

# LION TAMING – 1 Peter 5:8

1. SATAN'S DOMAIN = DARKNESS - Eph. 6:11-12; John 12:31; Jude 6
2. SATAN'S NATIVE LANGUAGE = LIES - John 8:44
3. DON'T UNDERESTIMATE HIM - HIS CHARACTER IS DARK:
  - a. He is a tempter to lie - Acts 5:3
  - b. He is an accuser and slanderer - Rev. 12:10
  - c. He is a murderer and deceiver - John 8:44
  - d. He is a master of disguise - 2 Cor. 11:14
  - e. He is a serpent - Gen. 3:1,13
  - f. He blinds eyes - 2 Cor. 4:4
  - g. He is a robber of the Word of Truth - Luke 8:12
  - h. He is a schemer - Eph. 6:11-12
  - i. He is the ruling spirit of disobedience - Eph. 2:1-2
  - j. He attempts to halt the work of followers of Jesus - 1 Thess. 2:18
4. DON'T OVERESTIMATE HIM - HE HAS LIMITATIONS:
  - a. He is a creature; fallen, finite and not omniscient - Eze. 28:13-16
  - b. He is inferior to God - 1 John 4:4
  - c. He is on the losing side - Rev. 17:12-14; 20:10
  - d. He is limited by God - Job 1:12
  - e. He can be resisted - James 4:7

GOD PROTECTS HIS FOLLOWERS FROM SATAN - John 17:15  
JESUS APPEARED TO DESTROY THE DEVIL'S WORK - 1 John 3:8
5. WHERE SATAN CAN GET A Foothold:
  - a. Pride - 1 Tim. 3:6
  - b. Biblical Illiteracy - Matt. 4:1-11
  - c. Unforgiveness - 2 Cor. 2:10-11
  - d. Not Taking Thoughts Captive to Christ - 2 Cor. 10:4-5
  - e. Unresolved Anger - Eph. 4:26-27
  - f. Bad Reputation with Unbelievers - 1 Tim. 3:7
  - g. Unmanaged Widowhood - 1 Tim. 5:10, 14-15
  - h. No Prayer - Luke 22:31-32
  - i. Lack of Self Control - 1 Cor. 7:5
  - j. Distortion of the Scriptures - 2 Pet. 3:16; Deut. 12:32
  - k. Confusion - 1 Cor. 14:33
6. WHAT WE CAN DO ABOUT IT:
  - a. James 4:7-8 - Submit to God and Resist the devil
  - b. 1 Peter 5:8-9
    - (1) Be SELF-CONTROLLED (Know his footholds and PRAY)
    - (2) BE ALERT (Know his lies and God's Truth and PRAY)
    - (3) STAND FIRM (Put on the Armor of God; Stand with the Body of Christ and PRAY)