

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.

Covered in Module 15 Tactics of Spiritual Warfare Part 2

B. Know his attack strategies.

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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.

D. Know his attack processes.

1. Satanic preferences for attacking.
 - a) Roaring lion: He gets you to know the sin then gets you to do it.
You know what you know.
You know that is a sin and you know that you are choosing to do it.
You proceed with eyes wide open.
 - b) Serpent: Gets you not to know the sin and then gets you to do it.
You don't know what you know (i.e. think that you know).
You don't know the sin but you know that you are choosing to do it.
You proceed with eyes half-open.
 - c) Angel of light: Gets you to not know the sin and then gets you to not know the sin as you do it.
You don't know what you don't know.
You don't know the sin and you don't know that you are sinning.
You proceed with eyes firmly closed.
2. Satanic attack modes.
 - a) Roaring lion.
Usually carnal sins.
Example: you know sexual fantasy is a sin but you do it anyway.
You know the sin of sexual fantasy and you are doing it by choice.
 - b) Serpent.
Usually mental.
You don't know that disobedience to legitimate or accepted authority is a sin, so you choose to roll right through the stop sign.
You don't know what you know.
 - c) Angel of light.
Spiritual deception or revelation contradictory to the Gospel of Jesus.
You don't know 1 John 1:9, so you tell someone that s/he does not need to confess sins because Jesus paid for all of them.
You don't know what you don't know.
3. Preconditions for the attack.
 - a) Roaring lion: Willingness to accept the sin and consequences even for a short time.
Lack of anointing in the person's life at that point in time.
This lack of anointing may be due to chronic or acute conditions.
Chronically, in general, the person may not have been regularly attending church nor reading the Bible nor confessing sins nor any of the 10 Secondary Methods of warfare.
Acutely, the person may have had a bad day, suffered a recent trauma, in the throes of depression, betrayed by a friend, etc.
 - b) Serpent: Lack of knowledge re the sin.
The major factor is a lack of Word in the person's heart.
This may occur from failure to study the Word or failure to do the Word or failure to have a lifestyle based on the Word.
 - c) Angel of light: Pride or sins, which are at the second level below pride.
This pride may occur from self importance or be piggy backed on success, especially one success that is recent or one with major social or financial or spiritual implications.
To avoid this, don't focus on past successes; instead focus on where you are and where God wants you to go. This discrepancy helps to keep you in humility.