

## **COMBATING A CORRUPT CULTURE**

Teen Parent Meeting 3/02

Spiritual warfare is holy ground. It's not fun. It's hard. Most parents are too tired, busy and distracted to think of it. We are fighting for their future.

1 Peter 5:1-11

*1 The elders which are among you I exhort, who am also an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed:*

*2 Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof, not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;*

*3 Neither as being lords over God's heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.*

*4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away.*

*5 Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.*

*6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:*

*7 Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.*

*8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a **roaring lion**, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

*9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.*

*10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.*

*11 To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.*

### **Introduction:**

We live in a corrupt culture. We live in a day when anything and everything is accessible to our kids, and many of them will have experienced anything and everything prior to our getting to them.

Romans 12:1-2, 1 John 2:15, Colossians 3:1-2, James 4:4

### **Set Guard over Your Heart**

Subject yourself to godly influences – v.5 music, entertainment, friendships, etc.  
Seek the filling of the Holy Spirit – Ephesians 5

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Submit to God's guidance in your life – v.6-7

### ***Own Your Responsibility as a Godly Leader***

Oversee the spiritual welfare of those you influence v.2-3

Obey every leading of the Holy Spirit v.3

Opt for godly influences in your home v.10

### ***Beware of Satan's Subtlety***

Be dependent upon God's wisdom – v.7

Be sober – calm, collected, circumspect (not fearful, panicked) v.8

Be vigilant – strict attention (lest by neglect we be overtaken!) v.8

### ***Engage in Spiritual Battle***

Expect spiritual opposition – personally, individually, group v.8

Enter prayerfully with scripture – v. 9

Exert godly influence on purpose – ask questions, know of problems, guess... v.3

### ***Respond from a Heart of Love*** - 2 Tim. 4:2

Reprove/Rebuke – charge sharply and correct (exert the energy)

Renew Courage – encourage and love (builds up, not condemn)

– The goal is restoration not condemnation! (Romans 8)

Replace Influences – friends, music, etc. (Remove and Replace)

BIG THREE INFLUENCES – Music, Media, Mentors

### **Conclusion:**

SOBER... beware, be serious, be involved in the spiritual welfare of others...  
commitment to Christ!

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