

THE TIMING OF THE DEVIL'S ATTACK

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Ephesians 4:27

We know the devil is on the attack. However, many people do not know **WHEN** he will attack. If you can understand the **TIMING** of his attack you will be able to avoid it. In order to understand his timing you must study his character. The devil is patient. The devil is clever. The devil is like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour.

Think about this. A person who is **PATIENT** waits for the **RIGHT OPPORTUNITY** to attack. A person who is **CLEVER** is **SKILLFUL** in their attack. A person who is like a **ROARING LION** is **RELENTLESS** in their attack.

All of these attributes define the timing in how the devil attacks. The situation you are going through does not determine when the devil will attack. **WHAT YOU DO** in

the situation you are going through will determine when the devil will attack.

TIMING

(Ephesians 4:27)

Ephesians 4:27 says, “Neither give place to the devil.” In other words, do not give the devil an **OPPORTUNITY** to defeat you. When the devil strikes, he’s not looking to fight you. He’s looking to defeat you.

People who look to defeat you wait for the moment when you **CANNOT** defend yourself. The devil does not fight fair. He will **NOT** come against you when you are pursuing God, doing what’s right, staying prepared and living disciplined.

The enemy knows this is **NOT** the right time to attack you. The devil attacks people when they are vulnerable, weak, defenseless, sloppy, careless, arrogant, lazy and

unguarded. When the enemy catches you off guard he will devour you!

HERE'S WHAT I MEAN:

- If you stop making wise decisions and start making foolish decisions the devil will **ATTACK** you. Foolish decisions will invite troubling results.
- If you stop following God and start doing your own thing the devil will **ATTACK** you because you walked away from the Lord's protection.
- If you stop studying the Bible the devil will **ATTACK** you because your mind is vulnerable to believing the wrong counsel.
- If you stop saving money and building your future the devil will **ATTACK** you because you have become financially careless.

- If you stop being humble and start being arrogant the devil will **ATTACK** you. Pride comes before a fall. The enemy wants you to lose everything you attained. If you allow yourself to become arrogant the enemy will have **OPPORTUNITY** to devour you.
- If you stop paying tithes the devil will **ATTACK** you. When you stop paying tithes your money, credit and finances are not protected by the Kingdom of God.
- If you stop working hard and start being lazy the devil will **ATTACK** you. Laziness allows the enemy to devour the opportunities God has given you.
- If you stop working in excellence and start working in mediocrity the devil will **ATTACK** you. People who work in mediocrity allow the devil to accuse them of making mistakes. When the devil can find fault in you he will steal your reward.

STAY GUARDED

When you are engaging in spiritual warfare do not give the devil an opportunity to defeat you. This is the most important principle in spiritual warfare. In warfare, it is very difficult to defeat a **PREPARED** opponent. People who stay guarded, stay **PREPARED!**

They do not become complacent when things are going good. They don't get comfortable when life becomes easy. People who stay guarded understand that evil is lurking around them. They are **NOT** paranoid. They're aware. Their awareness keeps them focus. Think about this.

A rich man does not stop making money because he's rich. He stays guarded from potential lawsuits and unfortunate circumstances by expanding his opportunities and increasing his options. A healthy person doesn't stop eating healthy because they're healthy. They stay guarded

from getting a disease by exercising and decreasing stress.

When you understand the **TIMING** of the devil's attack you will **AVOID** it. Stay guarded. Stay prepared. The enemy cannot defeat you if you do not give him an opportunity. Remember, the devil attacks when you are **NOT** equipped to defend yourself.

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