

HOW TO WIN OVER THE ENEMY

Is. 54:17 - "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD."

1. OUR OPPOSITION.

1. The world.
 1. *"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him."* (I Jo. 2:15)
 2. *"For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is on the world."* (v.16)
 3. *"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."* (v. 17)
2. The flesh.
 1. Flesh - Denotes mere human nature, the earthly nature of man apart from divine influence, and therefore prone to sin and opposed to God.
 2. *"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. (Ro. 8:5).*
 3. *"For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live."* (Ro. 8:13).
3. The devil.
 1. The reality of the spirit world.
 2. There is a force outside of ourselves.
 3. We're not ignorant of his devices.
 4. Goes about...seeking whom he may devour.
 5. Satan's hall of trophies.

2. OUR ATTITUDE.

1. Proper thinking.
 1. Our weapons are mighty to the pulling down of strongholds; casting down evil imaginations; bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.
 2. As a man thinks in his heart, so is he.
2. What we think about our problems or circumstances is so important.
3. How do we size up the situation?
 1. Do we overemphasize the gravity of a matter?
 2. Do we say woe is me? Poor little ole me?
4. Do we faint easily?
5. How do we view the devil?
 1. Do we see ourselves weaker than the opposition?
 2. Do we make the devil a big bad devil?
 3. Do we perceive a great big devil and a little bitty God?
 4. Should not give glory and honor to the devil.
6. We must realize the extent of our resources.

1. Greater is He that is within us than he that is in the world.
2. God is bigger than any problem.
3. We walk by faith and not by sight.
4. It makes no difference whether God works by many or by few.
7. Our attitude is that we are well able (though there be giants in the land).
8. Determine that God's will is to deliver us.
 1. *"Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all."* (Ps. 34:19).
 2. Three Hebrew Children: *"...but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that God that shall deliver you out of my hands?"*
 1. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter. If it be so (if you choose to throw us in), *our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of thine hand, O king.*
 2. But if not (you do not throw us in), *be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up."* (Dan. 3:15a-18).

3. OUR STRATEGY.

1. Be.
 1. Just be.
 2. Be not weary in well doing. *"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."* (Ga. 6:9).
 3. *"That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world"* (Php. 2:15).
 4. Being reflects becoming. Pressing toward the mark. *"...forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."* (Php. 3:13b-14).
 5. Continuing to be. Keep on keeping on.
2. Stand.
 1. *"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*
 2. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
 3. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of

salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." (Eph. 6:10-18)

4. Stand fast; be consistent; be persistent. *"Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong."* (I Co. 16:13).
 5. Having done all, continue to stand.
 6. Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord.
 1. Commanded to stand 267 times in the Bible.
 2. Commanded to stand still 7 times.
3. Know.
 1. Know the strongman that is in the house.
 2. *"When a strong man armed keepeth his palace, his goods are in peace: but when a stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him all his armour wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils"* (Lu. 11:21-22).
 3. *"No man can enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; and then he will spoil his house."* (Mr. 3:27).
 4. Resist.
 1. Resist the devil and he'll flee from you.
 1. That means to oppose him; put him to flight.
 2. We are not to be passive; take the offensive.
 2. One can chase a thousand; two ten thousand. The power of united resistance.
4. HOW DO WE RESIST?
 1. Don't sign for the package--don't accept everything that comes along even though it is delivered to you!
 2. Exercising spiritual authority. Invoking the name of Jesus.
 1. Standing in unity and agreement, and loving one another.
 2. Speaking to circumstances.
 3. Prayer. A blanket of prayer.
 4. Praise. Praise puts to flight the enemy.