

## Provisions for the Worn Out

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**Discussion Question:** Do all the questions that you are bombarded with wear you out? What do you do with demonic questions?

Daniel 7:25 *“And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, and think to change times and laws: and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and the dividing of time.”* [KJV]

We are in another season of chaos, confusion that create critical choices that could easily determine consequences for years to come.

We can't lose sight to who is behind the chaos and confusion.

While we are trying to play dodge ball (spiritually) our enemy is playing chess. We are just trying to avoid him, but he is scheming to destroy us, our families and our society.

1 John 2:18 *“Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.”* [KJV]

What we are dealing with is an antichrist spirit...a spirit that has been around a long time...and it shows itself in many forms and people.

- Abortion – against the image of God
- Same sex marriage – against the family order of God
- Transgender – against the creation of God (male & female)
- Role of men & women – against roles defined by God
- Racism – against the one human race God established (one blood)
- Injustice – against God's just rule

The enemy is trying to wear us out, get us to quit, cause us to lose heart and give in to his schemes. In the next several weeks, **How does the enemy wear us out?** Then with each try to give at least one the provision for his scheme

How does he try to wear us out?:

### 1. With Questions

For anyone who has been around a small child that has just learned to talk you know what it is to be worn out with questions.

*“When you think of it, really there are four fundamental questions of life. You've asked them, I've asked them, every thinking person asks them. They boil down to this; origin, meaning, morality and destiny. 'How did I come into being? What brings life meaning? How do I know right from wrong? Where am I headed after I die?’”* (Ravi Zacharias)

Satan started wearing out man with questions in the garden. **Did God say?** (First recorded discussion with humans is a question) His temptations of Jesus were in the form of questions. And that tactic has not changed. Many of us are worn out today trying to answer questions that get thrown at us.

I'm not talking about dialogue with another human though that can certainly be exhausting...Voice you hear in your own head. What about me? Why not me? Why is ...? What about \_\_\_\_\_? Why didn't I get \_\_\_\_\_?

The whole purpose is to get you to question God in your life.

Provision for Questions that wear us out:

### A. Ask Questions

Because humans have the unique ability to dialogue and in the power of communication questions are one of God's gifts to us.

The average 4 year – old ask 390 questions per day. A child has the courage to ask anything but then as they get older, fear and insecurity kicks in.

- The question is now, **wonder what others may think?**

**One of the great schemes of the enemy is to replace curiosity with fear and insecurity.**

We are more apt to make statements than ask questions. Satan certainly wants us in the competition of statements not the opportunity of connection by asking questions. **Why?** Because right questions are powerful!

God has wired us to ask questions. One of the greatest gifts to man is the ability to ask questions that open the mind to search and discovery.  
Matthew 7:7 *"Ask, and it shall be given you..."* [KJV]

### B. Quote Truth

Jesus didn't entertain the antichrist spirit's questions HE just quoted truth.  
Example: Matt 15:2-3 *"Why do Your disciples break the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread. 3 And He answered and said to them, "Why do you yourselves transgress the commandment of God for the sake of your tradition?"* [NASU]

Matt 15:10-11 *"After Jesus called the crowd to Him, He said to them, "Hear and understand. 11 "It is not what enters into the mouth that defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man."* [NASU]

### C. God's Qualifications

We've all heard the stories of children telling what their dad or mom can do. My dad is better than your dad...my mom is the greatest in the world...  
God might have competitors but they ain't competition.

Ephesians 3:20-21 *"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21 Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."*

Reminding your enemy of your God will energize you!