

# MESSAGE NOTES



## A Lion in the Neighborhood

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1 Peter 5:8, p.852

God’s Word calls for us to be on the lookout for our “enemy the devil who prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). The Apostle Paul says we actually know what Satan’s strategy is (2 Corinthians 2:11;) however, we seem to live like we have no idea there is a lion in the neighborhood.

Here’s how to recognize the attack of the evil one and what you can do to defend yourself.

- 1. Satan is a Deceiver:** God is holding out on me. (Genesis 3)
- 2. Satan is a Destroyer:** God doesn’t care about me. (Job 1-2; John 10:10)
- 3. Satan is a Ruler:** God is lucky to have me. (John 12:31; Ephesians 6:10-12; Isaiah 14:12-14)
- 4. Satan is an Accuser:** God could never use me. (Zechariah 3; Revelation 12:10)

### the one thing:

The B.O.L.O. series of messages springs from a work of Warren W. Wiersbe: *The Strategy of Satan: How to Detect Him & Defeat Him*. Find it on Amazon; Kindle.

*Miss something? All of these sermon notes will be available online Monday.*

# TAKING IT HOME NOTES FOR SMALL GROUP & PERSONAL STUDY

- 1 KEEPING IT REAL**  
What comes to mind when asked to describe the term “masquerade”?
- 2 LOOK AT THE BOOK**  
Deceivers are crafty as they present something falsely, as if it were credible. According to 2 Corinthians 11:13-15, how does Satan often masquerade? But what do we learn from verse 15? Additionally, see in 2 Timothy 4:2-4 our charge as believers (v. 2) because of the deceivers whom we will encounter (v. 3-4).
- 3** Satan only deceives the self-deceived. Spend additional time this week meditating on Ephesians 6:10-18.
- 4 THE NEXT STEP**  
Take some time to identify your own Achilles heel, the weak areas of your life where Satan will attempt to deceive. Pray for a hedge of protection in these areas of your life. And be encouraged by Romans 8:38-39.

## NEXT STEPS

- Memorize 1 Peter 5:8.
- Identify the primary way in which the evil one seems to attack you.
- Purchase *The Strategy of Satan* by Warren Wiersbe (amazon.com).
- Select one thing you will do to improve your spiritual defense system.

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