



Carry the Light

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Review

The conduct of a true Christian, one who is genuinely “born again,” is the outcome of a doctrinal foundation. We are **“living out our faith,”** and our testimony indicates the quality of it, be it good or bad.

As I believe, therefore I live.

We need to believe that spiritual warfare is real, face it, fight it, & live victoriously!

wile

1. A trick, artifice, or stratagem meant to fool, trap, or entice; device.
2. Wiles, artful or beguiling behavior.
3. Deceitful cunning; trickery.
4. to beguile, entice, or lure (usually followed by away, from, into, etc.):

<http://www.dictionary.com/browse/wiles?s=t>

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I. THE REALITY OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

II. THE REASON FOR SPIRITUALWARFARE

III. THE RUSE OF SPIRITUAL WARFARE

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A. The Source of our Confidence, Eph. 6:10

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- The KEY to engaging spiritual warfare is to realize the source of our strength.
- If we truly realize the essence and quality of such strength, we will have confidence to battle courageously.

Psa. 121:2 **My help cometh from the LORD**, which **made heaven and earth.**

B. The Schemes Inflaming our Conflict, Eph. 6:11

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1. The Preparation, Eph. 6:11a “Put on the whole armour of God...”

2. The Purpose, Eph. 6:11b “...**that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.**”

- The idea of “wiles” = adapt hunting techniques for successful taking of the prey.

We have covered the following “wiles:”

- The first “wile” is DOUBT
- The second “wile” is DISOBEDIENCE
- The third “wile” is DECEIT
- The fourth “wile” is DISTRACTION
- The fifth “wile” is DISCONTENTMENT

As we continue considering what the “wiles” are, please note that these are not in any particular order of magnitude. The “wiles” will vary with each person – different times, different circumstances.

- The sixth “wile” is DESTRUCTION

Rev. 9:11 And they had a king over them, *which is* the angel of the bottomless pit, whose name in the Hebrew tongue *is* **Abaddon**, but in the Greek tongue hath *his* name **Apollyon**.

Original Word: Ἀβαδδών

Transliteration: Abaddón

Definition: Abaddon, Destroyer (i.e. Destroying Angel) or place of destruction (personified). <http://biblehub.com/greek/3.htm>

Original Word: Ἀπολλύων

Transliteration: Apolluón

Short Definition: Apollyon, Destroyer

Apollýōn (from *apóllymi*, "cause to perish, be ruined") – **properly, "the destroyer"** (from the Abyss), **i.e. Satan** (used only in Rev 9:11). <http://biblehub.com/greek/623.htm>

- One of the “wiles” of the devil that leads to destruction is pride.

Prov. 16:18 **Pride goeth before destruction**, and an haughty spirit before a fall.

Prov. 18:12 **Before destruction the heart of man is haughty**, and before honour *is* humility.

- Satan's pride led to his destruction:

Isa. 14:12 **How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer,** son of the morning! *how* art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

13 For **thou hast said in thine heart, I will** ascend into heaven, **I will** exalt my throne above the stars of God: **I will** sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

- Satan tempted Eve with pride:

Gen. 3:5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and **ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.**

- The purpose of putting on the armor is to defend ourselves from being defeated or destroyed.
- The wife of DECEPTION will lead to the wife of DESTRUCTION

Prov. 14:8 The **wisdom** of the prudent *is to understand his way*: but **the folly of fools is deceit**.

Prov. 14:12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but **the end thereof are the ways of death**. (Prov. 16:25)

- Satan wants to confuse us and convince to “do our own thing, go our own way”

Prov. 12:15 **The way of a fool is right in his own eyes**: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel *is wise*.

- The “wile” of deceit is most destructive.

Gal. 6:7 **Be not deceived**; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Heb. 3:13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; **lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.**

Jas 1:22 But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, **deceiving your own selves.**

- Satan wants destruction, but through Christ we are indestructible!

2 Cor. 4:7 But **we have this treasure in earthen vessels**, that **the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.**

8 **We are troubled** on every side, yet not distressed; **we are perplexed**, but not in despair;

9 **Persecuted**, but not forsaken; **cast down**, but **not destroyed**;

10 Always bearing about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, **that the life also of Jesus might be made manifest in our body.**

Original Word: ἀπόλλυμι

Transliteration: apollumi

Definition: (a) I kill, **destroy**, (b) I lose, mid: I am perishing (the resultant death being viewed as certain).

apóllymi (from *apó*, "away from," which intensifies *ollymi*, "to destroy") – **properly, fully destroy, cutting off entirely** (note the force of the prefix, *apó*).

apóllymi ("violently/completely perish") **implies permanent (absolute) destruction**, i.e. to cancel out (remove); "to die, with the implication of ruin and *destruction*" (*L & N*, 1, 23.106); cause to be *lost* (*utterly* perish) by experiencing a miserable end.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/622.htm>

2 Cor. 4:3 But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are **lost**:

4 In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Luke 19:10 For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was **lost**.

Jn. 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not **perish**, but have everlasting life.

Rom. 8:37 Nay, in all these things **we are more than conquerors through him that loved us**.

Conclusion

Jn. 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. ...**

28 And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never **perish**, neither shall any *man* pluck them out of my hand.

