

#4 "WARFARE"

Psalm 127:1

The devil wants to destroy your house.

- John 10:10
- 2 Corinthians 11:14
- 1 Peter 5:8
- Revelation 9:11

Matthew 24:43 (NIV) But understand this: If the owner of the house had known at what time of night the thief was coming, he would have kept watch and would not have let his house be broken into.

Your house is consistently being "cased" by the adversary, with the goal of finding a vulnerability and exploiting it destructively.

How do we know when the devil's influence is around our house?

- The persistent presence of anger, strife, disharmony and division.
- The persistent presence of debilitating discouragement or despair.
- Dilution of or distraction from biblical commitments and priorities.
- Willful disobedience to God's Word.
- Persisting attitudes of disrespect, doubt, distrust or rebellion.
- The loss or lessening of anything that makes us passionate and persistent in fulfilling God's purposes, or the depletion of resources that are essential to the fulfillment of God's purposes.

How do we retake territory ceded to the adversary?

- Repentance.

Acts 3:19 (NIV) Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

- Rebuke.

Matthew 17:18 (NIV) Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of the boy, and he was healed from that moment.

Mark 4:39 (NIV) He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

- Resistance.

James 4:7 (NIV) Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Ephesians 6:10 (NIV) Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.

- Reinforcements.

Matthew 18:19 (NIV) Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by My Father in heaven.

- Rest.

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