



## Get Ticked Off!

*“Don’t you realize that friendship with the world makes you an enemy of God? I say it again: If you want to be a friend of the world, you make yourself an enemy of God.”*

*James 4:4 (NLT)*

I was bitten by a tick several years ago... just never knew it. I’ve been ticked off ever since! Chasing symptoms, the “wild goose hunt” was on. A test suggested that I might have Lyme disease. I tried all sorts of remedies to no avail. Recently, a Lyme specialist gave me a state-of-the-art test revealing good news and bad. No Lyme! Instead, a tick-borne parasite called Babesia. Fortunately, the prognosis is good. Treatment consists of antibiotics and herbs to create an environment hostile to the little devils. Apparently, at certain stages of their lifecycle they are vulnerable to this cocktail. I must maintain it for months... let it lapse and I’ll miss the bug’s vulnerability window.

Likewise, we must create a spiritual environment hostile to God's enemies... let it lapse and we're vulnerable.

Who would befriend a tick? A silly thought, but these crafty critters know to lie hidden in the places I like to go; amid the tall grasses lining mountain bike trails. Great camo!

Who would befriend God's enemies? An even sillier thought, but God's spiritual enemies are far craftier than a tick. Cloaked in the finest the world has to offer; they're poised to invade.

*Reflect: **Have I been unknowingly infected by God's enemies?***

James stresses the ease of becoming friends with the world; we're naïve! A youth leader I knew pointed out how music innocently opens pathways to our souls, carrying messages, good or bad. Now the lyrics of many songs I loved as a youth shock me. Back then I never realized; I lacked a spiritual environment hostile to God's enemies.

Media is God's enemies' tall grass. Our desire to be informed, entertained, and to effect society draws us. Naïve, we become friends and get infected. Music, media, houses, cars, travel, games... is there any good thing the world offers that hasn't become great camo for God's enemies?

*"Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the*

*world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.” The Apostle John  
(1 John 2:15)*

Should we ditch it all? No! Jesus calls us to engage the world, just not love it. But we must be vigilant... the consequence of spiritual disease (becoming an enemy of God) is disastrous!

**Consider: Maintaining a spiritual environment hostile to God’s enemies... always.**

Advancing your Mission in an infectious world requires you to transform from naïve to discerning. Create an environment hostile to God’s enemies... get ticked off!

## **T**rust the Lord – Faithfully

*“This I declare about the Lord: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him. For he will rescue you from every trap and protect you from deadly disease. He will cover you with his feathers. He will shelter you with his wings. His faithful promises are your armor and protection. Do not be afraid of the terrors of the night, nor the arrow that flies in the day. Do not dread the disease that stalks in darkness, nor the disaster that strikes at midday. Though a thousand fall at your side, though ten thousand are dying around you, these evils will not touch you.” (Psalm 91:2-7)*

## **Inspect Yourself – Regularly**

*“Examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine.” (2 Corinthians 13:5)*

## **Call Up Wisdom – Freely**

*“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you.”  
(James 1:5)*

## **Keep Training – Zealously**

*“Solid food is for those who are mature, who through training have the skill to recognize the difference between right and wrong.” (Hebrews 5:14)*

***Imagine: I’ve foreseen and have prepared for the dangers ahead of me.***

My infection has brought a sense of malaise; periods when I lack energy and initiative. It’s made it difficult for me to focus on what’s important and stolen my joy of living. I anxiously await being cleansed!

Similarly, spiritual disease zaps spiritual energy, makes it difficult to focus on what’s most important, and even renders you ineffective. So much is at stake! How can your Mission advance if you’re infected?

*“A prudent person foresees danger and takes precautions. The*

*simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences.” (Proverbs 27:12)*

The Lord calls you to be savvy, prudent, and wary as you advance your Mission behind enemy lines. His enemies are ready to pounce. Commanded to engage, take the necessary steps to remain spiritual disease free...

### **Get Ticked Off!**

Go off the grid and ask these questions:

---

#### **Coach’s Questions**

- Test myself: Am I infected by spiritual disease? How will I rid myself of it?
- Where do I like to hang out that makes me most vulnerable to becoming infected?
- How will I maintain an environment hostile to God’s enemies in this area?

## **Spirit Talk**

Post this where you will see it regularly.

### **Harden Myself Against Spiritual Disease**

*"A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places."*

*The Apostle Paul | Ephesians 6:10-12 (NLT)*



## **Don't know your Mission?**

Get started by using our 40-day self guided devotional - Mobilize Your Mission.

Thought provoking and challenging, this devotional will lead you to discover your crystal clear, God given Mission, deepen your Intimacy with God, and get you moving down the path of adventure he made you for. You'll appreciate using this as a manual for ongoing support throughout your journey.

---



[Buy Mobilize Your Mission Now!](#)

## Ready for a deeper dive?

Engage the Advisor Guided, **Reach New Peaks Workshop**. It will change your life. Guaranteed. Schedule a free consultation on how to start the process:

“

“If one is seeking direction in life and looking forward to new adventures, **this workshop is the perfect trail map** to get you to your destination!”

~ DAN B.  
Life Mission: Shaping radical existence in the everyday



## Mission Curve Process—Guaranteed

# Adventuring with God

Blog Posts



## Clear-Eyed

What's really going on?... [Keep reading](#)



[View All Blogs](#)



*Copyright © 2024 Mission Curve Advisors, All rights reserved.*

You are receiving this email because you opted in via our website.

**Our mailing address is:**

Mission Curve Advisors  
18160 Cottonwood Rd PMB 440  
Bend, OR 97707-9317

[Add us to your address book](#)

Want to change how you receive these emails?

You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#).

