

# Successful Strategy

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We can find lessons for life in two books the Bible and the Book of Nature. I observed in a video the strategy of a Komodo dragon hunt. It is astonishing to observe his patient and perfect killing strategy. You see, the Komodo dragon does not attack and fight to kill like other animals do. He observes his prey and silently and unexpectedly approach the prey until he is close enough to quickly bite with strong and sharp teeth making a gushing wound. With his bite, we now know, he inoculates a poison, not like a bite of a cobra that has one duct delivery poison to its fangs, but he has multiple ducts between his teeth that oozes considerable amount of poison into the large open wound. His bite is not as profound as the snake but is more effective in the long run, and enables him to kill much larger prey than himself to be eaten. The Komodo dragon poison does not kill immediately as the cobra does, it delivers a highly potent substance that lowers blood pressure at the same time increases bleeding, rendering the prey unable to fight back. Gradually, no matter how strong or big the prey maybe, it will die without requiring much effort on the part of the dragon. A very successful strategy copied by our archenemy the devil, appropriately also called the Dragon. You see, in order to bite the prey, he has to come close enough without being detected so he chooses a distracted prey. Isn't this the way that the devil does with us? Our Lord knew this, and for this reason he alerted us: **“Watch and pray”** (Mathew 26:41)..... **“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”** (1Peter 5:8) The adversary not always fights with us or bring upon us a great tragedy. He just delivers a “bite” sometimes in the form of a temptation, or other times in the form

of a doubt. We know that temptation does not create sin, only reveals the hidden sin/desires already existing in the heart. We also know that frequently we doubt our beliefs and believe our doubts, when we should do the opposite. That is why we should “watch!” “be alert and be sober” not careless...distracted...drunk with lustful desires for riches, for power, for fame, for sex, for drugs,.. the list is as vast as this world.

Once bitten, it is a matter of time for the temptation to become an overt act of rebellion against God, one that we never thought we would commit. The doubt festers like an infection and starts to decay the whole mind, all our previous beliefs tumble down like a domino, and consequently the whole soul is lost. Mission accomplished, now he or she that thought to be a witness for God, is witnessing for the devil, sometimes unconsciously, and sometimes happy to do it.

A Christian writer stated:

“God is love. He has shown that love in the gift of Christ. When “he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life,” He withheld nothing from His purchased possession. He gave all Heaven, from which we may draw strength and efficiency, that we be not repulsed or overcome by our great adversary. But the love of God does not lead Him to excuse sin. He did not excuse it in Satan; He did not excuse it in Adam or in Cain; nor will He excuse it in any of the other children of men. He will not collude with our sins or overlook our defects of character, **He expects us to overcome in His name.**” (Ellen G. White, *Christ’s Object Lessons* pg. 316)

And that is why He also says “Pray...” “Ask and it shall be given you... (Mathew 7:7)” because He will help you to stay alert and escape the fatal bite of the Dragon. Watch and pray...