

MORE THAN CONQUERORS

So Much More – Part 10

Ephesians 6:10-20

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1. Our enemies are not human, and they love to target Christians.

For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. – Eph. 6:12 NLT

2. Our enemies have a predictable strategy.

Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all of the strategies of the devil. – Eph. 6:11 NLT

A. Deception

"Your father is the devil.... He was always against the truth. There is no truth in him. He is like the lies he tells. Yes, the devil is a liar. He is the father of lies. – John 8:44 ERV

B. Temptation

The snake was more clever than all the wild animals the LORD God had made. He asked the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must never eat the fruit of any tree in the garden'?" "...You certainly won't die!" the snake told the woman.... "You'll be like God, knowing good and evil." – Genesis 3:1, 4-5 GW

- Temptation is ultimately always about getting us to disbelieve that God's way is the most satisfying way for us to live.

C. Accusation

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "The salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Messiah have now come, because the accuser of our brothers has been thrown out...." – Revelation 12:10 HCSB

D. Direct Attacks pain, sickness, loss, fear, adversity

Be on your guard and stay awake. Your enemy, the devil, is like a roaring lion, sneaking around to find someone to attack. – 1 Peter 5:8 CEV

3. The first key to victory in spiritual warfare is submission.

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. – James 4:7 NIV

Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, submit yourselves to your own husbands as you do to the Lord.... Children, obey your parents in the Lord.... Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear.... – Eph. 5:21-22 & 6:1, 5 NIV

4. We only have victory in warfare when we learn to stand in Jesus' victory.

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his great power. ...put on God's full armor. Then on the day of evil you will be able to stand strong. And when you have finished the whole fight, you will still be standing. So stand strong.... – Eph. 6:10, 13-14a NCV

Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. – Rom. 8:37 NKJV

"Our people defeated Satan because of the blood of the Lamb and the message of God." – Revelation 12:11 CEV

5. We prevail when we pray.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. – Eph. 6:18 NIV

"I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." – Matt. 16:19 NIV