

## Spiritual Warfare In Our Singleness

### The Point of Attack is Our FULLNESS.



as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-10 (NIV)

# So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith





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Proverbs 12:11 (NIV)

# Those who work their land will have abundant food, but those who chase fantasies have no



**Profile of the Enemy:** And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world--he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Revelation 12:9 (ESV)



# Profile of the Enemy: 1. Attacks through Accusation: The Devil 2. Attacks through Opposition: Satan 3. Attacks through Deception: The Deceiver



## Profile of the Enemy: "<u>Deceiver</u>" – to cause to wander and go astray, to mislead



# The spiritual conflict in our singleness is a battle between being led astray or growing in the *fullness* of Christ.



**Resist Enslavement Through Deception** See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and *deceptive philosophy*, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority. с|т Colossians 2:8-10 (NIV)



**Resist Enslavement Through Deception** See to it, then, that no one enslaves you by means of the worthless deceit of human wisdom, which comes from the teachings handed down by human beings and from the ruling spirits of the universe, and not from Christ. Colossians 2:8 (GNT)



# Resist Enslavement Through Deception Deception is Satan's method of Enslavement. If he can DECEIVE you, he can ENSLAVE you.



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#### **FAKE SEXUAL** FULFILLMENT

**Sexual Expression** Without a God Honoring Relationship

### **FAKE SUCCESS**

**Personal Gain Without Heavenly Validation** 

### CHASING FANTASY PROVERBS 12:11

#### FAKE RELATIONSHIPS

**Popularity Without Real Connection** 

#### **FAKE PROGRESS**

**Superficial Knowledge** Without Application

"Hollywood is a place where they will pay you a thousand dollars for a kiss and fifty cents for your SOUL." – Marilyn Monroe

# **Resist Enslavement Through Deception**



Pursue Your Fullness in Christ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in Him, rooted and built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. Colossians 2:6-7 (NIV)



# **Pursue Your Fullness in Christ** Fullness in Christ = Fullness in Life!



### Pursue Your Fullness in Christ The Text Describes Fullness in 3 Pictures: 1. A Tree – "Rooted..." 2. A Building – "Built Up..." 3. A Fountain – "Overflowing..."



### **Pursue Your Fullness in Christ** 4 Major Functions of Roots 1. Absorption of water and inorganic nutrients 2. Anchoring of the plant body to the ground, and supporting it 3. Storage of food and nutrients 4. Fruitfulness through vegetative reproduction



# **Pursue Your Fullness in Christ** A building is meant to be a permanent and immovable structure.



- Fullness is like a beautiful fountain. - The practice of giving thanks is crucial to resisting deception.

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