



Antivirus Software (June 2002)

Recently we had a scare involving a possible virus on our computer. A virus could be described as a malicious computer program that was written with the intentions to infect, harm and propagate itself to spread first throughout your PC and then, if possible, spread itself to other PCs via email, network connections, removable media, etc. Important files and data can be destroyed and quite often these destructive operations happen "behind the scenes" without the user's knowledge and certainly without the user's consent.

It is almost inconceivable that someone could sit down at their home computer with a little knowledge and write such a venomous code for the sole purpose of destroying your files and investment. Bear in mind that this person doesn't even know you and certainly has no regard for you or your belongings. It would seem that they hate you and whatever you represent without reason.

Thankfully there are companies out there that work diligently to protect your equipment and sanity from these very types of attacks. If you don't already own one of these AntiVirus Software programs I highly recommend that you take the necessary steps to protect your equipment and data.

It occurs to me that Satan works much in the same way. Seeking to destroy us and condemn us. Like a virus, the enemy plants seeds of destruction within us to "work behind the scenes" without our cognitive recognition of the attack. Sadly, we often inadvertently infect those around us as well ~ not unlike spreading the computer virus we spoke of above.

Deep within each of us, even those who seem "blemish free" on the outside, exist that same type of malicious code in one form or another. Feelings like anger, jealousy, insecurity, resentment, mistrust, anxiety and fear to name but a few. Unchecked, these "viruses" work behind the scenes to destroy worthwhile data and equipment provided by *our* manufacturer.

Take heart though for our creator has already given us the ultimate "AntiVirus software" through His son Jesus Christ and the promise of the Holy Spirit that resides within us as counselor for matters such as these. You can rest assured that God's software is at battle against these "viruses" even now as you read this. And God is flashing you a warning light on the computer screen of your mind to point out these nasty codes before you suffer irreparable damage.

All He asks is that we clear our minds and seek Him first. And talk about a bargain! You can own this and over 7,000 other promises for no monetary investment at all! Christ already stamped your invoice, "Paid In Full."

God Bless All of You!