Reminder of Round 1: The Schemes of the Devil

Though not seen, the devil is a spiritual reality, who schemes (secret, underhanded plots) against us, requiring us to wage spiritual battle.

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the **devil's schemes**. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Ephesians 6:10-18

The devil is an enemy who is actively at work seeking to find every way possible to deceive and destroy.

⁸ Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. 1 Peter 5:8-9

Satan is a powerful, influential force on the planet with the end purpose of destruction and death.

⁴² Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I have come here from God. I have not come on my own; God sent me. ⁴³ Why is my language not clear to you? Because you are unable to hear what I say. ⁴⁴ You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. ⁴⁵ Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me! John 8:42-45

Evil is a present reality (i.e. concentration camps, slavery, sexual trafficking of children), and there is a real enemy behind all forms of evil. He is out to discourage, deceive and destroy using every weak spot that can be found.

Take the reality of the devil seriously ... and put on the full armour of God so you can stand firm!

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Round 2: The Belt of Truth

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We all lean toward	
If we claim to be without sin	n, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1:8
Unlike our deceptions that are	, truth is
He chose to give us birth the of firstfruits of all he created	arough the word of truth, that we might be a kind d. James 1:18
Unlike our deceptions that are	, truth is
A word aptly spoken is like	apples of gold in settings of silver. Proverbs 25:11
Unlike our deceptions that	, truth
	we will grow to become in every respect the the head, that is, Christ. Ephesians 4:15
Unlike our deceptions that	, truth
Encourage one another dail sin's deceitfulness.	ly so that none of you may be hardened by Hebrews 3:13
Unlike our deceptions that	, truth
They must keep hold of the	deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. 1 Timothy 3:9
Unlike our deceptions that	, truth
Jesus said, "If you hold to n will know the truth, and the	ny teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you truth will set you free." John 8:31-32
Jesus answered, "I am the way and t	the truth and the life" John 14:6
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