

GHS Module 15  
Tactics of Spiritual Warfare  
Part 2

## Know Your Enemy

**Overview:** 2Co 10:5 Cast down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.

A. Know his character.

1. Know his names.

Rev 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels with him.

Psa 91:13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and adder: the young lion and the dragon shalt thou trample under feet.

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! [how] art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

Eze 28:12-19 The king of Tyrus ... the anointed cherub ...to be cast down to the earth by God.

2. Know his status.

Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

Isa 14:16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, [and] consider thee, [saying, Is] this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

Isa 14:17 [That] made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; [that] opened not the house of his prisoners?

Rev 20:2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, v3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.

Rev 20:10 The devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet [are], and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

3. Know his main sins.

He is the father of lies and author of death and hate.

a) Pride (Lucifer's Five "I will"s).

Isa 14:14 **I will** ascend above the heights of the clouds; **I will be like the most High.**

b) Impatience.

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, **I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God: **I will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: (Eze 28:14 Thou was upon the holy mountain of God. v16-18 God's Five "I will"s)

Rev 12:12 Therefore rejoice, [ye] heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

c) Fear.

Jam 2:19 Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

B. Know his attack strategies.

1. Angel of light.

2Co 11:14 And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.

2Co 11:15 Therefore [it is] no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness;

The goal of this attack is to nullify the Power of the Blood of Jesus in your life.

2 Cor 11:3 Lest your minds be corrupted from the simplicity in Christ Jesus.

The key in recognizing this attack is that it is based in pride and self-importance, which may mean that it comes at a time of great success or is based on such a time.

2. Serpent.

Gen 3:1 Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, **hath God said**, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?

Gen 3:4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die:

The purpose of this attack is to deprive you of the benefits of your salvation package.

The key to recognizing this attack is the question, "Has God said?"

3. Roaring lion.

1Pe 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

The purpose of this attack is to prevent the growth of the Fruit of the Holy Spirit in your life which will hinder or break your partnership with the Holy Spirit.

The key to recognizing this attack is that you know that the urging is a temptation to sin but you want to do it anyway.

C. Know his attack tactics.

From Healing School, we know that every challenge has spiritual, mental and physical components. This is also true of every attack. This is very clear for some attacks such as violations of the Ten Commandments; or of the Seven Deadly Sins\*; or of anything that opposes the Fruit of the Spirit. The examples below are categorized by highest component.

1. Spiritual.

Pride; haughtiness; religious, mind control and general control spirits; control of others (jezebel & witchcraft spirits); legalism; self-righteousness; new false revelations; false prophecies; etc. The veil to the temple has been torn (Matt 27:51). This means that we have access to the Throne of Grace (Heb 4:16). We do not need to find an anointed person of God to pray for us. The same Holy Spirit is in all believers to lead us and guide us into all truth.

Whatever it is, you can do it. Avoid co-dependency. Don't be an enabler.

You have authority over demons, so you don't need to find an expert for cleansing your life.

Our success and blessings are due to grace; so never look down on others. Always esteem them greater than yourself.

2. Mental.

Lack of knowledge; iniquity; twisted logic; scriptures out of context; misquotations; unscriptural praying; canceling your prayers; speaking ungodly/unscriptural words; unbelief; doubt and fear. Others are natural wisdom and historically accepted incorrect beliefs (i.e. old false revelations). Attacks usually start with a questioning of God's Word, His faithfulness and/or your worthiness, faith and diligence. They are presented so that you believe you are doing something correct.

Examples are: Has God said that he would heal everybody? Has God said that he would answer all of your prayers? It worked for her but she is a great woman of faith and you are you. They were offensive earlier, so just cross the street and pretend that you do not see them.

3. Carnal or physical.

Excessive focus on worldly pleasures; carnal thinking or desires; sexual sin, gluttony, laziness. These temptations are frequently preceded by a rationalization.

You have had a rough day so why don't you treat yourself to another helping of ice cream?

You can sin now and repent later. Go back into the world to minister to your unsaved friends.

**\*Note:** The Seven Deadly Sins are pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath and sloth.