



Octagon Part 5: It's No Joke Who's Recruiting You

The enemy wants you to walk “in the flesh” and not “by the Spirit”.

**Romans 7:18** - “For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.”

**1 Peter 2:11** - “Beloved I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passion the flesh which wage war against your soul.”

**Galatians 6:8** - “ For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life.”

**Galatians 5:24** - “And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

**Romans 8:8** - “Those who are in the flesh cannot please God.”

**1 Peter 4:1–2** - “Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God.”

1. Realize although Satan is the “ruler of this world” it is a TEMPORARY position.

**John 12:31–32** - “Now is the judgment of this world; now will the ruler of this world be cast out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.”

**Gen. 3:15** - (woman’s seed would crush the head)

2. Sense what your temptations are first and not what your sins are. Know what gets you to sin not just what your “sin struggle” is! The real issue is the devil would like for you to struggle with sin while not identifying the temptation first. If you discover what the temptation is you are more likely to overcome the sin. Sin is the fruit from the root and temptation tries to cover that reality.

3. Recognize the power and authority of Jesus.

-Matthew 12:28-“But if it is by the Spirit of God that I cast out demons, then the kingdom of God has come upon you.”

-Corinthians 15:25–28-“For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. For ‘God has put all things in subjection under his feet.’ But when it says, ‘all things are put in subjection,’ it is plain that he is excepted who put all things in subjection under him. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things in subjection under him, that God may be all in all.”

4. Accusations are lies about your CURRENT status before God. You are forgiven.

**Colossians 2:13–14** - “ And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

**Romans 6:22–23** - “But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

**Hebrews 10:10** - “...we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”

5. Yield/Surrender to the Holy Spirit so you can respond with the mind of Christ.

**1 Cor. 2:16** - “For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?” But WE HAVE the mind of Christ.”

**Ephesians 5:18** - “Be not drunk with wine which leads to debauchery but be filled with the Spirit.”

6. Immerse yourself in Scripture and literature that teaches Scripture.

Affectionately and plenteously, let not the Word be a stranger.

(The Scripture is the Sword of the Spirit!)

**Ephesians 6:16–18** - “In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.”

7. Pray and fast.

**Mark 9:29** - “And He said to them, ‘This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting.

**James 5:16** - “Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

8. Remember that the only people who Christ has ever saved are unworthy. So, the devil should shut up against you here. Yes, you are unworthy which is the basis of your candidacy of his saving grace.