

# Spiritual Warfare

## We Have an Enemy and It's Not Each Other

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### Message Truth:

So far in this series we have learned that the first step in our warfare plan is the realization that we do have an enemy but that it is not one another. We have learned that Jesus has and continues to pray for our spiritual protection and unity. Our unity is critically important for our ability to engage in spiritual warfare. In the Model Prayer and His High Priestly Prayer, Jesus taught us to pray for protection from the evil one. Today we will seek to understand how Satan tempts us through our flesh so that we will be better able to defend against his attacks upon ourselves and others.

### Methods of Satan's Attacks

#### ● For the B\_\_\_\_\_

1. Satan's ultimate goal for believers is a compromised and fruitless life beset by heresy and sin.

<sup>8</sup> Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8 (NASB)

The most basic understanding for spiritual warfare.

<sup>7</sup> **Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.** James 4:7 (NASB)

#### 1. T\_\_\_\_\_

<sup>15</sup> Do not love the world, nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup> **For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.**

1 John 2:15-16 (NASB)

#### ● Flesh

{Lust of the Flesh}

The flesh refers to our capacity to put self-interests above God. Our flesh has an internal resistance to obey God.

In response to the flesh, Scripture instructs Christians to:

- Recognize that we are no longer under the flesh's b\_\_\_\_\_.
- Walk in conscious s\_\_\_\_\_ to the Holy Spirit.

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. Galatians 5:16 (NASB)  
The Holy Spirit will never lead you to sin.

- Put to death (mortify) s\_\_\_\_\_ characteristics.

<sup>13</sup> for if you are living according to the flesh, you must die; but if by the Spirit you are putting to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are being led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God,

Romans 8:13-16 (NASB)