

1 Peter 5:8-11
"Be Sober Be Vigilant"

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1. Introduction

- a. 1 Peter 5:8 Devil is the enemy
- b. Current event Russia-Ukraine War
- c. Christian life is being aware of your surroundings
- d. Color Code of Awareness
 - White: not aware of surroundings
 - Yellow: relaxed but alert
 - Orange: specific potential threat
 - Red: specific real danger
 - Black: individual taking action
- e. Christian life in spiritual battle
 - sober means living in reality
 - * not under the influence of alcohol or drugs
 - * not under the influence of secular mindset or philosophies
 - vigilant means being aware of your surroundings - code of awareness
 - adversary means enemy in your situation
 - devour means predator eating their prey quickly

2. Christian Has Strong Enemy (vs 8)

- a. The Devil (Satan, Father of Lies)
 - he is strong - but not all powerful
 - he is smart - but not all knowing
 - he is here & present - but not everywhere at once
 - he has limitations, but different from humans
 - * he is a spirit being
- b. Compared to hunting lion focused on prey - lion chasing antelopes
- c. Satan & his kingdom of evil demons to destroy humans -
- d. Christian to live in Yellow Code of Awareness

3. Christian is Not Alone (vs. 9)

- a. Other Christians in world suffer from similar attacks
- b. Christian fights spiritual battle
 - Resist in the faith
 - * spiritual armor - Eph 6:10-18
 - Resist Devil by submitting yourself to God - James 4:7
- c. Jesus will never leave you - Heb 13:5-6

4. God's Grace is Enough (vs. 10)

- a. God gives His grace freely to Christian - 2 Cor 12:9-10
- b. God has infinite supply of grace
- c. Christian has limited time of suffering in mortal life on earth
- d. But Christian will receive eternal life forever in heaven in God's presence & glory
- e. Christian becomes strengthened & settled
 - Our experience matures (grow up) Christian & establishes us in Christian faith

5. Jesus is Coming Soon (vs. 11)

- a. Jesus Christ Himself
 - He will receive glory
 - He will rulership (dominion)
- b. Jesus will return to earth as "King of kings & Lord of lords"
 - Rev 19:12, 16

6. Conclusion

- a. How does Christian face temptation?
 - James 1:2-3 temptation tries the faith
- b. Recognize double reality of temptation
 - enduring temptation earns crown of life - James 1:12
 - nature of temptation - James 1:13-15
 - * temptation comes from inside man
 - * own inner bad lust leads to death
 - do not mistake nature of temptation
- c. Devil tempts us with our own lust