

Squirrel strategies



Several churches were having problems with squirrels damaging their buildings.

The Presbyterian church called a meeting to decide what to do about their squirrel infestation. After much prayer and consideration, they concluded that the squirrels were predestined to be there, and they should not interfere with God's divine will.

At the Baptist church, the deacons met and decided to put a water-slide on the baptistry and let the squirrels drown themselves. The squirrels liked the slide and, unfortunately, knew instinctively how to swim, so twice as many squirrels showed up the following week, and soon ended up destroying the church.

But the Catholic church came up with a more creative strategy! They baptized all the squirrels and made them members of the church. Now the squirrels are only seen at Christmas and Easter.

Not much was heard from the Jewish synagogue. They took the first squirrel and circumcised him. They haven't seen a squirrel since.

Ha!

There are GOOD strategies, and there are bad strategies.

As The Church of the Springs Bible Study learned Wednesday night, satan himself has strategies to destroy us. So WE need to PLAN strategies AGAINST the devil, and figure out ways how to defend and protect our families AND ourselves. ("Be as shrewd as serpents!" from Matthew 10:16)

Here are **5 STEPS** to defeat him, and honor God in the process:

READ AND MEMORIZE

Psalms 119:11 "I have hidden Your Word in my heart, so that I might not sin against You."

AVOID UNGODLY THOUGHTS

Isaiah 55:7b "...Banish from your mind, dismiss (throw away) from your mind the very thought of doing wrong."

THINK GOOD

Philippians 4:8 "And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing: Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."

DO GOOD

Philippians 2:12b-13 "...Be careful to DO the GOOD things that RESULT from your being rescued, obeying God with DEEP reverence, and shrinking back from ANYTHING that might displease Him. For God IS at work within you, helping you WANT to obey Him, and then helping you to DO the good that God wants you to do."

SUCCESS!

James 4:7b "Resist the devil and he WILL flee from you!"

AMEN!