

The Devil Knows...

Introduction



1. The Devil is alive and well in the world today.

1 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.

2. Jesus said: Luke 8:12 “Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.”

A. Being saved is the last thing that Satan wants anyone to be!

3. Some may think of the devil as being an imaginary being, and not as one who really does exist.

A. But Jesus declares him to be an ACTIVE being!

4. This got me to thinking this past week, that there are many things that the devil knows for certain.

The Devil knows that Jesus is the Son of God

1. The Devil tempted Jesus

Matthew 4:1-11

2. Jesus was asked to do something that no mere man could do.

Matt 4:3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread."

A. If the Devil could get the Son of God to give in to him, then he would have been the victor.

The Devil knows who every accountable child belongs to

1. Child of God

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

Phil 2:15-16 that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life, so that I may rejoice in the day of Christ

2. Child of the Devil

Acts 13:8-10 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, **you son of the devil**, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?"

1 John 3:10 In this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother.

The Devil knows that most people have already been secured

**1. Those that do not practice righteousness are his (1 John 3:10).
Romans 1:20-32**

2. Those that do not know God nor obey God

2 Thess 1:7-9 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His power,

The Devil knows that most people don't realize that

1. He is powerful

Eph 2:1-2 And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,

Eph 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.

2. He is subtle and deceives men

Genesis 3:1-7

2 Cor 11:3 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.

3. He is the father of lies

John 8:44 You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

4. He is deceitful, a master of disguise

2 Cor 11:14-15 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

A. He knows that he can be successful because most do not see him for what he really is!

6. He is wicked

1 John 2:13

The Devil knows that he needs to concentrate his efforts on those in God's Kingdom, the church

1. To get them to sin and practice sin any way he can

1 John 3:8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

2. To cause one to procrastinate, disregard and rebel at the preached word of God

Luke 8:12 Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

3. To disguise himself as a friendly, helpful individual

A. The devil strives to gain your trust and confidence while quietly and smoothly eating away at your faith, stealing your time away from God.

1 Cor 15:33 Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits."

4. To get Christians to tolerate just one "pet" sin in their life. Reasoning that one sin is alright.

1 Corinthians 5:6-7

5. To get Christians to become discouragers instead of encouragers.

A. Divisiveness, negativeness, whining, complaining, idle words, hurtful words, gossip will prove to be the undoing of any group of Christians!

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers.

Finally, The Devil knows that he has lost those that

1. Study

2 Timothy 2:15

Hebrews 11:6

2. Practice Righteousness

Rom 12:1-2 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

Rom 6:17-18 But God be thanked that though you were slaves of sin, yet you obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine to which you were delivered. And having been set free from sin, you became slaves of righteousness.

3. Watch for him

Acts 20:28-31

4. Resist him

James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

5. Fight against him

Ephesians 6:11-16

6. Overcome

1 John 2:13 I write to you, fathers, Because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, Because you have overcome the wicked one. I write to you, little children, Because you have known the Father.

