

**The Genesis Of
All Mankind's Problems IV**

How To Overcome Satan's Attacks

- I. Satan's Tactics To make you his puppet
- A. **SATAN'S TACTICS** (*A Downward Spiral*)
1. **DISTRACTION** (from God's Word)
 - a. **Focusing on the Body using the Flesh**
 - b. **Focusing on the Soul using the world**
 - c. **Focusing on the Physical and Ignoring the Spirit and eternity using demons**
 2. **DECEPTION** (of what God says)
 3. **DOUBT** (in what God says)
 4. **DISCONTENT** (in what God is doing or has done)
 5. **DENIAL** (of God's Word)
 6. **DISHONOR** (of a Holy God in Word)
 7. **DISOBEDIENCE** (by actions against God's Word)
 8. **DISMISSIAL** by God

OUR 5 SENSES IS ARE THE GATES BY WHICH SATAN GETS IN

II. DISTRACTION

(NKJV) Ge 3:6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, (*the flesh appealing to the body*) that it was pleasant to the eyes, (*using a thing of the world appealing to the soul*) and a tree desirable to make one wise, (*using demons to weaken the spirit*) she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.

(NKJV) Jas 1:14 But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. **15** Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.

- A. Satan perfected techniques that work on us today. We fall for the oldest tricks in the book! Unfortunately, we don't take the time to learn from the mistakes of our ancestors. A wise man learns from the mistakes of others, but a fool chooses to learn from his own.

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- B. How satan gets in: Think of the Gates to a fort or castle. The walls are there to protect the inhabitants. They are in the fort but there are gates that people go through to receive goods and services from the outside. They are the way of entry. Beneficial things can enter through the gates well as the enemy.

Once the enemy gets in he can take control and defeat the people.

(NKJV) Pr 4:23 Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.

III. The Way Satan Gets into the heart of man: The five gates to the Soul – The 5 Senses

sATAN DISTRACTS US BY GETTING US TO FOCUS ON THE BODY USING THE FLESH

- A. *Distracting by getting us to **Focusing on the Body** - good for food,*
1. His first attack – Things attractive and appealing to our bodies
 2. biological drives; urges of our bodies.
 3. Alcohol, drugs, cigarettes, sex

sATAN DISTRACTS US BY GETTING US TO FOCUS ON THE SOUL USING THE WORLD

- B. *Distracting by getting us to **Focusing on the Soul** - pleasant to the eyes*
1. *Mind, will, emotions, intellect*
 2. the world's charms; stuff of the world; things that affect our intellect

sATAN DISTRACTS BY GETTING US TO FOCUS ON THE PHYSICAL AND IGNORE OUR SPIRITUAL IDENTITY USING DEMONS

- C. *Distracting by getting us to **Focusing on the Physical and Ignoring the Spirit and eternity** - desirable to make one wise*
1. to get you to turn away from serving God
 2. moving you away from spiritual things
 - a. Note Importantly: Serving god is worshiping him!

SERVING GOD IS WORSHIPPING HIM

DISTRACT BY APPEALING TO OUR BODY WITH THE FLESH

What To Do!

- A. **Flesh attacks the appetites of the Body.** Wants you to choose to satisfy the desires of the flesh. All around in the media, enjoy life, Go for all the Gusto! Sex Appeal

(NKJV) Ga 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

3. **Adultery** (moicheia): sexual unfaithfulness to husband or wife.. Looking at and lusting after the opposite sex whether in person, magazines, books, internet, church or anywhere else is adultery. Imagining and lusting within the heart is the very same as committing the act.
4. **Fornication** (porneia):. It is premarital sex and adultery; it is abnormal sex, all kinds of sexual vice.
5. **Uncleanness** (akatharsia): moral impurity; doing things that dirty, pollute, and soil life
6. **Lewdness** (aselgeia open and shameless indecency. It means unrestrained evil thoughts and behavior. a readiness for any pleasure. It is a man who knows no restraint, a man who has sinned so much that he no longer cares what people say or think The man who misbehaves usually tries to hide his wrong, but a lascivious man does not care who knows about his exploits or shame.
7. **Idolatry** (eidololatreiathe giving of one's primary devotion (time and energy) to something other than God.
8. **Sorcery** (pharmakeia): the use of drugs or of evil spirits to gain control over the lives of others or over one's own life. In the present context it would include all forms of seeking the control of one's fate including astrology, palm reading, séances, fortune telling, crystals, and other forms of witchcraft.
9. **Hatred** (echthrai): enmity, hostility, animosity. It is the hatred that lingers and is held for a long, long time
10. **Contentions** (ereis): strife, discord, contention, fighting, struggling, quarreling, dissension, He deceives, doing whatever must be done to get what he is after.
11. **Jealousies** (zeloi): jealousy, wanting and desiring to have what someone else has. It may be material things, recognition, honor, or position.
12. **Outburst of Wrath** (thumoi): bursts of anger; indignation; a violent, explosive temper; quick-tempered explosive reactions that arise from stirred and boiling emotions. But it is anger which fades away just as quickly as it arose. It is not anger that lasts.
13. **Selfish Ambition** (eritheiai): conflict, struggle, fight, contention, faction, dissension; a party spirit, a cliquish spirit.
14. **Dissensions** (dichostasiai): division, rebellion, standing against others, splitting off from others.
15. **Heresies** (aireseis): rejecting the fundamental beliefs of God, Christ, the Scriptures, and the church; believing and holding to some teaching other than the truth.
16. **Envy** (phthonoi): this word goes beyond jealousy.

It is the spirit that

- wants not only the things that another person has, but begrudges the fact that the person has them.
- wants not only the things to be taken away from the person, but wants him to suffer through the loss of them.

17. **Murders** (phanoi): to kill, to take the life of another person. Murder is sin against the sixth commandment. Abortions
18. **Drunkeness** (methai): taking drink or drugs to affect one's senses for lust or pleasure; becoming tipsy or intoxicated; partaking of drugs; seeking to loosen moral restraint for bodily pleasure.
19. **Revelries** (komoi): taking part in wild parties or in drinking parties; lying around indulging in feeding the lusts of the flesh; orgies.

WITH APPEALS TO THE BODY - RUN FROM THE FLESH

(NKJV) 2 Ti 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

(NKJV) 1 Co 6:18 Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.

1. Don't try to fight this, Flee from it
 - a. Joseph ran from Potiphar's wife
 - (1) Did he try to pray about it?
 - (2) Talk her out of it
2. **RUN!, RUN!, RUN!**
3. **Remember Joseph Gen 39:1-12**
 - a. Don't Get into a situation or if in, Get out.
 - b. Sin is easy to get in but hard to get out
4. Over eating, smoking, Drinking, Drugs
 - a. Stay away from places where you have to face your temptations
 - (1) You are not smarter than Satan!
 - b. Doctor says overweight, don't stand around watching them make Doughnuts
 - c. Don't stare at that person with lust knocking at the door
 - (1) Get out! Close your gates eyes

B. DISTRACT BY APPEALING TO OUR SOUL

By the things of the world to get at our minds - Use the things of this world to cause us to sin
(NKJV) Jn 17:16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

(NKJV) 1 Jn 2:15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—is not of the Father but is of the world.

(NKJV) Jn 12:25 He who loves his life will lose it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

(NKJV) Mt 18:7 Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

1. Soul - Our thinking selves, our self-consciousness, our pride
2. Most things are not illegal or immoral but they slowly and surely destroy our spiritual relationship with God

(NKJV) Mt 13:22 Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.

3. Most things are not problems until they become more important than our relationship and worship of God and his Church!

(NKJV) Mt 22:37 Jesus said to him, 'You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment.

- a. Job
- b. Homes
- c. Family
- d. Husbands, wives, children
- e. Relationships
- f. Money

(NKJV) 1 Ti 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

- g. Material things

What to Do!

C. The world attacks the soul –

WITH APPEALS TO THE SOUL - STUDY GOD'S WORD MORE!

1. Wants to make you crave the things of the world more than God
 - a. Clothes, Status, Cars, Security
2. He will offer substitutes to obeying God.
 - a. If we don't listen to God, we will yield to our own desires and develop those of the enemy that will destroy us.
 - b. Growing in the Lord is a product of devotion and focus
 - (1) Devotion: we must have a discipline prayer life
 - (2) Focus: we must spend time in the word with the purpose and intent to renew our minds to the proper way of thinking
3. Don't fight the craving, Grow closer to God
 - a. You cannot love god and the world, if the love for God grows the world's charm will decrease

ROM12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is-- his good, pleasing and perfect will. JAM 4: 4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

4. Keep the right relationship with God KEEP HIM LORD OF YOUR LIFE!
 - a. Fellowship with others in Christ - Our Church!
 - b. Study with us, Grow with us
 - c. Worship Him!

(NKJV) Pr 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths. 7 Do

not be wise in your own eyes; Fear the LORD and depart from evil. 8 It will be health to your flesh, And strength to your bones. 9 Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; 10 So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.

D.

DISTRACTING BY GETTING US TO FOCUSING ON THE PHYSICAL AND IGNORING OUR SPIRITUAL IDENTITY WITH DEMONS

DISTRACTING BY WEAKENING THE SPIRIT By spiritual forces to break our spirit - Attacks our relationship with God Mat 4:5

(NKJV) 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.

1. Spirit - Our God Consciousness
 - a. a. Man is the only creature with this ability
2. Attempts to pull you away from the power of your rights in God - makes you doubt God's word
3. Astrology, Familiar spirits, dream interpreters
4. Keep you away from the word of god, and fellowshiping with other saints

What to Do!

WITH APPEALS TO WEAKING YOUR SPIRIT – WORSHIP GOD!

1. Be more than just an attender of church
 - a. Be a participator. Serve!
2. Resist with the power of the spirit - **THE WORD**

(NKJV) Eph 6: 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (NKJV) Eph 6:14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— 19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel,

The Word and Prayer

3. Use God's word, Jesus did
 - a. As a soldier becomes knowledgeable of his weapon, we too must be knowledgeable of God's Word
 - b. Memorize the word to have it when we need it

(NKJV) Ps 119:11 Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

c. The more the word is in the heart the more powerful you are to resist
Satan's ways

(NKJV) Jas 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.