

## TRICKS OF THE DEVIL

### Int.

1. Aim: To show the characteristics of the devil and what he tries to do.
2. Eph. 6:11. "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."
  - a. The devil is tricky - sneaky - deceptive.
  - b. He is a false accuser. He estranges mankind from God by enticing them to sin. Thayer p. 135
  - c. T.E.V. "...the devil's evil tricks."
  - d. 2 Cor. 2:11 "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." Devices = Schemes [World English Bible]
3. If we are aware of some of the tricks of the devil then it will help us to overcome them.  
To be forewarned is to be forearmed.

### Discussion

#### I. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DEVIL

- A. D -- DECEITFUL
  1. He tries to make us think evil is good and good is evil
  2. He makes sin glamorous
  3. Heb. 3:13 "...deceitfulness of sin."
  4. 2 Tim. 2:26 "...snare of the devil." - - - trap, a trick, lure

## B. E -- EVIL

1. Devil - the evil one, wicked, immoral
2. Eph. 6:11 ASV
3. He wants everyone to be just like him

C. V -- VAIN

1. Vain = of no real value, folly - the devil does nothing of any good, profitless
2. The devil is fruitless, worthless
3. He wants our life to be vain just like his.

D. I -- INIQUITY

1. The condition of one without law, either by ignorance violation.
2. Injustice, unfair - Mt. 23:28 "Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."

E. L -- LIAR

1. He is a falsifier - attempt to deceive by falsehood
2. Jn. 8:44 "...for he is a liar, and the father of it."
3. The devil promises the best and gives the Worst.
4. "When he lies he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies"  
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5. "The devil has nothing to do with truth. There is no truth in him. It is expected of the devil to lie, for he is a liar and the father of lies." New Life Version

## **II. THE MANY NAMES OF THE DEVIL**

- A. This being is know by other names than just Satan or Devil
- B. These other names describe his character:
  1. Angel of Bottomless pit - ----- Rev. 9:11 - Abaddon - destroying angel
  2. Prince of this world ----- Jn. 12:31
  3. Ruler of Darkness ----- Eph. 6:12
  4. Roaring lion ----- I Pet. 5:8
    - a. Roar - shows he is hungry
    - b. Lion - symbol of strength & ferocity
  5. Adversary ----- I Pet. 5:8 - opponent
  6. Beelzebub ----- Mt. 12:24 - god fly, dung god
  7. Serpent ----- Rev. 20:2
  8. Dragon ----- Rev. 20:2
  9. The god of this world ----- 2 Cor. 4:4
  10. Tempter ----- I Thes.3:5 - Entice

## **III. THREE TRICKS OF THE DEVIL**

- A. Keep you out of the church {1st}
  1. There is but one church according to Paul - Eph. 4:4. "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; ---- Eph. 1:22. "And hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, 23. Which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all in all."

2. The saved are in the church -
  - a. Acts 2:47 "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."
  - b. When you are saved the Lord adds you to His church
3. The devil knows this and he tries to keep you out.
4. Luke 8:12. "Those by the way side are they that hear; then cometh the devil, and taketh away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved."
5. The devil does his best to keep all out of the church.
6. Agrippa - Acts 26:28

#### B. Get you Back into Sin {2}

1. The devil does not give up even after you are added to the church.
2. He knows:
  - a. You can fall from Grace - 1 Cor. 10:12 "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall."
  - b. The latter end is worse - 2 Pet. 2:20-21
3. The doctrine of "Once saved always saved" is the Devil's doctrine.
4. Many times the Devil is successful - Demas is an example - 2 Tim. 4:10
5. The Devil enjoys getting a backslider.
  - a. He will probably never lose him again
  - b. This backslider helps keep others out of the Church.

C. RENDER YOU WORTHLESS IN THE CHURCH {3}

1. If the devil can't keep you out or get you out of the church, he will do everything within his power to make you useless in the church.
2. The devil would like for you to:
  - a. Miss most of the services - Heb. 10:25,26
  - b. Never study the Bible -
    - (1) You are not smart enough
    - (2) You've not got enough time to go to Bible Study
  - c. Fail to Pray
  - d. Not to eat the Lord's Supper - I Cor. 11:29
  - e. Not give much money to the church- I Cor. 16:11
3. If you would follow his advice - then you would be spiritually ignorant, which would please the Devil.
4. Jas. 4:17. "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin."
5. The Devil doesn't want you to get involved in the work of the church. It makes you strong and that is what he despises more than anything else in all the world.
6. The devil encourages you to be a watch-dog
  - a. Criticize and find fault
  - b. It is much easier to tear down than build up

## CONCLUSION

1. The Devil is full of Tricks
    - a. He is out to get everyone
    - b. He will destroy you if he gets a chance.
  2. He wants you to become his child. The devil is not an idle spirit, he is a busy person trying to get you to be with him.
  3. Eph. 4:27 "Neither give place to the devil."
  4. You must be born again - obey the Gospel - grow and mature and learn how to overcome the devil.
  5. Jas. 4:7 "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."
  6. EPH 6:10 - 17 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; 15. And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16. Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. 17. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:"
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