

Forgiven to Forgive

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2. It Costs Too Much I Peter 5:8-9

A. Who You Are

1. Think of who you are in the spiritual realm, the devil does

- Genesis 1:26 we are made in the image of God
- Genesis 1:26 We have been given dominion on the earth (to rule)
- Romans 5:5 God's we have God's love in us
- Galatians 5:22-23 we have God's character is in us (the fruit of the Spirit)
- John 14:17 we have God's Spirit is in us
- Acts 1:8 we have the power of the Holy Spirit is upon us
- Romans 1:16 we have the Word of God which is the power of God
- Mark 11:23-24 we have prayer an incredibly powerful weapon
- Ephesians 6:11-17 we have the armor of God for protection

- a. The devil is no match for a Christian living out who they are, but the devil does not give up

I Peter 4:12 Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the **fiery trial** which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; **v13** but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy.

(**Ephesians 6:16** above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the **fiery darts** of the wicked one)

2. (**Ephesians 6:11 S1**) 'wiles' cunning, trickery, deceit
3. **I Peter 5:8-9** 'adversary' opponent in a lawsuit, he'll take all you have; he is looking to destroy you because of who you are and what you are capable of
- (**Revelation 12:10**) satan is the accuser of the brethren (like a prosecutor)
 - A lion preys on the weak; the isolated; the young
 - The devil knows he cannot stop you unless he can deceive you

B. The Tactics of Our Adversary

1. #1 Ignorance of who you are (**Hosea 4:6 S2**)
- The answer: (**Romans 10:17**) faith comes from hearing the Word of God
 - (**2 Timothy 2:15 S3**)

2. #2 Wrong Priorities – even good things if they are more important to you than who you are in Christ and the ministry the Lord has given you **(Mark 4:18-19 S4)**
 - The answer **(Philippians 3:13-14 S5)** Paul was never satisfied with his ministry, what he had done today and was constantly striving to do better each new day

2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.

3. #3 Temptations **(James 1:14-15 S6)** satan tempts us in areas we have been vulnerable in the past in; he knows, familiar spirits
 - The answer: **I Corinthians 10:13** God always makes a way out
 - **(2 Timothy 2:22 S7)** Paul tells Timothy to flee lusts; you can if you want to, if your ministry means more to you (Joseph/Potiphar's wife)
4. #4 Offenses and Opportunities Not to Forgive **(Matthew 18:7 S8)** offenses will come; The price you pay is too great if you do not forgive

5. **Mark 11:23-24** powerful teaching on prayer

v25 And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him and let it drop (leave it, let it go), in order that your Father Who is in heaven may also forgive you your [own] failings and shortcomings and let them drop. Amp.

6. **Matthew 6:9-15** Lord's prayer this says the same thing; unforgiveness causes your prayers to be hindered
7. **(Hebrew 12:14 S9)** pursue peace, implying to forgive; if you do not forgive you will not have spiritual experiences (answered prayer, effective ministry) with God
 - The answer: **(Ephesians 4:32 S10)** we are to forgive because we have been forgiven

1 Corinthians 9:16 For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to boast of, for necessity is laid upon me; yes, woe is me if I do not preach the gospel! **(Mark 16:15)** we are all commanded to preach the gospel by Jesus)

Hebrews 10:7 Then I said, 'Look, I have come to do your will, O God — just as it is written about me (Jesus) in the Scriptures.' " NLT

- **(John 17:18)** Jesus told us that He sent us just as His Father sent Him; **(Matthew 4:23 & Matthew 9:35)** Jesus went about teaching, preaching and healing; this is what we are to do as well

Romans 1:1 Paul, a bondservant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated to the gospel of God

- The Lord called Paul to be an apostle, Paul had to separate himself for the ministry