

Some Characteristics Of Satan

We have talked about Satan in the inside of our bulletin and only touched the hem of the garment. We need to recognize the identifying characteristics of Satan. For example, God tells us to do good works, when the opportunity presents it's self to us, how do we handle it? Do we receive it with all eagerness or do we sometimes groan a little and may even verbalize some displeasure or maybe act like it is an inconvenience to us. If we do it verbally, were there others present? Remember Satan is very clever and he would love for us to discourage another Christian in his service to God.

Have you ever noticed or perceived some minor imperfection in a brother? How did you handle it? Did you go to him in private or did you and another openly talk about these perceived imperfection? When Satan is trying to infiltrate the Lord's church via an immature Christian, do they invite you to their home to assist in their deeds? When a brother is trying to overcome some imperfection does he seek you out for spiritual help? If a brother has sought you out and confided his problems or apprehensions to you, are you able to keep that confidence?

Sometimes Christians are carried away by "wiles" of the Devil because he is using a strong Christian to infiltrate the Lord's church. You might say to yourself that you would recognize any scheme of Satan at a glance. My question to you is, is your faith stronger than the Apostle Peter, than Barnabas, you see my beloved, Satan will use anyone at anytime to accomplish his goals. He has no sympathy for anyone at anytime, he has but one goal in this world, and that is to entice everyone he can away from God. Gal.2:11-14, But when Cephas came to Antioch, I resisted him to the face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before that certain came from James, he ate with the Gentiles; but when they came, he drew back and separated himself, fearing them that were of the circumcision. 13 And the rest of the Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that even Barnabas was carried away with their dissimulation. 14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Cephas before [them] all, If thou, being a Jew, livest as do the Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, how compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?