

**FRONTLINES**  
The Battlefront, Part 1  
Ephesians 6:10-12  
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“For we do not *wrestle* against flesh and blood,” Ephesians 6:12a

“I am certain that one of the main causes of the ill state of the church today is the fact that the devil is being forgotten. All is attributed to us; we have all become so psychological in our attitude and thinking. We are ignorant of...the existence of the devil, the adversary...and his fiery darts.” Dr. Martyn-Lloyd-Jones

1) A sobering reality

a) The enemy is intelligent

“Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the *schemes* of the devil.” Ephesians 6:11

“Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.”  
2 Corinthians 11:14b

In light of the intelligence, cunning, and experience of the enemy, we must...

• Know our weaknesses

“and give no opportunity to the devil.” Ephesians 4:27

• Be alert

“Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.”  
1 Peter 5:8

b) The enemy is powerful

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the *rulers*, against the *authorities*, against the cosmic *powers* over this present darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of evil in the heavenly places.” Ephesians 6:12

“We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.”  
1 John 5:19

In light of the power of the enemy and his attempt to control us, we must...

• Get renewed minds

“Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind,”  
Romans 12:2a

• Go on the attack

“The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil.”  
1 John 3:8b

2) A soul-strengthening reality

a) The devil is created, not the Creator

“For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.”

Colossians 1:16

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.”  
Ephesians 6:10

“<sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to the working of his great might <sup>20</sup> that he worked in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And he put all things under his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church,”

Ephesians 1:19-22

b) The devil has already been defeated at the cross

“And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross”  
Colossians 2:15 (NIV)

“by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.”  
Colossians 2:14