



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!

The Sin	Discontentment	Pride	Bitterness
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
Revelation	The Lord My Provider	Sovereign Lord	The Lord My Righteousness

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- Discontentment
- Pride
- Bitterness
- Fear



Fear



But the other men who had explored the land with him answered, "We can't go up against them! They are stronger than we are!" **32** So they spread discouraging reports about the land among the Israelites: "The land we explored will swallow up any who go to live there. All the people we saw were huge. **33** We even saw giants there, the descendants of Anak. We felt like grasshoppers next to them, and that's what we looked like to them!" *Numbers 13:31-33 (NLT)*

- Fear sees the **problem** is bigger than God.
- Fear is based on the lie that God is not trustworthy nor able to protect and bless us.

Fear



An anxious heart weighs a man down, but a kind word cheers him up. **Proverbs 12:25**
(NIV)

- Fear has many faces – discouragement, depression, and various forms of anxiety.

Fear



Who were they who heard and rebelled? Were they not all those Moses led out of Egypt? **17** And with whom was he angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the desert? **18** And to whom did God swear that they would never enter his rest if not to those who disobeyed? **19** So we see that they were not able to enter, because of their unbelief. ***Hebrews 3:16-19 (NIV)***

- Fear is a powerful negative force that impels people to disobey God and make terrible decisions.
- Fear will rob us of our inheritance in God.

Fear



My foes have trampled upon me all day long, For they are many who fight proudly against me. **3 When I am afraid, I will put my trust in You. 4** In God, whose word I praise, In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can *mere* man do to me? ***Psalms 56:2-4 (NASB)***

- Fear can be overcome by faith.

Fear



Fight the good fight for what we believe.
Hold tightly to the eternal life that God has
given you, which you have confessed so
well before many witnesses. **1 Timothy 6:12**
(NLT)

- Spiritual warfare is real.
- The fight is for your soul and for God's glory.

Fear



And everyone will hate you because of your allegiance to me. But those who endure to the end will be saved.

Matthew 10:22 (NLT)

- Endurance comes from stretched out faith.
- Faith grows stronger the more it is tested.

Fear



These trials are only to test your faith, to show that it is strong and pure. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—and your faith is far more precious to God than mere gold. So if your faith remains strong after being tried by fiery trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world. **1 Peter 1:7 (NLT)**

- Faith is purified by testing.
- God is glorified by tested faith.

Fear



For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline. ***2 Timothy 1:7 (NLT)***

- The Holy Spirit and faith are God's provisions against fear.

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Confessing God's Word

So then faith *comes* by hearing,
and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17 (NKJV)

- God's Word creates faith in those who really hear it.
- Faith is based on God Word and will.
- Confessing God's Word stirs up our faith.

The Lord My Keeper

The LORD is your keeper; The LORD is your shade on your right hand. **6** The sun will not smite you by day, Nor the moon by night. **7** The LORD will protect you from all evil; He will keep your soul. **8** The LORD will guard your going out and your coming in From this time forth and forever. ***Psalms 121:5-8 (NASB)***

- A keeper is one who guards another's life at the price of his own.
- God is the only Person who can faithfully serve as our Keeper, for He alone has the wisdom, power and love to pull it off.

The Lord My Keeper

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, **I fear no evil, for You are with me**; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. **5** You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. **6** Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever. ***Psalms 23:4-6 (NASB)***

- God with us delivers us from the fear of death.
- God with us delivers us from the fear of rejection.

The Lord My Keeper

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves punishment, and the one who fears is not perfected in love. **1 John 4:18 (NASB)**

- God proved his love for us on the cross.
- If he loved us when we were enemies, how much more does he love us now!

The Lord My Keeper

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. **9** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. **10** For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ***Romans 5:8-10 (NASB)***

The Lord My Keeper

And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in him. **17** In this way, love is made complete among us so that we will have confidence on the day of judgment, because in this world we are like him. **18** There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.

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The Lord My Keeper

For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!"

Romans 8:15 (NASB)

Examine Yourself

- Are you entertaining the lie that God is not able to bless and protect you?
- Are you filled with the Spirit of Faith?
- Are you confessing God's Word and focusing on Him in the area of your fear and unbelief?
- Do you know the Lord as your loving Keeper?