

C. He has a desire to **DESTROY** those who accept Christ as Savior.

1 Peter 5:8 *“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls about like a roaring lion, seeking someone to **DEVOUR**.”*

Luke 22:31 *“Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to **SIFT** you as wheat.”*

John 10:10 *“The thief comes to steal, kill and **DESTROY**, but I have come that you may have life.”*

D. Satan has set objectives of attack.

1. Satan attacks through **DECEPTION**.

John 8:44 *“You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father’s desire. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the **FATHER OF LIES**.”*

Revelation 12:9 *“The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world **ASTRAY**.”*

2. Satan attacks through **PERVERSION**.

a. The word perversion means to change something from its **INTENDED PURPOSE**.

3. Satan attacks through **OPPRESSION**.

a. A believer can’t be possessed. All believers are the possession of **CHRIST**.

1 Corinthians 6:19 *“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you are from God, and that you are not your own?”*

1 John 4:4 *...because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.”*

b. Believers can be obsessed – preoccupied with Satan or the demonic. Believers can be **OPPRESSED**. Satan’s oppression to a Christian is the repeated **PRESSURE** that he brings to discourage us, worry us, to bring us fear and depression.

3. WHAT IS SATAN’S STRATEGY FOR CONQUERING US?

A. Satan centers his attack against our **MIND**.

Proverbs 4:23 *“Keep your heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.”*

James 1:14 *“But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.”*

1. Passing thoughts about wrong are not sin, but those thoughts we grab onto and we welcome into our **HEARTS** become sin.

B. Satan centers his attack against our **MORAL** convictions.

James 1:14 *“But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust.”*

1. The word lust means any **GOOD THING** that oversteps the limits God approves.

C. Satan centers his attack against our surrendered **WILL** to God.

James 1:15 *“Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin...”*

Jeremiah 17:9 *“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked; who can know it?”*

D. Step four to sin is a **STRONGHOLD** in your heart.

1. A stronghold is a **HABIT** in a part of your life in which you have lost control.

James 1:15 *“Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death.”*

2. When James talks about death in James 1:15, he isn't talking about a physical death as much as an internal death. It is the **ABSENCE** of abundant life, which God intended for us to live in.

4. HOW CAN WE BEAT HIM?

1 Peter 5:6-9 *“Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you. Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”*

A. There are four things we need to do to be successful over Satan in our life.

1. Humble ourselves to God. (1 Peter 5:6)
2. Address problems, but focus upon God.

1 Peter 5:7 *“Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.”*

3. Get serious about developing self discipline.

1 Peter 5:8 *“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”*

4. Resist Satan by standing firm on the Truth.

1 Peter 5:9 *“Resist him, standing firm in the faith...”*



Living In Lion Country

Part Two

Ephesians 6:10-11

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C.S. Lewis: “There are two equal and opposite dangers. One is to deny the existence of the devil and the other is to become preoccupied with him.”

1. WHO IS SATAN?

- A. The Bible says that Satan is a **REAL** person.
- B. **JESUS** believed that Satan is real.

Matthew 4:1-4 *“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the **DEVIL**. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.’ Jesus answered, ‘It is written: “Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.”’*

- C. Never in the Bible anywhere does the Bible treat Satan as just a **PERSONIFICATION** of evil.

2. WHAT ARE SATAN'S GOALS?

- A. The Bible says that Satan has definite **GOALS** in our lives.
- B. He obviously desires to keep as many people from **SALVATION** as possible.