The Soldier of the Lord's Adversary Ephesians 6:10-20

The world around us is under the control of the evil one. (1 John 5:19 NLT)

But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. (James 1:14 NKJV)

I. <u>Detect our Foe</u>

- (A) <u>Created in Perfection</u> (Ezekiel 28:11-19)
- (B) Corrupted by Pride (Isaiah 14:12-17)
- (C) Characterized by Name

II. Discern his Function

(A) To Damn

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. (2 Cor. 4:3-4 NIV)

(B) To Deceive

For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ. But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. (2 Cor. 11:2-3)

He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it. (John 8:44 NKJV)

(C) To Divide

III. Deem his Fate

- (A) Viable Foe
- (B) Vanquished Foe

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. (Col. 2:15 NIV)

(C) <u>Vanished Foe</u> (Revelation 20:10)

IV. <u>Develop our F</u>
Thanks *be* to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ. (2 Cor. 2:14 NKJV)