

#3 KNOW YOUR ENEMY

Scripture tells us our battle is not against flesh and blood—it's not just against the tumor, but a spiritual battle for the soul. The enemy seeks to disrupt the body's natural healing by attacking our connection with the Holy Spirit. But when we accept Jesus Christ and are filled with the Holy Spirit, God dwells within us—giving us a true home-field advantage.

Like any battle, we must understand our enemy. We study his tactics, patterns, and strategies so we are not caught off guard. Satan and his forces work with a clear objective: to separate us from God.

He uses many methods to do this, but the goal is always the same—to weaken faith, create distance, and break that connection with God.

Satan is our enemy. Who is he and what is his plan?

Satan creates doubt — question God's Word and promises

- Lead to disobedience — push you outside of God's will
- **Cause separation from God — weaken your connection and trust**

Satan twists what already exists within you:

- Fear → anxiety or control
- Desire → lust or greed
- Pain → bitterness or despair

Satan's ultimate objectives:

- Pull you away from God
- Distort truth
- Weaken our faith

Who is he?

- Satan: Means adversary or opponent.
- Devil: Means slanderer.
- Lucifer: Often associated with his pre-fall state as a "light bearer".
- Beelzebul: Referred to as the "prince of demons"

There are four main attributes of the enemy we need to be aware of.

1. The adversary/tempter
2. The deceiver and liar

3. The accuser
4. The ruler of the world.

#1 The Adversary/Tempter

Temptation is one of his primary tools—he uses it to pull people away from God’s truth and into sin. Jesus taught us when he showed us how to pray (even when He was tempted) through the Lord’s prayer that God will “delivery us from temptation and the evil one”

Mathew 4:8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, “All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me.”

Jesus answered every temptation from the devil with scripture and truth about who God the father is

1 Peter 8: 8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

OUR COUNTER ATTACK:

We need to always keep our eyes on the Lord, look for the way out. God will open and close doors for us to walkthrough or avoid through the knowledge and wisdom provided through HIS word and prayer. He will always provide us an escape route from temptation!

1 Corinthians 12 Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall. 13 No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it.

#2 The Deceiver and Liar

Satan tries to convince us that God does not care or is not present, using doubt, fear, and isolation to create separation from Him.

Illness like cancer can intensify these lies, especially when outcomes are

uncertain, but the battle is to stay rooted in faith and not believe that God will abandon or fail to help us.

[[John 8:44](#)] calls him the "father of lies" who was a "murderer from the beginning". [[Revelation 12:9](#)] refers to him as "the ancient serpent, who deceives the whole world".

OUR COUNTER ATTACK:

Staying strong in faith and mindset is critical in this battle. What I think, pray, and speak out loud matters—it shapes my perspective and influences what happens in my body.

My body needs proper nutrition, care, and treatment to fight physically, but true strength comes from the Holy Spirit. That spiritual strength becomes the engine that drives everything

James 4:7: "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you".

2 Corinthians 10:5: "...taking captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ".

#3 The Accuser

Another powerful tool used by Satan is accusations. The voice from the dark side tries to blame us and make us feel guilty.

[[Revelation 12:10](#)] explicitly labels him the "accuser of our brothers and sisters". Book Of Job shows Satan accusing Job before God. God used Job to not only show the power of faith that a man has in God, but also the restrictions in what Satan is able to do in her lives. If it was up to Satan, he would just kill all of us. God allows trials, tribulations and spiritual attacks to produce patients and perseverance in our lives. God gives us free will because He loves us and He wants us to choose Him and to rely on Him for everything in our lives, producing a spiritual maturity and unwavering faith.

Job 1: 8 Then the Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered My servant Job, that there is none like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man, one who fears God and shuns evil?"

9 So Satan answered the Lord and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? 10 Have You not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side? You have blessed the work of his hands, and his possessions have increased in the land. 11 But now, stretch out Your hand and touch all that he has, and he will surely curse You to Your face!"
12 And the Lord said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your [k]power; only do not lay a hand on his person."

OUR COUNTER ATTACK

Job is the example that God gives us for someone who keeps the faith. Job stands as a powerful example of unwavering faith in the face of extreme suffering and direct attacks from Satan. His story reveals how to remain faithful and continue worshiping God even in the most difficult seasons. What can we learn from the book of Job?

- God demonstrates steadfast faith under intense trials and spiritual attack
- Provides insight into enduring suffering while honoring God
- Shows that Satan must obtain permission from God to act
- Confirms that Satan's power is limited and operates within boundaries set by God
- Reveals that God restrains evil and controls the extent of testing
- Reinforces that this principle of limited testing applies to believers today

#4 The Ruler of this World

2 Corinthians 4:4 But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 whose minds THE GOD OF THIS AGES has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

Satan as the "god of this age" (or "world") who blinds the minds of unbelievers to prevent them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ

The tension between secular and religious perspectives in medicine affects how care is delivered. While many healthcare providers are less

faith centered in my opinion, research shows that faith and spirituality can improve patient outcomes and overall care.

Although many physicians believe in God, they often do not incorporate those beliefs into treatment. This gap can impact patient experience—shared or respected spiritual values can build trust, while a lack of understanding may lead to dissatisfaction.

Medicine focuses on physical treatment, while faith addresses meaning and purpose. In serious illness, patients often rely on their faith, and when this is overlooked, care may fail to treat the whole person. Unfortunately money often drives decisions on treatment options, research and clinical trials for medications and wholistic treatments.

OUR COUNTER ATTACK: *1 John 4:4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. 5 They are of the world. Therefore they speak as of the world, and the world hears them. 6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.*

Stand on this truth: the power of God within me is greater than anything in this world. I choose to listen to the Spirit of truth, not fear or doubt, knowing that through Him, I have already overcome.

CONCLUSION

Modern medicine is filled with skilled doctors, nurses, and practitioners who genuinely want to heal and help others. While some may be driven by personal gain, the majority are doing their best with the knowledge and tools they have. Still, we must remember that this is not only a physical battle—it is a spiritual one, and understanding our true enemy is essential.

Remember Satan operates with clear roles:

- **The adversary and tempter**
- **The deceiver and liar**
- **The accuser**
- **The ruler of this world**

Like any soldier or athlete, we cannot enter a battle unprepared. Confidence comes from knowing the opponent—their tactics, patterns, and strategy. In the same way, our strength comes from faith: a deep understanding of who God is, trusting His promises, and boldly standing on them.

God has already equipped us through His Word, prayer, and the Holy Spirit. With that foundation, we are prepared not only to withstand the enemy's attacks, but to stand firm and fight with confidence for our faith and our soul.