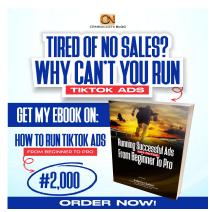
OW does Satan operate? One of the How notorious techniques of the enemy is as old as creation. He collects information and launches attacks based on the information at his disposal. Satan may attack in five main parts listed below: most times:

- (1) He can send spies.
- (2) He would analyse the information that the spies bring.
- (3) He would lay an ambush based on the information collected for him.



- (4) He would arrange for a mock attack that is not the real one. He may attack from the left when he actually wants to attack from the right.
- (5) He can launch the real attack.

#1 SENDING SPIES

The spies collect their information through the careless talks of their victims. For example, when spies come to a country to collect information, they go into

beer parlours, hotels, barbers' shop and listen to what people are saying as they discuss politics, the economic situation, etc.

They begin to listen to what people are saying, and thus collect information necessary to take back home.

Examples:

a. In Genesis 3:1-3, Satan said something to Eve and listen to her reply. Satan said: "Yea, hath God said you shall not eat of every tree of the Garden?"

He wanted to know what Eve's reply would be. When Eve wanted to reply, she said: "No, its just the two trees He said we shouldn't eat from, lest we die."

Whereas what God said is "If you eat, you will die," not may be you will die. From Eve's answer, Satan knew that Eve was not satisfied with what God said. In fact, she was already twisting what God said. So it was easy for him now to continue with his attack.

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(b) In the taking of Jericho, Joshua sent spies, and they went straight to a hotel.

They went into an inn, from there, they got the information they wanted; that
the people were already frightened and they knew that the children of Israel
were already on the way and that their God is a powerful God (Joshua 2:8-11).

- (c) The same story is true of Samson. Delilah was a spy of the enemy, **Judges 16:5-8.**
- (d) The same story was true of Gideon in Judges 7:1. 15

Every child of God must learn to control his tongue. If you do not give information to the enemy, it will be difficult for the enemy to attack you.

In Proverbs 17:27-28, the Bible says: "He that hath knowledge spareth his words; and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding."

If you keep your mouth shut, nobody will know whether you are a graduate or somebody who never went to school.

If you keep your mouth shut, nobody will know whether you are wise or foolish. In fact, if everybody is talking and you keep quiet, anybody looking will say this

is the only wise man here.

According to Proverbs 18:7, the Bible says: "a fool's mouth is his destruction and his lips are the snare of his soul."

My prayer is that your mouth will not destroy you. If you keep your mouth shut, Satan will not be able to find out what God is doing in your life.

#2 ANALYSING INFORMATION BROUGHT BY SPIES

This involves finding out the area where the enemy is least resistant and then launching your attack there. You will attack the weak spot.

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If for example, you keep on talking and you begin to tell everybody what God is doing for you; may be you say "I love my wife, anything she says, that is what I will do.

Once my wife speaks, it is already settled." As soon as the devil hears that, he knows how to enter into your wife and cause her to say some things that will lead you to destruction.

When the spies come home and bring all their information, Satan will pick the one that suits him and use it for an attack.

#3 LAYING AMBUSH

When the opponent is sleeping, thinking that all is well and safe, then the enemy will spread his net. The time when you least expect it is when the enemy will want to attack.

It was at night that the enemy attacked Elisha in Dothan, **2 Kings 6:8-15.** The enemy knows how to lay an ambush quietly.

#4 MOCK ATTACK

This is a diversionary tactic. For example, the devil may want to bring sickness to a family, and he knows that in this family they are all prayer warriors; that he cannot come in because they will bombard him with prayers.

He knows that both the husband and wife are fire; he will start a quarrel between the husband and wife to cause diversion.

Bitterness is raging between the two of them, while the two of them are still thinking, "should I forgive or hit her on the head, they wouldn't be able to pray.

The door will be opened and then the devil will bring in sickness and anything else can follow. This is the kind of method that Joshua used in the taking of the town of A in **Joshua 8:3-7.**

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#5 THE REAL ATTACK

After the mock attack, the devil will like to launch the real attack as in the story of Joshua and Samson in Joshua 8:15-21 and Judges 16:16-18.

WHAT ARE WE TO DO SO THE DEVIL CANNOT GET US?

The first thing to do is to prevent the spies from getting any information, Psalm 141:1-3.

According to **Psalm 141:3,** David prayed a prayer that we all should pray. He said.

"Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips."

If you learn to keep your mouth shut, the enemy will not be able to get you.

Once the enemy has got the information he wants from you, and when he gets to the ambush stage, only divine revelation can help you (2 Kings 6:8-12). Tell God to set a watch over your mouth. **Action Point** PS: I know you might agree with some of the points raised in this article or disagree with some of the issues raised. Please share your thoughts on the topic discussed. We would appreciate it if you could drop your comment. Thanks in anticipation. WhatsApp: @CRMNuggets Community Follow Us on Facebook: CRMNuggets Follow on X Platform

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