1 - **To Be Victorious… We have to know the schemes of our enemy**1 Corinthians 15:54-57

2 - **Satan’s Devices**

* Discouragement
* Doubt
* Fear
* Anxiety and Worry
* Apathy and Indifference
* Distractions
* Procrastination
* **Discord & Division**
* **Peer Pressure**
* **Physical health problems**

3 - **Discord & Division Among Brethren**

* If Satan can’t get us to turn against God, he’ll seek to get us to turn against each other and put stumbling blocks in the way of others. (Galatians 5:15; 2 Corinthians 12:20; Romans 14:13ff)
* Lacking humility and love. (Philippians 2:1-5)
* Aligning ourselves with men rather than Jesus Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:10-13)

4 - **How to Overcome Discord & Division Among Brethren**

* Consider others more important than self. (Philippians 2:3-5)
* Agree on the same standard - God’s will.
* Apply brotherly love bountifully. (John 13:34-35; 15:12-17; 1 Thessalonians 4:9; 1 Peter 1:22)
* Stop insisting on “my rights”. (Galatians 5:13-15)
* Be devoted to / Prefer one another. (Romans 12:10)

5 - **Peer Pressure**

* Not just a young people issue. (Exodus 23:2;
Jeremiah 10:2; Leviticus 20:23)
* Example of Pilate (Mark 15:15) & Peter (Galatians 2:14)
* Satan wants us to be “***conformed to this world***”. (Romans 12:2)
* **Overcoming Peer Pressure**: key is having the right “peers”. (1 Cor. 15:58; Phil. 3:17; Eccles. 4:9-12)

6 - **Overcoming Peer Pressure**

* Key is having the right “***peers***”. (1 Corinthians 15:58; Philippians 3:17; Ecclesiastes 4:9-12)
* **Be prepared**… (1 Peter 4:1-4; John 15:18-19)
* **Love God’s word**! (John 6:66)
* **Remember we’re not alone!**

7 - **Physical health problems & challenges**

* Paul understood his ***“thorn in the flesh”*** to be a ***“messenger of Satan”***. (2 Corinthians 12:7; Job)
	+ Paul understood the need to trust God and that **His *“power is perfected in weakness.”***
* Are we as concerned about our spiritual health as our physical? (3 John 2)

8 - **Overcoming Physical health problems & challenges**

* Pray (2 Corinthians 12:7-10; 1 Peter 5:7; Philippians 4:4-7)
* Trust in God’s grace and favor and focus on the spiritual & not the flesh. (1 Corinthians10:12; 2 Corinthians 12:7ff)
* “Look outside” of ourselves.
* Learn from our brethren. (Philippians 3:17)
* Focus on the future (Revelation 21:4; 1 Corinthians 15:42-44)
* Be right with God! (Philippians 1:21)