

Are Trick's Just for Kids?

Lesson 5

What is a Trick? A trick is the appearance of something, portraying one thing but hiding something that is not a representation of what it is portraying. A false reality appearing to be real and authentic but with a hidden agenda that does not favor the one being tricked, but the trickster itself.

Demonic Strategies to Pull you Away from Divine Intentions and Connections: Satans goal is to keep people away from God, he use subtle, strategic tactics that exploit human nature. He is very cunning, and as a disciple of Jesus Christ, you must know his strategy of approach. Pay attention and don't fall for the tricks.

Demonic Traits, Tricks, and Traps to Pull You Away From God.

Key Aspects of Satan's Craftiness in the Bible:

- **Deception of the Mind:** Satan targets the mind to cause doubt and lead people away from the simplicity of the gospel.
- **Subtle Questioning:** He began by questioning God's commands ("Did God *actually* say...?") to make them seem unreasonable.

- **Disguise and Falsehood:** He disguises himself and his workers as messengers of righteousness (angels of light) to deceive.
- **Strategic Twisting:** He distorts truth to make sin appealing, often highlighting God's restrictions while ignoring His generosity.
- **Scheming and Temptation:** He uses "schemes" (Greek: *methodeias*) to exploit weaknesses, often working through the world and the flesh to tempt believers.
- **Accusation:** He acts as a crafty accuser, aiming to divide people from God.

Biblical Examples and Warnings:

- **Genesis 3:1:** The serpent is identified as the craftiest creature.
- **2 Corinthians 11:3, 14:** Paul warns that just as the serpent deceived Eve, Satan's cunning can corrupt minds, noting his ability to disguise himself.
- **Ephesians 6:11:** Believers are urged to stand against the "schemes" or "wiles" of the devil.
- **1 John 5:19:** The world is described as being under the influence of the evil one.

1. Distraction and Busyness – Keep you so occupied with work, entertainment, social media, and trivial pursuits that you have no time or energy for spiritual growth or reflection.

2. Confusion and Misinformation – He is the master of twisting truth, distorting biblical teachings, and introducing conflicting ideologies to make faith seem irrational or untrustworthy.

Let's look at some Trick Questions that the enemy knows the answers to, but is hoping that you don't. He wants you to second guess God. However, these are questions that as a disciple you must know the correct answers.

- **Is Faith Real?**
- **Can You Really Trust God to do What You Want?**
- **Is that really What The Bible Said?**
- **How Long is God going to make You Wait?**
- **If God loves you, why Is He allowing you to go through this?**
- **God is going to Forgive you anyway, so why don't you just keep sinning?**

3. Complacency and Comfort – He make people feel self-sufficient, prosperous, and comfortable so they don't see their need for God.

4. Doubt and Skepticism – Satan encourages intellectual pride and skepticism, making people believe that faith is outdated, unscientific, or unnecessary.

5. Division & Conflict – He sows division within religious communities, families, and society to weaken unity and credibility.

6. Moral Relativism – Satan convince people that morality is subjective, making sin seem like a personal choice rather than a spiritual issue.

7. Addiction and Vice – He trap people in destructive habits (substance abuse, lust, greed, etc.) that enslave their minds and hearts.

8. Persecution & Fear – Makes faith costly by encouraging societal hostility, ridicule, or legal consequences for believers. Fear is always a main go to tactic for him and demonic cohorts.

9. False Religions and Idolatry – He promotes counterfeit spiritual paths that seem fulfilling, but ultimately lead away from God. You'll find of lot of this, nestled inside of new age ideology, self actualized emphasis and significance.

10. Despair and Hopelessness – He'll convince people that they are too sinful or broken for redemption, keeping them trapped in guilt and shame. A guilty conscious is not the work of the Holy Spirit, satan knows this and you should know this.

John 10:10 KJV

“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.”

1 Peter 5:6-8 KJV

6 “Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:

7 casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.

8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:”

Closure

These demonic strategies wouldn't require of you to have an outright denial of God's existence, just enough subtle influence to keep you indifferent, distracted, or deceived. Study satans tricks and traps, just as you study and seek God's truth. Remember, if the devil is so powerful, meaningful and relevant, why was he thrown out of heaven? Study deeper, beyond this lesson, because that is the intention, to provoke a zeal in you. To get you to invest in the research, the study time, development disciplines to keep you growing. Your growth is my inspired desire for you, but it will be your personal inspired initiative and desire, that will determine it. The Battle is Complex, but The Victory is Already Won!!