



OVERCOMING EVIL

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. Romans 12:21

SATAN MASTER OF DECEPTION

And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. Genesis 2:16-17

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil. Genesis 3: 1-5

So Eve repeats to Satan what God told Adam, that they would die if they ate from that tree, and Satan says no you won't. Satan doesn't deny God said it, he just calls God a liar.

DIVERSION

Satan looks to get us to focus on ANY THING other than Jesus. Adam and Eve could eat from any tree in the garden but that one, but Satan got Eve to focus on that one forbidden tree;

And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food (**lust of the flesh**), and that it was pleasant to the eyes (**lust of the eyes**), and a tree to be desired to make one wise (**pride of life**), she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat. Genesis 3:6 (**I John 2:16**)

DESTRUCTION

Satan's goal: to destroy us through deception and diversion.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: I Peter 5:8

He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. John 8:44b

**Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.
Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. James 4:7-8a**

GOD

I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the wicked one. 1 John 2:13

HAS OVERCOME

Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world. 1 John 4:4

These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world. John 16:33

DEVOTION

But we will give ourselves continually to prayer, Acts 6:4a

Prayer is spiritual work – humbling work. It abases intellect and pride, crucifies vainglory, and signals our spiritual bankruptcy. It is the most earnest of the conquering forces with which God will crown our labors, and the most demanding of all disciplines.

Give ear to my words, O Lord, consider my meditation. Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my God: for unto thee will I pray. Psalm 5:1-2

The greatest victories are often the results of great waiting – waiting until words and plans are exhausted. Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not. Jeremiah 33:3

DISCIPLINE

Let thine eyes look right on, and let thine eyelids look straight before thee. Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil. Proverbs 4:15-27

Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain. And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. 1 Corinthians 9:24-27

No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier. 2 Timothy 2:4

DOING

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you. Philippians 4:9

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed. James 1:22-25

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. Romans 12:2