

The Many Faces of Evil - **The Strategy**

Genesis 3:1-7

Review

The Appearance of Evil - *2 Corinthians 11:1-4, 12-15*

1. Evil never appears frightening but enlightening
2. Evil counterfeits good or virtue

How to Determine if something is Evil

1. Does it appeal to your emotions or your brain
2. Does it create conflict or calmness with your conscience
3. Does it fade quickly or last forever
4. Will the end result bring death or life

The Strategy of Evil

1. Satan is _____ and _____
then us

Ezekiel 28:12

"You were the model of perfection, full of wisdom and exquisite in beauty. NLT

2. Satan will always challenge God's _____ and
our _____ in God

3. He will always blend the _____ with a

John 8:44

...He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies. NLT

4. These are done in three different areas

- a. Craving for physical _____

Genesis 3:6

So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food

Matthew 4:2-4

2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. 3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

- b. Craving for everything we _____

Genesis 3:6 it was pleasant to the eyes

Matthew 4:5-7

5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, 6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. For it is written: 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, Lest you dash your foot against a stone.'" 7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"

- c. _____ in our Achievements and Possessions

Genesis 3:6 a tree desirable to make one wise,

Matthew 4:8-10

8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. 9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'"