

## Facts of the Faith (3)

### I Peter 5:8-11

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Intro—Review—

What does the fall of man refer too?

What is the sin nature?

Why do we sin?

As a result of the fall of man there is no such thing as a \_\_\_\_\_ (good person).

What was the result of sin?

What has God offered us?

What does Grace stand for?

Fact: God is Creator, and the Giver of life.

Fact: God is just, man is wicked by nature.

Fact: God is gracious and has provided a way to Himself through His Son Jesus Christ.

Tonight: Real adversary named Satan, Devil, and Lucifer.

II Corinthians 2:11 “[We do not want Satan to] take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.”

#### I. The Need to be Alert.

**Vs 8** “Be sober (self-controlled), be vigilant (watchful). —on guard

Why do we need to be self-controlled and watchful?

40% of Christians do not believe that the devil is a living being, but rather a symbol of evil.

\*We face a real adversary/ Literal being/not the movies/ science fiction/ make believe

\*The world is the residence of the devil:

**Isaiah 14/ Luke 10:18** “Fallen angel from heaven.” “Fall like lightning from heaven”

**Ezekiel 28**—stunningly beautiful creature!!!

**Revelation 12:9** “So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.”—Enemy territory.

Bible teaches us 3 things about the devil:

#### A) It teaches us something about his nature.

**Vs 8** “because your adversary the devil **walks about** like a **roaring lion**.”—picture/ video

Fact: One of the reasons a lion roars is to proclaim his territory, to intimidate.

When I think of a roaring lion I think of ferocity (ferocious), intimidation, aggression

A lion can be deadly; a lion can kill any animal it desires to,

If Satan is depicted as a roaring lion we need to take extreme caution in our lives.

We need not leave ourselves vulnerable

#### B) It teaches us something about his intentions.

**Vs 8** “Seeking whom He may devour.”

**Devour**—to drink down, to gulp entire(ly).

**Luke 22: 31, 32** “And the Lord said, “Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he

may **sift** you as wheat...32...But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail;"

**Sift**—to riddle... to pierce with many holes, to impair or refute completely by persistent verbal attacks.

**When does a lion attack?** When their prey least expects it.

I Corinthians 10:12 "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."

**What does a lion attack?** Normally a young or old animal that can not defend itself or an animal that is weak or injured.

Video—lioness

**Three areas in the life of a teenager that the devil will attack:**

He is not going to bull rush you like a lion out in the wild, the devil will use deception, attraction, and opportunity.

### 1. Music

Fact: I have never met a student who didn't like music.

Satan wants to use music to his advantage, specifically heavy metal music/ Not a fan of guitar hero....

AC/ DC, Black Sabbath, Motley Crue, Metallica, Judas Priest, Kiss, Iron Maden, Def Leopard, Possessed, Ozzy Osbourne, Kerr King, etc.

We are instructed to have the mind of Christ!

Question: How can you do that when you are allowing the devil to fill your mind?

**II Corinthians 6:14** "For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what

communion has light with darkness?...15... And what accord does Christ have with Belial?"

### 2. Intrigue

Fact: Teenagers are intrigued by the supernatural.

Statistics--In fact, three-quarters of America's youth (73%) have engaged in at least one type of psychic or witchcraft-related activity, beyond mere media exposure or horoscope usage.

30% of teenagers have had their palm read, and 27% have had their fortune told.

4-5 teens have read their horoscope with more than one-quarter believing they are always or usually true.

**Spiritual or Supernatural experiences:** For instance, seven million teens have encountered an angel, demon, or some other supernatural being. More than two million teens say they have communicated with a dead person (10%). Nearly two million youth claim they have psychic powers.

Ouija boards, tarot cards, etc.

"The supernatural world represents the epicenter of the spiritual struggle for their [teenagers] hearts and minds," Kinnaman continued. "When teenagers settle for cheap alternatives instead of choosing intimacy with God - and relying upon His care and His power - it can lead to years, even decades, of spiritual entrapment in their lives. But with appropriate choices come spiritual rewards. After Jesus rejected Satan's temptations, His ministry flourished. If Moslems reject spiritual deception and stop tinkering with [disgraceful] imitations of God's power, it could spell the difference between a generation fulfilling its spiritual destiny and one that turns from God during adulthood."

### 3. Friendship

I'll be your friend...you can trust me...don't listen to your parents...listen to me...God's holding out on you! Adam & Eve.

## Lie to you about God:

"The Mosaic generation (1984-2002) is in a state of spiritual turmoil. They long for personal meaning and they are comfortable with incredible technological and media-driven tools that would enable them to accomplish whatever spiritual goals they choose. But millions of teens are [dangerously] close to simply shelving the Christian faith as irrelevant, uninspiring, and 'just a phase.' Millions of previously churching Baby Busters (1964-1977) ended up rejecting Christian spirituality after high school. Moslems are in even greater danger of making that leap from faith to doubt."

### C) It teaches us something about his identity.

**Vs 8**—"Your **adversary** the devil."

**Adversary**—an opponent in a law suit/

Not like an appointment on the field, gym, classroom, etc.

**Rev. 12:10** "For the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down."

He defames our character/ questions our motives/ and he discredits our testimony

### Bible facts about the devil's identity:

- He is cunning. II Cor. 11:3
- He is corrupting. Matthew 13:39
- He is controlling. I Thes. 2:18
- He is convincing. I Timothy 5:15

**II Corinthians 11:3** "But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."

- Possessor of great power. II Thess. 2:9
- Power to manipulate nature. Job 1-2

- Power to manipulate humans. Job 1-2
- Capability to enter humans. Acts 5:3/ Luke 22:3
- II Cor. 4:4 Power over the mind.
- Power to transform. II Cor. 11:14

**II Thess. 2:9, 10** "The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and wonders, and with all unrighteous deception...."

- He is opportunistic. Eph. 4:27
- He is organized. Eph. 6

**Luke 4:13** "Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time."

- He is a tempter. Matthew 4:3/ I Chronicles 21:1
- He is a thief. Mark 4:15/ John 10:10/ Luke 8:12

**John 10:10** "The thief does not come except to steal, to kill, and destroy...."

- He is a deceiver II Cor. 11:14/ He wants you to believe he is something that he is really not/ Revelation 20:10/ Revelation 12:9
- He is a Liar—John 8:44
- He is the Chief sinner. I John 3:8
- Ruler of this world. John 12:31; 14:30/ Job 1:7

## II. The Need to be Aware.

**Vs 9** "**Resist** him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the **same sufferings** are experienced by your brotherhood in the world."

Aware of what?

**Two things:**

- A) You're not alone in your struggles.
- B) You're not alone in your steadfastness.

You're not the only one he is trying to discourage & destroy.

**The devil attempts to:**

- A) Isolate us.

You're the only one suffering, only Christian going through this. (Divorce, sexual temptation, difficult circumstances).

- B) Intimidate us.

Vs 9 **"Resist him. Steadfast** in the faith..."

**Resist**—to stand against.

No need to fear him, no need to be intimidated.

Truth: "Since we are in Christ, Satan can get no foothold in the believer's life, unless we permit it."

**Romans 16:20** "And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."

How do we resist him?:

- A) With Scripture. Matthew 4/ Luke 4
- B) With Prayer. Ephesians 6 "Praying always with all prayer and supplication.
- C) With Confidence. Defeated foe! **I John 3:8** "He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."

**Closing story:** Lion in MGM Grand Hotel in Las Vegas, NV.

There was a Plexiglas barrier between me and lion. He couldn't get to me, the only way he could have hurt me would have been if I would have entered his enclosure behind the Plexiglass.