt Collector  
Accusations  
The Strategy of Satan  
Self-Defense

Let Your Righteousness Speak For Itself (Jesus)

**Revelations 12:10-11** –

**10** Then I heard a loud voice shouting across the heavens,

“It has come at last—

salvation and power  
and the Kingdom of our God,  
and the authority of his Christ.

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters

has been thrown down to earth—  
the one who accuses them  
before our God day and night.

**11** And they have defeated him by the blood of the Lamb

and by their testimony.  
And they did not love their lives so much  
that they were afraid to die.

**The Strategies of a Debt Collector** –

- They don't respect your boundaries
  - Call your work
  - Call your home
  - Call your cell phone
  - Email

- Text
- Call or even Facebook family and friends
- They are mean and threatening
  - Harass
  - Intimidate
  - Threaten
  - Humiliate
  - Shame
  - Frustrate
- Try to engage you in a conversation –
  - Mr. Gray – Relentless!! Called everyday...like I was his personal devotional. Monotone, emotionless guy. Once he called and wished me a happy birthday.
  - Lucinda – Vicious! Seemed like she hated me personally. Mid 20's and had one strategy...guilt and shame me into paying off my debt.
    - Any conversation with her was going to end in her saying things that insulted my character and **accused** me of being an unworthy youth pastor, bad husband and dad...despicable human being.
    - Every time I got drug into a conversation with her she ruined my day!!

Physical Comedy Actor -

**Accusations!!**

## Strategy of Satan

### **Accusation:**

A charge or a claim that someone has done something illegal or wrong.

- What is it about an accusation that seems to illicit a reflexive response!
- “You Clogged the toilet” “No I didn’t!”
- We can’t help it!!
- **Tabloids** – Bigfoot Babies

Accusations are an implication of guilt, worthlessness or failure...comes with the threat of exposure, punishment or a reproach on your good name.

Accusations are EXHAUSTING!!

It is a **distraction strategy** of continual and ceaseless accusations that demand a response....designed to **overwhelm** the time, resources and fortitude of the accused to cause them to give up and accept a verdict of guilty.

- Mentally, physically and emotionally exhausting.
- **Know Your Rights:**
  - It is so important to know your rights
  - You can only call between 8am-9pm... Why do we allow the accusations to roll in all hours of the day and night.

- You can't talk to me anymore! I have filed for debt forgiveness so don't contact me again.

Strategy of Lawyers to overwhelm the resources, time, fortitude and resolve of the accused to cause them to give-up. We have the Master Defense Lawyer!! He's never lost a case!!

### **Accusations are Spiritual Attack –**

Greater – (MercyMe)

Everyday I wrestle with the voices that keep telling me I'm Not Right! But That's Alright!

Cause I hear a voice and He calls me redeemed  
When others say I'll never be enough  
And greater is the One living inside of me  
Than he who is living in the world

***At the center of every spiritual attack is a lie.*** Expose the lie thwart the attack.

- You must respond
- You must defend yourself

Miranda Rights - *"You have the right to remain silent. Anything you say can and will be used against you in a court of law. You have the right to an attorney. If you cannot afford an attorney, one will be provided for you.*

- You are guilty. He who the Son sets free is free indeed!

**Romans 8:33-34** – Who Brings Charges Against Us?

**33** Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. **34** Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.

(AMP)

**33** Who shall bring any charge against God's elect [when it is] God Who justifies [that is, Who puts us in right relation to Himself? Who shall come forward and accuse or impeach those whom God has chosen? Will God, Who acquits us?]

**34** Who is there to condemn [us]? Will Christ Jesus (the Messiah), Who died, or rather Who was raised from the dead, Who is at the right hand of God actually pleading *as* He intercedes for us?

**“Talk To My Lawyer!”**

**Stranger Danger! - Do NOT Engage!!!**

- **Stranger Danger**
  - They are not equipped to discern their deception or defend themselves against
  - Don't even talk to them!
- Resist every attempt of the Devil to engage in a conversation.

- Master of Temptation, Deception and **Accusation**
  - ***Children of God***
  - It works to get you talking
  - Reminds us of our past, our issues and every mistake or flaw in our habits and character.
  - Makes us feel Dirty, Worthless and like we are a Failure.

### **Jesus didn't defend Himself!**

Just as Jesus did not defend himself and was examined and found to have no fault...

**John 18:29** – Pilate then asked, What accusation bring ye against this man.

**John 19:4** – I find no fault in him

If you live by the sword you will die by the sword!  
Defending yourself!!

### **You don't have to defend yourself!**

- **Abraham Lincoln** – “He who represents himself has a fool for a client!”
  - “**Momma Didn't Raise No Fool!**”
- The Righteous Need No Defense!
- Let Your Righteousness Speak For Itself!!

Touch the person next to you and tell them “**Jesus is your Righteousness!**” “**Let Him Speak For You!**”

**1 John 2: 1-2** –

My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. **2** He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

He is your advocate!!! Your Attorney!! One Mediator!!

The Law is a fault finder....The bondage of the Law is to be under the scrutiny of accusation after accusation with no choice but to attempt to justify and defend one's self.

**Galatians 2:17-21** –

**17** But suppose we seek to be made right with God through faith in Christ and then we are found guilty because we have abandoned the law. Would that mean Christ has led us into sin? Absolutely not! **18** Rather, I am a sinner if I rebuild the old system of law I already tore down. **19** For when I tried to keep the law, it condemned me. So I died to the law—I stopped trying to meet all its requirements—so that I might live for God. **20** My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me. So I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. **21** I do not treat the grace of God as meaningless. For if keeping the law could make us right with God, then there was no need for Christ to die.

- Don't let the subtlety of the devil or a preacher or your own conscience...put you back under the bondage of self-defense.

Satan was DISARMED when Christ died for our sins! The only thing he had by which to make accusations was removed so that we could be justified and proclaimed blameless...and innocent without earning it!

**Colossians 2:13-15** – (NIV)

**13** When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, **14** having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. **15** And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

**We Don't Owe God Anything**

- God didn't buy your debt...he's forgiven it!
- Jesus isn't a Debt Collector

Being a Christian does not mean that you won't or don't sin. But it does mean that when we do we have an



advocate...One Jesus Christ who declares us innocent because our debt has been paid and the stain of our sin forever removed!

- It means that we no longer have to pick up the phone and defend ourselves.
  - If you live by the sword you will die by the sword...
  - Our defense is the blood that Jesus shed
  - It is the gift of righteousness that has been given to us
  - It is the Holy Spirit that abides in believers and declares us innocent...justified and Children of God!