

# Bubba says repo man coming for his television on the 12th



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Louie the Sixteenth," the guide pointed out.

"I know that feeling," Bubba replied. "I have a TV that goes back to Rent-To-Own on the 12th."

The late George Vanderbilt traveled the world to purchase the beautiful furniture on display in the Biltmore House, which has one particular room named for Louis XVI, a king of France in the 1700s. Now, people travel from all over the country and around the world to tour the Asheville mansion, to stroll through the rooms, to admire the architecture, the woodwork, the furnishings and the paintings, to see how a very wealthy family once lived.

Most of us will never know what it's like to live in a mansion on this side of eternity,

but the King James Bible tells us that Heaven is full of them, just waiting for all born-again believers.

"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also" (John 14:1-3).

In fact, Heaven is going to be filled with great sights. The Bible speaks of a street of gold, walls of jasper, gates of pearl. One old naysaying Bible critic in his hateful tone once asked evangelist Billy "Red" Kelly, "Where is there an oyster big enough to create pearls large

enough to make gates?"

"Why, that's an easy one," the preacher replied tongue in cheek. "It lived next to the great fish that swallowed Jonah."

People who want to dispute the truth of the Bible sure can come up with some silly questions. I'm glad people around here accept the Bible as God's word and do their best to live by it.

The Baptist evangelist C.H. Spurgeon once pointed out that a great number of people were defending the Bible in his day, as they continue to do today. Spurgeon suggested this:

"Suppose a number of persons were to take it into their heads that they had to defend a lion, a full-grown king of beasts. There he is in his cage, and here come all the soldiers of

the army to fight for him. Well, I should suggest to them ... that they should kindly stand back, and open the door, and let the lion out. I believe that would be the best way of defending him, for he would take care of himself."


Of course, the idea is that the truth of the Bible, when unleashed, can conquer the world for Christ.

There are many beautiful sights to be seen in this world. But I've seen nothing as beautiful as the glow on the face of new believers whose lives have been changed by the unleashed power of the Gospel. The Biltmore House with all its finery is no match for that.

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...Now ask the beasts, and they will teach you; and the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you; and the fish of the sea will explain to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this, in whose hand is the life of every living thing, and the breath of all mankind?



Job 12: 7-10

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I am the good shepherd. I know My sheep, and am known by My own. The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep. No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself.



JOHN 10: 11, 14, 18

## Spiritual Warfare

Wednesday, April 28th, 2021 Message  
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Ephesians 6:10-13 -- Part two of a series

Last week we wrote about how Satan deceives and divides. This week we will go further starting with how he destroys.

**1 Peter 5:8**, says "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

A civil warfare is fought against flesh and blood, but the spiritual warfare is fought against spiritual powers. A civil warfare may have long term consequences, but a spiritual warfare has eternal consequences.

During the Tribulation, demons will be allowed to leave hell and invade our world to kill and destroy. Their leader will be Apollyon (see Revelations 9:11). The Greek name Apollyon, means destroyer. **John 10:10** says, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

As in the first segment of this series, when we studied what we need to know (your enemy and yourself), we must study Satan's strategies.

I once preached a sermon I wrote, how Satan was not the opposite of God. One woman in the church told everyone but me, how I was wrong. She was the one who was wrong. She had not studied about the subject, I had. And this is a common answer to the question because we tend to think good from evil. That is false because Michael, the righteous archangel, is Satan's opposite. Satan is finite; God is infinite. God has no equal. God created Satan and Michael as angels.

When we realize that Satan is trying to destroy our lives, we must rebuke him. Read Jude 1:9

Satan blinds people spiritually. **2 Corinthians 4:4** tell us, "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."

Satan instigates false doctrine. **1 Timothy 4:1** says, "Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;"

Satan stirs up trouble in the church -- In Acts 15:1-12, there were certain people teaching that you had to be circumcised to obtain salvation and others that taught Baptismal regeneration; both were teaching faith by works. From the start of the church as we know it, every time a church got off to a good start, the devil stepped in and caused confusion. It is no different today. Satan uses spiritual warfare by causing someone to stir up trouble.

Things we must remember -- **2 Corinthians 11:3-4**, "But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoureth his head."

As in any war, we need weapons (spiritual weapons), and you can do no better than **Ephesians 6:10-18**. Verse 18 -- "praying always." In **1 Thessalonians 5:17**, Paul said, "Pray without ceasing." In **Luke 18:1**, Jesus said, "that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;"

Praying always means that the prayer line to Heaven is always open. Reminds me of a dear older lady that said she didn't sleep too well and often woke at 1 or 2 o'clock in the morning. She said, "I just pray." Someone asked her who or what she prayed for. She said that there is always someone in the need of prayer.

Friends, our country is in real need of prayer. We cannot defeat Satan unless we band in prayer. We must fight with spiritual warfare.

Next week the sermon will be, "The Results of Spiritual Warfare." Until then, may God bless, is my prayer. I may be reached at 606-481-0444

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## Kitchen Diva by Angela Shelf Medearis

### Keep It Simple in the Kitchen on Mother's Day

My husband's culinary skills begin and end with making a great pot of coffee. With that in mind, I've created a simple Mother's Day dinner recipe that even a non-cook can successfully follow. Preparing a meal is one of the best ways to show someone you love them. After all, the origin of Mother's Day is rooted in a daughter's love and respect for her mother.

In 1905, after her mother's death, Anna M. Jarvis began a campaign to recognize her mother's work as a community activist and peace advocate, and to honor her memory. It took several years, but in 1914, President Woodrow Wilson signed a bill recognizing Mother's Day as a national holiday. The House of Representatives also adopted a resolution recommending that officials of the federal government wear white carnations on Mother's Day.

Here's a simple recipe for Pasta With Spinach. The step-by-step directions will ensure a successful result for even the most unskilled cook, and create the perfect meal for the Moms we love.



- BEGINNER'S PASTA WITH SPINACH**
- 8 ounces angel hair pasta
  - 1 gallon cold water
  - 4 teaspoons salt (for water)
  - 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
  - 2 tablespoons olive oil
  - 1 can (14.5-ounce) diced tomatoes
  - 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning spice
  - 1 package (10-ounce) pre-washed baby spinach
  - 1/2 cup sour cream or feta cheese
  - 2 tablespoons prepared basil pesto

- TO COOK THE PASTA:**
1. Fill a large, tall stockpot with the water, turn heat to high and bring water to a boil.
  2. When water begins to boil, add the salt. (Adding the salt to the water now is necessary because it's

the time when the pasta absorbs it best. Do not add oil of any kind. Oil will coat the pasta, and the sauce will not stick.)

3. Hold the pasta vertically over the boiling water and carefully slide it into the pot. Lower the heat to medium so the pasta water doesn't foam up and boil over the sides. As the pasta begins to soften, use a long fork or wooden spoon to push the pasta into the water until it's submerged.
4. Turn the heat back up to high. Stir the pasta to keep it from clumping together. Stir every few minutes as needed to keep the pasta separated.

5. After 6 to 8 minutes, use the fork or spoon to pull out a piece of pasta. Taste it to see if it is soft, not raw or starchy-tasting. The pasta is done when it is "al dente," which is Italian for "when it is right for the tooth," and refers to the correct cooking point of pasta. If the pasta isn't done, let it continue to cook another 2 or 3 minutes until it's soft but firm -- not mushy or overcooked.
6. Fill a coffee cup with some of the pasta water and set it aside to use when making the sauce.
7. Place a large colander in the sink. Using potholders to protect your hands, carefully move the pot to the sink. Carefully drain the pasta into the colander.

8. Pick up the colander with the potholders and shake it well to remove any excess water from the pasta. Do NOT rinse the pasta.
9. Place the drained pasta back into the large pot and start making the sauce.

- TO MAKE THE SAUCE:**
1. Using a large saucepan, over medium-high heat, melt the butter and add the olive oil. Add the tomatoes, Italian seasoning and spinach, a few handfuls at a time, and stir to combine.
  2. When the spinach begins to wilt, stir in the sour cream or feta cheese and the pesto.
  3. Pour the sauce into the large pot containing the drained pasta. Turn the heat to low.
  4. Mix the sauce and the pasta together until well-combined.
  5. Use a 1 or 2 tablespoons of the pasta water to thin out the sauce, as needed.
  6. Place the finished pasta in a large bowl and serve immediately with garlic bread or rolls. Serves 6.

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