

## Methods of Entry

*"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He would destroy the works of the devil" (1John 3:8).*

The Bible warns us about the devices (methods) of the devil.

1 Peter 5:8 tells us, *"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."*

The Word is clear. God is saying, ***"Don't be ignorant to the enemy's devices (methods) and stay alert. Check for openings that need to be shut. Come to Me and I will help you."***

Today's message is concerning methods of entry that give access to the enemy regarding areas of your heart and life, *"Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices or methods" (2 Corinthians 2:11).*

As you read, I want you to ask yourself, "Do you have awareness of any methods of entry in your life." These methods of entry allow the enemy access to your heart and life! These methods can cause you to stumble. These methods can hinder your walk with God. These methods can destroy your trust in Him or eat away at your faith. They not only discourage you— they cause you to question or doubt God.

Methods of entry can come at any point in time:

- If you walk in doubt, fear, or become offended
- Ungodly reactions to situations
- If you have an uncontrolled tongue (Proverbs 15:4)
- Active imagination (2 Corinthians 10:4-5)
- Sinful habits such as sexual immorality (or pornography)
- Anger, bitterness, jealousy (Ephesians 4:26,27)

Bottom line -- methods of entry happen and you need to stay alert. What ever the method of entry is, you can guarantee the enemy will try to gain access! It is time to be wise "...and not give the devil an opportunity to work" (Ephesians 4:27).

Ask the Lord to show you where the "methods of entry" are in your life. Ask Him to help you, submit yourself to Him, renounce the method of entry and reject all access of it into your life. It is by His power that you slam that method of entry shut on your life!

*"But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God" (2 Corinthians 4:2).*

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