

Sunday, October 11, 2015
Know Your Enemy's Strategy
Ephesians 6:10-13; 2 Timothy 2:26; 2 Corinthians 2:11

- I. Satan Schemes to Attack You with Surprise 2 Timothy 2:26

- II. Satan Schemes to Attack You with Calculation 2 Corinthians 2:10-11
Lk. 4:13; 2 Cor. 4:4; 2 Pet. 3:17

- III. Satan Schemes to Attack You with Disguise 2 Corinthians 11:13-15
 - A. His Intent: to Confuse Your Convictions Regarding the Truth of God's Word
 - 1. Satan Will Try to Make Sin Appear Good
2 Thess 2:11; Isa. 5:20; 1 Tim. 4:1

 - 2. Satan Will Try to Make Sin Appear Small
Gen. 3:4, 5; Ps. 36:1; 1 Cor. 5:6

 - 3. Satan Will Try to Make Sin Appear Harmless
Act 5:31; 2 Tim. 2:25

 - B. His Intent: to Confuse Your Emotions to Disregard the Truth of God's Word
 - 1. Satan's Deception: to Follow Pleasant Emotions Instead of G's Word\
Matt. 16:23; Josh. 9

 - 2. Satan's Deception: to Follow Painful Emotions Instead of G's Word
Jas. 1:20

Quotes

"Christ, the Scripture, your own hearts, and Satan's devices are the four prime things that should be first and most studied and searched." Thomas Brooks

"It should always be noted that the more excellent something is the more likely it will be imitated. There are many false diamonds and rubies, but who goes about making counterfeit pebbles? However, the more excellent things are the more difficult it is to imitate them in their essential character and intrinsic virtues. Yet the more variable the imitations be, the more skill and subtlety will be used in making them an exact imitation. So it is with Christian virtues and graces. The devil and men's own deceitful hearts tend to imitate those things that have the highest value. So no graces are more counterfeit than love and humility. For these are the virtues where the beauty of a true Christian is seen most clearly."
Jonathan Edwards, in *Religious Affections*

"I feel most Christians are quite unprepared for days of darkness" Robert M. McCheyne

"When you look for the devil, don't forget to look in the pulpit." Martin Luther

"A bad conscience is the mother of all heresies." John Calvin

"If you would not be taken by any of Satan's devices, then *walk by rule*. He that walks by rule, walks most safely . . . When men throw off the Word, then God throws off them, and then Satan takes them by the hand and leads them into snares at his pleasure. He that thinks himself too good to be ruled by the Word . . . Satan will by his stratagems overthrow him. Them that keep to the rule, they shall be kept in the hour of temptation."
Thomas Brooks, in *Precious Remedies against Satan's Devices*

"I am no genius at mathematics, but even with my limited capabilities I could be terrific at math if I worked on it for 100 years . . . If I labored at it for 1,000 years and read all the learned theories, I would be a Newton or an Einstein. Or what if I had 10,000 years? Given that time, any of us could become the world's greatest philosopher or psychologist or theologian or linguist. . . Satan has had multiple millennia to study and master the human disciplines, and when it comes to human subversion, he is the ultimate manipulator."
Ken Hughes

"We must recognize our limitations in confronting Satan. No one is ready for spiritual warfare until, in view of the nature of this Adversary, we freely confess that apart from God we cannot repel his assaults . . . We must confess our helplessness without God."
Bryan Chapell