

The Enemies of Christmas:

Identity

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds.

2 Corinthians 10:3-4(NIV)

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)

LIE #1 – YOU'RE _____

THE LIE WE BELIEVE: I AM HOW I _____.

Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves.

1 Peter 3:3-5 (NIV)

LIE #2 – YOU'RE _____

THE LIE WE BELIEVE: I AM WHAT I _____.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30 (NIV)

A GOOD PRINCIPLE: DON'T CONFUSE THE _____ AND THE _____.

LIE #3 – I'M _____.

THE LIE WE BELIEVE: I AM WHAT I _____.

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the **new creation** has come: The old has gone, the **new** is here!*

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

BIG IDEA: YOU ARE WHO GOD SAYS YOU ARE!

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground outside your Father's care. ³⁰ And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. ³¹ So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.
Matthew 10:29-31 (NIV)

"Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven. ³³ But everyone who denies me here on earth, I will also deny before my Father in heaven.
Matthew 10:32-33 (NLT)

If you cling to your life, you will lose it; but if you give up your life for me, you will find it.
Matthew 10:39 (NLT)

KEY HABIT: _____.

1. ANCHOR YOUR _____ IN _____.

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2 Corinthians 10:5 (NIV)

*I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.*
Psalm 139:14 (NIV)

2. ANCHOR YOUR _____ IN _____.