1 - **To Be Victorious… We have to know who we’re fighting against.**1 Corinthians 15:54-57

2 - **“Oh Victory In Jesus”**

* 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 discusses a victory to come **made possible through Jesus Christ**.
* 2 Corinthians 2:14-17 paints a picture of a **victorious army returning from battle**.
* **What does it take to win and be victorious**?
	+ - Militarily? Athletically? Spiritually? (Lk. 14:31)

3 - **Understand the Battle We Are In**

**We can’t ignore the war!**

**We must fight!** (1 Timothy 1:18; 6:12; 2 Tim. 2:3-4)

* To not fight is to stand with the enemy! (1 Kings 18:21)
* Surrendering or quitting isn’t an option!
* We ***“struggle”, “compete”, “contend”*** and ***“strive”.*** (Eph. 6:12; 2 Tim. 2:5; 1 Cor. 9:25; Jude 3)

4 - **Understand the Battle We Are In**

**We have weapons!** (2 Corinthians 10:3-5)

* They’re spiritually powerful!
* Will we use them? (Ephesians 6:17; Heb. 4:12)
* Will we be effective? (2 Tim. 2:15)

5 - **Understand the Battle We Are In**

**We have armor!** (Ephesians 6:10-17)

* Will we put it, and keep it, on?

**We have a formidable foe/enemy/ adversary!** (Matthew 13:39; 1 Peter 5:8)

* Will we soberly approach our battle with him?

6 - **Who Is Our Adversary?**

**Adversary -** an opponent or enemy in a legal proceeding. (1 Peter 5:8)

Seeking to devour. (2 Cor. 2:7)

7 - **Who Is Our Adversary?**

**The Devil -** “diablos”, meaning slanderer or false accuser.

* Man before God. (Job 1:9-12; Revelation 12:10)
* God before man. (Genesis 3:5)

8 - **Who Is Our Adversary?**

**Father of lies -** (John 8:44)

* There is no truth in him.
* His work is in lies and deceit.
* He utilizes others to promote his deceit. (2 Corinthians 11:13-15)

9 - **Who Is Our Adversary?**

**The destroyer.** (Revelation 9:11)

* “Loss of well being, not of being” (cf., Romans 1:24-32)

10 - **Who Is Our Adversary?**

**The god of this world.** (2 Corinthians 4:4)

* Satan uses what’s at his disposal. (Matthew 4:9)
* The reasons for **Colossians 3:1-2** & **1 John 2:15-17**

11 - **Where did Satan come from?**

**What God’s word reveals:**

* All things physical and spiritual created by God. (Colossians 1:15-16)
* Was Satan created evil or did he become evil?
* “*No evil dwells with you*.” (Psalms 5:4)
* God is “*righteous and upright*” (Deut. 32:4)

12 - **Where did Satan come from?**

**What God’s word reveals:**

* Spiritual beings must choose to “***keep their own domain***” or “***abandon their proper abode***”. (Jude 6)
* Like us, **angelic/spiritual beings may choose to *“sin”*** (“miss the mark”). (2 Peter 2:4)
* He is actively recruiting others with his lies. (John 8:44)

13 - **What is Satan’s destiny?**

**What God’s word reveals:**

* His destiny has been already determined. (John 16:11; 2 Peter 2:4, 9)
* A place is already prepared for him and his followers. (Matthew 25:41)
* The prophecy of Genesis 3:15 will be fulfilled.

14 - **Where did Satan come from?**

**What are we to learn?**

* The **power and impact of our choices** and decisions. (Joshua 24:15)
* Not just the “big” choices but the seemingly “little” ones starting with our **thoughts** (Philippians 4:8; 2 Corinthians 10:5), our **words** (James 3:5-10; Matthew 12:36-37; and our **daily actions**. (1 Peter 2:11-12; 2 Peter 3:11; 2 Corinthians 5:10)

15 - **Where did Satan come from?**

**What are we to learn?**

* He is NOT all powerful and he can be resisted. (Ephesians 6:13; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:9)
* God and His word are far more powerful than he is. (Romans 1:16; Isaiah 55:10-11; 1 John 4:4;
John 10:27-29)
* We need the full armor of God (Eph. 6:10-17)
* We can be victorious through our obedience to the gospel! (1 John 5:4)

16 - **All of Satan’s schemes… 1 John 2:15-16**

To be victorious…

1. **Sow to the spirit and not the flesh. (Think Paul)**(Galatians 6:6-9; Titus 2:11-13)
2. **Focus on our spiritual vision. (Think Moses)**
(Ephesians 1:18-19; Hebrews 12:1-2)
3. **Follow in Jesus’ steps. (Think Nehemiah)**(John 13:5-15; Philippians 2:3-5)