

A Winning Strategy
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2 Timothy 3:1 we read, "But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come."

Hosea 4:6a: "My people are destroyed from lack of knowledge."

1. Some people like to say "Ignorance is bliss" as an excuse but according to Hosea is that really a true statement?

Answer: _____ (Yes/No)

2 Corinthians 2:11: so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his *schemes*.

2. So, from this passage of scripture, what are we as Christians not to be ignorant of?

Answer: We are not ignorant of his _____.

1 Peter 5:8 - Be of *sober spirit*, be on the *alert*. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

3. Knowing that Satan is constantly lurking like a roaring lion to devour anyone that he can, what two things and attitudes should we have?

Answer: Be of _____ and be on the _____.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4 - For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but *divinely* powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

4. Are our weapons as Christians based upon our physical and mental skills? What kind of power should our weapons and strategies be based upon?

Answers: _____ (Yes/No)

_____ power – a winning strategy!

Ephesians 6:10-19:

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

Put on the *full* armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

Stand firm therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; in addition to all, taking up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel.

Revelation 12:11 – and they overcame Satan because of the blood of the Lamb, (that's Jesus) and because of the Word of their testimony, and the did not love their lives even to the death.

John 4:35 - Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are ripe for harvest.

Answers:

1. No
2. Schemes
3. Sober spirit, alert
4. No, divine