

## Our Adversary The Devil



## The Incredible Mind Monster

### **1 Tim 3:6-7**

<sup>6</sup>He must not be a recent convert, or he may become puffed up with conceit and fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup>Moreover, he must be well thought of by outsiders, so that he may not fall into disgrace, into a snare of the devil.

### **Principle #1**

**Satan Attempts to Steal the Word of God From the Hearts of Men and Women.**

### **A. From Unbelievers**

#### **Matt 13:1-4**

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup>Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup>Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup>As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

#### **Matt 13:18-19**

<sup>18</sup>"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path.

## **2 Cor 4:4**

<sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

## **B. From Believers**

**To Get You to Think and Live Outside of God's Word and Will.**

## **B. From Believers (cont.)**

### **Ephesians 6:16**

<sup>16</sup>In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

### **2 Cor. 11:3**

<sup>3</sup>But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

### **Matt 16:23**

<sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man."

### **Acts 5:3**

<sup>3</sup>But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land?"

### **1 Cor. 7:5**

<sup>5</sup>Do not deprive one another, except perhaps by agreement for a limited time, that you may devote yourselves to prayer; but then come together again, so that Satan may not tempt you because of your lack of self-control.

### **Eph 4:26-27**

<sup>26</sup>Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, <sup>27</sup>and give no opportunity to the devil.

## **C. He Opposes Those Who Preach the Gospel**

### **1 Thess 2:17-18**

<sup>17</sup>But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, <sup>18</sup>because we wanted to come to you--I, Paul, again and again--but Satan hindered us.

## Romans 15:22

<sup>22</sup>This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you.

## Principle #2 Satan Attempts to Slander Both God and man

- ~ Gen 3 Accuses God to man
  - \* Open attack on God's character
- ~ Job 1 & 2 Accuses Man to God
  - \* You don't think Job serves you for nothing?
- ~ Accuses Man to Man

## 3<sup>rd</sup> - We Worked Our Way Thru 1 Peter 5:8-9

<sup>8</sup>Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. <sup>9</sup>Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

- ~ He wants to devour you
- ~ To greedily gulp you down

**Real warning about a real enemy with real danger**

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### 2 Cor. 2:11

<sup>11</sup>so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.

### Serpents First Words:

**"Did God actually say?"**

See – he is getting Eve to think!

**Gen 3:4 - "you will not surely die!"**

### **Gen 3:17-18**

<sup>17</sup>And to Adam he said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, 'You shall not eat of it,' cursed is the ground because of you; in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life; <sup>18</sup>thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field.

### **Luke 8:35**

<sup>35</sup>Then people went out to see what had happened, and they came to Jesus and found the man from whom the demons had gone, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind, and they were afraid.

### **Phil 4:6-8**

<sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup>Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is

any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

### **2 Cor. 10:5**

<sup>5</sup>We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,