

➤ ***Biblical hope is the confidence expectation that something will happen.***

HOPE EQUIPS US TO FIGHT OUR ENEMY.

1. To fight our enemy, we need to stay awake _____ leaders. ⁸

• 1 Peter 1:13, 1 Peter 4:7, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Peter 4:11

➤ ***Don't zone out spiritually. Don't live on spiritual autopilot.***

2. To fight our enemy, we need _____ our enemy. ⁸

- a. It is not people.
- b. It is not philosophies or beliefs.
- c. It is not culture or society.
- d. It is the devil who walks, stalks and prowls. Job 1:7
- e. It is the devil who seeks to devour and swallow us.
- f. Satanology/Demonology – Theology of Satan

• Ephesians 2:2, John 8:44, James 1:14-15, Ephesians 5:15-16

Perhaps most subtly, we find it easy to fall into the trap of digital distractions because, in the most alluring new apps, we find a welcome escape from our truest, rawest, and most honest self-perceptions ... because distractions give us easy escape from the silence and solitude whereby we become acquainted with our finitude, our inescapable mortality, and the distance of God from all our desires, hopes, and pleasures. ... To be without the constant availability of distraction is solitary confinement, a punishment to be most dreaded. ~Tony Reinke



➤ ***Technology is not inherently bad, but it is never neutral.***

➤ ***Satan may intend technology for evil, but God can use it for good.***

➤ ***Addiction is a heart issue. I want _____ more than I want God and what His words says.***

3. To fight our enemy, we need know the right way to _____ him. ⁹

- a. Resist.
- b. Stand firm. Ephesians 6:10-18, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, James 4:7

Prayer is the essence of spiritual warfare and the most important means by which believers are strengthened by God. ~Clinton E. Arnold

➤ ***With God's help we can resist Satan, but only God can defeat him.***

4. to fight our enemy, we need to _____ others are fighting the same battle. ⁹⁻¹⁰

- a. Pray for your fellow soldiers.
- b. Encourage your fellow soldiers.

It is much harder to get mad at someone you have just hugged or kissed, and it is much easier to feel accepted in a fellowship which has given such a warm welcome! ~Wayne Grudem

Where did hope show you that you are not fully or properly equipped to _____ your enemy?

