

Lesson One *Satan's Strategy as a Deceiver*

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceives the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. –Revelation 12:9

Pray right now that the Lord would purify your heart as you complete this study, and that He would reveal exactly what He has for you in this lesson.

1. Stop! Did you pray as directed above, or did you breeze through those instructions and look for the first question in your assignment? Well, one of our assignments is to constantly lift our requests to the Lord in prayer. Did you know one of Satan's favorite strategies is to distract us from talking to our Father? Take this opportunity to pray and ask the Lord to anoint your prayer life.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:3-4

2. What is one of Satan's prime targets?

Read Ephesians 4:17

3. How does Satan attack our minds?

Read Colossians 3:9-10, Romans 12:2, and Ephesians 4:18-27

4. What is our defense against Satan's attacks on our minds?

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because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Read Proverbs 23:7 and Philippians 4:8

5. How can we renew our minds?

Read Romans 8:6 and Isaiah 26:3

6. What is the result of being spiritually minded? Of being carnally-minded?

Read John 8:44

7. One of Satan's favorite weapons is lies. How long has he been a murderer and a liar?

Read Revelation 12:9

8. Who/what does Satan deceive?

Read 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 and 1 Timothy 4:1

9. What is one of Satan's tools in perpetrating lies?

10. (*personal*) Can you think of ways Satan tries to play mind games with you? Has he told you any lies today? Are there any that he is telling you on a continual basis?

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Digging Deeper (optional for those who want to delve more into the Word):

--Read Genesis 3

The Bible's first recorded act of Satan involved the enemy's ability to **disguise, divide, plant doubt, and deceive**. List the scriptures when Satan did these things. Note how his deceit changed mankind.

--Read Matthew 4:1-11

What did Jesus use to counter Satan's attempt at temptation?

--Read Daniel 10:13

Why was God's angel delayed? During this delay, Daniel was fasting and praying. What does this indicate about the *power of prayer*?

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