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Ephesians 6:10-11

¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

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Ephesians 6:12

¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Ephesians 6:10-13

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Ephesians 6:12-13



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STRUGGLE
IS REAL

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Struggle is Real LG.jpg



- **Who is the devil?**
- **What are his schemes?**
- **How do we stand against the devil's schemes?**

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Who is the devil?

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The Devil (diablos) = “The Slanderer”

The Satan = The Adversary

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against the cosmic powers over this
present darkness, against the spiritual
forces of evil in the heavenly places.**

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Ephesians 6:10-11

¹⁰The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

John 10:10

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¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path.

Matthew 13:19

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⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

2 Corinthians 4:4

The devil is not equal with God

The devil for now rules the world

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**The devil is a defeated enemy
but not vanquished**

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What are his schemes?

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...stand against the schemes of the devil.

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Ephesians 6:10-11

⁴⁴He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44

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What are his schemes?

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What are his schemes?

LIES

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What are his schemes?

LIES

Lies about God

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What are his schemes?

LIES

**Lies about God
Lies about myself**

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What are his schemes?

LIES

**Lies about God
Lies about myself
Lies about the good life**

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“...deceptive ideas that play to disordered desires that are normalized by sinful society.”

John Mark Comer

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How do we stand against the devil's schemes?

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Ephesians 6:10-11

**Drawing strength
from Jesus' victory
so we can stand by faith**

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1. Drawing strength

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¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.

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Ephesians 6:10-11

2. From Jesus' victory

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**¹⁵He disarmed the rulers and authorities
and put them to open shame, by
triumphing over them in him.**

Colossians 2:15

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¹⁴Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

Hebrews 2:14-15

⁸ The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8b

3. So we can stand by faith

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¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

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Ephesians 6:13

**Drawing strength from the Lord
through Jesus' victory
so we can stand by faith**

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Father, I know that I have sinned, and I believe Jesus died to pay for my sins. I believe He rose from the dead and from this day forward I give myself to you. I surrender my whole life to You, to live for You first. Thank You for making me your child today and giving me Your Holy Spirit.

