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Be Aware of Satan's Devices

Introduction:

We are at war with Satan! (Ephesians 6:12) *“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of*

wickedness in the heavenly places.” NKJV He has an arsenal of weapons at his disposal. He uses a variety of tricks and traps to try and defeat us. (II Corinthians 11:3, 14) *“But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ. 14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.”* NKJV We must not be ignorant of his devices. (II Corinthians 2:11) *“lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.”* NKJV So what are these devices and how can I defend myself.

Body:

Be Aware Of Satan's Devices



I. Satan's Arsenal

- **Pride** (Proverbs 16:18) *"Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall."* NKJV Satan can use a person's pride to bring about his downfall.

An Old Testament example: Deuteronomy 8:11-14, 17-19
"Beware that you do not forget the Lord your God by not keeping His commandments. His judgments, and His statutes which I command you today, lest – when you have eaten and are full, and have built beautiful houses and dwell in them, and when your herds and your flocks multiply, and your silver and your gold are multiplied, and all that you have is multiplied; when your heart is lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, from the house of bondage; 17 then you say in your heart, 'My power and the might of my hand have gained me this wealth.' And you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He swore to your fathers, as it is this day. Then it shall be, if you by any means forget the Lord your God, and follow other gods, and serve them and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish." NKJV Pride may keep one from admitting wrong and therefore losing one's soul.

(I John 1:9-10) *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us."* NKJV

- **Envy and jealousy** (James 3:13-16) *"Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there."* NKJV An example of where this may lead is Cain and Abel. (I John 3:12) *"not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous."* NKJV
- **Division in the church** (I Corinthians 1:10-13) *"Now I plead with you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. For it has been declared to me concerning you, my brethren, by those of Chloe's household, that there are contentions among you. Now I say this, that each of you says, 'I am of Paul,' or 'I am of Apollos,' or 'I am of Cephas,' or 'I am of Christ.' Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?"* NKJV Strife is indicative of carnal behavior. (I Corinthians 3:1-4) *"And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in*

Christ. I fed you with milk and not with solid food; for until now you were not able to receive it, and even now you are still not able; for you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men? For when one says, 'I am of Paul,' and another, 'I am of Apollos,' are you not carnal?" NKJV Satan loves strife in the church and those that cause it.

- **Family/Self** (Luke 14:26-27) *"If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and his own life also, he cannot be My disciple. And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple."* NKJV One's family can be used by Satan to lead him away from Christ. Solomon's wives caused him to sin against God.

(I Kings 11:1-4) "But King Solomon loved many foreign women, as well as the daughter of Pharaoh: women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites – from the nations of whom the Lord had said to the children of Israel, 'You shall not intermarry with them, nor they with you. Surely they will turn away your hearts after their gods.' Solomon clung to these in love. And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines; and his wives turned away his heart. For it was so, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned his heart after other gods; and his heart was not loyal to the Lord his God, as was the heart of his father David." NKJV

- **Time** (Ephesians 5:15-16) *"See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil."* NKJV Satan can tempt us to use our time for evil, not good. (Psalm 90:12) *"So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom."* (John 12:35) *"Then Jesus said to them, 'A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going.'"* NKJV
- **Itching Ears** (II Timothy 4:3-4) *"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap up for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables."* NKJV Satan deceives people by tempting them to think the Bible's truths are boring. So they always want to hear new things, teachings contrary to God's Word. (Acts 17:19-21) *"And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, 'May we know what this new doctrine is of which you speak? For you are bringing some strange things to our ears. Therefore we want to know what these things mean.' For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing."* NKJV
- **Doubt** (II Corinthians 4:3-4) *"Satan can cause doubt of God's Word by having "experts" claim that the earth is billions of years*

old, that man evolved from lower forms of life, that man is just an animal with no soul, that Noah's flood never happened, etc.

- Note I Timothy 6:20-21. *“O Timothy! Guard what was committed to your trust, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge – by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.”* NKJV Evolution and such like is science [knowledge] falsely so called. While Satan has more weapons in his arsenal, these demonstrate some of his schemes and traps.

II. Our Defenses

- Grow up and be an adult – mature and sober. (Ephesians 4:14-15) *“that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning, craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head – Christ”* – NKJV
- Be constantly on guard. (I Peter 5:8-9) *“Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.”* NKJV
- Be regular in prayer. (Colossians 4:2) *“Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;”* NKJV
- Stay in the Word. (Psalm 119:11) *“Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.”* NKJV
- Put on the whole armor of God. (Ephesians 6:10-11) *“Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”* NKJV

Conclusion:

Always remember that God is greater than Satan. (I John 4:4) *“You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.”* NKJV

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Matt 11:28-29

"Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls."