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## **Introduction**

We need to understand a little about the “woke theology.”

We need to think about tactically engaging the culture in the spiritual battle of ideas.

We need to look at some examples in Scripture that provide guidelines for developing the tactics.

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## **Introduction**

Several Scripture passages instruct us on being awakened – *Isaiah 51:17; 52:1; 60:1-2; Rev. 16:15.*

Ephesians 5:14-17 – Paul’s call to spiritual alertness involves being on guard to walk according to the standard of God’s Word.

One aspect of the evil infiltrating the Church today is called “wokeness.”

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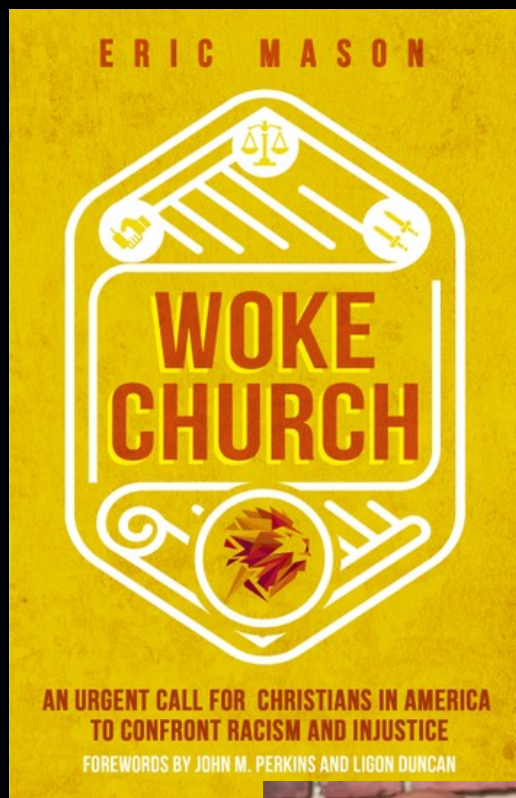
“Wokeness” is a sophisticated lie that provides justification for sinful activity.

We need a sophisticated understanding of Scripture to effectively combat these contemporary challenges.

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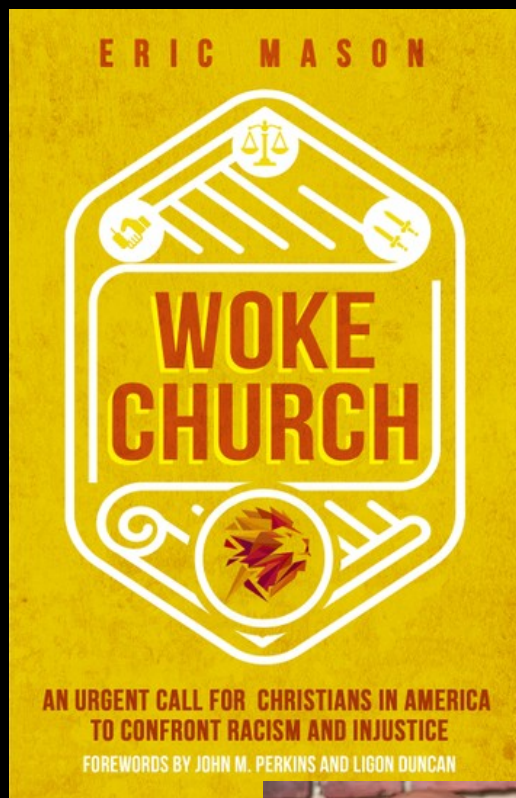


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“Every last one of us lives under a curse, and Christ comes to be the cure for the curse. And that’s why we place our confidence in him who bore our sins on the cross.



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## **The Woke Church**



“What’s going on with black people and why are black people suffering everywhere?”

There’s something called the Noetic effects of sin. The noetic effects of sin is the negative effect of sin in the minds and thinking of humankind, causing the reasoning ability of fallen humanity to be corrupted, especially degrading the understanding of spiritual things, also called the Noetic effects of the fall.

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“Where do we find this in the Bible?  
Ephesians 4:18. It says, ‘having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart.’

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## **The Woke Church**



Herschel Walker

“It (Black Power) continues to let us know we’re still African American, rather, than just American. Reparation atonement is outside the teaching of Jesus Christ.” – Herschel Walker

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## **Formulating a Tactical Defense**

Part of our responsibility as Ambassadors includes being ready to defend the confidence we have in Christ – *1 Peter 3:15*.

We need to consider how to compassionately engage those holding a hostile worldview.

# Royal Ambassador

## Summary



**2 Cor.  
5:20**

As ambassadors we are appointed by Christ – *2 Corinthians 5:17-20.*

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As an ambassador our citizenship is in Heaven – *Philippians 3:20.*

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Our needs for our ambassadorship are supplied by the Father – *2 Pet. 1:3*.

Our ambassadorial duties are given in written form found in the Word of God – *2 Timothy 3:16-17*.

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As ambassadors we do not take rejection personally – *John 15:18-19.*

As Ambassadors for Christ we should value what God values – *1 Peter 1:18-19.*

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## **Formulating a Tactical Defense**

Our apologetic method needs to help re-think the pagan system to prepare the way to think clearly about the Gospel – *2 Corinthians 10:5; Colossians 2:8*.

We need to assist others with the process of re-thinking so God the Holy Spirit can convince them of the inconsistencies of the false worldview.



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## **Formulating a Tactical Defense**

1 Peter 1:15; John 16:7-11; 2 Corinthians 5:20; and Ephesians 6:10-18 combined to accomplish 1 Peter 2:11-12; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Colossians 2:8; Jude 3; and Philippians 2:12-16.

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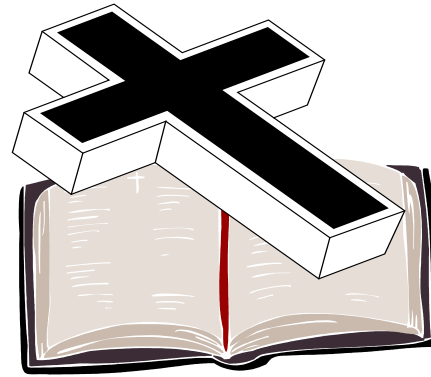
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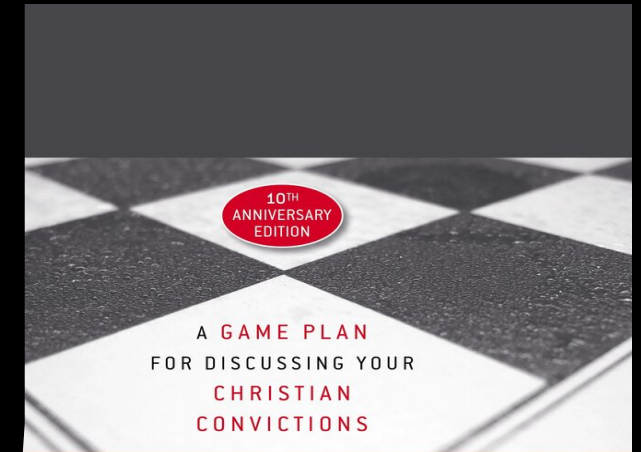
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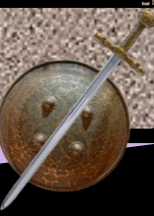


## **Formulating a Tactical Defense**

Biblical narratives provide tactical examples of confronting false ideologies.

Elijah and Elisha’s ministries mirror the message of judgment and grace we need to present as ambassadors.

# 2 Kings



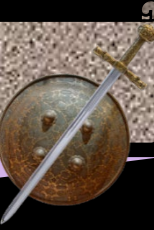
## Tactical Examples from Elisha

2 Kings 4:38-41 – The poisoned stew event highlights absolute Truth.

2 Kings 6:1-7 – The broken axe head event highlights personal responsibility.

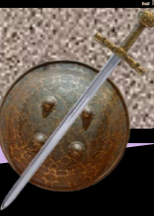
2 Kings 4:1-7 – The oil miracle event highlights economic responsibility.

*2 Kings 4:38-41*



# The Death Stew

## 2 Kings 4:38



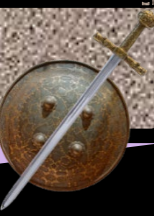
### Famished from Famine

Famine in the Land meant punishment on the Nation Israel for disobeying God's commands – *Leviticus 26:1-4, 14, 19; 1 Kings 8:35.*

The remnant had to suffer in a Nation that turned its back on the Creator.

The details of the text provide elements for an illustration that the author may have had in mind.

*2 Kings 4:39*



## Field Gourds

Everyone was placed in jeopardy by the one student's lack of discernment.





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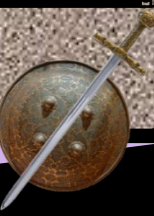
## **Field Gourds**

The appearance of the gourds was not ominous.

The wild gourds were readily available.

The poisonous food was added to the good food.

The wild gourds were chosen and added in ignorance.



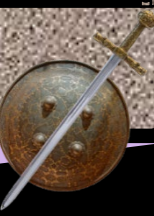
## Fear

The first step to correcting error is recognizing error.

Once the error is recognized it must be exposed.

The error must be replaced by the faith obedience of the Truth for the problem to be solved.

# *2 Kings 6:1-7*



## **Off with His Head**

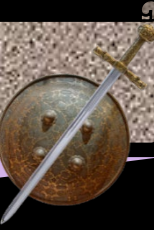
2 Kings 6:1-3 – The Good Problem.

2 Kings 6:4-5 – The Bad Problem.

2 Kings 6:6-7 – The Problem Solved.

*2 Kings 4:1-7*

# The Oil Miracle



# *Torah Flashback*



## **Economic Issues**

Protection from oppression – *Exodus 22:25-27.*

How to treat a person in poverty conditions –  
*Leviticus 25:35-39.*

Economic Freedom – *Deuteronomy 23:19-20.*

# *Exodus 22:25-27*



## **Protection from Oppression**

Borrowing and lending was not forbidden but charging interest as an exploitive practice was prohibited.

Providing non-survival property as collateral on a loan was permitted.

Proper respect for God's character should provide the motivation for following these laws.

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## **Poverty Conditions**

The Israelite with means needed to support and encourage the fellow Israelite who was in need.

The motivation for assisting the poor was respect for God who redeemed Israel from slavery.

Oppression of the poor removes the hope of freedom.



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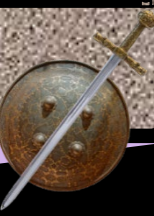
## Economic Freedom

Exacting interest on fellow Israelites was prohibited.

Charging usury to a fellow Israelite amounted to stealing their property.

God's Law protected Israel from the foreigner and greed in the Land.

*2 Kings 4:1-7*



## The Oil Miracle

2 Kings 4:1 – Fearful Problem.

2 Kings 4:2-4 – Flask of Oil.

2 Kings 4:5-7 – Faith Obedience.

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## **Closing Thoughts:**

As Ambassadors, we must stand firm in the Truth and avoid succumbing to the lie – *Colossians 2:8*.

As Ambassadors, we must face the cultural onslaught in dependence upon the Lord – *1 Peter 5:6-7*.

As Ambassadors, we must search the Scriptures to understand how to tactfully interact with those caught in the dark thoughts of “wokeness.”



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