**A LION WAITING TO POUNCE**

 Lurking in the grass waiting to pounce is our adversary, the devil. In **I Peter 5:8** we are reminded of this enemy. He is described as a roaring lion seeking to devour anyone he can. He is low and waiting to catch that moment of weakness and then pounce! When you think of a roaring lion it is one that is hungry and ready to do whatever they can for the next meal. It is fearsome and powerful and able to take down whatever prey it possibly can.

Satan is using any all tools he can to create a stumbling point for us (**I John 2:15-17**). He wants us to lust after others, he wants us to be jealous and envious of what others have, he wants us to put a price on our soul, whether possession or monetary value.

What am I to do? We can look again to **I Peter 5:8**. We are to be sober, that is to be clear minded. While the devil is trying to allure me to give into temptation, I am to be aware of his devices. I need to think about what I am facing and not do a knee jerk reaction. I am to be vigilant, that means to be watchful and cautious. Both of those qualities teach us to be careful of how we live and walk. Let’s look to Jesus to help better prepare and face these temptations (**Hebrews 12:1-2**). **Daniel N Sanders**