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You've Got Enemies; So Deal With It!

(Learning how to use the 3 best fighting words)
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"Be self-controlled and alert. **Your enemy** the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for *someone to devour*." (1 Peter 5)

3 Things You Can Count On

You will be tempted.

"No temptation has seized you except what is common to man. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can stand up under it." (1 Corinthians 10:13 NIV)

You will be tested.

You will be troubled.

What to Watch For

The temptation to power.

"Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world—the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does—comes not from the Father but from the world." (1 John 2:15-16 NIV)

The test of devotion.

"Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" (Luke 6:46 NIV)

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and in your name drive out demons and perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" (Mat 7:21-23 NIV)

The trouble with trust.

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33 NIV)

The 3 Best Fighting Words

The first fighting word is watch.

"Jesus answered: '**Watch out** that no one deceives you. For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.'" (Matt 24:4-5 NIV)

"Then he said to them, '**Watch out!** Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.'" (Luke 12:15 NIV)

"I urge you, brothers, to **watch out** for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them." (Romans 16:17 NIV)

The second fighting word is guard.

"Above all else, **guard your heart**, for it is the wellspring of life." (Proverbs 4:23 NIV)

The third fighting word is resist.

"Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings." (1 Peter 5 NIV)