UNDERESTIMATED ENEMIES

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2nd Corinthians 11:13-15

Underestimated enemies are individuals you **OVERLOOK**, **NEGLECT** and **IGNORE**. Their abilities are taken for granted and their intelligence is frowned upon.
Underestimated enemies are always **INNOCUOUS**.

People who are innocuous appear to be harmless when they are actually dangerous. They appear to be righteous when they are actually evil. They appear to have good intentions when they are actually selfish.

They appear to be helpful when they are actually violent. They appear to be honest when they are actually deceitful.

PEOPLE ARE USUALLY DEFEATED BY INNOCUOUS ENEMIES.

HERE'S WHAT I MEAN

- Samson was defeated by Delilah. Delilah was an innocuous enemy. She appeared as a woman who loved Samson. However, she revealed herself to be his enemy. Reference Judges 16:4-22.
- Judas was an innocuous enemy. He appeared to be Jesus friend and disciple. However, he betrayed him with a kiss. Reference Luke 22-47-48.

Enemies who succeed are always underestimated. They are underestimated because they disguised themselves under the element of a **SURPRISE**. These types of enemies want to earn your **TRUST**.

They want you to let your guard down so you will be defenseless against their plans. Theses types of enemies want your love so you will be blinded by it.

THE WOOL OVER YOUR EYES

A righteous person **CAN** be defeated by an innocuous enemy. A holy person **CAN** be defeated by an innocuous enemy. A wise person **CAN** be defeated by an innocuous enemy.

It is not a guarantee that the most astute person won't be defeated by an underestimated enemy. However, there is a **STRONG** possibility. Why? The answer simple. Innocuous enemies approach you with things that you need in your soul. Things such as love, trust, honor, commitment, loyalty, etc.

These are attributes money cannot buy. These are attributes every human longs for. The Kingdom Constitution warns us about these types of enemies.

2nd Corinthians 11:13-15 says, "Such men are not true apostles but are workers who lie. They change themselves to look like apostles of Christ. This does not surprise us. Even Satan changes himself to look like an angel of light.

So it does not surprise us if Satan's servants also make themselves look like servants who work for what is right. But in the end they will be punished for what they do."

Becoming innocuous is the devil's primary way of completing his agenda on the earth. He disguises himself as an angel of light to garner the trust of the one he is seeking to devour. Angels who disguises themselves as a ray light will **ALWAYS HAVE A DARK MOTIVE**.

UNCOVERING INNOCUOUS ENEMIES

These types of enemies are very hard to expose. However, there are two clear ways to expose them. Innocuous enemies always have a **SELFISH MOTIVE AND A HIDDEN AGENDA**.

You cannot focus on the deeds of an innocuous enemy.
You have to focus on the **INTENT** of the deeds. When someone does something good for you are they benefiting? Are they rewarded with a return for what they gave you?

Think about it. When the serpent gave Eve clarity on her curiosity in Genesis chapter 3 was he helping her to be righteous? Or was he helping her fulfill his selfish desire? The enemy gave Eve what she was curious about to receive something bigger in return...**DOMINION OVER THE EARTH**.

People's motive reveal who they are. The second way to expose an innocuous enemy is to ask the Holy Spirit to reveal them to you. The Holy Spirit knows everything! He knows the inner thoughts of God.

1st Corinthians 2:11 "Who knows the thoughts that another person has? Only a person's spirit that lives within him knows his thoughts. It is the same with God. No one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God."

The Holy Spirit can give you insight you cannot get in your own strength. His counsel is priceless, most importantly flawless. He knows the secrets in people's heart. However, the only way to hear these secrets is to be in His presence. In the presence of God you will **SEE** what is blind to others and **HEAR** what is deaf to others.

UNDERESTIMATED ENEMIES ARE YOUR GREATEST ADVERSARY BECAUSE THEY'RE A SURPRISE!

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