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It was once announced that the Devil was going out of business and would offer all his tools for sale to whoever would pay his price. On the night of the sale they were all attractively displayed, and a bad-looking lot they were. Malice, hatred, envy, jealousy, sensuality, and deceit, and all the other implements of evil were spread out, each marked with its price. Apart from the rest lay a harmless-looking wedge-shaped tool, much worn and priced higher than any of them.

Someone asked the Devil what it was. "That's discouragement," was his reply.

"Well, why do you have it priced so high?" "Because," replied the Devil, "it is more useful to me than any of the others. I can pry open and get inside a man's consciousness with that when I could not get near him with any of the others, and when once inside I can use him in whatever way suits me best. It is so much worn because I use it with nearly everybody, as very few people yet know it belongs to me."

It hardly need be added that the Devil's price for his tools, especially discouragement, were so high that they were never sold. He still owns discouragement and is using it today.

The Devil would, if it were possible, rob Jesus of His royal family. Beware of his devices. "Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;" Eph. 6:13-18.

Re: The Devil's Best Tool - posted by enid, on: 2006/7/7 12:22

Good article. The enemy uses discouragement in many ways. One thing that I find discouraging is when I see the state of the Church in the West. At the same time, it makes me want to fight even more to see God's name glorified. Let's all take note of what has been said and put on the whole armour, not just some, but the whole armour of God. God bless.