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**“EXPECTING MIRACLES TO BE SEEN IN 2016”**

**AM I READY TO DO BATTLE WITH MY ENEMY? Pt. 5**

**Knowing The Devices My Enemy Uses**

II Corinthians 2:11

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**The readiness to do battle with our enemy calls for Christian planning.** One of the most important things to do as we plan is the study **the devices or weapons of the enemy**. Take for instance the two most used plans by North Vietnam during the 1960s proved to be very effective against the U.S. forces:

* First, North Vietnamese communists wisely chose to wage **a war of attrition**. They planned to make a long, bloody and expensive war for the U.S.
* Secondly, the National Liberation Front (NLF) applied **guerrilla warfare** all over South Vietnam. Guerilla was an unusual style of warfare using small and stealthy units to surprisingly attack the opponent.

Hanoi decided to construct a logistical system that ran from North to South Vietnam for better support. This trail best known as the[Ho Chi Minh Trail](http://thevietnamwar.info/ho-chi-minh-trail/) was almost 1,000 miles long and became the main supply of manpower and weapons.

* the third phase of this strategy was launching massive offensives against South Vietnam.

In 1968, a surprising offensive was held in time of the Lunar New Year celebration. The initial attacks stunned the U.S., although they soon regrouped and the communist forces suffered significant losses.

Satan promises the best, but pays with the worst;
he promises honor and pays with disgrace;
he promises pleasure and pays with pain;
he promises profit and pays with loss;
he promises life and pays with death.---Thomas Brooks.

Remember the following in your Christian planning:

**Our Mission** = resist the devil and sin
**Our Goals** = be faithful to God (in our living)
**Our Strategy** = engage more in local Christian spiritual networking activities
**Our Tactics** = attend SS/LTC regularly, attend prayer meetings regularly, daily Bible reading,

 walk in the spirit, follow Divine instructions, live within personal means and save

 money, volunteer for Christian missions, fast, tithe, assemble for worship often at

 Church, forgive others, love my neighbor as myself, grow in faith, stay in good health, etc.

II Corinthians 2:11

Paul writes to the Corinthian congregation to advise them to be aware of the devices Satan uses to defeat their mission. The mission of resisting the devil has not changed. Only the outsides and various innovations have taken place but nothing is new. The tricks he used yesterday he is still using effectively today. Only a Christian plan can stop him.

Let’s look at five (5) tactical weapons Satan uses on people to destroy them:

1. According to Proverbs 6:16-19 there are six devices that God hates but which one is most damaging than all the rest?

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1. Jesus knew that forgiveness is difficult to do (Matthew 18:21,22). Only true Christians growing in the faith can do it effectively to please God. Why does Satan use this tactical weapon in his attacks upon Christians according to Matthew 6:14,15? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. According to Acts 5:1-16 Satan attacked two Christian that were overtaken by Satan’s carnal spirit. First, what was the attack the was used against the Church? Second, what was the consequence of their carnal decision against the Church? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. Satan uses demonic invasion as a tactical weapon. According to Luke 11:16-26 what happens when Satan invades a person?

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1. According to Matthew 23:1-39 why was Jesus against the scribes and Pharisees in the practice of their beliefs about God? Why was he against their open display of hypocrisy and pride in v.15?

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1. Think on these things: What is your battle that you are **fighting NOW**?
* Is your battle sickness?
* Is your battle the bottle?
* Is your battle sexual?
* Is your battle seeking a great mate?
* Is your battle spiritual weakness?
* Is your battle food?
* Is your battle an addiction? (does not have to be drugs)
* Is your battle aging?
* Is your battle worldly thinking?
* Is your battle profane language?
* **ARE YOU WINNING THE BATTLE? IF YOU ARE NOT, LET GOD CONTROL THE FIGHT!**