

Devices of the devil

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Introduction

1. 2 Corinthians 2:11; 11:13-15
2. The devil will use whatever mean possible to win converts.
3. We must know these plans so that we can defeat them.
4. If we faced an adversary we would want to know everything about him 1 Peter 5:8
5. What will the devil use to win souls to his side?

II Discussion

1. Distractions
 - a. We are to be looking unto Jesus Hebrews 12:2; Colossians 3:1-2
 - b. The Christian life should be focused and disciplined.
 - c. The devil will throw distractions along the way to hinder us. Hebrews 12:3b
 - d. Adam Eve were distracted by Satan using the tree
 - e. David was distracted by Bathsheba
 - f. Peter was distracted by the waves. Matthew 14
 - g. The world distracts us. 1 John 2:15-17; James 4:4
2. Disillusioned
 - a. The great prophet Elijah 1 Kings 19:10
 - b. Peter was also and Elijah was there Mark 9:5
 - c. He announced the famine for wicked Ahab
 - d. Fed by ravens morning and evening also by a widow
 - e. He confronted 450 prophets of Baal showing that God was God. 1 Kings 18:27
 - f. Yet he had no scrapbook of the victories he became disillusioned.
 - g. We too can forget and become disillusioned John 10:10; James 4:7; Philippians 4:17
 - h. Oh victory in Jesus!
3. Depression
 - a. Satan does not fight fair he used depression and stress to gain souls.
 - b. We can do more than we think Philippians 4:13; Matthew 19:26
 - c. We need to resign from the kingdom of thingdom! Psalm 37:1-9; Matthew 6:33
 - d. Relax 1 Kings 19:5-8; Mark 6:31; Genesis 2:1-3
 - e. Learn to pray and meditate. Psalm 1:2; 119:11; Matthew 11:28
 - f. Fellowship, when we are around others of like precious faith the burdens of life are easier Acts 2:42, 46; James 5:14-16; Galatians 6:1-2
4. Deceptive Scholars
 - a. There are men and women who are very learned in the doctrine and philosophy of men rather than in the Word of God. Matthew 15:9
 - b. By smooth words and fair speeches deceive. Ephesians 4:14; Romans 16:17-18

- c. Because of their “scholarship” they persuade men not to study. 2 Timothy 2:15
- d. These ministers of Satan dissuade people
 - i. In believing there is a hell
 - ii. That children need to find and choose their own faith
 - iii. That sin is no longer shame Jerermiah 6:15
 - iv. Bible interpretation is all about how you feel the passage says
- e. We must return to the Word of God. Matthew 4:4; Jude 3; John 8:32
- 5. Disorderly Disciples
 - a. Some brethren are unruly 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 2 Thessalonians 3:6,11-15; 1 Timothy 1:19-20; Romans 16:17-18
 - b. Aaron and Miriam were disorderly against Moses. Numbers 12
 - c. We need not become like one of these.

III Conclusion

1. Satan will use any means he can to win people to his side, then he forgets them
2. We can see clearly that this is so and he is using these things
3. But Jesus came to give us life and we can have it more abundantly.
4. Now we must decide what we want to do, how we want to live, yes it is a choice!

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