

# Some Tricks Of The Devil

Intro: As a basis for our study let us notice 1 Pet. 5:8 <sup>48</sup> "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour;" and Jam. 4:7 <sup>47</sup> "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." The devil is cunning and crafty and uses all the tricks in his book. The devil wants to:

## I. KEEP YOU OUT OF THE CHURCH.

### A. He knows that there is but one church.

1. There is only one.
  - a. Mat. 16:18 <sup>48</sup> "And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."
  - b. Eph. 4:4 <sup>44</sup> "There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;" cf. Eph. 1:22-23 <sup>22</sup> "And hath put all *things* under his feet, and gave him *to be* the head over all *things* to the church, <sup>23</sup> Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all."
2. All the saved are in it.
  - a. Acts 2:47 <sup>47</sup> "Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved."
  - b. Eph. 5:23 <sup>23</sup> "For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body."
3. All the promises of God are in it; 2 Cor. 1:20 <sup>20</sup> "For all the promises of God in him *are* yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."
4. All spiritual blessings are in it; Eph. 1:3 <sup>3</sup> "Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ."
5. In contrast notice the condition of the lost; Eph. 2:12 <sup>12</sup> "That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:"

### B. Yet, there are many counterfeit churches the devil tries to get us into.

## II. GET YOU BACK INTO THE WORLD.

- A. Heb. 6:4 <sup>4</sup> "For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost,"
- B. 2 Pet. 2:20-22 <sup>20</sup> "For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. <sup>21</sup> For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known *it*, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. <sup>22</sup> But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog *is* turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

## III. RENDER YOU WORTHLESS TO THE CHURCH.

### A. Do not study.

1. 2 Tim. 3:15 <sup>15</sup> "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."
2. Heb. 5:12 <sup>12</sup> "For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which *be* the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not

of strong meat.” cf. 2 Pet. 3:18 <sup>18</sup> “But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.”

3. Hos. 4:6 <sup>6</sup> “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”

**B. Do not pray.**

1. 1 The. 5:17 <sup>17</sup> “Pray without ceasing.”
2. Jam. 5:16 <sup>16</sup> “Confess *your* faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

**C. Do not attend services much.**

1. Acts 2:42, 47 <sup>42</sup> “And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.... <sup>47</sup> Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”
2. Acts 20:7 <sup>7</sup> “And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight.”
3. Thus, do not take the Lord’s Supper.
4. Do not give;
  - a. 1 Cor. 16:1-2 <sup>1</sup> “Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. <sup>2</sup> Upon the first *day* of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as *God* hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.”
  - b. 2 Cor. 9:6-7 <sup>6</sup> “But this *I say*, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. <sup>7</sup> Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for *God loveth a cheerful giver*.”
  - c. Mat. 6:21 <sup>21</sup> “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”

**D. Do not do personal work.**

1. Afraid we might offend someone.
2. Let someone else (the preacher or elders) do it.
3. Mat. 28:19-20 <sup>19</sup> “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world. Amen.” Mark 16:15-16 <sup>15</sup> “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup> He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.”
4. 1 Cor. 1:21 <sup>21</sup> “For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.”
5. 2 Tim. 2:2 <sup>2</sup> “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.”

**E. Be a watchdog (criticize and find fault with everything).**

1. 1 Cor. 10:10 <sup>10</sup> “Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.” cf. Num. 14:2, 27-29 <sup>2</sup> “And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron: and the whole congregation said unto them, Would God that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would God we had died in this wilderness!... <sup>27</sup> How long *shall I bear with* this evil congregation, which murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against me. <sup>28</sup> Say unto them, *As truly as I live*, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: <sup>29</sup> Your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, which have murmured against me,”
2. Phi. 2:14 <sup>14</sup> “Do all things without murmurings and disputings:”

**Conclusion:** Eph. 6:10-18 <sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high *places*. <sup>13</sup> Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; <sup>15</sup> And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: <sup>18</sup> Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;”