



AS ONE: FIGHTING THE EVIL ONE

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"I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one." John 17:11,15 NIV

THE EVIL ONE: A PROFILE TO UNDERSTAND

"You were the anointed cherub. I placed you on the mountain of God. You strolled in magnificence among the stones of fire. From the day of your creation you were sheer perfection . . . and then imperfection—evil!—was detected in you. In much buying and selling you turned violent, you sinned! I threw you, disgraced, off the mountain of God. I threw you out—you, the anointed angel-cherub. No more strolling among the gems of fire for you! Your beauty went to your head. You corrupted wisdom by using it to get worldly fame. I threw you to the ground, sent you sprawling before an audience of kings and let them gloat over your demise. By sin after sin after sin, by your corrupt ways of doing business, you defiled your holy places of worship. So I set a fire around and within you. It burned you up. I reduced you to ashes." Ezekiel 28:14-18 MSG

"God created the Heavens and Earth—all you see, all you don't see. Earth was a soup of nothingness, a bottomless emptiness, an inky blackness. God's Spirit brooded like a bird above the watery abyss. God spoke: "Light!" And light appeared. God saw that light was good and separated light from dark. God named the light Day, he named the dark Night. It was evening, it was morning—Day One." Genesis 1:1-5 MSG

THE EVIL ONE: A PATTERN TO RECOGNIZE

EXPECT _____.

"The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden? "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. "God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." The woman was convinced."

Genesis 3:1,4-6 NIV

EXPECT _____.

"When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time." Luke 4:13 NIV

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EXPECT _____.

Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet. Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?"

Acts 5:1-3 NIV

EXPECT _____.

"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down."

Revelation 12:10 NIV

EXPECT _____.

You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: "Love your neighbor as yourself." If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh."

Galatians 5:13-16 NIV

EXPECT _____.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:10 NIV

"In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evildoers and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived." 2 Timothy 3:15-16 NIV

THE EVIL ONE: A PRIZE THAT BRINGS PAIN TO GOD AND MAN

DIVIDE YOU AND ME _____.
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WILL YOU "F.I.G.H.T." THE GREAT DIVIDER?

"But when people keep on sinning, it shows that they belong to the devil, who has been sinning since the beginning. But the Son of God came to destroy the works of the devil." 1 John 3:8

*"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."
Ephesians 4:3 NIV*

...LET'S CLOSE WITH SOME FIGHTING ORDERS

F _____ . (1 Peter 5:8)

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

I _____ . (John 8:44-45)

You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!

G _____ . (Ephesians 3:16-18)

I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ,

H _____ . (1 Thess. 5:20-22)

Do not treat prophecies with contempt but test them all; hold on to what is good, reject every kind of evil.

T _____ . (1 Cor. 12:24-26)

But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

"The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light." Romans 13:12 NIV

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MENTAL SUGGESTION

MORAL TEMPTATION

INDULGE → IMPRESS → INCREASE

MENTAL RATIONALIZATION

MENTAL ACCUSATION FROM WITHIN

PERSONAL ACCUSATION FROM OTHER CHRISTIANS

DIRECT PERSECUTION

FROM GOD

FROM OTHERS IN OUR LIVES

FROM OUR PURPOSE

FACE THE REALITY OF EVIL

IDENTIFY AND CONFRONT HIS LIES

GROW IN GOD'S LOVE

HOLD TO GOD'S WORD

TOGETHER COMMIT TO CONNECT & CARE