

## IronWorks: **SWORD MASTERY**

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Memory Verse: *“Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called.”*  
1 Timothy 6:12

### **The nature of the Enemy:**

*“Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.”* 1 Peter 5:8

Names of Satan: adversary...accuser...dragon...slanderer...murderer...deceiver...prince of this world...  
destroyer...tempter...evil one...liar

### **The strategy of the Enemy:**

*“...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...**”* John 8:44

*“There are two equal and opposite extremes into which our race can fall about the demons. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight.”* C. S. Lewis

Satan cannot change the TRUTH, so he twists, manipulates, counterfeits, and deceives:

Accuser: Revelation 12:10

Deceiver: John 8:45

Tempter: 1 Thessalonians 3:5

Divider: 2 Timothy 3:1-5

Spoiler: Galatians 5:19-22

### **The Sword Master against the Enemy: Luke 4:1-12**

#### **Half-truth #1: It's about my needs!**

Satan intensifies appetites:

The Sword Master: Bread alone is not the whole truth (Deuteronomy 8:3)

#### **Half-truth #2: It's about my name!**

Satan manipulates ambition:

The Sword Master: Worship and obedience come first (Deuteronomy 6:13; Exodus 20:3)

### **Half-truth #3: It's about my time!**

Satan shortcuts the process:

The Sword Master: Promises are wrapped in relationship (Deuteronomy 6:16)

### **The weapons of our warfare:**

#### ① **The Grace of Christ is our defense:**

*"Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes."*

Ephesians 6:11

Belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, gospel of peace, shield of faith, helmet of salvation

#### ② **The Truth of Scripture is our offense:**

*"The sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."* Ephesians 6:17

### **Small Group Discussion Questions:**

- ① Of the three half-truths mentioned, to which one are you most vulnerable? What has helped you resist the lie?
- ② Satan is an accuser. Knowing that, is there a part of your discouragement, self-image, or spiritual struggle that is attributed to him?
- ③ Can you name a truth from the Word of God that you consistently used for protection against the enemy?
- ④ Where do you see Satan having power and influence in our culture?
- ⑤ Pray for protection, strength, and self-control for each brother in your circle.