

Understanding Ways to Fight a Spiritual Enemy, Part 4

Message Summary: As followers of Jesus, our response to Satan's attacks and influence cannot simply be a defensive posture. We must learn how to respond offensively. We must learn how to prepare for the constant and unrelenting influence that comes from our spiritual enemy. Today is learning about our spiritual response. Today we learn how to fight back.

Our Offensive Influence Over Evil

1. We Must Win the Battle for Our Mind.

A. Recognize the source of our thinking. 1 John 2:15-17

B. Recognize the strongholds in your mind. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

2. Develop a Winning Strategy to Overcome Satan's Influence.

A. Take the battle seriously. Ephesians 6:10-11

B. Confession and repentance. James 5:16

C. Practice renewing your mind. Romans 12:2

D. Prepare your mind for action with Christ Authority. 1 Peter 1:13-24

E. Control your thoughts and take them captive. 2 Corinthians 10:5

F. Pray when you struggle. Philippians 4:6

G. Develop relational connections. Ecclesiastes 4:12

LifeGroup QUESTIONS:

BEGIN IT- (5min) Praise & opening prayer.

OPEN IT- (10min) What has God been showing you through this series?

EXPLORE IT- (60min) Review Sunday's sermon outline and allow the group to share their notes and comments. Now answer the following questions:

1. Have some honest conversations about how committed we really are to Jesus. Remember, our commitment is a behavior issue not a belief issue.
2. Discuss the sources of our thinking. Where do you see it in your own life?
3. Discuss strongholds: What are they and how do they get established? Does it bother you to think we all have them?

APPLY IT- (15min) Seven ways were given on how we can develop a winning strategy against our spiritual enemy. Discuss each one and share how you can grow in these specific behaviors.