Our enemy is determined and relentless, but he is not invincible.

1 John 4:2-4 and Romans 8:37 assures us of this fact.

2Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 3And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. 4Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because **greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. (1 John 4:2-4)**

37  Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. **(Romans 8:37)**

 The question then is how do we overcome the devil and gain the victory? What can we do and what do we use to wage this war against our soul’s enemy?

1. Ask God for strength and wisdom as we pray for Him to go before us.

**“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him” (Js. 1:5).**

**“The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished” (2 Pe. 2:9).**

2. Hide God’s word in our hearts and use it to answer Satan’s temptations.

 **Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed *thereto* according to thy word. 10  With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. 11  Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. (Psalm 119:9-11)**

**“And Jesus answered and said unto him, Get thee behind me, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve” (Lu. 4:8).**

3. Keep our physical bodies under subjection to God’s will and do not yield them to sin.

**“Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God” (Ro. 6:13).**

4. Put on the whole armor of God every day and hold steadfastly to God’s hand.

**“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand” (Ep. 6:13).**

5. Diligently guard against and refuse to yield to the subtle temptations of the world and the devil that dishonor and displease to the Lord.

**“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Pe. 5:8).**

**“Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own stedfastness” (2 Pe. 3:17).**

6. Overcome the assaults of Satan by not responding in anger nor letting him entice us into compromising the truth.

**“Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: neither give place to the devil” (Ep. 4:26–27)**

**“For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.” (James 1:20)**

 **“Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.” (Psalm 119:133)**

7. Submit to God and resist the devil.

**“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (Js. 4:7).**

8. Choose friends, companions, and associates that strengthen us in our faith in God rather than dragging us away from Him.

**“My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not” (Pr. 1:10).**

**“I *am* a companion of all *them* that fear thee, and of them that keep thy precepts.” Psalm 119:63**

9. Do not become entangled with ungodly people or enterprises.

**“Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men” (Pr. 4:14).**

**“Blessed *is* the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.” (Psalm 1:1)**

10. Recognize that the testings and temptations which God allows into our lives will teach endurance and faith, and will be rewarded.

**“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience” (Js. 1:2–3).**

**“There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God *is* faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear *it*.” (1 Corinthians 10:13)**

 **Blessed *is* the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him. (James 1:12)**