

"In the beginning  
was the Word,  
and the Word was  
with God, and the  
Word was God."  
~John 1:1

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## **“How To Stop Satan from Hindering Our Christian Walk, Our Righteousness, Our Service, Our Mission, and Our Quest for Eternal Life”**

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**Satan is true, real and not a fiction.** His demons are at work 24/7 in order to inflict the wrath that they have before God. They cannot put a head-on fight with God that is why they focus instead on destroying us, God's people, who are the object of God's love.

**Knowing that Satan is true and at work in this world, we, as Christians, should not live in fear.** We should respond to this situation through the following measures:

### **1. BE INFORMED.**

**Information is a form of protection.** We have to study not only the plan of God but also the game plan and strategy of the enemy. The workings of Satan have been the same since the olden times so we should equip ourselves with knowledge on how to be ready to face him.

**Ephesians 6:10-20 explains what we should do to armor ourselves against the works of Satan.**

- **We should be alert and keep our head high because the devil is sprawling like a roaring lion, waiting for every chance and opportunity to attack.**
- **We should be in agreement with God in terms of what is good and right.** The standards of morality are the teachings of Jesus. We should study the doctrines of the Church, which were all derived from Jesus' teachings.  
**Example: Sacrament of Baptism** – We should be conscious in fulfilling our baptismal promise everyday: to do good and to avoid evil.

### **2. BE CAUTIOUS.**

**We should not give even an inch of our territory to the enemy.**

- **We unconsciously welcome the enemy into our lives** through the programs we watch on TV, sites we visit in the Internet, games that we let children play, non-Christian decorations we display in our houses like antiques that might have spiritual residue.
- **People are encouraged to have their own or rented houses and offices blessed** by a priest before occupancy in order to cleanse them from desecration.
- **Let us not allow our hearts to be entered by evil spirits.**

**Let us be cautious with our journey in life – on where we go, in what we do, and in what we say, because we are always in a battlefield.**

### **3. BE CONFIDENT.**

**When David killed Goliath with a slingshot, there was nothing extraordinary with the slingshot that made him win over Goliath.** It was David's armor of faith in God that made him victorious.

**Believing in God is not enough but having a strong faith in God conquers the enemy.**

### **4. BE PREPARED.**

**We are all objectively saved by the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus but we need to work our way to the fulfillment of this salvation.**

- **Denying ourselves, carrying our cross, constant supplication to deliver us from the evil one, and constant walk with the Father are necessary preparations.**
- **Jesus drew strength and authority through His faithfulness.** We have to be ready to exercise our faithfulness in all areas of our lives – workplace, classroom, business, etc.

**Do not give the enemy the chance to create division and conflict, and to disturb the peace we are enjoying.**

### **5. BE AGGRESSIVE.**

**We should move forward because we are armed.** Our confidence lies in the assurance and promises of God Himself. We have the strength within and let us make sure that this strength is growing constantly.

- **We should be aggressive in helping one another and in pointing out the truth.**
- **We should be aggressive in understanding what is right and real.**
- **Let us allow God to reign within us and to elevate our standard of faithfulness.**

**Let us make no mistake in thinking that our Father is only interested in bringing us to heaven.** He is also interested in major and even trivial things that happen to us because He wants to see us happy in our lives. The problem with us is that we equate happiness with sinning which is an invention of human frailty.

**If we deepen our faith and continue to understand more our faith, we will realize the joy of living in faith, teaching faith to others and journeying our life with faith.**

**We are not waging the war alone against Satan; God Himself is in the forefront of the battlefield!**

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