

The Triple Threat

Union Chapel Theme for 2021:

"Walking in Opportunity"

*Be very careful, then, how you live
not as unwise but as wise,
making the most of every opportunity,
because the _____ are _____.*

*Therefore do not be foolish,
but understand what the Lord's will is.
Ephesians 5:15-17*

Three Common *E*nemies [We each face all three]

The _____ > Cultural Tendencies

Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. *1 John 2:15*

You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world means enmity against God? Therefore, anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. *James 4:4*

Our Opportunity: Better *W*_____.

The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 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 10:4-5*

Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—His good, pleasing and perfect will. *Romans 12:2*

The _____ > Natural Tendencies

For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict ...
Galatians 5:17

*The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.
Who can understand it?* *Jeremiah 17:9*

Turn to *1 John 2:15-17*

Our Opportunity: Better *D*_____.

Those who live according to the flesh have their minds set on what the flesh desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.
Romans 8:5 (see also v. 13)

The _____ of Mankind

Satan - Adversary Devil - Slanderer
Accuses, Blinds, Deceives, Ensnares, Harasses, Hinders, Steals

*The great dragon was hurled down—that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray.
... For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.*
Rev. 12:9-10

in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes. *2 Corinthians 2:11*

Our Opportunity: Better *P*_____.

Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. *Ephesians 6:11*

Great News to Remember ~ *Romans 8:28 & 37-39*

Optional Reading: Notice any of the triple threats & behavior
Isaiah 14 Satan Is. 14:12-17 **Jer. 17** **Ezekiel 28** Satan Ez. 28:1-19
Romans 12 **2 Cor. 2 & 10** **Titus 2** **2 Pet. 2**
1 John 2 **2 John** **3 John** **Jude 3²³**
Revelation 12 (13 chapters)