

# ***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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    - 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 Truth, or not being thoughtful with your words, or letting your anger 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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      - Read Ephesians 4:28-32
        - 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*...?

