

“WAGING THE GOOD WARFARE” PT. V

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INTRO: We’re in a spiritual war, and we’re called to wage the good warfare (1Tim. 1:18; Eph. 6:12; Gen. 3:15).

I. JESUS’ TEACHINGS ABOUT EVIL.

- A. The world hated Jesus because He exposed evil (Jn. 7:7).
- B. We’re to expose unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:11).
- C. If the world hated Jesus and you are a devoted follower of Jesus, then the world will hate you (Jn. 15:18-20).
- D. Jesus told the religious leaders of His day that they were of their father the devil (Jn. 8:44-45).
 1. They refused to receive the truth Jesus brought them.
- E. The spirit of stupid (Rom. 1:18-32).
 1. Ungodliness & unrighteousness are a result of suppressing the truth (Rom. 1:18; Jn. 8:32; 14:6).
 2. God has revealed Himself through creation (vv. 19-20).
 3. Rejection of God leads to a spirit of stupid (vv. 21, 28).
 4. They think they’re smart, but become fools and often give in to idolatry (vv. 22-23).
 5. God gives them over to pursue their ungodly passions, which results in even greater ungodliness (vv. 24-25).
 6. More immorality ensues but will be judged (vv. 26-32).
 7. Rejecting God’s truth results in ongoing bondage and corrupt thinking (Jn. 8:32; Tit. 1:1; 2Tim. 3:7-9).

II. THE ATTEMPTS ON JESUS’ LIFE BEFORE HIS TIME (John 7:30; 8:20, 59; 10:31, 39; Luke 4:28-30; etc.).

•The religious leaders sought to kill Jesus before His time but weren’t successful. Why did they want to kill Him?

III. JESUS’ ENCOUNTERS WITH THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS.

- A. Herod tried to kill Jesus when He was 2 (Matt. 2:1-18).
- B. The Pharisees & Jesus healing on a Sabbath (Mt. 12:9-15).
 1. They tried to trap Jesus (Matt. 12:9-10; Rev. 12:10).
 2. Jesus’ powerful counterargument (Matt. 12:11-12).
 3. People are more important than animals.
 4. Jesus healed the man which angered the Pharisees who then sought to destroy Jesus (Matt. 12:13-15).

CONCLUSION: Let’s wage the good warfare!