



TACTICAL

EXPOSING DEMONIC STRATEGIES

FREE MINI-BOOK

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Introduction

Spiritual Warfare seems to be a constant “hot-topic” in the body of Christ. There have been countless volumes written on the subject, some informative and some downright flaky. Given that there is a wealth of good information out there, I questioned whether to even write my e-book, “Tactical – Exposing Demonic Strategies”. After teaching on the subject and hearing the numerous testimonies that resulted from sharing my insights, counsel from leaders in my life and a prompting from prayer, I finally decided to put it all on paper and make it accessible to those who could benefit from it.

In addition to my e-book, which can be purchased on my site or on Amazon, I wanted to provide this free mini-book in which I will share five demonic strategies. I believe that this will help you understand and gain victory over the very attacks you may be facing.

Demonic Tactic 1 - Indirect Fire

In natural combat, soldiers will sometimes shoot to wound instead of shooting to kill. The concept is that if you wound an enemy combatant, you take more shooters out of the fight because now they have to treat the wounded one, carry his equipment and transport him to safety. Essentially, instead of taking one out by killing them, you take three or more out by wounding them. Though a soldier may not have been hit directly, they are not as effective in combat and their movement has slowed down due to someone around them getting hit.

If the enemy cannot get to you, he will try to get to those around you. Have you ever experienced great victory, only to see those around you getting hit left and right by obvious attacks? This is what I call “demonic indirect fire”. Demons, unable to get you to compromise or quit, will set their sights on those around you. They don’t play fair either! This is often why you see the children of ministers under heavy attack. Since the enemy could not get their parents to quit, they go after close family to slow them down.

You see this demonstrated in scripture in Mark 8:31-33. When Satan’s attempts to tempt Jesus failed, he began to use Peter in an attempt to deter Jesus from the cross. Demons are ruthless when it comes to assassinating the assignment of the Lord on our lives. They will use close friends, family, church members

and leaders. We must be wise and not ignorant of the enemy's tactics. (2 Corinthians 2:11)

Declaration

I am watchful over my heart and over the hearts of those around me. I will not let down my guard and I will pray for those in my life that I see coming under demonic attack. I have authority over every dark work, and I walk in supernatural revelation and discernment over the spirit realm. I am not ignorant of the enemy's tactics. I am an overcomer!

Demonic Tactic 2 – Clouds of Chaos

God is not the author of confusion. When chaos, confusion and anxiety are prevalent, you can at times trace this to a demonic attack on the mind. Modern military combat operations often employ what is called “Psychological Warfare” or “Psy-ops”. Psy-ops is warfare that is fought without bullets and bombs but with music, pamphlets and propaganda. For example, pamphlets may be air-dropped on a battlefield, advising enemy troops to surrender or attempting to convince them to switch sides or to create distrust in their leader. This tactic can cause confusion, treason and loss of moral. Without a single bullet being fired, psy-ops wars on the mind of the enemy soldier.

Sun Tzu, a famous battlefield tactician, once said, “All warfare is based on deception. Therefore, when capable of attacking, feign incapacity; when active in moving troops, feign inactivity”. Likewise, demonic tactics are based deception. Satan is a master deceiver and all demons are skilled at this aspect of warfare. Scripture charges us in Proverbs 4:23 to watch over our hearts with all diligence, from our hearts flow the springs of life. In order to combat demonic psychological operations, we must guard our mind! Have you ever felt the “fog of war” come against your thought life? Where there once was clarity, confusion manifested. What you once could do without a thought took careful attention on concentration. Sometimes, this is an indicator of a demonic attack against your mind. Once fiery and faithful, you begin to struggle with doubts and

feelings of overwhelming defeat. When this happens, you have to realize the attack for what it is and cast down this spirit that is waging psychological warfare against you.

Friend, the devil is after your mind! I have good news for you though. A mind, focused on the Word and guarded by the precepts of the Word has a strong defense against demonic deception, misdirection and satanic psychological operations!

Declaration

My mind is focused and free from confusion and chaos. My faith is solid and ground in the truth of the Word of God. I do not waver, and I am not double-minded. I recognize demonic attacks on my mind, and I cast them down as I take every thought captive, making it obedient to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. My mind is sharp, my thoughts filled with peace and my heart pure before the Lord.

Demonic Tactic 3 – When You Least Expect It

In military combat operations, most attacks are planned to be executed at night. This is when the enemy is most vulnerable. There are less people awake, less people ready to fight and their defenses are down. One of the most obvious effects of darkness is reduced visibility. This affects a soldier's ability to observe friendly troop movements, safely navigate across the terrain, and especially affects the perception of enemy movements and position. Those in charge of battlefield combat operations find that darkness greatly hinders many aspects of command and control, directing troop movements, firing positions, reconnaissance and surveillance, as well as greatly increasing the chance of friendly fire.

Satan employed this tactic of “exposing vulnerabilities” when he tempted Jesus after forty days of fasting (Matthew 4:2-4). Satan attacked Jesus with the temptation of food while He was vulnerable with hunger. He knew this was an opportune time to strike. Jesus recognized this tactic and quickly shut the tempter down as he returned fire with the Word!

There are two key times the enemy will attack in the cover of darkness in order to exploit your vulnerability:

1. During spiritual “highs”, when you feel like nothing can go wrong and an attack is the last thing you are looking for.

2. After a barrage of multiple strategic attacks, when you are spiritually winded and at your weakest.

We've most certainly all experienced these demonic attacks that come out of left field. Winning or winded, the enemy attempts to catch us off guard and moves in for the kill. It could be a heated argument with our spouse immediately following church or perhaps a dreaded phone call after an onslaught of attacks that seem to have come one after the other. While we cannot attribute 100% of this to demonic activity, we certainly can some of it.

One example in scripture occurs when the Amelikites exposed the vulnerabilities of David's camp at Ziglag: They came in at time when victory was most promising and wreaked havoc on the undefended camp:

Then it happened when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, that the Amalekites had made a raid on the Negev and on Ziklag, and had overthrown Ziklag and burned it with fire;

and they took captive the women and all who were in it, both small and great, without killing anyone, and carried them off and went their way.

When David and his men came to the city, behold, it was burned with fire, and their wives and their sons and their daughters had been taken captive.

Then David and the people who were with him lifted their voices and wept until there was no strength in them to weep. Now David's two wives had been taken captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess and Abigail the widow of Nabal the Carmelite. Moreover, David was greatly distressed because the people spoke of stoning him, for all the people were embittered, each one because of his sons and his daughters. But David strengthened himself in the Lord his God. – 1 Samuel 30:1-6

How do you respond to an attack that has exploited your vulnerability? You do what David did, you seek the Lord and fire back! We are not to let the enemy trespass or steal from us! David inquired of the Lord, asking if he should pursue. God told him that not only should he pursue but that he would recover all. When attacks come out of the blue, we must respond like David did. We must seek the Word of the Lord and follow it relentlessly. When you wield the Word, hell trembles!

Declaration

When attacks come, I will overcome. Though I know I may be in the enemy's sights, I will not become a casualty. Whether I am winning or feeling winded, I will hear the Lord with clarity, respond with surety and walk in victory. My first response to an attack will be to seek God. My continual demonstration of His goodness will be to praise Him. I cannot be defeated for the victory is already won!

Demonic Tactic 4 – Spiritual Ambush

In my book, “Tactical”, this is by far my most favorite chapter. I have taught on this particular chapter more than the rest because I have seen saints succumb to it more than any other. It is the demonic ambush and its purpose is the same as a natural ambush, to severely cripple and kill. A textbook ambush is executed when the enemy enters what is called the “kill zone”. This is the most effective time to attack to render the most damage on the opposing force. If you are on the receiving end of an ambush, there is a specific way that you are trained to respond to the surprise attack. In the sudden chaos and firepower coming your way, your chances of survival are dependent on how you respond! Ambushes are not limited to natural combat as they are a favorite tactic of demons against the children of God. Satanic strategies will lay out devious plans to spring on unsuspecting Saints, with the intention to cause as much damage in as little time as possible. The way you respond to an ambush in the natural is the same way you would respond to a demonic ambush! I will simplify this for time sake:

- Return fire
- Troops not in the kill zone will direct their fire towards the enemy.
- Advance towards the enemy

The most dangerous thing to do in a natural ambush is to stay stagnant and not return fire. You and those around you will

likely die. One of the best defenses is a violent and speedy offense. It must be sudden, aggressive and overpowering! Demonic ambushes are strategic attacks of the enemy on your life to:

- Cause sickness and death
- Attack family, friends and ministries
- Cause sudden and debilitating inflections
- Steal your finances and resources
- Cause mental discouragement and inflict massive fear

Many of you reading this right now know all too well what it feels like to be caught in a spiritual ambush. In fact, you may be in the middle of one right now! You get hit with shocking news from a doctor, a child or your boss. Relationships crumble, health deteriorates and those things that seemed most solid are now slipping through your hands. If you can relate, I want to encourage you; you do not have to become a casualty. Here is how you respond to a spiritual ambush:

- Return fire (Pray in your native language, pray in tongues, speak the Word)
- Call in intercessors (Employ the power of agreement)
- Advance (Do not retreat. You must not give up any ground)

You cannot retreat, you must return fire in prayer and the Word. Retreat is not an option. Don't try to fight the battle

alone, call in intercessors! When intercessors are activated, demons become intimidated. Lastly, push, plow and pursue. Do not back down and do not back up. You absolutely cannot give up the ground you've won up this point.

Declaration

I will not be taken out by this attack. No weapon formed against me will prosper. I am regrouping and rearming. I have my bearings together and I am assaulting forward in the spirit. My prayers are powerful, and my comrades are faithful. No attack will succeed in crippling or killing for there will be no ground gained that is released to the enemy. I move forward!

Demonic Tactic 5 – Division in the Camp

A successful and combat-effective military unit is only as strong as its camaraderie. It's the bond of brotherhood that makes a unit effective in warfare. Mutual trust and respect, forged through training together, eating together and enduring hardship and success together. In fact, before recruits are trained in hand to hand combat and how to fire a rifle, they are drilled in how to walk in-step together. Unity in the midst of diversity. This is a powerful trait found in the midst of warriors. It is the bond of brotherhood that is inherent in every elite military unit across the world. Heaven knew that for the ecclesia to be effective in the earth, we must work together. In John 17, we read the intercessory prayer that Jesus prayed for us. Its contents and focus? Unity!

“I am no longer in the world; and yet they themselves are in the world, and I come to You. Holy Father keep them in Your name, the name which You have given Me, that they may be one even as We are. – John 17:11

Ever since Jesus prayed that the church would be as one, Satan has been trying to bring division. We must understand that what has been revealed here in the earth has been known for thousands of years in the spirit. Demons know that a house divided will fall, so division has been number one on the enemy's tactical list since the first day. From racism to

backbiting to gossip to slander and everything in between, the church is assassinating itself with offense, bitterness, strife and contention.

How do we combat the attack on unity? Look at what the Bible says in Romans 16:17-18, Ephesians 4:3-6, Colossians 3:12-15 and Psalm 133:1-3. The cohesive message found in all of these scriptures and many more is unity, forgiveness, the release of offense and the demonstration of love. We must pursue radical unity. There are too many cliques, too much competition and far too much envy and strife existing today. Sadly, these exist as much in the church as they do the world. We must war for unity!

Declaration

Lord, I repent of any division that I have allowed to operate in my life. I will be a conduit of unity. I will be a repairer of the breach. I will not entertain gossip or slander. I will love without discrimination and forgive without requirement. May any bitterness or offense that is rooted in my heart be revealed and deliver me from such. I will love like Jesus, see like Jesus and extend mercy like Jesus. Division will not darken my door.