

Avoiding the Enemy's Traps

Overview: If you know who you are in Christ Jesus and your spiritual weapons and you understand your enemy's strategies you will be assured victory in this life as a super-conqueror. The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds (2 Cor 10:4)

A. Warfare Strategies of satan.

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| 1. The thief, satan, comes to kill, steal and destroy. | John 10:10 |
| 2. Wiles of the devil – trickery, lie in wait | Eph 6:11; Eph 4:14 |
| 3. We are not ignorant of his devises – purpose, devise, scheme. | 2 Cor 2:11 |
| 4. The serpent beguiled Eve – seduced wholly, deceived. | 2 Cor 11:3 |
| • Through subtilty - trickery or sophistry: - (cunning) craftiness, subtilty. | |
| • Your minds corrupted – defile, destroy | |
| 5. satan transforms himself as an angel of light to deceive. | 2 Cor 11:13-15 |
| 6. Devil put into Judas' heart to betray Jesus. | John 13:2 |
| 7. satan tempts you according to your weaknesses. | 1 Cor 7:5 |
| 8. satan walks around as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. | 1 Pet 5:8 |
| 9. satan, the god of this world, blinds the minds. | 2 Cor 4:4 |

B. Traps of the Enemy

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| 1. Distractions – To Keep You: | |
| • Out of the Word. | Mark 4:14-20 |
| • Out of Church. | Heb 10:24-25 |
| • Out of Prayer. | Phil 4:6-7 |
| • Out of Love. | 1 John 4:11 |
| • Out of Obedience. | Phil 2:12-13 |
| • From your Destiny | Eph 2:10 |
| 2. Deceptions – To Keep You: | |
| • In Sin. | James 1:12-15 |
| • Full of iniquity in your heart, soul and mind. | 2 Tim 2:24-26 |
| • Relying on the natural (sight). | 2 Cor 5:7 |
| • Speaking what you have. | Rom 4:17; Jam 3:2-10 |
| • Loving the world. | 1 John 2:15; James 4:4 |
| • In unforgiveness. | Matt 6:9-15 |
| 3. Complacency – To Keep You: | |
| • Dull of Hearing. | Heb 5:11-14 |
| • Hidden from your true spiritual state. | Rev 3:14-22 |
| • Disobedient – hardened heart | Heb 3:7-8 |
| 4. Discouragement – To Keep You: | |
| • In doubt and unbelief. | Heb 3:12-13 |
| • In laziness. | Heb 11:6; John 8:31 |
| • In depression. | 2 Cor 4:6-7 |

F. Weapons of Our Warfare

1. Weapons of Offense

- The Sword of the Spirit – Speaking the Word of God. Eph 6:16
- The Name of Jesus – used in prayer as a power of attorney. Phil 2:9
- The Blood of Jesus – used to speak to satanic beings. Heb 12:24
- Prayer of Affirmation – declaring the truth of God’s Word. Titus 3:8
- Prayer of Binding and Loosing – to lose God’s will, bind the enemy. Matt 18:18
- Casting Out – used to rid bodies and places of demons, devils and evil spirits. Mrk 16:17
- Praise – praise stills the avenger and brings God on the scene. Ps 8:2; Ps 22:3

2. Weapons of Defense

- The Shield of Faith – protects the minds from fiery darts. Eph 6:16
- Confessing sins – used to accept forgiveness. Follow up with RRB. 1 John 1:9
- The Blood of Jesus – used to cover yourself, loved ones and possessions. Heb 9:12-14
- Prayer of Affirmation – agree with God’s promises in salvation package. Heb 10:23
- Breaking Curses – used to remove from you the snares of your sins.
- Worship – Used to put oneself in alignment and in the Kingdom of God. John 9:31

3. Strategic Weapons

- Studying the Bible Rom 12:2
- Attending Church Heb 10:24-25
- Communion 1 Cor 11:23-31
- Praying in tongues to build yourself up. 1 Cor 14:1-2; Jude 20
- Prayers of Faith (Mk11:24), Agreement (Mt 18:19) and Authority. Mk11:23; Joh 14:14
- Fasting Mk 9:29