

Do you have a "DEVIL MADE ME DO IT" moment?

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

What we know about Satan:

1. Satan doesn't ______.

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

2. Satan's ______ is ______.

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

3. Satan is a ____

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

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

What are Satan's devices?

1. Satan creates ______ about the ______.

Genesis 3:1 Now <u>the serpent</u> was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He <u>said to the</u> <u>woman, "Did God really say</u>, '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; ³ but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, <u>God has said, 'You shall not eat from it</u> or touch it, <u>or you will die</u>."^{*a*} <u>The serpent said to the woman, "You certainly will not die</u>! ..." (NASB)

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

Genesis 3:5 *"…God knows that when you eat it <u>your eyes will be opened. You'll be like God, knowing good and evil.</u>" (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 <u>the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking</u>, <u>but of righteousness</u>, <u>peace and joy</u> <u>in the Holy Spirit</u>, 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 <u>you will know the truth, and the truth will</u> <u>set you free</u>." (ESV)*

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

2. By ______ and _____

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

3. By seeking

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

2. CONTRADICTS God's WORD

4. ERODES our PEACE AND JOY

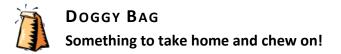
Devices are:

- 1. **DOUBT** about the **TRUTH**
- 3. <u>LIE</u> in place of <u>TRUTH</u>

How to defeat:

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

3. ACCOUNTABILITY



- 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 Christlikeness?
- **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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