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- But it DOES mean you must _____ and _____ for them.

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- But it DOES mean you must **RESPECT** and **PROVIDE** for them.

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- a) They're **SINNERS** - expect them to act like it!
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As a Christian...

- a) You serve **JESUS**, not your **BOSS**
- b) Your **HOPE** is heavenly **REWARD**, not earthly
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- 2) You are fighting a **SPIRITUAL** **BATTLE**

Three of Satan's Favorite Tactics:

- a) He tries to **DECEIVE** you.
 - b) He tries to **ACCUSE** you.
 - c) He tries to **TEMPT** you
- 3) Is my **PRAYER** **LIFE** more about my kingdom, or His kingdom?

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(Questions and Scriptures for further study)

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Can you relate to any of the above examples - either as a child or as a parent?

- 2) What stands out to you from the following passages?

2 Corinthians 10:3-6 - “[3] For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. [4] For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, [5] casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ, [6] and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled.”

James 4:7 - “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”

1 Peter 5:8-9 - “[8] Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. [9] Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”

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Have you ever experienced spiritual attack before? How did you recognize it? How did you resist it?

In what way(s) do you think demons are most effective in attacking you?

Which piece of the armor of God is most helpful to withstand these types of attack?

3) What do the following passages teach you about temptation?

1 Corinthians 10:13 - *"No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it."*

James 1:13-15 - *"[13] Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone. [14] But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. [15] Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."*

4) How does the following verse comfort you?

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In what ways can you "be strong *in the LORD*"?

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