

# Learning Satan's Tactics

A new soldier must go to boot camp to learn to fight and survive in hostile conditions. As Christians, we also have training available to us through listening to the experiences of more mature brethren, reading the Word, and obeying the Holy Spirit.

Satan has trained himself for millennia to find ways to destroy us. One tactic he uses is tricking us into keeping our struggles in the dark. One of our greatest weapons in this warfare is light. When things are brought to light, there is always help available. Once we recognize Satan's tactic in trying to keep us silent, we disable one of the enemy's most potent armaments.

May we study to identify and train ourselves to battle Satan's tactics. By sharing our struggles and victories, we can strengthen our fellow soldiers for the battles ahead.

## Scriptures

Ephesians 6:12

1 John 4:1

2 Corinthians 11:14

Genesis 3:1-6

James 1:12-14

James 4:7

2 Timothy 2:22

Luke 4:1-13

Hebrews 4:15-16

## Questions

1. Satan can appear as an angel of light. How do we discern between this light and God's light?
2. How do we try all spirits? What is the blueprint that we use?
3. What are the hallmarks of shallowness in your life?
4. Do we sometimes think we have failed when we have been tempted? Why is this?
5. What are practical ways to resist wasting time on entertainment or web browsing?
6. How can we resist temptations when tired, hungry, or down?
7. What was the key example for us when Jesus resisted Satan's temptations?
8. One of Satan's best tactics is to sow fear and doubt. Why do we continually fall for this and what is an effective way to battle it?