



# Counter Attack!

*Defeating Satan's Secret  
Strategies to Destroy Your Soul*

After all, we don't want to unwittingly give Satan an opening for yet more mischief—we're not oblivious to his sly ways! **2**

***Corinthians 2:11 (MSG)***

# Counter Attack!

And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. *Matthew 16:18 (KJV)*

- The gospel is an offensive weapon.
- The church is an aggressive force.
- The Devil is a clever enemy.
- He will not prevail, but he will attack.



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For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.

***Romans 1:16 (NASB)***

- A frontal assault against Satan's defenses **will** work for us because of the gospel's power.
- A frontal assault against the church **will not** work for Satan because we are protected.
- **Therefore**, Satan uses devious methods.

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You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies. *John 8:44 (NASB)*

- The devil is the Great Deceiver.
- He builds his attack around lies.
- Every other weapon of Satan derives from a lie.
- God's truth is the only defense.

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So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; 32 and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." *John 8:31-32 (NASB)*

- Jesus is the Truth. Truth is a Person.
- God's Word is our only trustworthy source of objective truth.
- The Holy Spirit is the only One Who can open that book to our hearts.
- If we continue or abide in God's truth, we will be set free.

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- Discontentment



# Discontentment



"You won't die!" the serpent hissed. 5 "God knows that your eyes will be opened when you eat it. You will become just like God, knowing everything, both good and evil." 6 The woman was convinced. The fruit looked so fresh and delicious, and it would make her so wise! ....

*Genesis 3:4-6 (NLT)*

- Discontentment is characterized by jealousy, greed, lust, and grumbling. It is based on the lie that God is not good or trustworthy.
- The fruit of discontent is disobedience, idolatry, and immorality.

# Discontentment



## Examples

- **Do not covet your neighbor's ....**
- **Do not steal...**
- **Food** – *Israelites in the desert*
- **Leadership** – *grumbled against Moses*
- **Circumstances** – *God brought us into the desert to kill us...*
- **Job, Ministry, Privileges or Position** – *Korah wanted Moses' job...*
- **Comparing ourselves to others in any way...**

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<b>The Sin</b>	Discontentment
<b>The Lie</b>	God is not good.
<b>Antidote</b>	Thankfulness
<b>Defense</b>	Prayers of thanksgiving
<b>Revelation</b>	The Lord My Provider

# Thankfulness



But godliness *actually* is a means of great gain when accompanied by **contentment**. **7** For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. **8** If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content.. **1 Timothy 6:6-8 (NASB)**

- Contentment with God and his blessings is a great protection for us.
- Contentment is based on truth.
- A thankful heart will overcome discontentment.

# Thankfulness



Around midnight, Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. 26 Suddenly, there was a great earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! **Acts 16:25-26 (NLT)**

# Thankfulness



Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. **18** Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. **19** Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, **20 always giving thanks to God the Father for everything**, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ***Ephesians 5:17-20 (NIV)***

# Thankfulness



- 1. If you have been murmuring and complaining lately, ask God to forgive you.*
- 2. Make a list of 5 things for which you are thankful.*
- 3. Begin to praise God for those things.*
- 4. Thank God for the things that have made you discontent. Ask Him to help you see them from His perspective.*
- 5. Ask God to establish you in praise as a lifestyle.*
- 6. Find someone who will hold you accountable you if you complain in the future.*