

1 Peter 5:8

⁸Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

The Message

⁸Keep a cool head. Stay alert. The Devil is poised to pounce, and would like nothing better than to catch you napping.

Our enemy

Ephesians 6:11-13

¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Our weapons

Ephesians 6:14-18

¹⁴Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints

Victory over the skull

John 19:17

Carrying his cross, Jesus went out to the place called Skull Hill (the name in Hebrew is Golgotha),

Mind renewal, not mind removal!

Romans 12:2

²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Capture your thoughts, or they will capture you

2 Corinthians 10:4-5

⁴For the weapons of our warfare are not fleshly, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds,⁵pulling down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought into the obedience of Christ;

The buck stops here

Isaiah 54:17

¹⁷No weapon that is formed against you shall be blessed; and every tongue that shall rise against you in judgment, you shall condemn. This is the inheritance of the servants of Jehovah, and their righteousness is from Me, says Jehovah.

Purpose defines

Isaiah 56:7

⁷Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, And make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on My altar; for My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."

Time to clean out the temple

Mark 11:15-17

¹⁵So they came to Jerusalem. Then Jesus went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves.¹⁶And He would not allow anyone to carry wares through the temple.¹⁷Then He taught, saying to them, "Is it not written, `My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it a `den of thieves.'"

What's on your mind?

Philippians 4:8

⁸Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Psalm 103:1-5

¹ ^{A Psalm of David}. Bless the LORD, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! ²Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: ³Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, ⁴Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, ⁵Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.