

Situational Awareness

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Ephesians 6:10-11

Christians must understand that we are engaged in war with our adversary Satan!

- Revelation 12:7-12,17
- ❖ We are warriors in this war with Satan
 - Warrior*: "... broadly: a person engaged in some struggle or conflict ..." ¹
- ❖ Excerpts from the book "The Warrior's Soul" ²
 - "We recognize that God has called every believing *man* and *woman* to be a spiritual warrior in His service."
 - "Life is a battle. Earth is a war zone. The people around you are walking wounded."
- ❖ Jesus reveals the clash of kingdoms!
 - Matthew 9:35-10:8

Christians must develop "Situational Awareness" in order to walk in freedom and victory!

Ephesians 6:11 "...that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."

Scheme (ESV) or *Wiles* (KJV): Greek "a crafty deceitful way; a cunning device." ³

- ❖ We are in a spiritual war which is why the world is hostile toward Christians.
 - 2 Corinthians 4:2-4* "But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God."
 - 1 John 5:19* "We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one."
 - John 15:18-19* "If the world hates you, know that it has hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you."
- ❖ The Battleground is the Mind
 - 2 Corinthians 10:3-6
 - "... We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,..." (verse 5)
 - ◆ Satan and his forces are able to plant thoughts, opinions, and ideas contrary to the truth of God's Word!
 - Genesis 3:1-4
 - "Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, 'Did God actually say...'" (verse 1)
 - Ä Temptation to question...

- ... God's Word ⇒ It's not true
- ... God's Warning ⇒ He's not serious
- ... God's Order ⇒ It's not important
- ... God's Intention ⇒ It's not for your good

- *Luke 4:1-13*

“... *If you are the Son of God...*” (verse 3)

Ä The temptation is to question our identity in Christ and forfeit all that God has given us in Him!

Ä Satan is relentless ... “*And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time.*” (verse 13)

Christians have been given power over all the power of the enemy!

- Luke 10:17-20

Endnotes:

¹ "Warrior" *Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary* © 2015 Merriam-Webster, Incorporated. Web.
<<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/warrior>>

² Boykin, William G., and Stu Weber. *The Warrior's Soul*. Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2015. Print.

³ Vine, W.E. *Vine's Expository Dictionary of Old & New Testament Words*. Nashville: T. Nelson Publishers, 1997.

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