

OUR ENEMY, EQUIPMENT AND ENCOURAGEMENT TO GO DEEP

GOING DEEP - BOOK OF EPHESIANS - PART #7

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Ephesians 6:10-24

I. There is an _____ that wants to keep us from going deep.

- Satan _____ defeated. (Colossians 1:13-14)

A. Despite that, we are still _____. (v. 10)

1. We forget who we are, whose we are and where the battle is.
2. We forget we are not fighting for victory; we are fighting from victory. (Colossians 2:15; Revelation 20:10)

B. Despite that, Satan is still _____. (v. 11a)

1. He is deceitful. (John 8:44; Revelation 12:9)
2. He is divisive. (Genesis 4:8; Acts 5:3; Revelation 12:4)
3. He is destructive. (Job 1-2; Revelation 9:11)
4. He is described.
 - 1.) As a serpent trying to deceive God's people. (Genesis 3:1; Revelation 12:9)
 - 2.) As a bird trying to steal God's harvest. (Matthew 13:4, 19)
 - 3.) As a wolf trying to defeat God's flock. (John 10:12; Matthew 10:16)
 - 4.) As a lion trying to devour God's children. (I Peter 5:8)
 - 5.) As a dragon trying to destroy God's Son. (Revelation 12:1-9)

C. Despite that, Satan is still _____. (v. 11b-12a)

D. Despite that, Satan has some _____ who are ranked, organized, powerful and wicked. (v. 12b)

- The _____ you are, the easier it is for Satan to attack.

II. There is some _____ that can help us go deep.

A. We have some _____ weapons. (v. 13-17a)

1. The belt of truth speaks of character. (John 8:32; 44)
2. The breastplate of righteousness speaks of conduct. (Proverbs 4:23; 23:7)
3. The boots of peace speaks of our calling. (John 14:27; Philippians 4:7)
4. The shield of faith speaks of confidence. (Heb. 11:1, 6)
5. The helmet of salvation speaks of commitment. (Philippians 2:12; II Timothy 1:12)

B. We have some _____ weapons. (v. 17b-20)

1. The sword of the Spirit. (Matthew 4:1-11)
2. The practice of prayer. (Jeremiah 33:3)

III. There are _____ that can help us go deep.

- That's why I must _____ to God and others. (Proverbs 18:24; Acts 4:23-37; 9:1-31; Ephesians 4:25)

A. Encouragement comes as a result of real _____. (v. 21-23a)

B. Encouragement comes as a result of a real _____. (v. 23b-24)

ACTION POINTS: 1.) The _____ is Satan.

2.) The more unaware a person is concerning the _____ of spiritual warfare and the equipment they have, the more easily they become prey.

3.) When you get up each morning, if you do not run directly _____ it could be because you are both going in the same direction.

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Ephesians 6:10-24

I. There is an enemy that wants to keep us from going deep.

- Satan has already been defeated. (Colossians 1:13-14)
 - A. Despite that, we are still at war. (v. 10)
 - 1. We forget who we are, whose we are and where the battle is.
 - 2. We forget we are not fighting for victory; we are fighting from victory. (Colossians 2:15; Revelation 20:10)
 - B. Despite that, Satan is still cunning. (v. 11a)
 - 1. He is deceitful. (John 8:44; Revelation 12:9)
 - 2. He is divisive. (Genesis 4:8; Acts 5:3; Revelation 12:4)
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 - 1.) As a serpent trying to deceive God's people. (Genesis 3:1; Revelation 12:9)
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 - 4.) As a lion trying to devour God's children. (I Peter 5:8)
 - 5.) As a dragon trying to destroy God's Son. (Revelation 12:1-9)
 - C. Despite that, Satan is still crafty. (v. 11b-12a)

D. Despite that, Satan has some cohorts who are ranked, organized, powerful and wicked. (v. 12b)

- The swallower you are, the easier it is for Satan to attack.

II. There is some equipment that can help us go deep.

- A. We have some defensive weapons. (v. 13-17a)
 - 1. The belt of truth speaks of character. (John 8:32; 44)
 - 2. The breastplate of righteousness speaks of conduct. (Proverbs 4:23; 23:7)
 - 3. The boots of peace speaks of our calling. (John 14:27; Philippians 4:7)
 - 4. The shield of faith speaks of confidence. (Heb. 11:1, 6)
 - 5. The helmet of salvation speaks of commitment. (Philippians 2:12; II Timothy 1:12)
- B. We have some offensive weapons. (v. 17b-20)
 - 1. The sword of the Spirit. (Matthew 4:1-11)
 - 2. The practice of prayer. (Jeremiah 33:3)

III. There are encouragers that can help us go deep.

- That's why I must get connected to God and others. (Proverbs 18:24; Acts 4:23-37; 9:1-31; Ephesians 4:25)
 - A. Encouragement comes as a result of real friends. (v. 21-23a)
 - B. Encouragement comes as a result of a real faith. (v. 23b-24)

ACTION POINTS: 1.) The real enemy is Satan.

2.) The more unaware a person is concerning the reality of spiritual warfare and the equipment they have, the more easily they become prey.

3.) When you get up each morning, if you do not run directly into Satan, it could be because you are both going in the same direction.