

Men's Training Camp  
Split Sermon  
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### "Fight the Good Fight"

Satan is on the attack for anyone who represents male authority. A number of male figures in society have been put under the microscope (oftentimes for their own mistakes) recently. But more and more, some are seeing the problem as male leadership itself. More recently, mainstream Christian leaders have "fallen away" and renounced their faith.

Examples of Marty Sampson, songwriter who renounced his faith.

- Dave Gass, evangelist, also renounced his faith
- Joshua Harris, author of "I Kissed Dating Goodbye", renounced faith as well.

Not to equate them with true Christians--but Satan is trying to destroy everyone. And whenever he can cause the downfall of anyone (especially a man, especially a leader who to one degree or another represents at least a semblance of faith in Christ). More importantly, doesn't Satan want to destroy you and me?

1 Peter 5:9

We are true Christians, so Satan really wants to attack us:

- 2 Cor. 5:20
- Phil. 3:20
- 1 Cor. 12:27

We must be wary, and careful, to not get blown away by Satan's attacks.

**SPS: Men in the Church must wear the armor of God to thwart the attacks of Satan, and fulfill our masculine role and identity.**

#### **(1) Guard your sexual purity**

Ephesians 6:10-14 armor of God

Ephesians 6:14 belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness

Proverbs 31:1-3

Particular weakness of men--sexual temptation

Proverbs 6:23-25

Pornography--dangerous drug, we must understand how serious it is.

Too many young girls post pictures online that are alluring and have the look of a harlot.

- Why do some adults (even some parents) even “like” it, saying “that’s cute”
- They are not being wise, nor understanding the dangers it puts them in.

Prov. 7:24-26

We must be aware and careful of the movies/videos we watch.

1 Cor. 6:18-20 flee sexual immorality -- the Mike Pence rule! (good standard to have)

2 Cor. 10:3

## **(2) Stay rooted in the Bible**

Ephesians 6:17 sword of the Spirit, word of God

How precious is it to know the truth?

These young “Christian” leaders are renouncing because their faith has real contradictions!

- What a blessing to know the truth, where there is no contradiction

John 8:31-32 know the truth--it will make you free

We must abide in His word!

John 6:53-57

John 6:63

## **(3) Walk in Faith**

Ephesians 6:15 shield of faith

Satan doesn’t get tired, he doesn’t stop, we must not put down our shield!

But the most important faith is not just “our belief” but Christ in us!

Gal. 2:20

Genesis 15:1 “I will be your shield, and your great reward!”

We must let Christ live in us.

That’s why the shield is so effective--it’s God Himself guarding us!

2 Tim. 4:6-8

1 Tim. 6:11-16

As men, we must resist Satan the devil, and be wary of him always. It is possible for us to fall prey to Satan’s attacks. But God doesn’t want us to! Let’s guard our sexual lives, abide in His word, and ask Him to live His life in us.