

LESSON 6

THE ENEMIES: SATAN (THE POWERS OF DARKNESS)

Review: Satan = ubiquitous and bad

One word of encouragement and perspective

- Luke 22:31-32
- Job 1:12 and 2:6
- John 13:26-30 with Luke 22:21-22
- 2 Cor. 12:7
- Rom. 8:28
- Eph. 1:11

Three foundations to stand on

1. The authority of Christ – Luke 10:17-20
2. The Truth about God & His ways
3. The TRUTH about YOU

Two important practices

1. **Assume and command/ pray**

2. **Don't give the devil an opportunity: kick him out and close the door!**

APPLICATIONS

Application #1: Satan is on a leash

Meditate on the sovereignty of God over all, even Satan.

Then, correct any misconceptions, false perspectives, unnecessary fears, etc. by completing these two sentences:

in light of the truth of Sovereignty of God over all, even Satan, I am wrong to:

in light of the truth of Sovereignty of God over all, even Satan, I am right to:

Application #2: Stand on the authority of Christ

Memorize Luke 10:17-20

Application #3: Stand on the Truth about God and His ways

Commit yourself to knowing the Word of God and integrating its truth into every nook and cranny of your life.

Then write out three practical steps you will take to beef up your knowledge of the Word of God.

Take those steps.

Application #4: Stand on the Truth about You

Memorize Ephesians 2:4-7.

Meditate extensively on each word and phrase until its truth about you is the truth you understand, believe and live by.

Using the document "Who I Am" incorporate these Truths of God's Word into the core of your self-image.

Application #5: Assume and command/pray

Begin the practice of exercising the authority of Christ you've been given over the powers of darkness that harass you.

Assume he is there when the guy cuts you off in traffic

As negative impulses rise, command Satan to cease and leave in Jesus name – caveat: you have to really WANT him to; he knows when you're not serious!

Then take the step in the direction the Spirit wants to lead you: towards love, joy, peace, patience, self-control etc. etc.

Application #6: Don't give the devil an opportunity

Take stock of your life before God in a time of prayer

Command the devil to be still and be gone

Ask the Spirit to help you see and understand where you might have been giving space/ place/ room/ opportunity in your life.

Confess to God, renounce to Satan the opportunity you gave him (kick him out), recommit and take the Spirit's hand once more.

Who I am in Christ

I AM ACCEPTED IN CHRIST

John 1:12	I am God's child
John 15:15	I am Christ's friend
Romans 5:1	I have been justified
1 Corinthians 6:17	I am united with the Lord and one with Him in spirit
1 Corinthians 6:20	I have been bought with a price, I belong to God
1 Corinthians 12:27	I am a member of Christ's body
Ephesians 1:1	I am a saint
Ephesians 1:5	I have been adopted as God's child
Ephesians 2:18	I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit
Colossians 1:14	I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins
Colossians 2:10	I am complete in Christ

I AM SECURE IN CHRIST

Romans 8:1-2	I am free forever from condemnation
Romans 8:28	I am assured that all things work together for good
Romans 8:33-34	I am free from any condemning charges against me
Romans 8:35	I cannot be separated from the love of God
2 Corinthians 1:21	I have been established anointed and sealed by God
Colossians 3:3	I am hidden with Christ in God
Philippians 1:6	I am confident that the good work God has begun in me will be perfected
Philippians 3:20	I am a citizen of heaven
2 Timothy 1:7	I have not been given a spirit of fear but of power love and a sound mind
Hebrews 4:16	I can find grace and mercy in time of need
1 John 5:18	I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me

I AM SIGNIFICANT IN CHRIST

Matthew 5:13-14	I am the salt and light of the earth
John 15:1,5	I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of His life
John 15:16	I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit
Acts 1:8	I am a personal witness of Christ's
1 Corinthians 3:16	I am God's temple
2 Corinthians 5:17-20	I am a minister of reconciliation
2 Corinthians 6:1	I am God's co-worker
Ephesians 2:6	I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm
Ephesians 2:10	I am God's workmanship
Ephesians 3:12	I may approach God with freedom and confidence
Philippians 4:13	I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me