

## **Know Your Enemy**

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV) Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

### **I. The Devil Is Real**

### **II. The Devil Has A Plan**

Ephesians 6:11 (NIV) Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

**1. Satan Wants You Distracted.**

**2. Satan Wants You Divided.**

**3. Satan Wants You Disconteted.**

**4. Satan Wants You Deceived.**

**5. Satan Wants You Doubt.**

Matthew 11:2-3 (NIV) When John, who was in prison, heard about the deeds of the Messiah, he sent his disciples to ask him, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

Matthew 11:4 (NIV) Jesus replied, "Go back and report to John what you hear and see:

Matthew 11:5 (NIV) The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

Matthew 11:6 (NIV) Blessed is anyone who does not stumble on account of me."

James 1:5 (NIV) If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

James 1:6 (NIV) But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

James 1:7-8 (NIV) That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.

## **6. Satan Wants You Discouraged.**

1 Kings 19:3-4 (NIV) Elijah was afraid and ran for his life. When he came to Beersheba in Judah, he left his servant there, while he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness.

1 Kings 19:3-4 (NIV) He came to a broom bush, sat down under it and prayed that he might die. "I have had enough, Lord," he said. "Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors."

1 Kings 19:5 (NIV) Then he lay down under the bush and fell asleep. All at once an angel touched him and said, "Get up and eat."

1 Kings 19:6 (NIV) He looked around, and there by his head was some bread baked over hot coals, and a jar of water. He ate and drank and then lay down again.

1 Kings 19:7 (NIV) The angel of the Lord came back a second time and touched him and said, "Get up and eat, for the journey is too much for you."

1 Kings 19:8 (NIV) So he got up and ate and drank. Strengthened by that food, he traveled forty days and forty nights until he reached Horeb, the mountain of God.

1 Kings 19:10 (NIV) He replied, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too."

## **What the Devil Uses to Discourages Us:**

### **> Fear**

Joshua 1:9 (NLT) Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

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- > Fear
- > Fatigue

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- > Frustration

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- > Fear > Fatigue
- > Frustration > Failure

James 4:7 (NKJV) Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

James 4:8 (NKJV) Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.