

Clickbait: Outwitting Satan

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... in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

2 Corinthians 2:11 NIV

I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.

Matthew 10:16 NIV

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8 ESV

I was afraid that in some way the tempter had tempted you and that our labours might have been in vain.

1 Thessalonians 3:5 NIV

He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

John 8:44 NIV

Five Devices of Temptation:

1. Show you the bait ✓ , but hide the hook.
2. Rationalise ✓ sin as virtue.
3. Make them bitter over suffering ✓ .
4. Show bad people ✓ having great lives.
5. Compare one part ✓ of your life with another.

Four Devices of Accusation:

1. Look more at your sin than your Saviour ✓ .
2. Obsess on past sins ✓ that can't be undone.
3. Make Christians conclude struggle is punishment ✓ .
4. Make Christians think their struggle is unique ✓ .

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- 1. What strategies would Satan most likely use on you to be effective?
- 2. What lies do you notice the enemy whispering to you?