

MESSAGE NOTES



Opportunity Denied

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Ephesians 4:25-32, p. 816

The evil one is always looking for an opportunity to attack (1 Peter 5:8). Paul writes "...do not give the devil a foothold"...a location that provides the chance from which to launch an attack or to exert influence.

Satan establishes a beachhead in your life when you:

1. Refuse to appropriately deal with your anger (26).
2. Refuse to tell the truth (25).
3. Refuse to work (28).
4. Refuse to control your tongue (29).
5. Refuse to obey the promptings of the Holy Spirit (30).
6. Refuse to forgive (31-32).

Satan attacks when we are alone, exhausted, and wanting vindication. (Luke 4:1-13; 22:3-6; 22:39-23:46 & Hebrews 4:15)

What should you do to live a life of victory?

the one thing:

Deny Satan the opportunity!

Miss something? All of these sermon notes will be available online Monday.

TAKING IT HOME NOTES FOR SMALL GROUP & PERSONAL STUDY

1 KEEPING IT REAL

Within the safety of a trusted friend or small group, describe a situation in which you have given into temptation.

2 LOOK AT THE BOOK

The New Testament tells us seven times to "lay aside" things of the old life—e.g., falsehood, malice, wickedness, slander, hypocrisy, etc. Discuss the imagery of "laying aside" our old lives.

3

Several of the "lay aside" passages follow up by instructing us to "put on" things of the new life—e.g., the armor of light, Jesus Christ, the new self, a heart of compassion, etc. Discuss the sequence of "laying aside" before "putting on."

4 THE NEXT STEP

Identify something you would like to set aside and the more Christ-like thing you would like to put on in its place. Pray for the Lord's help to enable that transition.

NEXT STEPS

- Memorize Ephesians 4:26-27.
- Identify Satan's foothold, beachhead, in your life.
- Decide what you will do (no excuses) a.s.a.p.
- Check out the *Do.Tell.* podcast!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

AUGUST

SPRINGHILL CAMP	1-5
EXPLOIT NO MORE GOLF OUTING	5
ALL-CHURCH PICNIC & BAPTISM	7
HEARTLOVE PLACE URBAN CAMP	7-12
COMMUNITY PRAY FOR OUR NATION NIGHT	8
GIRLFRIENDS & GRUB	11
DADS/KIDS CAMPING TRIP	12-14
BIG TREE NERF WARS	17
QUEST 56 SUMMER SPLASH	17
FAMILY LIFE OPEN HOUSE	21 & 28

SEPTEMBER

COMMUNITY SERVE SUNDAY	4
LABOR DAY (OFFICE CLOSED)	5
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