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The Enemy

⁸ Eventually, a new king came to power in Egypt who knew nothing about Joseph or what he had done.¹¹ So the Egyptians made the Israelites their slaves. **Exodus 1:6, 11a (NLT)**

¹⁵ God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: Yahweh, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob—has sent me to you. This is my eternal name, my name to remember for all generations. ¹⁶ "Now go and call together all the elders of Israel. Tell them, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—has appeared to me. He told me, "I have been watching closely, and I see how the Egyptians are treating you. ¹⁷ I have promised to rescue you from your oppression in Egypt. I will lead you to a land flowing with milk and honey—the land where the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites now live."

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We ignore the ______ that produce these broken behaviors

⁴⁴... He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. John 8:44b (NLT)

We focus on the _____ rather than the real problem.

Get ready for a _____

Demonic forces will seek to _____ you.

²³ Jesus turned to Peter and said, "Get away from me, Satan! You are a dangerous trap to me. You are seeing things merely from a human point of view, not from God's." Matthew 16:23 (NLT)

³ Then Satan entered into Judas Iscariot, who was one of the twelve disciples, Luke 22:3 (NLT)

Unchecked demonic influence can lead to a loss of _____.

Some of the demonic spirits:

Seducing Spirit

¹ Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. 1 Timothy 4:1 (NLT)

• Spirit of Bondage (fear)

¹⁵ So you have not received a spirit that makes you fearful slaves. Instead, you received God's Spirit when he adopted you as his own children. Now we call him, "Abba, Father." **Romans 8:15 (NLT)**

Spirit of Error

⁶ But we belong to God, and those who know God listen to us. If they do not belong to God, they do not listen to us. That is how we know if someone has the Spirit of truth or the spirit of deception. **1 John 4:6 (NLT)**

Our enemy Is a _____

⁹ And I saw them [Satan and his demons] as they went up on the broad plain of the earth and surrounded God's people and the beloved city. But fire from heaven came down on the attacking armies and consumed them. ¹⁰ Then the devil, who had deceived them, was thrown into the fiery lake of burning sulfur, joining the beast and the false prophet. There they will be tormented day and night forever and ever. **Revelation 20:9-10 (NLT)**

We can choose to be

¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. **Ephesians 6:10-12 (NLT)**

My Next Step Today Is To ...

- Memorize and or meditate on Ephesians 6:10-12
- Ask God to help me look beyond the symptoms and discover the strongholds that the devil uses to keep me from living the abundant, victorious life God has for us.
- Stand firm as I learn to recognize the voice, the work of spirits which would deceive and defeat me.
- Begin the journey to freedom by accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior.