ALERTNESS: KNOW YOUR WEAK SPOTS

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1 SAMUEL 17:40

...he chose **five smooth stones** from the stream... ...with his sling in his hand, approached the Philistine...

WHAT DOORS AM I LEAVING OPEN?

1 PETER 5:1–11

READ THE WHOLE PASSAGE!

...Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil...

EPHESIANS 4:25-27

...anger gives a foothold to the devil...

1 PETER 2:11

... I urge you...abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

 JAMES 4:1–10
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 Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee...purify your hearts...

2 CORINTHIANS 2:5-11

... it is time to forgive and comfort him...so that Satan will not outsmart us...

COLOSSIANS 2:8

Don't let anyone **capture you** with...high-sounding nonsense that come from human thinking and from **the spiritual powers of this world, rather than from Christ.**

2 TIMOTHY 2:23-26

...Gently instruct those who oppose the truth. Perhaps God will **change those people's hearts**...they will come to their senses and **escape from the devil's trap**. For they have been **held captive by him to do whatever he wants**.

RED ALERT! THE SNARES OF THE ENEMY LOOK TOO COMMON!

EPHESIANS 5:1–10 SEE ALSO: 1 JOHN 1:5–9, 1 PETER 2:1-12 ...no immoral, impure, or greedy person will inherit the **Kingdom of Christ** ... a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world...**once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!**

KINGDOM: "The King's Domain"

TO THE KING!

1. ASK GOD TO CHANGE YOUR HEART "Jesus, please forgive me. I want to see this!"

2. AVOID TEMPTATION LIKE AN ENEMY This deception wants to kill you!

3. ATTACK BAD PATTERNS

4. ADOPT KINGDOM VALUES

This deception wants to kill you! Talk to godly friends, change what feeds you! Transparency, generosity, gratitude, love...

MATTHEW 13:44

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field. When a man found it, he hid it again, and then in his joy went and **sold all he had and bought that field**.

VERY IMPORTANT BIBLE PASSAGES! (READ AND MEDITATE ON THESE)

1 PETER 2:9–11

COLOSSIANS 1:9–14

EPHESIANS 1:17-23

WHY DID DAVID TAKE FIVE STONES TO FIGHT ONE GIANT? MAYBE

2 SAMUEL 21:15-22 NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

SEE ALSO: 1 CHRON 20:4-8

Once again the Philistines were at war with Israel. And when David and his men were in the thick of battle, David became weak and exhausted. ¹⁶ Ishbi-benob was a descendant of the giants; his bronze spearhead weighed more than seven pounds, and he was armed with a new sword. He had cornered David and was about to kill him. ¹⁷ But Abishai son of Zeruiah came to David's rescue and killed the Philistine. Then David's men declared, "You are not going out to battle with us again! Why risk snuffing out the light of Israel?"

¹⁸ After this, there was another battle against the Philistines at Gob. As they fought, Sibbecai from Hushah killed <u>Saph, another descendant of the giants.</u>

¹⁹ During another battle at Gob, Elhanan son of Jair from Bethlehem killed <u>the brother of Goliath</u> of Gath. The handle of his spear was as thick as a weaver's beam!
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²⁰ In another battle with the Philistines at Gath, they encountered <u>a huge man with six fingers on</u> each hand and six toes on each foot, twenty-four in all, who was also a descendant of the giants.
²¹ But when he defied and taunted Israel, he was killed by Jonathan, the son of David's brother Shimea.
²² These **four Philistines were descendants of the giants of Gath**, but David and his warriors killed them.

YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT

MATTHEW 12:34-37

"...You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. ³⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and **an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.** ³⁶ But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. ³⁷ For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned."

ANXIOUS? BITTER? COMPETITIVE? DISCONTENT? LUSTFUL? ANGRY? GREEDY? What comes out of you is a result of your spiritual focus. What are you consistently pouring into your life? It will absolutely affect you. It can also be a reflection of wrong thinking that has given the enemy an open door into your life. YOU ARE GIVING HIM PERMISSION TO HURT YOU.

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PHILIPPIANS 4:6–9

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus...**Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise...**Then the God of peace will be with you.

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