

***Spiritual Warfare***  
***The Devil, and How to Stand Against His Schemes***



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- *Definitions of Terms*
- *The Nature of the Enemy (part 5)*
- *The Mechanics of Spiritual Warfare*



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(but those “masqueraders” can't actually quote—or manipulate—Scripture, since Satan and his minions can't speak God's holy words without bursting into flame... so you never have to worry about anyone who actually cites the Word of God... right...?)



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                - Stemming off of that—what way(s) can we see that Satan might want to pervert, or distract, or re-focus the Church's ministry today?



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              - How does that dovetail with Satan's schemes as a “Tempter” in verses such as 1 Thessalonians 3:4-5 or 1 Corinthians 7:1-5?
                - Does *all* temptation come from Satan?



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            - But again, why would Satan even *want* to invest his finite time and resources into twisting God's message and leading us in wrong directions or tempting us to fall and fail?
              - What does he hope to *gain*?



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      - Straight-up demon-possessioning
        - Read Mark 1:21-25

(literally, the word is “ἀκάθαρτος” or “*akathartos*”—an “unclean” spirit rather than simply an “evil” one, though verses like Luke 4:33 do link them to demons—but what does the nuance of calling them “unclean” do to our understanding of them... and of this story?)

