The Attackers: Protocol Defined; Walking Worthy of Your Calling, Eph 4:1–3; Utilize the Time Allotted in a Hostile Environment to Stop Being Ignorant and Become Wise, Eph 5:15–17

Protocol is a rigid, long-established code, prescribing complete deference to superior rank and authority, followed by strict adherence to due order of precedence, coupled with precisely correct procedure.

- 8. A protocol plan must be administered through a system of authority which is expressed by means of three specific sources: (1) Scripture, (2) the gift of pastor-teacher, and (3) the multiplexing ministries of the Holy Spirit.
- 9. The rigid, long established code is the divine decree while the superior rank and authority are those just noted.
- 10. The order of precedence is the great power experiment of the hypostatic union in which Jesus Christ demonstrated from His true humanity that the divine dynasphere and eight problem-solving devices were sufficient for Him to maintain impeccability during the Incarnation.
- 11. The precisely correct procedure refers to doing a right thing in a right way, a modus operandi that can only be accomplished by inculcation of divine policy by means of Bible study.
- 12. Consequently, the positive aspect of walking requires the believer to develop an inventory of ideas from which he is able to make specific applications of doctrine to life.
- 13. The first wheel-track one must facilitate is faith in God and His Word:

2 Corinthians 5:7 - —for we walk by faith not by sight—

14. The soul must be defended against agents provocateurs from the lust patterns of the sinful nature and outside adversities from the devil's world. This is accomplished by the deployment of the ten problem-solving devices:

Ephesians 4:1 - I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, continue to encourage you to walk in a manner worthy of your station in life into which you have been elected,

Ephesians 4:2 - associated with objective grace thinking and courteous considerateness, associated with <u>patience</u> **[toward the antagonistic]**, when putting up with <u>one another of the same kind</u> **[royal family]** in the sphere of virtue love,

v. 3 - being diligent to preserve the unity from the Spirit in the bond of soul prosperity.

15. The acquisition of these devices can only be done by learning their application from Bible study:

Ephesians 5:15 - Therefore, beware how accurately you advance, not as unwise ones, but as wise ones,

v. 16 - constantly buying the time assigned to you, because the days within your assignment are evil.

v. 17 - Because of this, stop being ignorant, but completely and thoroughly understand the will, purpose, policy, and design of the Lord.

- 16. These verses stress the inculcation of truth to the point of wisdom in which is found the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.
- 17. Since the days assigned to you are evil, since you possess a sinful nature, and since the devil's world provides the resources for momentum testing, the problem-solving devices constitute an indispensable category of one's doctrinal inventory of ideas.