



# INNER ATTACK



It's common for people to have the outside decorated but rot on the inside, many focus on the outside forgetting that what's on the inside will eventually come out. Having the end in mind is a very important mindset to have because it directs to what steps you need to take, what habits you need to create and abandon right now. This highlights how to have a certain outlook or bear certain fruits; certain things need to be planted in us and some things need to be plucked out.

Matthew 15:16-20 reveals that everything works from the inside out in everyone. What we portray on the outside is based on what is working on the inside. So all that is on the inside will eventually reflect somehow. This also applies to the way God or the devil impacts our lives. God transforms us from the inside out, and if the devil can attack you from within then the product will be seen outwardly. There are so many things the devil attacks with. Jesus pointed out what ruins a man, it is what is inside of him. The same way God has a plan for you, similarly the devil also has a plan against you.

There are quite a few elements the devil uses to achieve the objective of getting into your heart. The first being pride. The devil is seeking to place pride in your heart and get you to believe you can stand on your own. Pride is believing that you are self-sufficient. The ideology of self-sufficiency plants pride in you, and this hinders God from using you. He cannot work for you. The bible says: "God resists the proud but gives grace to the humble". Every time we think we can achieve all by ourselves, we are walking away from the glory of God. Pride involves exalting yourself above others.

The second element the devil uses is doubt (Genesis 3:1). There are so many promises God has given us in our lives but when you tend to walk in a season during which it seems like things work against you, the devil exploits it to make you doubt God. He will try to use time against you. Make you think you are falling behind to make you make an impatient decision or take an impatient route. The devil only attacks what you know.





You should remember what God told you and hold on tight to it as Jesus reminded the devil in the desert (Matthew 4:4). God does not live in time, He is out of time (Mark 11:22-23). This is the hardest thing- waiting on God. God does not run out of time. God will restore the time you feel you have lost. God is not a man that He should lie. Never doubt God.



The third is extremity, meaning lack of balance. God is the God of balance. Everything He created is in balance. The devil wants to attack us with extremity (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8). God wants you to be in balance. The moment you become an extremist in one thing, the devil attacks you with it. There are certain things God wants to attract your attention to, He wants you to have a balanced life. Whatever you are lacking in, the devil will attack you on that. Develop balance in your life.



The fourth is a slandering mouth, speaking ill of others. One of the ways to break the anointing of God upon your life is by talking behind people's backs. Do not allow the devil to instigate you on others. Do not set yourself to bring people down, this will cause you to be cut off from God's promises. God's ministry is people. Do not bring them down. By talking down on others we are destroying God's image. Start looking at people the way God sees them. Let the world see the fruit of your identity in God.

As much as these elements seem extreme, there is still a way to overcome them. You beat pride by seeing yourself the way God sees you. Humility is saying to yourself what God says about you. As for doubt, you need to constantly remind the devil of the things God has done for you.

At the same time, you are building even more confidence in God's words. In terms of having a balanced life, you need to allow the Holy Spirit to guide you in everything. The spirit of the Lord knows what is best for you.

Having a slandering mouth is a challenge. To overcome this, you need to start praying for the people you feel the need to be bad mouth. With time the way you look at them will change. Welcome people. Talk to them with love. Drop the title, bear the fruit. Do not only talk about Christianity, demonstrate Christianity. Our greatest demonstration of love is how we treat others.

We are talking about a God that will part an entire city for his people to get through-God cares about people.

Invest in yourself by allowing the Spirit of God to shape and mould you starting from the inside and witness the His glory reflect in your life. And the God that is in you, will be reflected by you for man to see.