



The Art of War Within The Church Kingdom

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There is an old saying – “Beware of Greeks bearing gifts.” This saying comes from the legend of the Trojan Horse.

As the story goes

A long time ago, there was an ancient city-state on the coast of Turkey, across the sea from Sparta. This city-state was named Troy. At one time, Troy and the other Greek city-states were pretty good friends. But times had changed.

The city of Troy was protected by a high wall built around the city. Some parts of the wall were 20 feet high! There were gates in the wall to let people in and out but it provided great defense for the people of Troy. It gave the Trojan warriors a relatively safe place to stand while they rained arrows down on the Greeks, who were trying to break into the city.



The Greek warriors had been trying to breach the wall around Troy for about ten years. The Greeks could not find a way in, and the Trojans did not seem able to drive the Greeks away.

Odysseus, a Greek general, had an idea. His plan was to build a horse, a beautiful and huge wooden horse, and leave it outside the gate. Then, the entire Greek army would pretend to leave, as if they had finally admitted defeat. But the horse would be hollow. Thirty men would be hiding inside. That's what they did.

As the Greek warriors sailed away, the people of Troy rushed outside, cheering. They found the horse. Fortunately, they did not try to burn the horse. They dragged the horse inside the city gates to keep it on display, which is just what the Greek general thought they would do - gloat.

That night, while the Trojan people were sleeping, the men hiding inside the wooden horse climbed out and opened the gates. The waiting Greek army entered Troy. Thus perished the kingdom of Troy.

What was the Greeks strategy?

Since the Greeks couldn't get in, they decided to deceive the Trojans by using their weakness, they're habit of boasting. It cost them dearly in the end.

What is a strategy?

A plan, method, or series of maneuvers or stratagems for obtaining a specific goal or result. A strategic plan establishes the process by which all parties involved must follow in order to achieve the **goal or vision**.

What is a goal or vision?

The object of a person's, institution's or nation's ambition or effort; an aim or desired result.

What is military strategy?

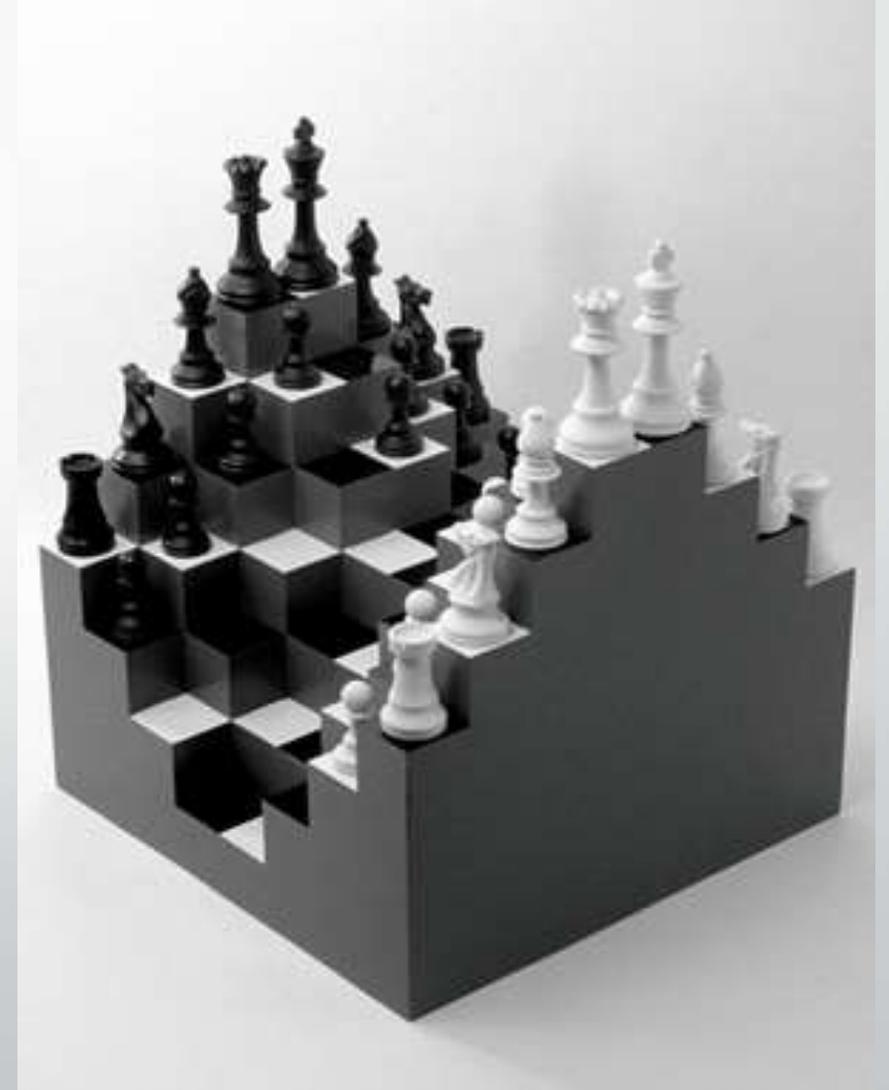
Military strategy is a set of ideas implemented by military organizations to pursue desired [strategic goals](#). In other words the science or art of combining and employing the means of war in planning and directing large military movements and operations. Derived from the Greek "*strategos*", strategy when it appeared in use during the 18th century, was seen in its narrow sense as the "art of war", 'the art of arrangement' of troops. Military strategy deals with the planning and conduct of campaigns, the movement and disposition of forces, and the [deception](#) of the enemy.

Are you familiar with chess?



The Church as a Metaphoric Chess Board

- **The King and Queen** are the Apostles or Senior Pastors of a church body
- **The Bishops** are the Co-Pastors or other area Pastors
- **The Knights and Rooks** are the Leadership Team
- **The Pawns** are the church body members



The whole purpose is...

- The main purpose in a **game of chess** is to try to kill, or in chess terms "checkmate," the opponent's King. To accomplish this, the player must carefully plan to undermine and then attack the king's position.
- The main purpose of our enemy towards the church body or "Bride" is to try to take out Senior leadership to accomplish the defeat of the church and the gain of spiritual territories.

NOTE: For individuals -It also can be viewed to take out your purpose so that God's purpose won't get done through you.

One Vision, One Mission, One Goal

- **Vision** - To seek first the Kingdom of Heaven and all it's righteousness and obey God before man.
- **Mission** - To gather together as a corporate body to follow the plan God has for a specific church body until the task is complete.
- **Goal** - The salvation of souls/ to win the lost



The Six “Ds” Strategies of the Enemy to Bring a Church Down

Deception

Diversion

Doubt

Discouragement

Division

Defeat

Deception

The act of hiding the truth, especially to get an advantage. The twisting of the truth, to speak words that attract for manipulating reason. To disguise oneself and give the appearance of something that you are not. Also known as masks or costumes, Greeks name: hypocrite.

[Galatians 6:7-8](#)

[Proverbs 10:9](#)

[Psalms 52:2](#)

[Proverbs 12:22](#)

[James 1:22](#)

[Colossians 3:9](#)

Diversion

The act of causing something or someone to turn in a different direction, or to be used for a different purpose other than the pathway they are on or directions given. Distractions; the ability to lose focus.

[Proverbs 4:25](#)

[Psalm 1:1-6](#)

[Colossians 2:6-8](#)

[Romans 8:5](#)

[1 Peter 3:17](#)

[Titus 2:11-12](#)

Doubt

A feeling of not knowing what to believe or what to do, or the condition of being uncertain. Double-mindedness.

Distrust of what you have been told. Lack of faith in oneself or another.

[James 1:6](#) [Jude 1:22](#) [Mark 11:23](#)

[Hebrews 11:1-40](#) [Mark 9:24](#)

Discouragement

A feeling of being less confident or less hopeful in oneself or in others. Depression, denial of one's ability. A loss of enthusiasm; dispiritedness.

[Jeremiah 29:11](#) [2 Corinthians 12:9](#) [Isaiah 53:1-12](#)

[2 Corinthians 4:17-18](#) [John 10:10](#)

Division

Disagreement between two or more persons or groups, typically producing tension or hostility. To purposely be prideful or insubordinate against any strategic plan or leadership. [Luke 11:17](#)

[1 Corinthians 1:10-13](#) [Romans 16:17-18](#)

[Proverbs 3:5-6](#) [James 4:7](#) [Titus 3:9-11](#)

Defeat

To oppose and cause someone to lose in a competition or war so that the enemy can win over people, positions of authority, territories or nations.

[Ephesians 6:10-18](#) [John 15:18](#) [Matthew 5:1-48](#)

[Deuteronomy 28:1-68](#) [Revelation 20:10](#)



The ways to defeat the enemy is to outsmart him by using God's Word and His 7 strategies against the devil which are:

Love

Joy

Peace

Longsuffering

Kindness

Goodness

Faithfulness