



I AM AN ENEMY OF THE DEVIL!

God has called us to demonstrate love to all people as he is love. He calls us to love even those who would call themselves our enemies (Matthew 5:44), to do everything in our power to live at peace with all people (Romans 12:18) and to remember that flesh and blood will never truly be our enemy (Ephesians 6:12). Remembering this will keep us from enormous amounts of turmoil and pain that come from arguing, gossip, side-taking and divisive behavior that often separate us as people.

That said, we are presently at war with a very real enemy. He hates God, and he hates us because we are loved by God and made in his image. He longs to deface that image by painting lies like graffiti within our heads so that those lies would reach our feet. His kingdom is built on condemnation, accusation, deception, lust, temptation, pride and self-reliance. He is presently leading multitudes of people astray by taking them captive to do his will (2 Timothy 2:25-26). We *are* at war, but this enemy was soundly defeated 2,000 years ago, and our King made a spectacle of him as he completely disarmed him (Colossians 2:15). As we surrender to the Holy Spirit, we walk in complete victory over the enemy's lies and step into the adventure of helping others know and experience this freedom, too!

“Be alert and of sober mind. *Your enemy*, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith” 1 Peter 5:8 – Emphasis added.

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the *devil's schemes*. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the *spiritual forces of evil* in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand” Ephesians 6:10-13 – Emphasis added.

QUESTIONS FOR PERSONAL REFLECTION:

1. Refer back to the questions on Day 13. Have you thought of any additional lies the enemy has been trying to set up within your mind? Read 2 Corinthians 10:4,5. Stand in prayer against these lies.
2. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to your mind anyone in your life who needs freedom from a specific scheme of the enemy today. What are they struggling with? What lies are they believing? Ask God what he is saying and boldly call for their deliverance and freedom!

PRAYER:

Father, in the Name of Jesus, today I wear the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness, the belt of truth,

the shoes of peace and defend myself and my loved ones with the shield of faith. Show me how to use the sword of the Spirit as I stand the ground already won. I submit myself to you as Commander-in-Chief and am ready to do battle at your direction. Your unseen supernatural realm rules over me and over every negative circumstance. I trust in you to deliver me from evil, according to Psalm 91. Thank you for your protection.

LISTENING TIME:

Stop for a few minutes and ask the Lord what he wants to say to you. He might bring to mind a picture, a word, a song, an encouragement, a Scripture or an answer to a burden in your heart. Don't rush or feel pressure to figure out the meaning of your impressions. Just invite him to speak and draw or write down what you sense. Afterward, ask God to help you discern and understand what he is saying to you. You might want to ask other trusted friends in the Kingdom for their input as well.

USE THE FOLLOWING SPACE TO RECORD WHAT GOD IS SAYING



TOOLS FOR FAMILY DEVOTIONS:

Read Ephesians 6:10-18 and pray together, putting on each piece of the armor. Ask God to reveal any scheme to steal from your family or your relationships together and stand against it in prayer.

TOOLS FOR PRAYING FOR OTHERS:

Pray for the Holy Spirit to bind up specific assignments or strongholds in your family as the Lord leads you.