

Focus on the Family: Protect Your Family

1 Peter 5:8-9

Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world.

We live in a spiritual battlefield. Each day we are under attack by the devil. Unbelievers are being stormed with false information and believers are being attacked to destroy our witness. Our families are being assaulted each day. We must recognize this enemy, prepare for battle, and protect our family.

I need to recognize the devil as a real enemy.

Subtle- Genesis 3:1, **2 Corinthians 11:3**, Revelation 12:9

Liar- John 8:44

Tempter- Matthew 4:1

Thief- Luke 8:14, **John 10:10**

Adversary- 1 Peter 5:8

Polluter- Matthew 13:38

Deceiver- 1 John 5:19, Revelation 20:7-8

Sifter- Luke 22:31

Murderer- John 8:44

Devourer- 1 Peter 5:8

Angel of light- 2 Corinthians 11:14

Accuser/Slanderer- 1 Peter 4:14, Revelation 12:10

Ruler of this world- Job 2:2, John 12:31, 14:30, 16:11, Ephesians 2:2

I need to prepare for battle.

1. Be sober of spirit

1 Corinthians 10:13-14, **1 Peter 1:13, 4:7**, 2 Timothy 4:5

2. Be on alert

Matthew 24:42, **Ephesians 6:11-12** (13-20), 1 Thessalonians 5:6

3. Resist the devil

Ephesians 4:27, 6:11, James 4:7, Revelation 12:11