

The Wrong Enemy and the Right Enemy

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Scripture References:

- Ephesians 6:12
- Ephesians 6:12, *AMPC*
- 2 Corinthians 2:10, 11
- 3 John 1:2
- Genesis 3:4, 5, 15
- Romans 12:2
- Romans 12:2, *NLT*
- Romans 12:2, *AMPC*
- John 8:44
- John 10:10
- John 10:10, *AMPC*

Summary:

Believers are engaged in a spiritual battle. This fight isn't against other people, but against Satan, himself. He's giving all his efforts to convincing us to believe his lies; one of his strategies is to pit us against each other by suggesting that other people, instead of him, are our real enemy. The truth is that we're wrestling not against others, but against the devil. However, Jesus has already defeated the devil; this is something the enemy doesn't want us to know. God wants us to experience success, prosperity, peace, wholeness, and perfect health; the enemy's agenda is to steal all of these blessings by messing with our minds and getting us to believe something that isn't true. We keep him under our feet by renewing our minds to God's Word concerning who we are in Christ.

Notes:

1. The fight Christians face is against an enemy we can't see with our physical eyes.
2. It's easy to see people in the natural. However, our enemy isn't in the natural realm; the devil—not other people—is the one we're *really* wrestling against.
3. The enemy works subtly to make us think things that aren't true; this is how he maintains his hold on us. We must let God transform and change our thinking.
4. Everything the devil says contradicts God's Word. The enemy's goal is to destroy us.
5. Satan tells us that we're inadequate, that we aren't good enough, and that we must be perfect for God to love us. The devil wants us to hold on to offense and operate in unforgiveness.

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