



Do you have a “DEVIL MADE ME DO IT” moment?

1 Peter 5:8–9a *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.* ⁹*Resist him, standing firm in the faith...* (NIV)

What we know about Satan:

1. Satan doesn't _____.

Ephesians 6:12 *For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.* (NLT)

2. Satan's _____ is _____.

Luke 13:10–12, 14–16 *One Sabbath day as Jesus was teaching in a synagogue, ¹¹he saw a woman who had been crippled by an evil spirit... ¹²...he called her over and said, “Dear woman, you are healed of your sickness!” ... ¹⁴But the leader in charge of the synagogue was indignant that Jesus had healed her on the Sabbath day... ¹⁵...the Lord replied, “...¹⁶This dear woman, a daughter of Abraham, has been held in bondage by Satan for eighteen years. Isn't it right that she be released, even on the Sabbath?”* (NLT)

3. Satan is a _____.

John 12:31–32 *“...The time for judging this world has come, when Satan, the ruler of this world, will be cast out. ³²And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.”* (NLT)

Hebrews 2:14b *He did this so that by dying he would destroy the one who had power over death (that is, the devil).* (GW)

What are Satan's devices?

1. Satan creates _____ about the _____.

Genesis 3:1 *Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”* (NIV)

2. Satan _____ God's _____.

Genesis 3:2–4 *The woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat; ³but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.’” ⁴The serpent said to the woman, “You certainly will not die! ...”* (NASB)

3. Satan offers a _____ in place of the _____.

Genesis 3:5 *“...God knows that when you eat it your eyes will be opened. You'll be like God, knowing good and evil.”* (GW)

Satan's Two Favorite Lies
Lie #1: You are missing out on something.
Lie #2: You can be your own god.

4. Satan _____ our _____.

Romans 14:17–18 *For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit,¹⁸ because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.* (NIV)

How can you defeat Satan's devices?

1. By _____ God's _____

John 8:31b–32 *"If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples,³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."* (ESV)

John 5:39–40 *You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is they that bear witness about me,⁴⁰ yet you refuse to come to me that you may have life.* (ESV)

2. By _____ and _____

2 Chronicles 7:14 *...if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.* (NIV)

3. By seeking _____

Colossians 3:16 *Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.* (NIV)

You can defeat all of Satan's devices by FAITH

Sources: *Disarming the Darkness* by Pete Briscoe, *The Essential Works of John Wesley* by Alice Russie, and various illustrations from Preaching Today.

ANSWER KEY:

What we know:

- 1. **WORK ALONE**
- 2. **POWER is LIMITED**
- 3. **DEFEATED FOE**

Devices are:

- 1. **DOUBT** about the **TRUTH**
- 2. **CONTRADICTS** God's **WORD**
- 3. **LIE** in place of **TRUTH**
- 4. **ERODES** our **PEACE AND JOY**

How to defeat:

- 1. **KNOWING** God's **WORD**
- 2. **PRAYING** and **REPENTING**
- 3. **ACCOUNTABILITY**



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Something to take home and chew on!

1. Do you have a “devil made me do it” moment? What did you learn from the experience?
2. How did Jesus’ death and resurrection defeat Satan? What does this mean for how we live in the world today?
3. How have you seen objective truth attacked or dismissed? What can we do to cling to what is true when there is so much falsehood?
4. How have you been tempted like Eve to be your own god?
5. What can we do when we lose sight of our progress in faith and despair that we haven’t yet arrived into full Christ-likeness?
6. What role have peace and joy played in your faith journey? How has Satan attacked your peace and joy? What impact did this have?
7. How have your spiritual practices helped you to resist Satan’s devices? Is there more you can be doing to grow closer to God?

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