

“THE POWER OF DECEPTION”

Deception #1

October 18, 2020

The Power of Deception:

- 1. Satan’s Goal: To _____ in God!** *Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8*

- 2. Satan’s Method: _____!** *For you are the children of your father the Devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning and has always hated the truth. 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. John 8:44*
 - **Through Satan’s _____** – *...Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. 1 Corinthians 7:4-5*
 - **Through Satan’s influence _____** – *See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. Colossians 2:8*
 - **Through Satan’s influence on our _____** – *If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. 1 John 1:8*

- 3. Our _____:** *Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith...1 Peter 5:8-9*

Steps to Bondage:

Listen to the Lie > Dwell on the Lie > Believe the Lie > Act on the Lie = Bondage (the fruit of the lie)

Steps to Freedom:

Careful Self-Examination > Discover the Truth > Meditate on the Truth > Pray Through the Truth > Believe the Truth > Act on the Truth = Freedom (peace and joy are the fruit of freedom)

THE JOURNEY DEVOTIONAL
October 18th, 2020 Week
Discussion Questions from the Sermon

1. What was something you read in the weekly Scripture readings or heard in the sermon that made an impact on you? Explain.

2. Read 1 Peter 5:6-11. How does Peter describe the work of the devil? How are we to respond to the devil's work?

3. Read John 8:39-47. What does Jesus say about the devil? What would you say are examples of lies that we tend to believe in our world today?

4. Read Colossians 2:8. What are some examples of "hollow and deceptive philosophy" that you have believed (or struggle with currently) in your life?

5. In the sermon we talked about the "Steps to Bondage" and the "Steps to Freedom." Talk about these two lists and critique. What would you add or delete? Take a common lie identified in #3 and #4 and identify a corresponding Truth from the Bible.

6. How can you apply this sermon to your life this week?

Weekly Bible Memory Verse: *See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ.* Colossians 2:8

Bible Readings: Reading these passages of Scripture will help you become like Jesus in how you think and what you do, in addition to preparing you for next week's sermon. Remember to read these passages slowly, allowing the Lord to speak to your heart and mind:

Monday – Luke 15:11-24

Tuesday – John 17:1-19

Wednesday – Ephesians 1:1-10

Thursday – Ephesians 1:11-23

Friday – 1 John 4:7-21

Saturday – Romans 8:31-39

Sunday – Zephaniah 3:14-20