

BATTLE READY
Preparing For Spiritual Warfare

Deception ▪ Evil ▪ Anxiety ▪ Fear ▪ Confusion ▪ Temptation

BATTLING TEMPTATION
(Sword of the Spirit)
Ephesians 6:17b

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< FIVE WAYS GOD'S WORD HELPS US BATTLE TEMPTATION >

1. It helps us WALK in the _____ of the Lord.

Luke 4:1 *Jesus...was led by the Spirit in the desert.*

◆ **Be...AWARE OF / ATTENTIVE TO / ALIGNED WITH...God's Word.**

Isaiah 30:21 *Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way...walk in it."*

2. It helps us RECOGNIZE the _____ of temptation.

Luke 4:2a *For forty days He was tempted by the devil.*

James 1:14-15 *Each one is tempted when, by his own desire, he is dragged away and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin. And sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.*

◆ **STAGES: Desire → Deception → Disobedience → Death**

2 Corinthians 2:9,11 *Stand the test and be obedient in everything... in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.*

3. It helps us ANTICIPATE the _____ of the enemy.

Luke 4:2b *He ate nothing during those days and...He was hungry.*

◆ **BODY: Satan appeals to our desire for _____.**

Luke 4:2b-3 *He was hungry. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread."*

◆ **MIND/HEART: Satan appeals to our desire for _____.**

Luke 4:5-7 *The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor, for it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. So if you worship me, it will all be yours."*

◆ **SPIRIT: Satan appeals to our desire for _____.**

Luke 4:9-11 *The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God...throw yourself down from here. For it is written: 'He will command his angels concerning you to guard you carefully. They will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"*

4. It helps us CLAIM the _____ of the Lord.

Luke 4:4,8,12 *Jesus answered, "It is written: Man does not live on bread alone."...Jesus answered, "It is written: Worship the Lord your God and serve him only."...Jesus answered, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test."*

HEAR ◆ READ ◆ STUDY ◆ MEMORIZE ◆ MEDITATE ◆ APPLY

Psalms 119:9,11 *How can a young man keep his way pure? By living according to your word...I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you.*

5. It helps us ENGAGE the _____ of the Lord.

Luke 4:13-14 *When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit.*

Ephesians 6:10-11 *Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.*

In what way does Satan attack me most? How will I defeat him?

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