

DIGGING DEEPER PART 6: UNDERSTAND OUR ENEMY

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We don't have to settle for the superficial peace that comes from comparing our stuff with the stuff of others. Instead, we can experience a heart-level peace that comes from practicing the presence of God.

DISCERNMENT – TO UNDERSTAND OUR ENEMY

Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, the authorities, the powers of this dark world and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Eph. 6.11.12

1. *Do you believe in a personal devil? If so, what evidences of his schemes are there in your life?*
2. *Do you believe in angels? What role do they or have they played in your life?*
3. *Read Eph. 6.14 -18. In what shape is your armor? Are there pieces of your armor that need attention? If so, identify them and consider an action plan to bring them into shape.*
4. *When you listen to the daily news, what items tend to draw your attention more than others? If there are those with which you have strong disagreement, what needs to happen to bring them more into your agreement?*
5. *If in an information age, discernment is the only true antidote to deception, how do you rate your level of discernment? Do you consider yourself a discerning person?*
6. *And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, **so that** you may be **able to discern** what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God. Phil 1.9-11*

Let's change the pronouns and make the prayer personal – *And this is my prayer: that my love may abound more and more in knowledge and dept of insight, so that I may be able to discern...You get the idea.*

Can you imagine that prayer being answered in your life?

7. *When you listen to the daily news, what items do you tend to respond to in a strongly favorable manor? Why do you hold those positions? Could you quickly give a scripture reference to back it up?*