

6 Dark Tricks of Satan That Will DESTROY You, UNLESS...

TRICK 1 - SATAN DISTRACTS YOU WITH THE CARES OF THIS LIFE

And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. **Mark 4:19**

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. **Matthew 6:33**

We must prioritize spending time with God, and seeking His will. If we do this, He will take care of all our other needs.

And in the morning, rising up a great while before day, he went out, and departed into a solitary place, and there prayed. **Mark 1:35**

Jesus made sure that He took time out of His schedule to seek the Father in prayer. Notice that He did this in private, and in the morning – which is an excellent strategy to make sure we are consistent with our devotional life.

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. **1 John 2:15-17**

TRICK 2 – SATAN TEMPTS YOU IN YOUR WEAK AREAS

We are only as strong as our weakest link, so we must put our trust in God to give us victory in every area of our life. Is this possible? Absolutely! The Bible tells us:

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations... **2 Peter 2:9**

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. **Philippians 4:3**

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. **James 4:7**

TRICK 3 – Satan SLOWLY ERODES YOUR BRAIN WITH WORLDLY MEDIA

If you think the devil won't use music, movies, and social media to destroy you, then you are deceived.

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. **Romans 12:2**

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. **Philippians 4:8**

TRICK 4 – SATAN MAKES YOU RELY ON YOUR PASTOR INSTEAD OF YOUR BIBLE

How can we know the truth? What should we trust more – the Bible, or the pastor? The Bible says

...We ought to obey God rather than men. **Acts 5:29**

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so. **Acts 17:11**

It does matter which church teaches it, or how popular a teaching is, we must simply ask “Is it true?”

Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat. **Matthew 7:13**

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. **2 Timothy 2:15**

TRICK 5 – SATAN DARKENS YOUR MIND WITH DEPRESSION

One of the greatest tricks that Satan uses to destroy God’s people is depression. He wants us to focus on the size of our problems, and forget the size of our God. Don’t fall for it friend.

As Christians, we must learn to live our life our lives on faith, and not on feelings:

For we walk by faith, not by sight. **2 Corinthians 5:7**

It was once said that our faith should be the engine that drives us. On a train, it is the engine that powers and propels the train. Our feelings should be the caboose on the train, not the engine. The caboose of a train is comfortable, and nice to have, but is not necessary to drive the train forward. In the same way, we can’t let our emotions decide how we live our lives. We must live by faith.

The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. **Psalms 9:9**

TRICK 6 – SATAN TURNS FAMILY AND LOVED ONES AGAINST YOU

We should absolutely love and cherish our family, but we must always love God more than anything or anyone. Our greatest loyalty must be with Him.

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. **Matthew 10:37**

This may mean choosing to obey a Bible teaching or attending a church that our family disapproves of. Our obedience to God must come first.

You shall love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. **Deuteronomy 6:5**

This love for Jesus can only come by experience – by spending time with Him in prayer and Bible study, by living for Him and gaining precious victories over sin by His power, and by remembering Him, and the things He has done for you.

Love for Jesus is the secret to a victorious Christian life.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. **1 Peter 5:8**

Stay faithful to the end friends, so that you receive a crown of life.