**ENGAGE**

**In the Battle for God’s Glory**

**Session 3: A Relentless Attack**

 **“Do not love the world or the things that belong to the world. If anyone If anyone loves the world, love for the father is not in him. For everything that belongs to the world --- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of one’s lifestyle --- is not from the Father, but is from the world.” 1 John 2:15-16**

**Claiming the victory in spiritual warfare begins with awareness and understanding of Satan’s Schemes and strategies.**

 **Ephesians 6:11** scemata = schemes

 **The battleground is the MIND.**

 **Romans 12:2; Phil. 4:8; Phil. 2:5**

**Satan’s allies are the “world” and the “flesh”.**

In the N.T., the “world” is a philosophy or worldview that is secular, ungodly, and controlled by Satan.

 **Eph. 2:1-2**

Mature Christians will be increasingly more skeptical of worldly thinking.

In the N.T. the “flesh” is the broken since the fall human condition that becomes the acting agent of sin.

 **Rom. 7:18-25**

**Satan is the adversary.**

**Satan is the deceiver.**

**Satan is the tempter.**

 **1 Thes. 3:5; James 1:13-15**

**Three frontal attacks of temptation. 1 John 2:15-16**

**The lust of the flesh – gratification of the physical body.**

**The lust of the eyes – seeking the pleasure of possessions.**

**The pride of life – egocentric arrogance that seeks to edify self.**

 **Gen. 3:6; Matt. 4:3,5-6,8-9**

**Resisting temptation is not a passive exercise. This is WAR!!!**

Recognize Satan’s schemes

 Pray for God’s intervention and strength

 Trust in God’s instruction

 **1 Cor. 10:12-13**

**Satan is the Hinderer**

Hindering God’s children from following God’s plan.

 Sins of Omission

 **1 Thes. 2:18; James 4:17**

Satan will distract your focus (Phil. 4:8)

 Satan will distort your priorities (Good, better, best)

 Satan will detain your resources