

## Silence the Voice of Accusation

Isaiah 54:17

*No weapon formed against you will prevail,  
and you will refute every tongue that accuses you.*

I've noticed that there is nothing quite like the voice of accusation. It is discouraging. It can quickly take the wind out of your sails and the joy out of your heart. Accusation is a weapon that hurts. It is paralyzing and can sometimes come from well-meaning people. Read Matthew 16:23. What did Jesus attribute Peter's words to?

Read Revelation 12:10. Who is the true voice behind some accusation?

To accuse means to charge someone with wrongdoing or wrong motives. It is to blame someone or find fault with them. The truth is, we all have our faults. The accuser is out to expose things for the purpose of discrediting someone or to purposely degrade our dignity. Many times judgment is involved – read Matthew 7:1-5. Notice that judgment makes something that is a “speck of sawdust” into a “plank.” Exaggeration is often a big part of accusation.

How do you combat the attack on your soul?

Read Revelation 12:11.

First, understand that when you confess a sin, you ARE forgiven; He shed His blood for all of our sin.

So,

- 1) Confess
- 2) Receive forgiveness
- 3) Forgive yourself, don't beat yourself up
- 4) When your sin is brought up by others, praise the Lord for His mercy
- 5) Never attack back

Secondly, speak a word of testimony. Our testimony is about God's deliverance. Whether it be a sinful response to others, and addiction or a falling into temptation, God is there for us. The louder we speak of His goodness, the quieter the voice of accusation becomes. How can you testify of God's faithfulness in your life today?

Thirdly, don't shrink back. Accusation is designed to cause us to stop growing and to feel like it's no use trying.

What does Hebrews 10:35-39 say? How does this help you?

Read Hebrews 13:5 & 6. How does this help you?

Read Ephesians 6:16. What are those flaming arrows that penetrate our hearts? Why is faith a powerful extinguisher of these flaming arrows?

Lastly, read the end of Isaiah 59:17 and then turn to Romans 8:38-39. How can you be as convinced as Paul was of the love of God? He will vindicate you – just trust Him. He will silence the foe!

A little advice: In some accusation there is a grain of truth. Listen for the grain and deal with it out of humiliation. Also, not every critique of our life is an accusation. Listen to your close friends (Proverbs 27:6 & 27:17).