

**THE GROWING  
CHRISTIAN  
AND THE  
ENEMY**

**EPHESIANS 6:10-13**

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**10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.**

**11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**

**12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.**

**13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.**

# Introduction

## A. What we know on growth and maturity

1. We must be the spiritual man
2. We must have spiritual food
3. We must identify with Christ, not the world
4. We must grow through trials
5. We must mature in wisdom, worship, and walk
6. We must all mature to do the work of the ministry

## B. We must also know that someone does not want us to mature in faith

# **I. The Adversary (v 10)**

## **A. The reality of Satan's existence**

### **1. The Bible speaks of him again and again**

**2 Corinthians 2:11**

**Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.**

### **2. His purpose is your destruction**

**John 10:10**

**The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

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## **A. The reality of Satan's existence - continued**

### **3. He often operates as a angel of light**

**2 Corinthians 11:14**

**And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.**

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## **A. The reality of Satan's existence - continued**

### **4. He goes about the earth seeking prey**

**Job 1:7**

**And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou?  
Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to  
and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.**

**1 Peter 5:8**

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

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**A. The reality of Satan's existence - continued**

**5. He will someday have a political representative**

**2 Thessalonians 2:9**

**Even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders,**

**B. There is a spiritual battle raging continuously**

**C. Every Christian is enlisted to oppose the enemy**

**2 Timothy 2:4**

**No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.**

## **II. The Associates In This Battle (v 10)**

**A. “Finally, my brethren”**

**B. You are not in this battle alone**

**Proverbs 17:17**

**A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.**

**C. Let us be sure that we fight the foe...not each other**

**Ephesians 4:27**

**Neither give place to the devil.**



## **II. The Associates In This Battle (v 10)**

**D. Let us learn to help in this battle with the adversary**

**1 Thessalonians 5:14**

**Now we exhort you, brethren, warn them that are unruly, comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be patient toward all men.**

**E. You are a pilgrim ... but not the only pilgrim**

**F. Rush to the aid of those in conflict**

**1 Peter 2:11**

**Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;**

### **III. The Available Resources In This Battle (v 10)**

**A. “Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might”**

**B. The power of the Holy Spirit within each believer**

**1 John 4:4**

**Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them:  
because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the  
world.**

**C. The power of prayer is available to all**

**James 5:16b**

**The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth  
much.**

### **III. The Available Resources In This Battle (v 10)**

#### **D. The power of the Word of God**

**Hebrews 4:12**

**For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

#### **E. The power of the blood of Christ**

#### **F. The power of a conquering Savior**

**Ephesians 1:22**

**And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church,**

**We Are Born Again to Win**