

# WHOM HE MAY DEVOUR

## Lesson 2 – Outline

I. In this spiritual battle, your actions are very important.

***Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?***

Romans 6:16

- A. When you yield yourself to sin, you're serving Satan, who is the author of that sin, but when you yield yourself to obedience, you serve God, who is the author of that righteousness.
- B. You aren't going to accomplish God's purposes by getting in the flesh, giving in to anger, and losing your temper (James 1:20).
- C. Whether anyone else ever hears you or not, it's having an effect on you.

II. When you give in to envy and strife, you make yourself a target for the devil.

***Where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.***

James 3:16

- A. Are you giving off the sweet aroma of Christ, or are you spiritually stinky?

***We are unto God a sweet savour [smell] of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish.***

2 Corinthians 2:15, brackets mine

- B. Your thoughts, attitudes, words, and actions are either releasing the power of God in your life, or they're releasing the power of the devil.

III. God is good, and He's doing everything He can to save, bless, heal, and prosper us, but we do have an Enemy who is going around seeking whom he may devour.

***Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.***

1 Peter 5:8

- A. Satan cannot devour you without your cooperation.
- B. You need to set a watch before your mouth (Ps. 141:3) and take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor. 10:5).

- C. You need to control your actions (Gal. 5:22-24) and recognize that the demonic realm is trying to take a shot at you every day of your life.

IV. You need to learn to recognize the spiritual dynamics happening in your life.

- A. God wants you to yield to Him so that His power and blessings can be released in your life, and Satan wants you to yield to him so that destruction and death can be released in your life.
- B. You're either submitting to God and His influence or Satan and his influence.
- C. Every time you act, you are releasing spiritual power—either God's or the devil's—into your life.

V. Sin is conceived in your emotions.

***Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.***

James 1:14-15

- A. Every time you have a negative emotion—whether it be sadness, anger, fear, strife, or one of many others—you conceive something.
- B. Many people are conceiving things that they don't want to give birth to.
- C. When you give in to your flesh and start saying and doing these things, you are releasing spiritual forces.

VI. You need to recognize this battle that's raging and the fact that everything you say and do is either empowering God or the devil.

***The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.***

John 10:10

- A. The Lord wants to release His life into you.
- B. Satan wants to steal that life, and kill and destroy you.
- C. Your thoughts, choices, and actions make a huge difference in your life.
- D. The devil is the one who, wherever envying and strife is, brings confusion and every evil work (James 3:16 and 1 Cor. 14:33).
- E. As a roaring lion, he's constantly seeking whom he may devour.

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## Lesson 2 – Discipleship Questions

1. According to James 1:20, what doesn't the wrath of man work?
2. John 10:10 reveals that Jesus came for what purpose?
3. James 3:16 says that confusion and every evil work are found where?
4. According to 2 Corinthians 2:15, what are we to God?
5. What does 1 Peter 5:8 command us to be?
6. What does the psalmist ask the Lord to set before his mouth in Psalm 141:3?
7. According to 2 Corinthians 10:5, what are we to do with every imagination and high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God?
8. What is listed in Galatians 5:22-24?
9. What have they that are Christ's crucified?
10. According to James 1:14-15, when is every man tempted?
11. When lust has conceived, what does it bring forth?
12. What does sin bring forth when it is finished?
13. According to 1 Corinthians 14:33, is God the author of confusion?
14. What is He the author of?

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## Lesson 2 – Scriptures

***Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?***

Romans 6:16

***For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.***

James 1:20

***The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.***

John 10:10

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James 3:16

***For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish.***

2 Corinthians 2:15

***Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.***

1 Peter 5:8

***Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.***

Psalms 141:3

***Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.***

2 Corinthians 10:5

***But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.***

Galatians 5:22-24

***But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth***

James 1:14-15

***For God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints.***

1 Corinthians 14:33