



Counter Attack!

Defeating Satan's Secret Strategies to Destroy Your Soul

A huge door of opportunity for good work has opened up here. (There is also mushrooming opposition.) **1 Corinthians 16:9**
(MSG)

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Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. **14** But solid food is for the **mature**, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil. ***Hebrews 5:13-14 (NIV)***

- Naïveté is extremely dangerous.
- Maturity comes from applying God's Word to life.

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Then we will no longer be like children, forever changing our minds about what we believe because someone has told us something different or because someone has cleverly lied to us and made the lie sound like the truth. ***Ephesians 4:14***
(NLT)

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

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- Discontentment
- Pride

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world. **1 John 2:16 (NASB)**



Pride



Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall. *Proverbs 16:18 (NLT)*

- Pride is based on the lie that we are great in ourselves.
- Pride desires the glory that belongs to God alone.
- Pride sees itself as more important than others.
- Pride is too arrogant to serve others.
- The only antidote for pride is a revelation of the greatness of God and the poverty of our own souls which will produce true humility.

Pride



Then Job replied to the LORD: **2** "I know that you can do anything, and no one can stop you. **3** You ask, 'Who is this that questions my wisdom with such ignorance?' It is I. And I was talking about things I did not understand, things far too wonderful for me. **4** "You said, 'Listen and I will speak! I have some questions for you, and you must answer them.' **5** "I had heard about you before, but now I have seen you with my own eyes. **6** I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance." ***Job 42:1-6 (NLT)***

- **Pride becomes angry or despondent when things don't go as expected or "deserved".**
- **A revelation of God's greatness will produce deep repentance.**
- **Our defense against pride is worship.**

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The Sin	Discontentment	Pride
The Lie	God is not good.	I am great and self-sufficient.
Antidote	Thankfulness	Humility and Surrender
Defense	Prayers of thanksgiving	Worship
Revelation	The Lord My Provider	Sovereign Lord

The Sovereignty of God

All the people of the earth are nothing compared to him. He has the power to do as he pleases among the angels of heaven and with those who live on earth. No one can stop him or challenge him, saying, 'What do you mean by doing these things?' *Daniel 4:35 (NLT)*

1. God answers to no one.
2. God rules over all things.
3. God is working all things according to His master plan which He conceived before the creation of the world.

The Sovereignty of God

Furthermore, because of Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us from the beginning, and all things happen just as he decided long ago. *Ephesians 1:11 (NLT)*

1. Since God rules over all things.
2. And since he is working out everything according to his good plan.
3. Therefore, I can safely trust in Him, even when things are hard.
4. And, therefore, since I can trust him and He is Lord, I must surrender to him.

The Sovereignty of God

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to *His* purpose. **Romans 8:28 (NASB)**

- Since God rules over all things we can have peace in every circumstance.
- Since God rules over all things, worship is always appropriate, even when we are feeling down.
- Since God rules over all, we can be bold.

The Sovereignty of God

"Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and glorify and honor the King of heaven. All his acts are just and true, and he is able to humble those who are proud." *Daniel 4:37 (NLT)*

Examine yourself.

- 1. Do you need revelation of God's glory?**
- 2. Do you need help with repentance?**
- 3. Do you need more humility?**
- 4. Is worship high on your priority list?**
- 5. Have you surrendered your life to God.**