

STRATEGIC ENEMIES

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Mathew 4:2-11

Strategic enemies use the art of **SCIENCE** to plan their attack against you. The art of science in warfare involves **STUDYING YOUR OPPOSITION**. Strategic enemies attack you based on your **WEAKNESSES**. These types of enemies will wait for as long as it takes to find your weak point. They devise their plan on your weaknesses.

**STRATEGIC ENEMIES ARE DANGEROUS
BECAUSE THEY ARE PATIENT.**

Patience is a characteristic many people do not have. In a society that encourages receiving immediate results and gratification, patience is not a virtue. Enemies who make an impact on people's lives understand that patience is their greatest asset.

If you are dealing with a strategic enemy who is patient, you need to be on guard. Patient enemies **WAIT** for you to **FALL**. They stand in the shadows watching for when you are most vulnerable. They wait to see when you are alone and lowly postured.

Strategic enemies want to maximize their attack against you by watching your weaknesses. They achieve their efforts **THROUGH AUTHORIZATION**. If you authorize your enemies to enter your life during a time of weakness they will take advantage of you.

HERE'S WHAT I MEAN

- It is in your weakness when you are willing to accept what is **UNFAMILIAR**.
- It is in your weakness when you are willing to entertain what you would normally **IGNORE**.

- It is in your weakness that you would give permission to the things you would normally **REJECT**.

When people are weak they are easily influenced by other individuals, circumstances and things. This is how strategic enemies maximize their efforts against you.

THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS

When King Jesus was led into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil, the enemy had a **STRATEGIC** plan. King Jesus was weak from hunger. He was on a fast for forty days and forty nights.

When the enemy saw that King Jesus **LACKED** strength he proceeded to pounce on Him. Mathew 4:2-11 says, *“Jesus fasted for forty days and nights. After this, he was very hungry. The devil came to Jesus to tempt him, saying, “If you are the Son of God, tell these rocks to become bread.” Jesus answered, “It is written in the Scriptures, ‘A person lives not on bread alone, but by everything God says.’”*

“ Then the devil led Jesus to the holy city of Jerusalem and put him on a high place of the Temple. The devil said, “If you are the Son of God, jump down, because it is written in the Scriptures: ‘He has put his angels in charge of you. They will catch you in their hands so that you will not hit your foot on a rock.’ ”

Jesus answered him, “It also says in the Scriptures, ‘Do not test the Lord your God.’ ” Then the devil led Jesus to the top of a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and all their splendor.

The devil said, “If you will bow down and worship me, I will give you all these things.” Jesus said to the devil, “Go away from me, Satan! It is written in the Scriptures, ‘You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.’ ” So the devil left Jesus, and angels came and took care of him.”

PAY ATTENTION

Pay attention to your surroundings very closely. When you are mentally tired **WATCH** and **SEE** who comes to tempt you. When you are physically weak **WATCH** and **SEE** who comes to tempt you. When you are emotionally vulnerable **WATCH** and **SEE** who comes to tempt you. When you are spiritually drained **WATCH** and **SEE** who comes to tempt you.

These are the true indicators on how to identify the strategic enemies in your life. You won't discover them, they will **REVEAL** themselves. **WHEN** these enemies approach you, **DEPEND** on your Kingdom Constitution (Bible) because it is His teaching that gives you strength.

Psalm 19:7 says, "*the teachings of the Lord are perfect; they give **NEW** strength. The rules of the Lord can be trusted; they make plain people wise.*"

The type of strength you need when you are depleted does not come from a pill or any other man made resource. It can only come from the teachings of God.

This strength is **NOT** natural. It is divine and only the Word of God can supply what is divine.

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