



“Don’t Forget Who Your Enemy Is”

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I. ***1 Peter 5:6-9 (Amplified)***

A. Alert and Awake

1. *“Keep a cool head and stay alert. The devil is poised to pounce and would like nothing better than to catch you napping.” - **John 10:10***
2. Don’t be afraid and don’t be lazy!
 - A lot of people walk in fear every day...and they don’t even realize who their enemy is!
 - Once you know your enemy, you will not be ignorant (without knowledge) of his devices and you will not be afraid of him; in fact it’s one thing to know who your enemy is, but it’s another thing to be known by him!
 - **Proverbs 22:13** *“A lazy man says, there is a lion out there...”*

B. Satan and His Hidden Agenda

1. **Revelation 12:7-9**

- **Great Dragon** – The Appearance of Power
- **Old Serpent** – Who he truly is - Old / He’s been around the block (**Genesis 3:1** *“Now the serpent was more subtle/cunning and crafty...”*)
- **Satan and Devil** – *You need a name so you can speak the higher name!*
- **Deceives** – *This is his plan...what he does...He is the father of lies, the deceiver that causes all the confusion in this world (wars, disease, poverty, hatred, offence, pride, harm, and death....they come from Satan).*

2. Satan...the Master Magician

- His specialty: distracting people from the truth (even though it’s right in front of them!)
- Deception....Slight of hand; making something appear one way when the reality is far from it (Have you become Satan’s puppet?)

3. *“Oh, I could never be deceived...” – **Mark 13:22***

II. How to Overcome the Devil and His Tricks

A. First...you must have **Revelation**

1. Revelation of what? Who God is, Who you are, and Who the devil is.
2. Revelation begins with knowing the Will of God (Story Time). **Acts 21:14**
 - Simple but Satan has deceived so many people to believe that God is their enemy!
 - The renewed mind knows the will of God (**Romans 8:1, John 15:15**).

B. Second...you must have **Submission**

1. Submission requires your attention.
2. Your position with God determines your promise.

- C. Third...you must have **Faith**
 - 1. Faith is trusting God...trusting His Word (How can you trust God if you do not know His will for you?)
 - 2. Faith is not something you try; it is something you do!
- D. Fourth...you must have **Action**
 - 1. Your response is Necessary
 - 2. **James 4:6-8 / Matthew 16:21-23**