

The Playbook of **WICKEDNESS**

The plays of Wickedness have not changed since iniquity was found. In this evil age, every play is used by those who serve Wickedness. Raise the red flag when they are seen, be alert and careful for Wickedness flourishes in these latter days. Love the truth; it will keep from deception.

“The coming of the lawless one is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders, and with every wicked deception directed against those who are perishing, because THEY REFUSED TO LOVE THE TRUTH AND SO BE SAVED” (II Thessalonians 2:9-10).

Question the narrative of the news reporters and people who claim to know the story. Search for the truth, test your findings by the word of God and do not lean on your own understanding, but press God earnestly for His guidance into truth, so that you may be saved.

Wickedness does not hide his plays. Jesus was a perpetual victim of the ruthless, malicious plays of Wickedness.



Liars:

“You belong to your father, the devil, and **you want to carry out your father's desires**. He was a murderer from the beginning, **not holding to the truth**, for there is no truth in him. **When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies”** (John 8:44).



Deceivers, twisting good works into evil:

“And when the demon had been driven out, the man began to speak. The crowds were amazed and said, “Nothing like this has ever been seen in Israel! But the **Pharisees said, “It is by the prince of demons that He drives out demons.”** Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and **healing every disease and sickness”** (Matthew 9:33-35).



Accusers, falsely accusing in order to bring a charge:

“On another Sabbath He entered the synagogue and was teaching; and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. But He knew what they were thinking, and He said to the man with the withered hand, "Get up and come forward!" And he got up and came forward. And Jesus said to them, "I ask you, **is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save a life or to destroy it?"**" (Luke 6:6-11).

“The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were **looking for false evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death”** (Matthew 26:59).



Character assassins, blackening and slandering every good action:

Jesus said, "John [the Baptist] came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon.' The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard a friend of tax collectors and 'sinners'" (Matthew 11:18-19).



Tricksters, weaving malicious arguments to entrap:

"What then will the owner of the vineyard do? He will come and kill those tenants and give the vineyard to others. Haven't you read this scripture: 'The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes'?" Then they looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them... Then they sent some of the Pharisees and Herodians to Him **in order to trap Him in a statement**" (Mark 12:9-12).

"So, they watched Him, and **sent spies who pretended to be righteous**, in order that they might **catch Him in some statement**, so that they could deliver Him to the rule and the authority of the governor" (Luke 20:20).

"When He left there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile and to question Him closely on many subjects, **plotting against Him to catch Him in something He might say**" (Luke 11:53-54).



Haters, filled with rage and angst:

"Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words... 'Tell us then, what do You think? Is it lawful to give a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?' But **Jesus perceived their malice**, and said, "Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites? "Show Me the coin used for the poll-tax." And they brought Him a denarius" (Matthew 22:15-22).

"But they themselves were **filled with rage**, and discussed together what they might do to Jesus" (Luke 6:11).



Mockers, emotionally hindered following the mob:

"**Those who passed by hurled insults at him**, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who are going to destroy the temple and build it in three days, **save yourself! Come down from the cross, if you are the Son of God!**' In the same way **the chief priests, the teachers of the law and the elders mocked him**. 'He saved others,' they said, 'but **he can't save himself!** He's the king of Israel! **Let him come down from the cross, and will believe in him!**'... In the same way **the robbers who were crucified with him also heaped insults on him**" (Matthew 27:39-42, 44).



Bribers and enticers, paying-off informants:

"And after the chief priests had met with the elders and formed a plan, **they gave the soldiers a large sum of money** telling them, "**You are to say**, 'His disciples came during the night and stole him away while we were asleep'" (Matthew 28:12-13).



Conspirators, plotting the death of those in their way:

Jesus saw into their perpetual conspiracy against him. He spoke a parable. "But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, '**This is the heir. Come, let's kill him and take his inheritance.**' So, they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and **killed him** ... When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard Jesus' parables, they knew he was talking about them. (Matthew 21:38-39, 45).

"But the Pharisees went out and **plotted how they might kill Jesus**" (Matthew 12:14).

"Then the chief priests and the elders of the people assembled in the palace of the high priest, whose name was Caiaphas, and **they schemed to arrest Jesus secretly and kill him**" (Matthew 26:3-4).



Outlaws, despisers of God:

"So, you must be careful to **do everything they tell you**. But **do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach**. They tie up heavy, burdensome loads and lay them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them" (Matthew 23:3-4).

Jesus said, "Be on guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees." "Then they understood that he was not telling them to guard against the yeast used in bread but **against the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees**" (Matthew 16:11b-12).

"So, the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, 'Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?' He replied, 'Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. **They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.**' **You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men**" (Mark 7:5-8).

God has called believers back into His word to live honestly, care for and love one another. Find ways to support each other and resolve conflicts peacefully. "Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must **be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that THEY WILL COME TO THEIR SENSES AND ESCAPE FROM THE TRAP OF THE DEVIL, WHO HAS TAKEN THEM CAPTIVE TO DO HIS WILL**" (II Timothy 2:23-26).

Recognize the red flags and avoid them. There is no place for Wickedness in the lives of those who serve the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

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