

## *Fight Your Spiritual Enemies*

- Do you consider yourself a fighter or a lover?
- Can you be both?
- Pastor Tim says that to live in victory you have to fight your three spiritual enemies through Christ.

### **Your Three Spiritual Enemies**

Christians face three spiritual enemies: [Eph 2:1-3](#)

1. The **flesh** is your old sinful nature living in your body.  
[Rom 7:14-25](#) Your flesh craves things that are not what God wants for you.
2. The **devil** is the invisible network of fallen angels. [Eph 6:10-18](#)  
They place evil thoughts in your mind.
3. The **world** is the systems of this world designed for sin.  
[1John 2:15-17](#) This includes media and culture which foster pride, greed, and desire to do things your way instead of God's way.

### **How Can You Fight?**

- Fight the good fight of faith. [1Tim 6:11-12](#)
- **flee** "these things" Run away from the urges of your flesh, the evil thoughts that pop into your mind, the lies you hear through media and ungodly people, and the love of money. [1Tim 6:10](#)
- **fight** "the good fight of faith" This is a spiritual **fight**. It takes effort. Be consistent in:
  - praying that praises God and asks for His help in doing the right thing. [Heb 13:15](#)
  - reading and applying God's Word. [Pro 4:20-27](#)
- Don't trust money, yourself, our ungodly media, or our ungodly culture. Trust God.

### **Application Exercise: Assess How Well You Are Fighting**

- When you find yourself tempted to do something you know would displease God, do you stop?
- Do you pray early and often? Do your prayers include praise and thanks to God?
- How often do you read God's Word?
- In what way are you applying God's Word to your life?

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