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- Use Your Spiritual Armor
- Let The Holy Spirit Search Your Heart
- Shut The Door (Gates) To The Enemy Control The Gates
- Recognize The Source Of Mental Confusion
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- Extinguish The Flaming Arrows
- Take Every Thought Captive
- Claim A Sound Mind As God’s Will For Your Life
- Let This Mind Be In You
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*Keep your Mind Steadfast on God*

(Isa. 26:3 NIV). "You will keep him in perfect peace, Whose mind is stayed on You, Because he trusts in You"
(Luke 11:14–16 NIV) — 14 Jesus was driving out a demon that was mute. When the demon left, the man who had been mute spoke, and the crowd was amazed. 15 But some of them said, “By Beelzebub, the prince of demons, he is driving out demons.” 16 Others tested him by asking for a sign from heaven.
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(Luke 11:17–20 NIV) — 17 Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them: “Any kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and a house divided against itself will fall. 18 If Satan is divided against himself, how can his kingdom stand? I say this because you claim that I drive out demons by Beelzebub. 19 Now if I drive out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your followers drive them out? So then, they will be your judges. 20 But if I drive out demons by the finger of God, then the kingdom of God has come to you.
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(Mark 3:20-23 NIV) Then Jesus entered a house, and again a crowd gathered, so that he and his disciples were not even able to eat. (21) When his family heard about this, they went to take charge of him, for they said, "He is out of his mind." (22) And the teachers of the law who came down from Jerusalem said, "He is possessed by Beelzebub! By the prince of demons he is driving out demons." (23) So Jesus called them and spoke to them in parables: "How can Satan drive out Satan?
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(Mark 3:24-27 NIV) (24) If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. (25) If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. (26) And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. (27) In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house and carry off his possessions unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can rob his house.
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A Spiritual Battle Of Awesome Proportions.

Jesus Has Taken Off The Gloves
  Healing Many Diseases,
  Confronting And Quieting Evil Spirits

Satan’s Counterattack
  He Does It Through People.
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(Eph 6:12 NIV) 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.

▪ Our Battle Is Against Spiritual Wickedness In High Places.

▪ These Evil Powers Have Only One Objective — Wickedness
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*Satan’s Kingdom:*

- Is highly organized to carry out its purposes.
- Controls the world to plague it with deadly evil.
- Flaunts power through spiritism, occultism, false religions, and cults as never before in all human history.

- The church is being forced to re-examine its own resources.
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We Want To Fight Against A Foe We Can See

- We Blame The People That Satan Uses
- Our Fight Is Not Against Them
- It Is Against Their Wicked Master And Ruler Satan
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Why All The Upset In The Family Of Jesus?

- The Family May Be The Most Difficult Place To Be A Witness For Jesus

- Family Members Require The Most Patience. They See Us At Our Worst When Our Guard Is Down.
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J. Vernon McGee's Thru The Bible
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To Defeat This Enemy, We Must Understand His Tactics:

He Works Through Falsehood, Lies And Deceptions

Satan Tries To Downplay God’s Power And Working By Attributing It To:
- Someone Else
- Something Else
- Circumstances
- Coincidence.
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Jesus Refutes The Devils Tactics With The Truth.

He Says: How can Satan drive out Satan? (24) If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. (25) If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. (26) And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come.

A Divided Kingdom Cannot Stand.

For a house, an enterprise, an organization, or a church to survive, it must have unity not division – IF IT’S DIVIDED IT WILL FALL
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Whenever Jesus Drove Out An Evil Spirit He Was Driving Out & Defeating The Forces Of Satan.

- It Was Not One Evil Defeating Another Evil

- It Was Total Righteousness Dethroning & Defeating Total Evil
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The Principle Of Tying Up The Strongman

Central Focus In Gospels = The Defeat And Overthrow Of Satan And His Demonic Powers

Tying Up The Strongman = Tying Up Satan

Robbing His House = Jesus Would Go In And Set Free Those Who Have Been Captive The Enemy
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Satan Hates You And Has A Terrible Plan For Your Life.

His Tactics To Accomplish His Objectives:
   Deceit.
   Accusation.
   Capitalizing On Our Weaknesses.
   Oppression Through Demonization.
   Oppression Through Demonized Physical Objects.
   Physical Affliction
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What We Know In Scripture About Demons:

Demons Are
   Evil
   Malicious
   Under The Authority Of Satan
   Enemies Of God And Of Humans

We As Christians Are Involved In Ongoing Warfare With Them
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Demons Can Cause Physical Sickness In People

When We Associate With Spiritism, Witchcraft And Magic, Certain Books, Movies, Music Can Become An Opening For Demonic Activity

The Last Days Will See A Marked Rise Of Demonic Activity -- There Will Be Much Immorality Much Violence And Cruelty

Demonic Activity Will Rise To Its Highest Level When Antichrist Assembles His Followers
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About Satan -- He Is Strong

- But He Can’t Stand Up To The Name Of Jesus Or The Powerful Blood Of Jesus -- We Are More Than Conquerors Through Christ.

- If We Are In Christ--We Don’t Ave To Worry About Being Possessed By The Devil He Does Not Have That Right Or Authority

- If We Fail To Follow The Leading Of The Holy Spirit Demons Can Influence Our Thoughts, Emotions And Actions
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So What Are We To Do To Overcome?
The binding of the strong man is done in prayer
We Must Understand Our Authority:

We Can Confront The Enemy And Break His Power In Spiritual Warfare Through The Power Of The Holy Spirit
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Three Aspects of Spiritual Conflict Against Satan
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Declaring War Against Satan According To God’s Purpose.

- Entering Satan’s House
- Overpowering Him By Prayer And By Proclamation Of The Word And Destroying His Weapons Of Deception And Temptation.
- Carrying Off His Possessions
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Vacated Territory Needs To Be Occupied And Claimed For The King And His Kingdom

Luke 11:23–26 (NIV) — 23 “He who is not with me is against me, and he who does not gather with me, scatters. 24 “When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, ‘I will return to the house I left.’ 25 When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. 26 Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first.”
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We Can Challenge And Overcome Him

- By Believing In Jesus Name.
- By Using The Word Of God
- By Praying In The Spirit By Fasting
- By Driving Out Demons
- By Praying And Believe In The Holy Spirit To Do His Work
- By Praying Also With Expectation For The Manifestation Of The Spirit Through The Gifts Of Healing—Tongues—Miracles—Signs & Wonders
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Jesus Has Come To Destroy The Works Of The Devil

(1 John 3:8 NIV) He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil’s work.

The Lord Is Faithful -- He Will Protect Us. He Has Given Us Authority Over The Devil And His Demons
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The Power Of Christ Is Greater Than The Devil And All Of His Demons

Philippians 2:9 (NIV) (9) Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, 10) that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, (11) and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
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We Can Live In Victory Today By Faith
God Meets Ever Problem With A Promise

(2 Th 3:3 NIV) But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen and protect you from the evil one.

The Destroyer Of Life Cannot Stand Up To The Power That Is In The Giver Of Life

When We Pray With Fervency And Faith -- We Can See God Bring Great Breakthroughs To Our Lives!

By Faith We Can Overcome Satan And All His Deceptions
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Satan Is Defeated

- He Has No Right To Assault Us Or To Take Control

- Any Time He Shows Up He Is A Trespasser & He Must Leave!
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(Eph. 4:27 NIV) “Do Not Give The Devil A Foothold”

- Keep Doors Closed To Him -- He Can’t Operate Freely In Your Life

(Hosea 4:6 NIV) "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge".

- Learn God’s Word

- Be Equipped By It

- Let Your Spirit Be Fed And Get Strong