

The Attack of the Corruptive Christian

“It was your average morning with people sleeping in their beds dreaming pleasant dreams before heading off to another hectic day of work. But little did they know that a full-blown nightmare was looming on the horizon.

At 3:42 AM that very morning, an unbelievable jolt struck just outside this industrial city with a population of nearly 1 million people.

And because of its timing, the destruction was made easy. Why? Because it struck in the middle of the night which meant that almost everyone in the city was still asleep. Therefore, most people were crushed to death without ever even waking up.

And even for the fortunate few who survived being crushed to death their fate wasn't much better. Why? Because the power got knocked out and made the rescue efforts impossible in the dark. And therefore, many were left entombed within the debris.

And as the dust finally settled, the damage was assessed. The once thriving city had become a wasteland with virtually all of the 180,000 buildings being completely demolished.

And the loss of life was absolutely horrifying with the lives of almost 500,000 people being snuffed out, never to wake again.

The year was 1976. The disaster was an earthquake. The place was, Tangshan, China.”

Now, we all know that earthquakes can be some of the worst disasters of all time, right? But what if I were to tell you that I know of a disaster that makes that Chinese earthquake look like a mere **burp**. And what if I were to tell you that **this disaster** didn't occur in just one city, but it's going on **right now today** all over the world and it's been leaving a trail of death and

destruction for centuries. That's right. I'm talking about **The Attack of the Killer C's**.

People of God, as American troops have gone off to war to fight an external enemy, so the American Church needs to go to war to fight the **internal enemy** of our souls, satan. Why? Because whether you feel it, see it, or believe it or not, the moment you got saved you entered a spiritual war against a **demonic host** whose sole purpose is to destroy you and extinguish your effectiveness for Christ. Therefore, in light of these wars raging all around us, we're going to continue on our study, **The Attack of the Killer C's**.

We've already seen that the **first weapon** the enemy fires at us is the attack of the **Casual Christian**. And the **second weapon** the enemy fires at us is the attack of the **Cultural Christian**. And last week we saw that the **third weapon** the enemy fires at us is the attack of the **Compromising Christian**. And there we saw that the devil will actually trick us into no longer fighting against sin and no longer fighting against him. How? By getting us to become desensitized to sin and by getting us to doubt the Savior's forgiveness of sin.

Oh, but that's not the only thing. The **fourth weapon** the enemy fires at us is the attack of the **Corruptive Christian**. But hey, don't take my word for it. Let's listen to God's.

John 17:20-23 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me.

I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as We are one: I in them and You in Me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me."

Now according to our text, Jesus not doesn't even hesitate to pray for the Church to be unified. Why? Because He knew that one of the worst things we could ever do is to start fighting amongst ourselves and become divided because then nobody would believe the gospel. Therefore, Jesus lays it on the line and declares that if the world is ever going to believe in Him **whom they've never seen**, then His Church **must dwell together in unity**.

And people that's why the **first sign** to indicate a when person's become a **Corruptive Christian** is **When They Sound More Like satan Than The Savior**. Folks, the **first definition** of the word **corruption** means "to change from good to bad, to become tainted or rotten." And people this is one of the very first things the devil does to keep Christians from becoming a mighty army. He throws out the bait and says, "You don't want

to be labeled as one of those mindless religious types who never gets to say what's on your mind do you? I mean, after all, you know what's best, right? I think you better **say something** about it? And folks you might think a **corruptive mouth** is no big deal because after all it doesn't hurt anyone, right? Wrong! People of God, this is a lie from the pit of hell because the devil knows that a **corruptive mouth** leads to **corruption**.

And the **first corruption** is that it **You'll Start Thinking Like the devil**.

Psalm 119:9-11 "How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word and following its rules. I have tried my best to find you – don't let me wander from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you."

People, the Bible declares that the Word of God not only shows us what sin is, but it also **keeps us from sin**. It's protects us from a life of corruption. And people the devil knows this. So if he can't keep you from going to a Church service that teaches the Word of God, here's what he does. He'll keep you from listening to the Word of God. How? **By getting us to complain!** People, the devil knows if we start thinking about our will our way our likes and dislikes when it comes to a Church service then pretty soon he's got us **distracted**. Why? Well, think about it. When things don't go **our way** and the way **we like them** then we're tempted to complain about it, right? Of course! But people, as soon as our mouths open up to

complain, guess what just happened? Our ears are no longer listening. And so the Word of God goes in one ear and out the other. Why? Because we've been tricked to focus on **personal satisfaction** instead of godly instruction, like this guy was.

“Jim Smith went to Church service on Sunday morning. He heard the organist miss a note during the prelude, and he winced. He saw a teenager talking when everybody was supposed to be bowed in silent prayer. He felt like the usher was watching to see what he put in the offering plate and it made him boil.

He caught the preacher making a slip of the tongue five times in the sermon by actual count. As he slipped out through the side door during the closing hymn, he muttered to himself, ‘Never again, what a bunch of clods and hypocrites!’

Ron Jones went to Church service one Sunday morning. He heard the organist play an arrangement of ‘A Mighty Fortress’ and he was thrilled at the majesty of it. He heard a young girl take a moment in the service to speak a simple message of how her faith had made a difference in her life.

He was glad to see that the Church was sharing in a special offering for the hungry children of Nigeria. He especially appreciated the sermon that Sunday—it answered a question that had bothered him for a long time.

He thought as he walked out the doors, ‘How can a man come here and not feel the presence of God?’

Both men went to the same Church service, on the same Sunday morning. Each found what he was looking for. So the question we need to ask is, ‘What are we looking for on Sunday mornings?’”

People of God, the reason why we gather together for Church services **is not** for personal satisfaction, but personal transformation upon hearing the Word of God. But if all we think about is our will our way our likes our

dislikes, then just like that man, we'll be in the right place alright, but **we'll never hear a thing!** Do you see the cunningness of the enemy? Do you see what he's up to?

Oh but that's not all. The **second corruption** caused by a corruptive mouth is that **You'll Start Talking Like the devil.**

Ephesians 4:29 "Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."

People the Bible declares that you and I are to be **very careful** about the words coming out of our mouths. Why? Because positive words create positive results. But **negative words** create negative results. And people, the devil knows this. So here's what he does. He gets us to use our words not to build each other up, but to tear each other down. How? **By gossiping, of course!** People, the devil knows that if he can get us to start complaining and thinking like him, then pretty soon we're going to share that complaint and start talking like him. And the next thing you know, our words are no longer positive **but poisonous** and they spread like gangrene in the Body of Christ.

But you might think, "Hey come on. Don't you think it's a little extreme to say that a person's gossip can actually **destroy** the Body of Christ? I mean, it can't be that big of a deal." But folks, don't take my word

for it let's listen to those who are **openly bent on destruction**. We're going to take a look at the actual list according to witchcraft of the 7 most powerful demons and the weapons they use to destroy people.

1. REGE – He's the General of the occult. He deals with such drugs as marihuana, hashish, cocaine, speed, LSD, peyote and mescaline. These are drugs of sorcery and are used to attack the mind and open it up for a demon to enter.
2. LARZ – He's the demon of sexual lust, homosexuality, adultery, and other such sexual perversions.
3. BACCHUS – He's the demon of addictions, such as drugs, smoking, and alcohol.
4. PAN – He's the demon of the mind. He causes mental illnesses, depression, suicide, nerves, and rejection.
5. MEDIT – He's the demon of hate, murder, killing, war, jealousy, envy, and gossip.
6. SET – He's the demon of death. He incites wars, terrorism, genocide, etc.
7. CHRISTIAN DEMON – This particular demon has no set name. He is so powerful that most witches won't even bother him. His job is to weaken a Christian's walk with the Lord by making him content, fail to live up to Church commitments, such as giving, soul-winning, church participation, etc. However, one of his most destructive tactics is to get Christians to talk about each other through gossiping and causing strife within the Church.

Now let me get this straight. Two out of seven of the most powerful demons use gossip to cause destruction in the lives of Christians? Maybe gossip's a little more serious than we think. People, do you see the

cunningness of the enemy? Do you see what he's up to? He knows if he can get the American Church to **talk more him than a born-again Christian** then they'll not only destroy themselves but they'll take others down as well.

Oh, but that's not all. The **second sign** to indicate when a person's become a **Corruptive Christian** is **When They Behave More Like satan Than The Savior**. Folks, the **second definition** of the word **corruption** means "to cause disintegration or ruin." And here's how the devil uses this one. He throws out the bait and says, "You don't want to be labeled as one of those brainwashed religious types who always does what others tell you to do, right. I mean, after all, you know what's best, right? I think you better **do something** about it. And folks you might think a **corruptive deed** is no big deal because after all it doesn't hurt anyone, right? Wrong! People of God, this is a lie from the pit of hell because the devil knows that **corruptive deeds** leads to corruption.

And the **first corruption** is that it **You Start Acting Like the devil**.

Proverbs 6:16-19 "There are six things the LORD hates – no, seven things he detests: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that kill the innocent, a heart that plots evil, feet that race to do wrong, a false witness who pours out lies, a person who sows discord among brothers."

People, the Bible declares that one surefire way to be put on God's **hate list** is to be a **troublemaker**. God not only hates it, He absolutely detests it. And people, the devil knows this. But since he can't hurt God

physically, here's what he does. He hurts God emotionally. How? By getting His children to act like the devil. You see, the devil knows that once he gets us to complain about each other and then start gossiping about each other then pretty soon **we're going to start fighting each other**. And the next thing you know, Christians are no longer fighting the devil because they're too busy **acting** like the devil! And people this absolutely breaks the heart of God!

But you might think, "Hey come on. Don't you think it's a little extreme saying that Christians are acting like the devil when they fight against each other? I mean, it can't be that big of a deal. But folks, don't take my word for it. Let's listen to those who actually worshipped the devil.

"Christians are the satanists worst enemy. They are out to torment you. They are out to blackmail you. They will even kill you. They tried to kill me when I came out from black witchcraft."

"If you're in a Church where the Spirit of God is really moving and the Word of God is really being preached and where prayer is really going up to heaven for the salvation of souls, then they are going to regard you as their mortal enemy.

They will be out there trying everything they can to destroy, kill and to maim because that is of course the nature of satan and also the nature of his followers. They will try to infiltrate your Church. They will try to set up whispering campaigns against the Pastor and the elders. They may even try to seduce the Pastor."

"For two years I was involved in a Baptist Church. I was constantly complaining about the Pastor's sermons being too long, too dry, sowing discord among the people and gossiping about others."

“Some Satanists who were handpicked, the most powerful ones, were sent into Church services to disrupt the meeting and we stopped people from going forward when they’d ask people to go forward and accept Christ as their Savior.”

“I personally, in fact, was trained to learn all the Christian jargon. You know like, ‘Hallelujah and praise the Lord’ and say all the right things yet I had no idea of Jesus being my Savior then a man on the moon.”

“If you can tear down the prayer foundation of a Church, then you’ve destroyed that Church. And that’s what every witch or Satanist plans to do when they go into that Church. It’s to tear down that prayer foundation. And the rest of the Church goes quickly after that.”

 Hmmm. Now let me get this straight. You mean to tell me that the weapons satanists use to destroy Churches is to get Christians to start complaining, gossiping, and fighting? Where have I heard that before?

People, stop and think about it! Do you see the cunningness of the enemy? Do you see what he’s up to? People of God, if the **American Church** is going to be all that we can be, then we’ve got refrain from corruptive words and corruptive deeds. We’ve got to remain strong in **love and unity** or we’ll never become that mighty army for God Almighty!

 Therefore, if you’re suffering from an **Attack of the Killer C’s** and you’ve actually become a **Corruptive Christian**, what do you? It’s called repent, and ask for God’s forgiveness. And people this is the great news. Once you do, because God loves you as His child, He’s going to go right to work and turn you from a Corruptive Christian into a **Committed**

Christian. And folks a committed Christian isn't that hard to spot. You see, they'll not only refrain from a life of corruption and sin, but they'll give up their lives to bring corruption to an end, like **Telemachus** did.

“The year was 391 AD and Telemachus was a godly Christian man who lived in a remote village, tending his garden and spending much of his time in prayer.

However, one day he felt called to go to Rome by the Lord so he obeyed, setting out on foot. Weeks later he arrived in the city at the time of a great festival. So Telemachus followed the crowd who was surging down the streets into a Coliseum.

There he saw the gladiators stand before the Emperor and say, ‘We who are about to die salute you.’

And suddenly, Telemachus realized that these men were going to fight to the death for the entertainment of the crowd. So he cried out, ‘In the name of Christ, stop!’ But no one would listen.

So he pushed his way through the crowd, climbed over the wall, and dropped on to the floor of the arena. And when the crowd saw this tiny figure rushing to the gladiators and saying, ‘In the name of Christ, stop!’ they thought it was part of the show and began to laugh.

But as soon as they found out it wasn't a part of the show, the laughter turned to anger. And as Telemachus was pleading with the gladiators to stop, one of them plunged a sword into his body and he fell to the sand.

As he lay dying, Telemachus' last words were, ‘In the name of Christ, stop!’

And then a strange thing happened. The gladiators stood looking at the tiny figure lying there. A hush fell over the Coliseum. Suddenly, way up in the upper rows, a man stood and made his way to the exit. Then others began to follow. In dead silence, everyone left the Coliseum.

It was to be the last battle to the death in the Roman Coliseum. Never again in the great stadium did men kill each other for the entertainment of the

crowd. Why? Because of one tiny voice that could barely be heard above the crowd, courageously spoke the truth in God's name, 'In the name of Christ, stop!'"

People of God, search your heart and ask yourself, "Are you, like Telemachus, being used of God to stop the corruption of this world? Or are you being used of the devil to start corruption in the Church?"

People of God, there's a war going on and its not just abroad but its right here in our own country. It's a cosmic battle for the souls of men and women all around us. The stakes are high and millions of lives are at risk. And if we're ever going to win this war then the American Church needs to once again shine for Jesus Christ. People, this is no time to be a **Corruptive Christian!** Why? Because the alarm has sounded. We're under attack, **The Attack of the Killer C's.** Don't let the enemy get you! Amen?

To find the way to God, to understand the *truth* of God's Word, and to received the gift of eternal *life*, begin by repentance and faith through a prayer like this:

"Dear God, I understand that I have broken Your Law and sinned against You. Please forgive my sins. Thank You that Jesus suffered on the cross in my place. I now place my trust in Him as My Savior and Lord. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."
