The Battle
I. Don't' Be Deceived

We Are In a Battle

Ephesians 6:12 -
For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Satan is trying to deceive us

John 8: 44 –
He was 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, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

Satan wants us to question God's word, will and wisdom

Genesis 3: 1, 2, 3 –
The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the LORD God had made. One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" 2 "Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. 3 "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'"

Satan pumps up our ego while demeaning God

Genesis 3: 4, 5 -
 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

James 4: 6, 7 –
"God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble." 7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

It's time to take up the sword

The sword of God's word

Hebrews 4: 12 –
12 For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword.

Psalm 119: 11 –
I have hidden your word in my heart
    that I might not sin against you.

The sword of the Spirit

Ephesians 6: 17 –
Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit.

John 16:13 –
But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

Who is going to control your calendar this fall?