



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)

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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

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- Pride
- Bitterness



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And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David's counselor, from his city Giloh, while he was offering the sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong, for the people increased continually with Absalom. *2 Samuel 15:12 (NASB)*

- Absalom never forgave his father for failing to punish his half-brother Amnon for raping his sister Tamar.
- Ahithophel never forgave David for taking his grand daughter Bathsheba and killing her husband, Uriah the Hittite.

Bitterness



If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother. **16** "But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you, so that **BY THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES EVERY FACT MAY BE CONFIRMED.** **17** "If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. ***Matthew 18:15-17***
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Then summoning him, his lord said* to him, 'You wicked slave, I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. **33** 'Should you not also have had mercy on your fellow slave, in the same way that I had mercy on you? ***Matthew 18:32-33 (NASB)***

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Jesus said, "Father, forgive these people, because they don't know what they are doing." And the soldiers gambled for his clothes by throwing dice. **Luke 23:34 (NLT)**

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- Forgiveness will defeat bitterness.

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The Lie	God is not good.	I am great and self-sufficient.	God is not fair.
Antidote	Thankfulness	Humility and Surrender	Forgiveness
Defense	Prayers of thanksgiving	Worship	Resolving Offenses
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The Lord My Righteousness

But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ. **8** More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ, **9** and may be found in Him, not having a righteousness of my own derived from the Law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which comes from God on the basis of faith, ***Philippians 3:7-9 (NASB)***

- No personal rights or demands outside of Christ.
- Christ's righteousness is our greatest treasure.
- Anything that gets in the way of that will be discarded, especially pride-based self-righteousness. .

The Lord My Righteousness

You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others. **Colossians 3:13 (NLT)**

Examine Yourself

- Have you entertained the lie that God is not fair?
- Have you given up your “rights” and demands except for those you have in Christ?
- Do you have unresolved offenses in your life?
- Have you seen any areas in which you are holding on to your proud self-righteousness?
- Have you received a revelation of the righteousness of Christ?