

THE ENEMY DECEIVES
You Have an Enemy #3
September 7, 2025

Big Idea: Fight Satan's deception with _____.

HOW SATAN DECEIVES US

- 1. He sows deceptive _____ in our _____.
(Jer. 17:9; Jas. 1:14-15; Psalm 32:1-5)**
- 2. He plants deceptive _____ in our _____.
(John 13:2; Acts 5:3; 2 Cor. 11:3)**
- 3. He speaks deceptive _____ through his
_____. (Matt. 7:15-16a)**

HOW TO DEFEAT DECEPTION
(Ephesians 6:13-14)

- Truth is your primary weapon against _____.**
 - Truth is absolute, unchanging _____. (Mal. 3:6; Heb. 13:8; Matt. 5:18)**
- 1. Resist deception with _____.**
 - Satan's latest big lie: all truth is _____.**
 - _____ God's truth. (John 8:31-32)**
 - _____ God's truth. (Eph. 6:14; Jas. 1:22)**
 - 2. Make every thought _____ Christ (2 Cor. 10:4-5)**

DAILY REFLECTIONS ON RESISTING SATAN'S DECEPTION

Monday: Our secular culture encourages people to make life altering decisions based on their feelings. "I have same sex attraction, so I must be gay." OR "I feel like I am a different gender from my sex." Why are feelings a poor truth source to determine identity? Read Genesis 1:26-27 and 2:24. How does God's word address these feelings? Remember this: How I feel about me does not define me; God does.

Tuesday: Read Matt. 5:17-20. What did Jesus say about the reliability and nature of God's word? Read 2 Peter 1:20-21. How did we get the Bible? Read 2 Timothy 3:16-17. How can the Bible be a useful truth source for daily living? Is that how you treat it? Ask God to make you hungry to hear, read, study, memorize, think about and apply the Bible.

Wednesday: Read Luke 4:1-13. What truth source did Jesus use to resist Satan's deception? How did Satan try to twist God's words? That's his oldest trick. See Gen. 3:1-7. Have you believed a lie that has pushed you away from God or someone you love? Have you had any feelings or thoughts that made sin look attractive and holiness look unattractive?

Thursday: Read 2 Corinthians 10:3-6. What "weapons of warfare" does Paul refer to? "Strongholds" are areas in your life where Satan has you enslaved to a behavior or way of thinking. Do you have a habitual behavior or attitude that disrespects Christ or other people around you? Do you have an opinion, argument or thought that needs to be submitted to God's truth? Pray Psalm 139:23-24.

Friday: Read 2 Timothy 2:22-26. What can you do to lead someone to a knowledge of the truth, come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil? What does v. 22 have to do with teaching truth to others? Why should we resist jumping into frequent controversies on social media, at work, at home, etc.? What advice does Paul give Timothy for successfully managing conflicts? Is this how you handle controversies and conflict? What changes do you need to make to obey God's word?