# Satan's Strategy to Defeat Us

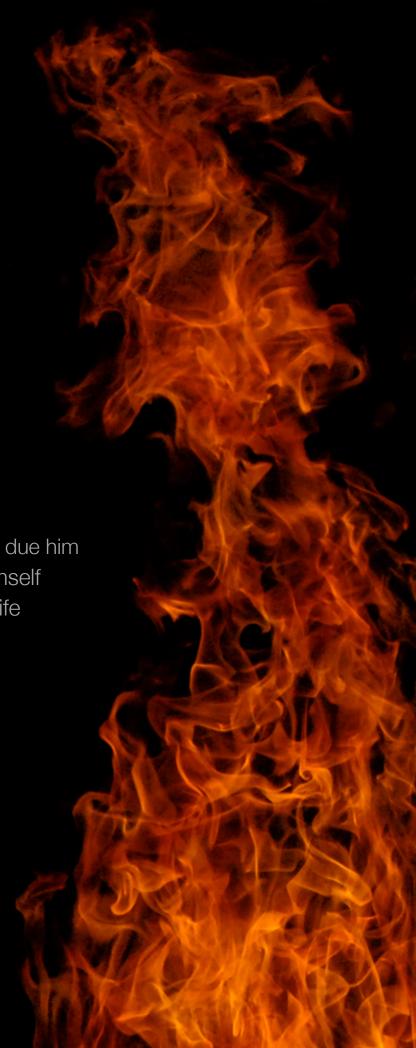
When we stop looking at the things God has given us and begin to focus on the things we don't have, it gives satan a wide opening into our life. satan will get us to focus exclusively on you own desires and ignore God's desires for your life. satan puts the desires in front of us he knows God doesn't want for us. When satan tempted Jesus, Jesus only quoted scripture as a response. We would be wise to remember this strategy when we feel tempted. It's also very important that we know scripture well and read it daily.

## 3 Goals of satan

To deny God the worship and glory due him To draw us away from God to himself To thwart God's purpose for our life

### Romans 8:5-9 KJV

[5] For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.
[6] For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.
[7] Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. [8] So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. [9] But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.



## Satan's Deceptive Practices Against Us

- 1. satan focuses our minds to our own desires.
- 2. satan chooses his timing, he knows when we are the most vulnerable.
- 3. satan creates doubt in our mind.
- 4. satan engages us into debate debate is where he inserts doubt.
- 5. satan creates division.

A carnal mind is blinded to spiritual things. If all we see and think about are the issues of this world, it's evidence that our thoughts are not of God. God is in absolute control of all things in this world, even satan must ask God permission to operate. But where satan thinks he's smart and can thwart the will of God, God uses his foolishness for his own glory.

### 2 Corinthians 4:4 KJV

[4] In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

### What is a Satanic Attack?

A satanic attack is a deliberate, willful attack by satan upon an individual with the purpose of doing them harm either in their spirit, soul, body or all three.

### Ephesians 6:10-13 KJV

[10] Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. [11] Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12] 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. [13] 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.

## What is the Greatest Temptation in our Life?

A question we should ask ourselves and be honest about. Admitting and acknowledging our weakness is the beginning of using the power of God to deny the devil. Once we become saved through the blood of Jesus, satan can no longer destroy us so instead, for the rest of our lives, he tries to destroy our testimony and mock us before the world and doing his best to prevent us from becoming all that God has in mind for us.

### 1 Corinthians 10:13 KJV

[13] There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

## **Three Strategies satan Uses:**

### 1. Deceive

**1 John 4:1 KJV** - [1] Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

### 2. Divide

Mark 3:24-26 KJV - [24] And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. [25] And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. [26] And if Satan rise up against himself, and be divided, he cannot stand, but hath an end.

### 3. Destroy

**John 10:10 KJV -** [10] The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

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the moments when we are vulnerable against satanic attack HUNGRY, ANGRY LONELY, TIRED

