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A) Background:

We spend so much time analysing our enemies in the military as our survival depends on it, analysing our opposition in business as our success depends on it or analysing our opponents in sports as our victory depends on it.

It makes no sense however that we don't analyse our biggest enemy by far. The enemy that steals our peace, kills our dreams and destroys our relationships with loved ones.

The Bible tells us that "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). The Word also says "the thief comes to steal, kill and destroy" (John 10:10).

This little free book helps me to identify Satan's presence around me through his influence on my behavioural patterns and of those close to me or around me.

B) The seven devils:

These devils manifest in my life and take control of me, in some cases through emotions, in most instances without me even realising where they originate from, or me even noticing their presence.

The seven devils or sins are commonly known as:

Sloth: The reluctance to work and being lazy best describes this devil.

Wrath: Uncontrolled or intense anger often accompanied by a desire for vengeance is the mark of this devil.

Envy: The desire to have the quality or possession of someone else best describes this ugly beast.

Lust: When I seek sex for pleasure only without love being present it gives rise to this common deep rooted sin.

Pride: When I feel deeply satisfied with my own achievements and those associated with me this ugly beast catches me off guard without me noticing any wrongdoing.

Gluttony: The endless desire to eat and drink more and more is around me every day and we never see this ugly sin as our focus is on the other sins that seem obvious when this ugly beast possesses me.

Greed: When enough doesn't exist in my life and more, but never less, is my desire and consumes me, I fall into this deadly trap.

C) Satan's 3 key weapons:

The weapons that Satan uses against me are so common in my everyday life but be aware! The devil uses every one of these weapons to destroy me from within where he sets me up against myself in the most unexpected way.

Doubt: How often do I find myself wondering off in mind doubting myself, my ability, my future, my self-worth and the true intentions of those around me. It happens so seemingly harmless that I think it's just a thought but be very aware of its highly destructive power in my life.

Taking Offense: When I become irritated or angry with something someone said to me or about me or with something someone did to me, I fall straight into this deadly trap. The devil catches me unawares by almost immediately thereafter helping me to justify my action by blaming or judging the party who created the irritation.

Fear: Any form of fear, small or big controls me without me realising Satan's ugly intent behind it. I might think being worried isn't part of the problem but it is very much how all fear gets started. I might even justify my worry as a way of care but be aware of the hidden trap. I will sometimes catch myself creating fear in others and justify my actions but be aware, the devil is using you to deploy this evil force and control people.

D) Satan's way of controlling me

He uses my past wrongs and my fear of rejection to hurt me through a deep routed emotion of shame

He keeps me occupied with anything to keep me away from having a relationship with Jesus

He reminds me of my past hurt through my thoughts and thereby manages to increase my fear of rejection and fear of failure levels exponentially

Satan let me doubt my future through my deep inner fear of failure and fear of rejection

He convinces me through justification in the flesh and the ego to not exercise forgiveness and thereby prevent God the Father from forgiving me (Mark 11:25-26)

He controls me through what I think, speak, see, hear, feel and do and thereby prevents the fruit of the Spirit of love, joy, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control from manifesting through me.

E) Satan's use others actions

Satan sometimes catches me unawares through the actions of those around me without them or me noticing or understanding it. He even had the audacity to work through Peter, the disciple of Jesus, without him even being aware of Satan's plan, whilst he was in the presence of Jesus when Jesus reprimanded Satan by condemning him.

F) Allowing Satan

I'm allowing Satan's presence in my life, without me even realising that I'm doing so, when I'm acting and behaving in the flesh and the ego rather than in the Spirit.

When I pause to reflect at any point in time, preferably once a day, on my thoughts, actions and words at that very moment, my behaviour is an indication that I'm acting in the flesh and not in the spirit when:

Always being Right matters	I Sin Repeatedly and Knowingly
I have no Empathy	I Boast
I show no Compassion	I do not Sow
I do not Trust people	I am defined by What others think of me
I Judge people	I am defined by What I do
I Blame people or circumstances	I am defined by What I have
I Hate people	My Emotions guide my decisions
I have Anger	I do not have Faith in Jesus
I have Fear	I do not Praise and Worship
I do not Pray	I often Worry
I do not read my Bible	I am often Negative
I do not Speak to the Holy Spirit	I am not Calm
I do not Love Jesus	I am Rude
I do not Love my Spouse	I am not Healthy
I do not Love my Children	I do not have Financial Freedom
I do not Love my Family	I do not rule over Evil
I do not Love all People	I justify why I Sin
I am not Positive	I am Selfish
I do not Speak about Jesus	I am not Humble
I have Unforgiveness towards myself	I am not Kind
I have Unforgiveness towards others	I am not filled with Joy
I often have Doubt	I do not have Self Control
I often get Offended	I am not at Peace
I do not have Gratitude	I am not Patient
I often have Confusion	I do not do Good
I do not Self Reflect	I am not Gentle
My Prayers are not Answered	I do not go to Church

G) Identify Satan

When I Identify him through the simple but very effective guidelines in this little book and the ringing alarm bells in my life there is a simple but extremely effective and instant solution:

Welcome the presence of the HOLY SPIRIT,

Ask Him to deal with Satan's presence,

Be free from Satan's attempt to steal the fruit of the HOLY SPIRIT of LOVE, JOY, PEACE, PATIENCE, KINDNESS, GOODNESS, FAITHFULNESS, GENTLENESS and SELF CONTROL in your life.