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**DEPARTMENT OF
SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

BASIC FIELD MANUAL



**THE
RESISTANCE**

**SUBMIT YOURSELVES THEREFORE TO GOD.
RESIST THE DEVIL AND HE WILL FLEE FROM
YOU.**

- JAMES 4:7

Journal Entry 5078

I remember back when I first joined the resistance. For the first time in my life I was beginning to see the devil for the liar that he really was. He would set traps for me. I would willingly walk into them. Everything would seem fine for a season, but then they would explode leaving fragments of my shattered life all over the battlefield. Of course back then I didn't even understand it was a battlefield. I would chalk it up to hey. . . that's life, bad things happen. Then he would lure me in again. . . he seemed like my friend. . . and the offer was so tempting. When things went wrong he seemed to console me. . . now I realize, that was only to bring me back so he could do it again. Every time things blew up in my face he was laughing his head off over in the corner. He hates us. He despises us. He wants to drag every living human soul to Hell. For those that he can't, he wants to make their life on earth a living Hell. He will play on your weaknesses, he will watch you from a distance like a lion stalking his prey and then when the time is right he will take pleasure in ripping you to pieces. Once he has torn your life to shreds he will go back and joke about it with his evil cohorts. Make no mistake. . . your enemy hates you!

The devil and me, we don't agree;
I hate him; and he hates me.

- Salvation Army Hymn



Briefing 1: Your Enemy Hates You

Ephesians 6:10-12

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

- 1 Peter 5:8

Quote: No matter how many pleasures Satan offers you, his ultimate intention is to ruin you. Your destruction is his highest priority.

- Erwin W. Lutzer (1941-)

Training Objective: You must _____ your enemy.

Quote: "Now the reason the enlightened prince and the wise general conquer the enemy whenever they move and their achievements surpass those of ordinary men is foreknowledge."

- Sun Tzu

1. Know His _____ (v. 11)

"...that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

Quote: "All warfare is based on deception."

-Sun Tzu

- Satan's strategy for unbelievers is to _____ them.

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

- Satan's strategy for believer is to _____ them.

James 1:14-15

But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

Quote: The devil's snare does not catch you unless you are first caught by the devil's bait.

- Saint Ambrose (C. 340-397)

- Satan provides _____, but the _____ to sin is _____.

2. Know His _____ (v. 12)

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood. . ."

2 Corinthians 10:4

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal , but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

1 John 2:16

For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh , and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.

- _____ of the _____
- _____ of the _____
- _____ of _____

3. Know His _____ (v. 13)

" . . . that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day. . ."

Ryrie Basic Theology: Ezekiel 28: 11-19 evidences that Satan was created (v. 15). This means that he does not possess attributes which belong to God alone, like omnipresence, omnipotence, and omniscience. Though a mighty being, he has creaturely limitations. And as a creature he must be accountable to his Creator.

1 Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Quote: "Thus, what is of supreme importance in war is to attack the enemy's strategy."

- Sun Tzu

- We can attack the _____ of Satan by capitalizing on his weakness, when we resist he _____ flee. There is _____ a way of escape. . . use it!

Closing Remarks

Since our enemy is a spiritual enemy, some might wonder how we go about knowing how to fight him. This story from WWII concerning General George C. Patton will help us see it a little more clearly. Patton's troops and tanks were engaged in a successful counterattack of German forces under General Erwin Rommel. Patton is reported to have shouted in the thick of the battle, "I read your book, Rommel! I read your book!" And that he did. In Rommel's book Infantry Attacks, the famed "Desert Fox" carefully detailed his military strategy. And Patton, having read it and knowing what to expect, planned his moves accordingly.

Satan has authored no book, but God has fully exposed our enemy's tactics in His Holy Word. Study it and plan your defense. The key to defeating the devil is understanding how he works. And the secret to that is reading about him in the Word of God, **2 Tim. 2:15.**)

http://www.sermonnotebook.org/new%20testament/Eph%206_10-18.htm

Briefing 2: Rules of Engagement

Job 1:6—2:7

Training Objective: You must _____ the rules of engagement.

Quote: The devil never sleeps, and your flesh is very much alive. Prepare yourself for battle. Surrounding you are enemies that never rest.

Thomas À Kempis (C. 1380-1471)

Rule #1 : The _____

- Satan has to ask _____ from God.

Quote: Satan must be the most frustrated personality in the universe! His army of demons is compelled to obey Jesus, and whatever the devil does to discourage a Christian, God can use for the Christian's benefit.

- Billy Graham

Rule #2 : The _____

- We can't be tempted _____ what we are able to bear.

1 Corinthians 10:13

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

Quote: Everything the devil does, God overreaches to serve his own purpose.

- Oswald Chambers (1874-1917)

Rule #3 : The _____

- When we resist, the devil _____ flee.

James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Quote: The devil is a bully, but when we stand in the armor of God he cannot harm us; if we tackle him in our own strength, we are soon done for; but if we stand with the strength and courage of God, he cannot gain one inch of way at all.

- Oswald Chambers (1874-1917)

Closing Remarks

There was, according to legend, a young apprentice in Scotland. One evening he met a stranger, only to discover that the stranger was, in fact, the devil. Remembering some advice he'd received, the boy was carrying with him a branch from a rowan tree. Quickly he drew a circle around himself with the branch. The devil couldn't step across the line. All night long he tried to trick the boy into leaving his protected circle but failed. At dawn he left in a rage. When Jesus met the devil, he did not use the branch of a tree to protect himself but quotations of Scripture. David used that same thing, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11, KJV).

-- Robert C. Shannon, 1000 Windows, (Cincinnati, Ohio: Standard Publishing Company, 1997).

Journal Entry 5324

Today I was on patrol with a fellow resistance member when we came upon a minefield. Signs had been posted around the perimeter by other resistance members warning of the danger. Many of them even had references from our Leader's 66 volume war manual. The problem was that the enemy had disguised the area to look like an amusement park. Within the perimeter enemy soldiers, dressed as workers, were waving for us to come in. My companion who was younger and less experienced than me started toward the field. I grabbed him by the shoulder to stop him. "There is nothing to fear here," he said to me. I explained to him that I had seen this trick before, then I directed his attention to the signs. "They must be mistaken," he said, pulling away from me and entering into

the field. I cried after him pleading with him, but to no avail. They welcomed him with open arms and smiled sinisterly at me as they took him deeper into the field. He seemed to enjoy himself for a while and then it happened. Without warning, an explosion with such magnitude that I was knocked to the ground. I crabbed backward as I watched the mushroom cloud rise into the sky. I sat dazed for what seemed like hours, then looking back toward the direction of the blast I could see a figure struggling. . crawling on the ground. The enemy soldiers kicked and beat him all the way to the perimeter, cursing and laughing with every blow. Once he crossed the line, they left, that's where their power ended. I ran to him and radioed back to base to send a chopper. On the ride home, he motioned for me to come closer. His voice was weak. At first I couldn't make out what he was saying. . . I leaned closer. . . "It seemed so right, it seemed so right!" In our war manual there is a section on wise sayings. Article 14 section 12 says, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death." All of this could have been avoided by trusting the signs and avoiding the area.

Briefing 3: Swordsmanship 101

Hebrews 4:12

Quote: "We can never defeat God's enemies or win God's battles without God's book."

Training Objective: You must be _____ in fighting with the sword of the Spirit.

1. It's _____

"For the word of God is quick. . ."

- There is no doubt the word of God is a _____ book written by a _____ God.

2. It's _____

"...and powerful. . ."

There was a British regiment once ordered to charge a body of French soldiers. The trumpets sounded, and away they went boldly at them; but not to victory. Their swords broke like a wave that launches itself against a rock. They were sacrificed to a trader's fraud. Forged not of truest steel, but worthless metal, their swords bent double at the first stroke.

What could human strength of the most gallant bravery do against such odds? They were slaughtered like sheep on field. And ever since I read that tragedy I have thought I would not go to battle unless my sword was proved.

—Dr. Guthrie

3. It's _____

"...and sharper than any two-edged sword. . ."

-The _____ of the sword was important to the success of the military. The right kind of blade could tip the scales in favor of the hand that held it. A sword _____ enough to pierce the enemies' armor would enable the soldier to win the fight.

Journal Entry 5412

I woke to the hum of airplane engines and the sound of air wooshing against metal. "Good morning, Soldiers," called the jump master, "I hope you didn't sleep through services yesterday. . . it's Monday morning!" I groggily joined the line that was forming. leading back toward the tail of the plane. Light exploded into the cargo hold as the ramp was lowered and soldiers began jumping out. We were all going different places. Some to school, some to work, some at home, but all jumping into that battlefield of routine know as "the week".

A brief moment of free fall was followed by a jarring but comforting jerk which assured me my chute was open. The trip to the ground was shorter than you might expect. I hit the ground running and with one full sweep of my sword I severed the lines connecting me to my parachute. No sooner had I done this and I heard someone yell, "R P G!!" I quickly moved my shield up to protect my head. The rocket glanced off and exploded in the distance. The warning cry had come from my helper the Holy Spirit. I barely had time to thank Him when a sea of enemies came charging after me. With a sure grip on my sword I began swinging. What an amazing piece of weaponry. . . the sword of the Spirit! Never needs sharpening and always does the job. I cut, sliced, and chopped my way through every last one of them. I turned to survey the trail of debris that had been left by the edge of my sword and then "he" appeared. That temptation with which I struggled the most. He seemed twice as big as the other ones. He rained blows upon me with his battle axe. I tried to block with my shield and sword but stumbled backward and fell. I lost my grip on my sword. I watched as it slid just out of reach. I cowered under my shield as the blows continued. Then I remembered something another soldier had told me, "Your sword is never out of reach when it's in your heart!" I looked over at my sword. It began to vibrate and then slid right to my hand. With the last little bit of energy that I had, I knocked his battle axe back with my shield, and then thrust my sword into him. He fell to the ground. . . the battle was over.

Briefing 4: Continued Resistance

James 4:7, 8

James 4:7-8

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

Quote: It has been said that rivers and men become crooked by following the line of least resistance.

-- Robert C. Shannon, 1000 Windows, (Cincinnati, Ohio: Standard Publishing Company, 1997).

Training Objective: You must draw _____ to God.

1. _____ Your _____

Quote: Sleep with clean hands, either kept clean all day by integrity or washed clean at night by repentance.

- John Donne (1572-1631)

2. _____ Your _____

The Gorgons were three sisters in mythology. They were hideously ugly, with glaring eyes and serpents entwined in their hair. If anyone looked them directly in the eye, that person was turned to stone. Temptation is not ugly like the Gorgons, but we need to turn away from it and not even look at it, lest our hearts be turned to stone.

-- Robert C. Shannon, 1000 Windows, (Cincinnati, Ohio: Standard Publishing Company, 1997).

3. _____ Your _____

Quote: It is hard to fight an enemy who has outposts in your head.

-Sally Kempton

Philippians 4:8

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Journal Entry 5478

Last week I put in a request to have my quarters moved closer to the center of camp. At the very heart of our camp is

a very special place, the Commander's tent. It is the very dwelling place of our Leader Himself. Any soldier has the right to move there and now I can't believe I didn't do this sooner. The request was granted immediately and I am now enjoying my new location. Normally, when soldiers join the resistance they come in, weary and beaten down from the outside world. Like so many others I was so thankful to have been accepted into the resistance I just set up my tent in the first place I could find. However, living on the perimeter has its disadvantages. The enemy frequents these areas and when you are tired or distracted he can lure you away from camp and into his traps. The center of camp is just the opposite. Your strength is renewed, your endurance is greater, your Commander is near. Now when I go out to battle, the foes that use to beat me down, run at the sight of me. There is great power that comes from constant fellowship with the Commander. To whoever comes behind me and reads this, take this little bit of advice: Move to the center of camp! When you move near to the Commander He will in turn move near to you!



