

NOTES: First Peter 5:8-10 | Wake Up
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I Peter 5:8-10

I. Be alert and aware

“So prepare your minds for action and exercise self-control. Put all your hope in the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world.” (1 Peter 1:13, NLT)

II. The Devil, our adversary (slanderer).

1. Satan is the originator of sin (Genesis 3:1, 2 Corinthians 11:3).
2. Satan fell from Heaven (Isaiah 14:12-14).
3. Satan is the head of the demons.
4. He is the prince of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2) and the ruler of the systems of this world (John 12:31).
5. He is a liar, a thief, a destroyer, and a meddler (John 10:10).
6. He is defeated; he will be cast into the bottomless pit (Revelation 10:3).
7. Satan and demons oppose and try to destroy every work of God (John 8:44).
8. Satan is not all-knowing, all-powerful, or omnipresent, and neither are the demons. They have limited power. They do not know the future, our thoughts, and cannot read our minds.
9. Believers have authority over demons and Satan (Luke 10:17-19).

We should always expect the Gospel to come in power to triumph over the works of the Devil.

III. He prowls around. Remember: LIONS hunt in the dark!

1. Jesus, he uses the Word. (Satan takes scripture out of context).
He has a plan and agenda for each one of us. He manipulates and takes the Bible out of context.
2. Uses our thoughts.

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.” (Romans 12:1–2, NIV)

He is seeking someone to devour-

3. **He uses our insecurities.** (What others think, others’ opinions.)
4. **He uses the dark.** Remember: Lions hunt in the dark!

“Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them. It is shameful even to mention what the disobedient do in secret. But everything exposed by the light becomes visible—and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said: “Wake up, sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.” Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the

Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit,"
(Ephesians 5:11-18, NIV)

5. He uses our vulnerabilities -

He attacks you by what attracts you.

How to fight the Devil

1. **Be aware** (sober-minded) (Nepho)

Drunk: Metaphor

- Biblical Truth: The devil is on the prowl—be sober-minded, clear, alert, awake.
- Don't be drunk with the affairs of this world—attachments to have you think clearly.
- Don't be drunk with the opinions of others—it's clouding your mind.
- Don't be drunk on being culturally relevant—most of what is applauded in this culture, that the church is getting caught up in, Jesus died for.
 - Pride, sex, immorality, stuff, materialism, greed, selfishness, glorification of those who couldn't care less about Jesus, and are consumed with their own popularity, and they make billions

2. **Be alert** (wake up)

3. **Resist** ("to stand against")

"So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world." (James 4:7–8, NLT)

4. **Standing firm in your faith**

How is your faith? How strong is your faith in Christ?

Saving faith/Active

Living faith—Faith that gets you through

How can you have more faith in Christ?

1. Spend time with Jesus
2. Start loving the Word of God and obeying the Word of God

"All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right." (2 Timothy 3:16, NLT)

"Above all, you must realize that no prophecy in Scripture ever came from the prophet's own understanding, or from human initiative. No, those prophets were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God." (2 Peter 1:20–21, NLT)

"So faith comes from hearing, that is, hearing the Good News about Christ." (Romans 10:17, NLT)

1 Peter 5:10-11