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



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



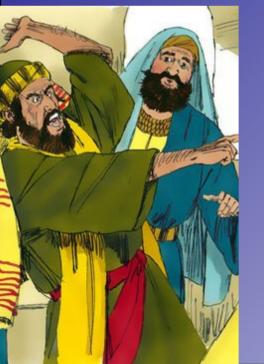
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 We read Galatians 1:6-8
 We read 2 Thessalonians 2:9-10
 We read Acts 10:36-38
- Now, let's read 2 Timothy 2:23-26 What is Paul warning us about here? How does his teaching reflect what Peter says in 1 Peter 3:15-16?
 - How does this reflect how Jesus responded to those who were under the Devil's power (even
 - in Acts 10:38)?
 Please read verses 25-26 again, but substitute "the Accuser" for "the Devil"
 - Again, how might falling victim to the Accuser trap us into un-Godly quarrelling, resentfulness, and pointless argument? How can we resist that as Christians?



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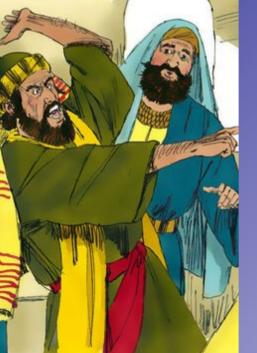
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 So how do we actively *live* like soldiers in this fight?
 Read Ephesians 4:17-24
 What does Paul say that the world is increasingly going to be caught up in—and why?
 Does that line up with what Paul had said in
- 2 Timothy 3:2-4?
 Does that line up with what we see today?
 How do we as Christians resist falling into that ourselves, according to Paul here? (HINT: How might Ephesians 4:18 echo verses like 2 Thessalonians 2:10, Galatians 1:6, etc.?)





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 What's Paul getting at here?
 Please read verses 26-27 again, but substitute "the Accuser" for "the Devil" again
 How might "tweaking" the <u>Truth</u>, or not being thoughtful with your words, or letting your angler fester, etc., allow the Accuser to gain a foothold in your life?
 So how can we as Christians resist falling into this trap—this foothold for the Devil— ourselves, according to Paul here?





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 How would you summarize the mental picture that Paul paints of the kind of Christian life that gives the Devil no chance to dig in and mess with us?
 Why would that even work?
 This is all part of "taking a stand against Satan"— it's not "taking a swing against Satan"—but is it at all *passive...?*

