**A Journey Into Christlikeness Part 4**

**Winning the Spiritual Battle**

Today we come to Part 4 of our journey into Christlikeness.

Already we have learned about how it is God’s purpose for us

to be transformed into the image of His Son,

and how He is daily about the business of making that happen

Last week our focus was on becoming a productive or fruitful child of God

**But today,**

We will be reminded that we have an enemy who wants to impede all of that,

Primarily because he does not want us bringing any glory to God whatsoever.

**So Just For A Quick Preview Of Today’s Lesson**

**We will learn first, W Our Enemy Is**

**Second, we will learn W He Attacks**

**Third, we will learn W He Attacks**

**Fourth, we will learn W He Attacks**

**And last, we will learn how we can live V**

*Knowing that greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world.*

**So with that quick preview, let’s get started.**

**First there is the thought of Who Our Enemy Is**

*And this part of the lesson focuses on learning the tactics of our adversary*

**See Ephesians 6:11**

**See Ephesians 6:16**

*The point is, the very moment we set out on this journey into Christlikeness*

*We put a target on our back, because once again, Satan does not want us to do anything that will bring honor or glory to Christ*

**So to be successful we must be aware of his tactics & weaponry**

**The truth is, he only has three arrows in his quiver**

 **First, there is the L**

 **Second, there is the L**

 **Third there is the P**

*The idea of the pride of life carries the idea that – That no one will know*

*That really doesn’t apply to me; Or that I am strong enough to withstand*

Name a Bible Story where someone thought “No one will ever know”

Name a Bible Story where someone succumbed to the lust of the flesh

Name a Bible Story where someone succumbed to the lust of the eyes

**The point is If it can happen to these….**

**See 1 Corinthians 10:12**

*So First We Must Understand Who Our Enemy Is*

**Second, We Must Understand Why He Attacks**

**See 2 Corinthians 5:17**

And Satan’s goal is to disrupt the **B**

**See Philippians 2:13**

But Satan’s ultimate goal is to **S**  from God

And when God is about the business of molding and shaping us into what He would have us to be, Satan is going about the business of trying to disrupt God’s Work.

**Dr. Tommy Higle Writes**

Many believers get discouraged in their Christian lives because no one has ever told them about this very difficult struggle that goes on between their sinful natures and the Holy Spirit.

*It is certainly not an easy battle to win because even Paul wrote in*

**Romans 7:21**

*When I would do good, evil is present with me.*

**Exercise**

What was Adam’s Sin ?

Who else did it effect ?

What was Eve’s sin ?

How did it differ from Adam’s ?

What was Achan’s sin ?

Who else did it effect ?

What was Lot’s sin ?

Who else did it effect ?

What was David’s sin ?

Who else did it effect ?

**The answer to the question “Why does Satan attack believers ?”**

*Is because when we fall into sin, it has a devastating effect; Not only on us;*

*and not only on others; but on the work of God in general.*

**Third, We Must Understand Where Satan Attacks**

This thought can be take two ways.

First there are literal places which tend to make us vulnerable

Second, there are weakened defenses that make us vulnerable

In **Genesis 3:6** what was the gate Satan entered through ?

In **Proverbs 13:3** what is the gate we must secure ?

In **Proverbs 4:23** what is the gate we must secure ?

In **1 Peter 1:13** what is the gate we must secure ?

In **Proverbs 6:10-11** what is the gate we must secure ?

In **Proverbs 4:26** what is the gate we must secure ?

**The thoughts of where and when often go together**

*As in being in the wrong place at the wrong time.*

So when you are faced with being in a difficult place,

or around a difficult person, at a difficult time;

What positive pre-actions should you take, to avoid potentially negative reactions ?

Now, having learned the tactics of Satan;

the purposes of Satan; and his various avenues of approach

*We come to the most important part of the lesson*

**As we address the idea of How to live victoriously**

**First, I believe we would all agree**

**Our Spiritual Battle is a D**

***So with that thought in mind, Complete the following verses:***

**Nehemiah 8:18**

Day by day, from the first day unto the last day,

he **R**  in the book of the law of God

**Joshua 1:8**

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth;

but thou shalt **M**  therein day and night,

that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is

written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous,

and then thou shalt have good success.

**Psalm 34:1**

I will **B**  the LORD at all times:

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**Psalm 88:9**

LORD, I have **C** daily upon thee,

 I have stretched out my hands unto thee.

**Psalm 145:2**

Every day will I **B**  thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.

**Luke 9:23**

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me,

let him **D**  himself, and **T**  his cross daily,

and **F**  me.

**Acts 17:11**

These received the word with all readiness of mind,

and **S**  the scriptures daily

**Hebrews 3:13**

But **E**  one another daily, while it is called To day;

lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

**Romans 13:14**

But **P**  the Lord Jesus Christ,

and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof.

**Galatians 5:16**

This I say then, **W**

and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.