



Watch Out! ...1Peter 5:6-9

The **Rebellious Person** follows their own desires and ends up, despite some fun, **being devoured**.

The **Religious Person** follows their rules and ends up, despite their effort, **being devoured**.

The **Gospel Centered Person** follows Christ the victor and ends up, despite our hardship, **in victory**.

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Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. ...1Corinthians 16:13-14

How to Defeat the Enemy...

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Five Tactics the enemy uses to Take You Out!...

1. Pride...

...1Peter 5:6, James 4:6, Proverbs 3:34, Job 38:1-5

2. Worry and Anxiety...

...1Peter 5:7, Matthew 6:25-34

3. Laziness and Abdication...

...1Peter 5:8, Romans 12:1-2, Romans 12:9-18, 1Corinthians 9:23-27, Hebrews 12:1-2, 1Corinthians 15:58, 1Corinthians 16:13-14

4. Isolation...

...1Peter 5:8(b), Ecclesiastes 4:12, Proverbs 27:17

5. Lust...

...1Peter 5:9, 1Corinthians 6:17-20, James 1:13-15

Group Discussion

1. What stood out to you in tonight's message and scripture passages? ...*be descriptive!*
2. **READ *John 10:10* together...** The enemy's Mission Statement is to *steal, kill, and destroy* you. One of his tactics has always been to take out an entire generation of men... **How do you see the enemy *Taking Out* today's generation of men?**
3. Which of the "***Five Tactics the enemy uses to Take You Out*** (*Pride, Worry, Laziness, Isolation, and Lust*) do you struggle with the most?
4. If you are not actively pursuing your relationship with Jesus, you are drifting away...we are never still but always moving forward or back. So **think about and explain what you need to do to actively deal with each of the "5 Tactics" that the enemy uses to "Take You Out"...**
 - Pride:
 - Worry and Anxiety:
 - Laziness and Abdication:
 - Isolation:
 - Lust
5. **READ *1Peter 5:10* together...** The Bible tells us that if we do what it describes to us in *1Peter 5:6-9*, and not allow *Pride, Worry, Laziness, Isolation, and Lust* to have a place to remain in our lives...He will "***Restore, Confirm, Strengthen, and Establish***" us.

...Describe these 4 things that God will do in you, if you let Him, to carve you into the man that He has created and called you to be...and **explain what each one means**. Give examples of *how* He does each one in your life...

 - Restore*** you...
 - Confirm*** you...
 - Strengthen*** you...
 - Establish*** you...
6. Identify *One Thing* that you need to add or change in your life, as a response to God speaking to your heart tonight?
Share it with your Group...

Prayer

Take a few moments to share any Prayer Requests with the men in your Group. Write down any requests and commit to pray for one another throughout the week.

(It's great to know that other guys are praying for the important things in your life...and it's great to be praying for the important things in their lives!)

How do the **5 Principles for the Christian Man**, help equip you to apply this to your life?

Discuss your answer with your group...

- Prayer (*Relationship*)
- God's Word (*Knowledge and Understanding*)
- Worship (*Adoration*)
- Fellowship (*Encouragement and Accountability*)
- Service (*Caring for Others, Action to your Belief*)