

We are at War

Living Word Community Fellowship

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Luke 14:16-35 (NKJV)

*¹⁶ Then He said to him, "A certain man gave a great supper and invited many,
¹⁷ and sent his servant at supper time to say to those who were invited, 'Come, for all things are now ready.'*

¹⁸ But they all with one accord began to make excuses. The first said to him, 'I have bought a piece of ground, and I must go and see it. I ask you to have me excused.'

¹⁹ And another said, 'I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I am going to test them. I ask you to have me excused.'

²⁰ Still another said, 'I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come.'

²¹ So that servant came and reported these things to his master. Then the master of the house, being angry, said to his servant, 'Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in here the poor and the maimed and the lame and the blind.'

²² And the servant said, 'Master, it is done as you commanded, and still there is room.'

²³ Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.'

²⁴ For I say to you that none of those men who were invited shall taste my supper.' "

²⁵ Now great multitudes went with Him. And He turned and said to them,

²⁶ "If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple.

²⁷ And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple.

²⁸ For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not sit down first and count the cost, whether he has enough to finish it--

²⁹ lest, after he has laid the foundation, and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him,

³⁰ saying, 'This man began to build and was not able to finish.'

³¹ Or what king, going to make war against another king, does not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?

³² Or else, while the other is still a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks conditions of peace.

³³ So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple.

³⁴ "Salt is good; but if the salt has lost its flavor, how shall it be seasoned?"

³⁵ It is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill, but men throw it out. He who has ears to hear, let him hear!"

- As in the garden of Eden, the enemy will attack the one area that has proven to be the most effective, our weakest and most vulnerable spot and that is "Self"
- Expound on the above scripture.

John 10:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

- Satan and the forces of darkness, the thief.
- Jesus the redeemer, protector, provider and the power.

Ephesians 6:10-18 (NKJV)

¹⁰ Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

¹⁵ and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

¹⁶ above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all

the fiery darts of the wicked one.

¹⁷ *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;*

¹⁸ *praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints--*

2 Corinthians 6:6-7 (NKJV)

⁶ *by purity, by knowledge, by longsuffering, by kindness, by the Holy Spirit, by sincere love,*

⁷ *by the word of truth, by the power of God, by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left,*

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (NKJV)

³ *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.*

⁴ *For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,*

⁵ *casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,*

1 Peter 5:5-8 (NKJV)

⁵ *Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."*

⁶ *Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,*

⁷ *casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.*

⁸ *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

The Four (4) Great Traps that Man/ Woman must overcome in life

1. *Glory. (Power and personal Authority).*
2. *Gold. (Prosperity in the flesh, the constant quest for possession.)*
3. *Gals or Guys. (Sexual impurity, lust, immorality, immoral perversion).*
4. *Self. (Pride, Self glorification, arrogance.) The most powerful of all.*

- All find fulfillment in the last, “SELF”.
- Who is our greatest enemy?
- Is it Satan, NO he simply points us in the direction of our own lustful desires that will lead us away from God and he will always bring human logic into the focus.

Genesis 3:1-7 (NKJV)

¹ *Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"*

² *And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden;*

³ *but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' "*

⁴ *Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.*

⁵ *For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

⁶ *So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.*

⁷ *Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.*

Luke 10:17-20 (NKJV)

¹⁷ *Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name."*

¹⁸ *And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.*

¹⁹ Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

²⁰ Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven."