

with *Uncle Pee.*

THE GREATEST ENEMY

Text: 1 Corinthians 9v4, Hebrews 12 v 1

Many Christians are used to pointing accusing finger to other people as being their enemies. Sometimes they also point to the devil as being their greatest enemy. My brothers and sisters the biggest enemy of your life is not the devil neither is it your mother-in-law, witches and wizards. As a child of God, you know very well that greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world- 1 John 4v4. So how can anyone be your greatest enemy when Christ is in you?

The bible also made it clear that you are more than conqueror through him that loved you. Rom 8v37. Your number one enemy is yourself. The one who is mainly victorious is the one who has conquered himself because when you live according to the dictate of your flesh you give it permission to destroy you.

In Proverbs 16v32 the bible says "He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city". Samson took down an entire city single-handedly but could not conquer himself. He was so powerful that cities feared him but in a lap of a woman, he was the weakest of men. Even a little child knows better than to touch a piece of hot iron that had burned him or her before.

In Samson's case however, he told Delilah a lie about the source of his power and awoke to find that she had used the information against him yet he did not stay away. To make matters worse he told her the truth at last and ended up grinding corn for the same enemy that used to fear him- Judges 16v6-21. Out of his indiscipline and lack of self control he made himself a laughing stock. That is what happens when a man cannot subject his flesh to the control of the Holy Spirit.

We may say Samson was a fool but what about us. Have we been staying away from these sins that easily beset us? Hebrews 12v1. Besetting sins are those we continually fall for and have a weakness towards. Besetting means persistent, constantly or deeply rooted holding you onto

bondage, un-forgiveness, anger, bitterness, envy, hatred etc. These are some of the sins that beset us and we tend to ignore them because we feel that we don't have power over them. It is not true because with the help of the Holy Spirit we can overcome them.

When a child of God is really fervent, the devil starts searching out his weakness. The moment he finds it, he will try to use it as a weapon for that child of God to destroy him or herself. That is why you must destroy weakness before the devil use it against you. In the book of Proverbs 25v28 the Bible says "He that has no rule over his spirit is like a city that is broken down and without a wall". You have to control yourself so that you will be victorious against the attacks of the devil. And on our own we don't have the power to exercise control over our attitude and conduct except we have submit ourselves to the owner of life. Only He can help us to achieve control over ourselves. Man from birth carries the Adamic nature which is subject to sin but the moment we submit to the divine authority of God through our Lord Jesus Christ we receive the Power to live above sin and its consequences.

The question now is have you conquered yourself? Are you still subjected to the control of the flesh? Are you easily influenced by the actions and activities of others? Are you still dancing to the desires and dictate of the flesh? Have you allowed our Lord Jesus to take over your life and give you the grace and power to live above sin? If you have done so then glory be to God. But if you are yet to do so and still undecided, the time is now. Bow your head and confess your sins, tell him that you will fully submit yourself to His control, ask Him for mercy and promise that henceforth you will live to please Him. If you do this with a heart of sincerity be rest assured that He will release the power for you to start living above sin. I welcome you into the family of God. God bless you. Read me again next month. Remain blessed in Jesus name. Amen.

