

Sunday, January 28, 2018—Grace Life School of Theology—*Ambassadorship 101*—Lesson 4 The Adversary's 3-Fold Battle Strategy, Part 2

### **Phase Two—Attack the Messenger**

- Simply stated, if the policy of evil cannot corrupt the truth in a Christians mind, then it will move to silence that Christian so that he/she will not be involved in making it known.
- If deceive could be described as the battle-cry of Phase One, then Intimidate is the battle-cry of Phase Two.
- Intimidating those Christ who know the truth and have stood for it, is the goal of Phase Two of the policy of evil.
- Under this phase the believer has convictions and knows that he/she should speak up but because of what it might cost them in terms of unpopularity, backlash, physical well-being, social standing, financial security, or friendships the believer clams up when they ought to boldly speak.
- Ephesians 6:19-20
- Philippians 1:27-30
- II Timothy 1:6-8

### **Phase Three—Discredit or Discourage the Messenger**

- The design of Phase Three is to discredit and/or discourage the faithful messenger. If they can't be intimidated into silence, then firm attempts will be made to discredit him in the minds of others so that he will not be seriously listened to.
- Along with this Satan's seeks to produce discouragement within the Christian.
- Voluntary withdrawal from the fight, brought on by discouragement, disappointment at results and the like, is what the policy of evil desires through the employment of discrediting tactics.
- Fleshly temptations designed to bring into disrepute are also paramount in this phase.
- Romans 3:8—reproach, gossip, slander, name calling, smear campaigns, rumors, false accusations, lies, and innuendoes are the hallmarks of Phase Three.
- Galatians 4:16
- II Timothy 1:15-16
- II Timothy 2:8-9

**Conclusion**

- If we are going to be effective ambassadors, we must understand the nature of our spiritual warfare as well as the enemy's battle strategy.