

Motivated by Jesus' Coming
1 Thessalonians 2:17-20
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1. Believers are in a real spiritual battle
 - A. Believers face a real enemy

5 Weapons of Satan:

 - Deception Genesis 3:1-7
 - Temptation 1 Thessalonians 3:5
 - Destruction John 10:10
 - Accusation Revelation 12:10
 - Discouragement 1 Thessalonians 2:18, 3:5
 - B. Believers have powerful resources:
 - The Son of God 1 John 4:4
 - The Word of God Matthew 4:4
 - The Spirit of God John 14:26; 15:26
 - The armor of God Ephesians 6:10-18
 - The family of God (the church!)
 - The victory of God 1 Corinthians 15:57-58

2. Believers can make a real spiritual difference

Find motivation in:

 - A. Changed lives
 - B. Christ's coming
 - Christ's presence
 - Christ's victory
 - Christ's rewards