

## TURNING THE TABLES #5

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**Def: "turning the tables"** - If you turn the tables on someone or some situation, you change the situation completely, so that someone or something loses its advantage and you gain the advantage. The dynamic of the relationship or situation is flipped.

***"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms."*** Ephesians 6:10-12 NIV

### TURNING THE TABLES ON EVIL INVOLVES ...

ENGAGING THE FIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ . ( vs. naturally )

ENGAGING THE FIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ . ( vs. impersonally )

ENGAGING THE FIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ . ( vs. neutrally )

ENGAGING THE FIGHT \_\_\_\_\_ . ( vs. humanly )

### THE BIG QUESTION FOR EVERY GOD'S MAN: "ARE YOU IN IT TO WIN IT?"

***"For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. <sup>4</sup> The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds."*** 2 Corinthians 10:3-4

***"Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."*** Ephesians 6:13-17 NIV

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*“And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.” Ephesians 6:18-20 NIV*

**WHEN YOU UNDERSTAND THE DANGER ...**

YOU \_\_\_\_\_.

YOU \_\_\_\_\_.

YOU \_\_\_\_\_.

**WILL YOU BE A GOD’S MAN WHO TURNS THE TABLES ON EVIL?**

F = \_\_\_\_\_.

I = \_\_\_\_\_.

G = \_\_\_\_\_.

H = \_\_\_\_\_.

T = \_\_\_\_\_.

**FOR DISCUSSION**

**WHAT DO YOU SEE AS THE PREVAILING ATTITUDE AMONG CHRISTAINS TOWARD CONFRONTING EVIL?**

**WHAT SHOULD BE OUR ATTITUDE BASED ON GOD’S WORD?**

**HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOUR COMBAT READINESS?**

**WHICH WEAPON (S) DO YOU NEED TO GET MORE INTIMATE WITH OR TRAIN WITH SO YOU CAN USE IT?**

**WHERE CAN YOU CONFRONT EVIL TODAY IN YOUR CONTEXT AS A MAN OF GOD?**

**HOW CAN OUR COMMUNITY OF MEN CONFRONT EVIL TOGETHER?**