

The Serpent's Strategy (Genesis 3:1-7)

Spiritual Warfare – Part 3
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1 John 2:16 (NIV2011) *For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world.*

Genesis 2:16-17 (NIV2011) *And the LORD God commanded the man, “You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die.”*

Genesis 2:24 (NIV2011) *That is why a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife, and they become one flesh.*

1. Temptation _____ and ridicules God's Word

Genesis 3:1 (NIV2011) *Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God really say, ‘You must not eat from any tree in the garden?’”*

1A. Don't _____ to the tempter

Genesis 3:2 (NIV2011) *The woman said to the serpent, “We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden,*

1B. Don't _____ God's Word

Genesis 3:3 (NIV2011) *but God did say, ‘You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.’ ”*

2. Temptation _____ God's Word

Genesis 3:4 (NIV2011) *“You will not certainly die,” the serpent said to the woman.*

2A. Temptation maligns God's _____

Genesis 3:5a (NIV2011) *“For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, ...*

2B. Temptation _____ man above God

Genesis 3:5b (NIV2011) *... and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.”*

3. Temptation appeals to physical, emotional & spiritual desires

Genesis 3:6a (NIV2011) *When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it.*

3A. Sin always affects _____

Genesis 3:6b (NIV2011) *... She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it.*

3B. Sin _____ every aspect of our lives

Genesis 3:7 (NIV2011) *Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves.*

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Intro. Explain and give examples of the three types of temptations in the world (1 John 2:16).

Why did God command Adam not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:16-17)?

In what ways do a man and a woman become one flesh in marriage (Genesis 2:24)? Why is it impossible for a same-sex relationship to become one flesh?

In what ways is Satan attacking marriage in our society? Why do you think that marriage is one of Satan's main targets?

1A. How does Satan's temptation in Genesis 3:1 question and ridicule God's Word?

1B. What are the dangers in entering into a conversation with the tempter (Genesis 3:2)?

1C. Why do you think that Eve misquotes God's command (Genesis 3:3)?

1D. Many people today do not think that the things the Bible calls sin are wrong. How does this work into Satan's goal of keeping people from being saved?

2A. How does Satan's temptation become bolder in Genesis 3:4?

2B. How does Satan's temptation malign God's character (Genesis 3:5a)?

2C. What is wrong with Satan's temptation to be like God (Genesis 3:5b)?

2D. How can we counter Satan's temptations in our own lives and in our society?

3A. Compare Genesis 3:6a to 1 John 2:16 and explain how temptation appeals to our physical, emotional and spiritual desires.

3B. How did Eve's sin affect Adam and ultimately all humanity (Genesis 3:6b)?

3C. What were the consequences of that first sin (Genesis 3:7, 10, 16-19, 23-24)?

3D. In what ways do our sins affect others, in our families, our church and our nation?