

# **“Spiritual Warfare”**

## **2 Tim. 2:3-4**

### Introduction

- I. When preparing to go to war, it is vital to identify the enemy.
- II. The more knowledge that one has of his enemy, the more likely one will be successful against the foe.
- III. We will identify some ways that the devil attacks (1 Pet. 5:8-11).
  - A. Attacks the Word of God.
  - B. Attacks the soul.

### Discussion

- I. The devil attacks the Word of God.
  - A. Jesus taught this truth (Matt. 13:18-19).
  - B. The devil is instrumental in making people not trust the Word of God (Gen. 3:1-5; cf. Eph. 3:4; Acts 17:11).
  - C. The devil gains ground when people will not study the Word of God (2 Pet. 3:14-16; cf. 2 Tim. 2:15).
- II. The devil attacks the soul.
  - A. There are three ways that the devil attacks the souls.
    1. The lust of the flesh (Matt. 5:27-28; Prov. 6:25-29; cf. 2 Sam. 11:2).
    2. The lust of the eyes (Prov. 27:20; 30:15-16; cf. Eccl. 2:1-11).
    3. The pride of life (Prov. 8:13; 11:2; 16:5, 18; 29:23).
  - B. In the past, the devil was able to do more than attack the soul (Job 1:9-22; 2:9).

### Conclusion

- I. In order to be successful in our war with the enemy, we should learn about him and his ways.
- II. There is only so much that the devil is able to do, and we should not let him be victorious over us (1 Cor. 10:13; James 4:7; cf. 1 John 4:4; Rom. 8:37).