

“You are on the verge of wrecking your life.”

– Russell Moore, Tempted and Tried: Temptation and the Triumph of Christ



We Are Under Attack (*and we don't even realize it*)

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. (1 Peter 5:8-9)

Wake Up

- ❖ “Be sober-minded” – inebriation on liquor, food, lusts, pleasures, greed, earthly cares, etc., leaves us numb to the nearness of our destruction
- ❖ “Be watchful” – give proactive attention to God, yourself, Satan, your temptations, your sins, your lusts, your inclinations, etc. lest you be overtaken in calamity; PAY ATTENTION

We Have an Adversary

- ❖ The Devil is your enemy – he hates you because of who and what he sees in you: the image of Christ and the promise to have his head pinned to the ground (Genesis 3:15)
- ❖ The Devil is a liar and a slanderer
- ❖ The Devil is dangerous
 - He is on the prowl
 - He is growling in the weeds looking for you
 - He wants to devour you; he is actively seeking to swallow you whole like a snake with a mouse

- We are munching and slurping and sleeping and don't even realize what is about to happen (he's got the time to let us fatten up on the things of the world that we want as we get comfortable, rationalizing and justifying our actions, until he pounces, then points a finger at us, exposing us; and then he watches our lives fall apart and the image of Christ stamped on us become marred)

We Must Resist

- ❖ "Resist" – withstand; intentionally set yourself firmly against him constantly aware that he is out to trip you up through temptation
- ❖ "Firm in the faith" – immovably certain in who and what you believe, namely Jesus and His teachings; doubt is dangerous (James 1:8)...when Eve doubted she was deceived
- ❖ "Brotherhood" – you are not alone in temptation; the easiest prey is the lone prey