

***Living for Christ
in a Hostile World***

Studies in 1 Peter

Wide-Awake Christians

1 Peter 5.8-11

Who we're up against

enemy = opponent; devil = accuser v8

1. Be Aware of Satan's Mischievous Plan, v8

He is out to destroy Christ's church John 10.10

➤ *His tactics*

he's never far away from us

he's constantly looking for opportunities

he targets individuals

➤ *His targets*

loners Luke 22.54

leaders Zech 13.7; Luke 22.31-32

those who think well of themselves v5

Lk 22.33; Mat 26.33; 1 Cor 10.12

2 Cor 12.7-10

those lacking in knowledge

1 Cor 3.1-7; Heb 5.11-14

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➤ *His weapons*

doubt and disbelief

disappointment and disillusionment

exaggerated cost 2 Tim 4.10

love of ease

Gal 6.9; 1 Cor 15.58

despair

2. Our Defence Strategy, v8a, 9

- **Resist him**
stand up to him Eph 6.13; 1 John 4.4
- **Stand firm in the faith**
know what you believe – and why
- **Stay alert**
*he attacks when we least expect it
and exploits our weaknesses*
- **Be well-disciplined**
to make space for prayer

3. God's Glorious Provision for us, vs10-11

- ***All-sufficient grace***
- ***Complete restoration***
 - he mends our brokenness***
 - he strengthens us inwardly***
 - he prevents us from wobbling***
 - his Word is our foundation***
- ***Supreme power – forever!***