

Why We Fight & Serve: The Unseen Battle of the Spiritual Warrior

**Understanding,
Exposing,
and Countering
the Tactics of the god of
Confusion
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Agenda

- Introduction and Opening Prayer
- Topics
 - I. ~~Understanding the god of Confusion (goC)~~
 - ~~Who he is, his focus and how he accomplishes his goals and objectives, and his influence upon the world~~
 - II. ~~Exposing the Subtle Schemes and Tactics of the goC~~
 1. ~~Primary Methodologies Used Against Both People & Systems~~
 2. ~~Schemes & Tools to Attack People~~
 3. ~~Systemic Attacks – The Depravity Cycle and Its End Result = Supernatural Suck~~
 - III. Countering the goC – Three Challenges and Four Strategies for Living in Opposition to Evil's Influence that will Strengthen your Ambassadorship to the Kingdom

3 Challenges to Walking with the Lord:

1. Evil is Working the World
2. Spiritual Training Requires Demolition of the Old Man
3. The Devil has a Plan of Opposition for the Christ follower

4 Principles and 5 Practices to Counter the goC's Attacks on Your Walk with the Lord:

1. **More God, Less World** - Make God Your Boss
2. **Place No Limits on God** - Understand God's Sovereignty, Authority & His 'Man Up' Standard
3. **God's Plan of Glorification** –
 - a) Maintain Your Focus
 - b) Keep Your Eyes on the Prize
 - c) Tap Into God's Holy Spirit Power
4. **Serving as a Kingdom Ambassador**

The Great American Backslide ——— and ——— Our Silent Partnership with Darkness



*Living in
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Countering the goC's Attacks on Your Ambassadorship

I. Make the God of the universe your Lord (Boss)

I. God is our faith, life, being, purpose, and our love, then He is also our commanding officer:

2 Timothy 2:4

- No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer

Colossians 3:23-24

- Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Luke 12:37

- Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them.

2. Our commanding officer has taught us that life is about serving, and the Word of God also instructs us how we are to serve:

Mark 10:45

- For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Micah 6:8

- He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

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2. Understand God's sovereignty/authority & His 'Man Up!' standard

GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER EVERYTHING HAPPENING IN THIS WORLD. BOTH THE AUTHORITIES AND THE PERSONS GOVERNING US WERE GRANTED BY GOD. WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT POSITIONS AND PEOPLE IN GOVT. ARE DIVINELY APPOINTED:

1 Peter 2:13-17

- Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

Romans 13:1

- Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Job 36:17; 38:3,33;

- Don't be laden with judgment due the wicked, nor allow judgment and justice to take hold of you.
- Brace yourself like a man; I will question you, and you shall answer me. (*then God asks Job*)
- whether he knows the laws of heaven or if he can set up God's dominion over the earth?

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3. Maintain Your Focus

Matthew 6:19-21

- Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Romans 12:1-2

- Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. 2 Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.



1. Living life and solving problems using a Biblical Worldview
2. Testing our own hearts and Spirit
3. Obtaining answers from the correct sources
4. Following what your conscience and the Holy Spirit are advising
5. Living in Victory based on the choices you make

The cycle is repeated as you face tests and trials that are for your personal refinement.

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4. Keep Your Eyes on the Prize

PERSEVERANCE – STEADFASTNESS – LONG-SUFFERING

James 1:2-4

- Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

2 Peter 1:5-7

- For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love

Acts 20:24

- However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God's grace.

1 Corinthians 9:24

- Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.

Philippians 3:13-14

- Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.

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5. Tap into the Power of the Holy Spirit

UNDERSTAND THAT THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT RESIDES IN YOU AND IT IS AT WAR WITH THE DESIRES OF THE FLESH

John 16:12-14 -

- I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.

Galatians 5:16-18; 24-25

- So, I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.

Romans 8:5-8

- For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Key Points on Renewing Our Minds to Help Deconflict a Spiritually Confused World

1. The whole Word of God - It is more important now than ever before to teach the **hard truths** to believers in Christ = **encourage in truth**.
2. Man's justice system is not God's justice system
 - Hard truth #1 – God is sovereign, evil and good are incompatible, human beings are evil in His system of justice, which never changes, and only He is perfectly just.
 - Hard truth #2 – God refines us through trials so that we are moved closer to Him and may be better witnesses and Ambassadors for the Kingdom.
3. God is not a part-time God - We cannot be part-time believers. We must give our full-time attention to serving the Lord in all the places, spaces, and aspects of our lives, which is our witness and testimony.
 - Hard truth #3 – Undoing the works of the evil one was accomplished by Christ on the cross and walking with Him starts with us recognizing who we are, identifying our Kingdom purpose, and being salt, light, and love in a fallen world.
4. Living in the World is a Highly-Corruptive Influence on our Walk with the Lord – Evil's influence upon the world is expanding and we should try to understand and counter evil's influence.
 - Hard truth #4 – There is a dominion of darkness that has a basic strategy to oppose and replace God and destroy people, especially believers in Christ. **Expect to be targeted and consider it pure joy!**

The Sword of the Spirit - Use Scripture to Counter the Devil's Schemes by Defining Your 'Life's Product'

Encourage in Truth's three Core Truths –

1. The Bible is the foremost universal guide for obtaining the knowledge and wisdom necessary to inform ALL secular leadership principles and practices. The Bible proves whether a leadership tenet is truth or something else.
2. God created you with a unique perspective/focus, a moral matrix, and a unique mission for the Kingdom that **only you can fulfill** that will glorify God.
3. Clarity of thought comes from a relationship with God, while Satan, the god of Confusion, is **attempting to distract and destroy you**, so you never find your Kingdom purpose and unique life's product. He wants to defeat and sidetrack God's mission, purpose, and will for your life.

Use scripture and your SHAPE to define your ambassadorship (SHAPE = spiritual gifts, hearth, abilities, personality, and experiences. Then enter the spiritual battleground you have been called to serve in.

Encourage in Truth Mission Statement – (+15 years in development) *I will teach the disciple's path to freedom, shine light upon the darkness, and through the empowerment of the Holy Spirit help others to comprehend and expose the subtleties of how evil is working the world so they can find their life's purpose for the Kingdom.*