

3 TYPES OF ENEMIES

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There are three types of enemies you will encounter in life.

The enemies you **IGNORE**.

The enemies you **ATTACK**.

The enemies you **ENDURE**.

This information is foreign to many people. Due to a lack of wisdom a multitude of people make the mistake of attacking every enemy the **SAME WAY**. Before you can win a battle you must identify what type of enemy you are fighting.

DISCERN what type of enemy you are fighting so you can defend yourself against their attacks!

THE ENEMIES YOU IGNORE

(Acts 9:20-25)

The enemies that are **BENEATH YOU** are the ones you should **IGNORE**. Acts 9:22 says, "*Saul grew in power (influence) but while he was growing in power the Jews were making plans to kill him.*" Before Saul grew in power the Jews were **EQUIVALENT** to him. However, when he grew in power the Jews were beneath him.

When you have power over your enemies they are beneath you. In Acts 9:24 Saul learned of the Jews plans to kill him. Saul **DID NOT** address, confront nor think about their evil plans.

He **IGNORED** them. Saul knew how powerful he was. God had exalted him. He understood this wisdom key. **ELEPHANTS DO NOT FIGHT WITH ANTS. THEY STEP ON THEM!**

Here are three factors to help you identify when an enemy is **BENEATH** you:

1. An enemy that is beneath you will always look to **BRING YOU DOWN** because they are beneath you.
2. An enemy that is beneath you will attack something you have **ALREADY** conquered. They will attempt to use the failures of your past as a weapon against you.
3. An enemy that is beneath you will only **TALK** about you. They do not have the authority to talk to you directly.

THE ENEMIES YOU ATTACK

(1st Samuel 17:48-51)

Enemies who are **LATERAL** to you are the ones you **ATTACK**. David fought Goliath. Why? Because they were

on the **SAME** field, competing for the **SAME** cause.
When an enemy is able to **COMPETE** with you, attack them.

Since our battles are not carnal, Kingdom citizens should utilize spiritual weapons to defeat their enemies. Kingdom citizens defeat their enemies by following the **INSTRUCTIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**. Following **DIVINE** instructions will give you the victory over lateral enemies.

Here are three ways to identify when you have **LATERAL** enemies:

1. Enemies that are lateral will be able to **COMPETE** with you.
2. Enemies who are lateral will have **ACCESS** to you.

3. Enemies who are lateral will have **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY** to destroy you. David and Goliath collided. The victory could have gone either way.

THE ENEMIES WHO ARE ABOVE YOU

(Luke 11:53)

The enemies who are **ABOVE** you are the ones you need to **ENDURE**. Jesus was the most powerful man on the earth. Yet, the Pharisees **CONSTANTLY HARASSED** Him. They harassed Jesus because they had the authority to do it.

Jesus was unable to attack the Pharisees because they had the authority to punish Him. He was unable to ignore them because they had the **RIGHT** to question Him. Jesus had to **ENDURE** them. Jesus was anointed. However, the Pharisees were appointed.

Holding an appointed position grants you with more authority on the earth. Carrying an anointing gives you

more authority in the Kingdom of God. These are the hardest enemies to fight. The only way to win this battle is by being **PATIENT!**

Proverbs 25:15 says, "*with **PATIENCE** you can convince a ruler, and a gentle word can get through to the hard-headed.*" If you ignore these types of enemies they will punish you. If you attack these types of enemies they will destroy you. **YOU MUST ENDURE THEM!**

Here are three ways to identify when you have enemies who are **ABOVE** you:

1. Enemies who are above you will have the authority to tell you what **TO DO**.
2. Enemies who are above you will have the **LEGAL** authority to harm you.
3. Enemies who are above you can force you to **ENDURE** the consequences of their decisions.

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