



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	Fear
The Lie	God is not good.	I am great and self-sufficient.	God is not fair.	God is not able to bless or protect.
Antidote	Thankfulness	Humility and Surrender	Forgiveness	The Holy Spirit and Faith
Defense	Prayers of Thanksgiving	Worship	Resolving Offenses	Confessing God's Word
Revelation	The Lord My Provider	Sovereign Lord	The Lord My Righteousness	The Lord My Keeper

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*Satan's Secret Strategies to
Destroy Your Soul*

- Discontentment
- Pride
- Bitterness
- Fear
- Malaise



Malaise



I know you inside and out, and find little to my liking. **You're not cold, you're not hot—far better to be either cold or hot! 16** **You're stale. You're stagnant.** You make me want to vomit. **17** You brag, 'I'm rich, I've got it made, I need nothing from anyone,' oblivious that in fact **you're a pitiful, blind beggar, threadbare and homeless. 18** "Here's what I want you to do: Buy your gold from me, gold that's been through the refiner's fire. Then you'll be rich. Buy your clothes from me, clothes designed in Heaven. You've gone around half-naked long enough. And buy medicine for your eyes from me so you can see, *really* see. **19** "The people I love, I call to account—prod and correct and guide so that they'll live at their best. Up on your feet, then! About face! Run after God! **20** "Look at me. I stand at the door. I knock. If you hear me call and open the door, I'll come right in and sit down to supper with you.

Revelation 3:15-20 (MSG)

Malaise



The thorny ground represents those who hear and accept the Good News, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the cares of this life and the lure of wealth, so no crop is produced.

Matthew 13:22 (NLT)

- Malaise is the condition of having no enthusiasm, of being half asleep.
- It comes from having our desires met by all that is around us instead of by God.
- It makes us spiritually impoverished.

Malaise



You are the salt of the earth. But what good is salt if it has lost its flavor? Can you make it useful again? It will be thrown out and trampled underfoot as worthless.

Matthew 5:13 (NLT)

- Spiritual malaise takes away your testimony.
- Who will listen to a message that does not excite its bearer?
- Malaise makes us unprofitable to God's kingdom.

Malaise



But you walked away from your first love—why? What's going on with you, anyway? 5 Do you have any idea how far you've fallen? A Lucifer fall! "Turn back! Recover your dear early love. No time to waste...

Revelation 2:4-5 (MSG)

- Lack of enthusiasm for God is based on the lie that He is not worth much.
- This is nothing short of idolatry, for surely something has grabbed our hearts, even if it's just self-love.
- The only cure for this malaise is a heart-felt repentance. Only by the grace of God will we be able to recover!

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Defense	Prayers of Thanksgiving	Worship	Resolving Offenses	Confessing God's Word	Sacrificial Giving
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The Lord My Treasure

The Kingdom of Heaven is like a treasure that a man discovered hidden in a field. In his excitement, he hid it again and sold everything he owned to get enough money to buy the field—and to get the treasure. **Matthew 13:44 (NLT)**

- If Christ is our treasure, we will exchange everything this world has to offer to gain Him.
- If Christ is our Treasure, we will never suffer from spiritual malaise.

The Lord My Treasure

Jesus told him, "If you want to be perfect, go and sell all you have and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." *Matthew 19:21 (NLT)*

- Where we invest our treasure is what our hearts will love.
- Sacrificial giving is an ongoing defense against spiritual malaise.

The Lord My Treasure

Don't store up treasures here on earth, where they can be eaten by moths and get rusty, and where thieves break in and steal. **20** Store your treasures in heaven, where they will never become moth-eaten or rusty and where they will be safe from thieves. **21** Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be.

Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT)

- We must get our eyes off this world.
- The greatest investment we can make is our lives.

The Lord My Treasure

Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the priceless gain of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I may have Christ

Philippians 3:8 (NLT)

- The exchange of our natural lives to gain the treasure of knowing Christ is the best trade we can ever make.

The Lord My Treasure

“He is no fool who gives up what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose.”

Jim Elliott

Examine Yourself

- Have you lost some or all of your enthusiasm for God, His Word, worship, or witnessing?
- What happened?
- Are you willing to repent and ask for forgiveness and restoration?
- Do you see the need to make sacrificial giving your lifestyle?
- Will you ask God to help you make Christ your Treasure?