

**Closing the door on Satan**  
**Lesson 3: Self Defense**  
**1 Peter 5:8-9**  
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Thesis: I want to show how we can defend ourselves from Satan.

Intro: 1. What do you think of when you hear self defense?  
2. Do you know what it takes to defend yourself against Satan?

I. 1st line of defense – Faithfulness & Study

A. Faithful to God in all things

1. You must FULLY follow God (**1 Kings 11:6b**)
2. The faithful can have God as their shield (**2 Samuel 22:31**).

B. Defense through Knowledge

1. Through the knowledge of God, we can be kept safe (**Prov 2:10-12a**)
2. Though's who can "discern both good and evil" can defend themselves (**Heb 5:14b**)

II. 2<sup>nd</sup> line of defense – Prayer & Endurance

A. Prayer – direct line for support

1. Call for aide (**Psalm 50:15**)
2. Call for encouragement

B. Endurance – staying strong in your fight

1. "power of His might" (**Eph 6:10**); His might; being the ability God has to provide for the faithful.
2. The Lord does not forsake the faithful (**Ps 37:25,28**).

III. Recruit help in your defense

A. Faithful brethren

1. Encouragement & prayer (**1 Thess 3:2**).
2. Exhort the faithful, encourage the faithful to remain faithful and warn the unfaithful – those weakening in the fight. (**1 Thess 5:14**)

B. Sound Biblical advice

1. Sound Biblical advice here is used as “wisdom” (**Pro 3:21-26**)

Application & Conclusion:

1. Do you take the proper steps for self defense?
2. If you do not defend yourself, sin will surely enter your life.
3. Full Invitation