

WE DO NOT WRESTLE WITH FLESH & BLOOD: PART III
EPHESIANS 6:10-20
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Questions for Study and Reflection

1. How do you think Christians ought to strike the balance between understanding the methods or schemes of the devil (Eph 6:11) and being obsessed with him? Do you tend to err more to the side of ignoring the devil or paying too much attention to him? What steps do you think the Lord would have you take to grow in this, one way or the other?
2. Read Acts 10:34-43 and think carefully about the context of the battle in which we're fighting. Envision both sides, the battle ground, the weapons of war, and then go back to Ephesians 6:10-20 and think afresh about what Paul is saying to us there.
3. Pastor Charlie said he has come to think that the devil has five main tactics that he uses against either believers or unbelievers or both. Look up the passages below, think about each tactic, and ask the Lord to show you where you're vulnerable, where you're strong, and how you can improve in every area.
 - a. Satan Deceives: That is, he seeks to lure people away from worshiping God and toward worshiping anything or anyone else (2 Cor 4:4, 11:1-16, 2 Thes 2:9).
 - b. Satan Tempts: That is, he seeks to entice us to sin against God and thus incur the wrath of God (Gen 3:1-24; Luke 4:1-13; 1 Cor 10:13; 1 John 1:8-9, 2:1).
 - c. Satan Accuses: That is, he brings charges against us to God in the hope that God will pour his wrath out on us (Job 1-2; Zech 3:1-2; Rev 12:10).
 - d. Satan Divides: That is, he sows weeds among the wheat and leads them to gossip and such, or at least takes advantage of it when they do, and so divides the body of Christ and weakens it for attack (Matt 13:36-43, 18:15-20; Gal 6:1).
 - e. Satan Exercises Brute Force: That is, he harasses or controls persons and power structures to accomplish his purposes (Luke 13:10-17; 2 Cor 12:7; 2 Thes 2:9; Rev 2:9-10, 16:14).