

Overcoming the Enemy

Nehemiah 2

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- *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” 1 Peter 5:8*

If we are to overcome Satan, we must understand his tactics.

- *“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.” 2 Corinthians 2:11*

First, Satan holds people in _____.

- *“And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.”
2 Timothy 2:26*
- What is the answer to this tactic of Satan? The answer is to turn in _____ to Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ is the great liberator.
- *“If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” John 8:36*

Second, Satan seeks to defeat through _____.

- Satan loves to lead people into bondage and then fill their minds with feelings of hopelessness and helplessness.

- What is the answer to this tactic of Satan? The answer is to stand strong in the _____ of Jesus Christ. Ephesians 6:10-13

Third, Satan desires to hinder God's work through _____.

- *"Wherefore we would have come unto you, even I Paul, once and again; but Satan hindered us."*
1 Thessalonians 2:18
- Satan hinders by seeking to control people's _____ through lies.
- *"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."* **2 Corinthians 4:4**
- What is the answer to this tactic of Satan? The only way to overcome a lie is with the _____.
- *"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* **John 8:32**

We need to be aware of Satan's tactics, but then utilize the _____ that God has given to us.

- *"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."*
1 John 3:8b
- *"Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ..."* **2 Corinthians 2:14**