



Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition;

2 Thessalonians 2:3

Devil - Revelation 12:9

Eyes - Proverbs 30:12

Conversation - Psalm 12:2

Ears - Ephesians 4:22

People - Jeremiah 9:5

Thoughts - Genesis 6:5, Job 21:27

Images - Isaiah 5:20

Opportunity - Proverbs 26:19

Nature - 2 Timothy 3:13

Is the person in the picture above showing a frown or a smile? Can you tell? Looks can be very deceiving. Deception is the weapon Satan uses to cause former believers to the backslider, unbelievers to remain sinners, destroy relationships on every level, and attempt to eliminate lives from having a personal relationship with God because he is the devil.

In the Garden of Eden, in Genesis chapter three, the enemy uses deception through the serpent to persuade Adam and Eve. The devil deceptively allows the snake to convince Eve to reconsider what God said. The enemy used the serpent for Eve to look at the forbidden

fruit and simultaneously talked her into eating it along with Adam. The deception involved the look, the hearing, and the thinking in making the wrong decision.

The significant point to remember is Satan deceived himself at the very beginning. In the book of Isaiah, chapter fourteen, verse twelve acknowledged that Lucifer was a high-ranking angel. However, Satan thought of positioning himself higher than God, only to become a fallen angel and be thrown out of heaven.

Since the enemy is out of the presence of God, he is operating on the earth with other fallen angels to deceive. The devil will use people who harbor envy, unforgiveness, or anything associated with sinning to aid in deceiving others, especially believers.

The eyes are the window for every living soul.

The vision is the devil's chief means of deception. Good or bad, what we let in entertains our spirit. On the one hand, the enemy will use unbelievers, the religious, church-goers, or any sinner that desires to see people fail. Since the devil is a fallen angel, he wants to see people fall. When the enemy saw Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden, he desired to interfere. The devil knows they were enjoying the presence of God and the blessings that come with it. The enemy uses the serpent to scheme Adam and Eve to disrupt their relationship with God and the grace they received in the Garden of Eden. Today, the devil still uses deception with the eyes to disturb believers or anyone that desires to serve God in spirit and truth.

In Proverbs chapter thirty, verse twelve, the generations that are pure in their own eyes are the people that live for the world, and the "god of this world" takes advantage of them. These individuals are the ones that choose not to believe. The unbelievers give the devil access to blind the eye of their minds and ability to fulfill the agenda of the enemy: to use these people to deceive believers who strive to serve God. The eyes are the gate to the mind which gives the entrance to the heart. Once Satan has access, he can take control because the desire for him to possess a human's living soul is the goal.

The enemy will attempt to use the eyes of unbelievers or sinners to monitor believers and use deceptive ways to draw their attention.

The devil will use a situation or something that a servant of God finds annoying to anticipate them to react or bring into question. Since the enemy knows most of our external likes and dislikes, he will attempt to use them against us. A good deceptive example is a real-life experience where this person hates to drop things. The man reacts when it does happen and declares, "I hate dropping things." The next day he becomes cautious when handling big or small items with his hands, not to drop anything. However, this could be over-reacting, but it is another form of deception where the enemy plays with a person's mind if we become mindful of it. The devil uses deception with the mouth via communication. In Matthew chapter twelve, verse thirty-four states, "O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart, the mouth speaketh." Vipers are snakes. That explains how the serpent persuades Eve to eat the forbidden fruit by cheating her and Adam out of the Garden of Eden and disconnecting them from God. If a person's heart is against someone because of envy, bitterness, or hatred, this opens the door for the enemy to use as a tool to deceive others. Miscommunication is a prime example of what the enemy uses to cause believers to fail. Have you ever been in a situation with someone you know who suddenly stops talking to you? Nothing happened from the previous encounter, but today, there is conflict. What causes a person to have a problem with someone when there was no prior verbal contact? Disinformation. The individual receives the news through other social outlets: friends, family, co-workers, neighbors, and social media. These channels will allow the enemy to work on a person's mind and body to sway and turn against the one intended. An example of disinformation is when the serpent tells Eve in the Garden of Eden. Genesis chapter three, verse four, the snake tells her she will not die from eating the fruit from that tree. However, she previously gets the message from God prior in verse three that she will die if she touches or eats the fruit from that particular tree. Then the serpent mentions to Eve how God will think after and predicts the outcome when they partake of the fruit on

that tree. The devil uses the snake to twist God's instruction in such a way as to con Eve into eating it.

The enemy will not hesitate to use the voices of unbelievers or sinners to deceive believers and use cunning ways to draw their attention. The book of Revelation, chapter thirteen, verse nine, says roughly if any man has an ear, let him hear. The devil attempts to take advantage of that by manipulating the believers' minds with deception through their ears, especially sinners who envy or hate specific individuals that rub them the wrong way. In this case, the serpent's reply to Eve convinces her in Genesis chapter three, verses four and five, to eat that prohibited fruit. The deceptive words of the enemy influence her in making the wrong choice in losing out with God.

Today, the devil is cunningly using the voices of people to persuade children of God to sin. The enemy works to create a diversion to set a trap for a believer: using some semantics which is saying something that has two meanings. The devil hopefully anticipates the children of God to react and contemplate with questions. Is that person referring to me? Why does it sound like they are talking about me? Should I address it or not?

The devil uses people of all kinds to get the attention of believers to fall and fail: The deceptive activity of the enemy that endeavors to break the relationship between God and human beings. The devil gets anybody that currently has sin in them to rob the believer's concentration on God and living right to focus on ungodly people to do wrong or carnal things. If a person struggles with lust, he will get someone to dress provocatively to draw their attention. If the same individual struggles with attitude, the enemy will find someone to give them disturbing gestures. If the person wrestles with anger, the evil one will present someone to make unpleasant remarks to get them angry.

Satan will attempt to use the people's minds against them. In Noah's day, the character of human sin blatantly manifests in devious and evil ways. Human depravity has not changed; it is still through violence that evil finds unrestrained expression. Today, devious sins

and aggressive behavior are prevalent in human society everywhere.

The enemy will use thoughts to occupy the believer and unbeliever, especially sinners who the devil gives them things to think about against the children of God. Whether people hear or see the person they hold a grudge, the devil will use that to his advantage in the quest to overcome them and to sever the bond between God and His people. What do thoughts do to a person who has bad feelings for another? This state gives the enemy permission to control and use them according to his purpose.

Satan will use deception cunningly to project pictures into people's minds. The enemy uses images to confuse some individuals: calling them good and evil and evil good. The devil mischievously controls sinners in this manner to get them to create havoc on believers based on their thought processes. Therefore, if someone has bad feelings toward another, anything the other person does, the devil will send opposing images to create conflict. Satan sends an image to people to cause damage. The deception that anyone uses is a moment to get at or get revenge on someone else. Especially if envy or hatred is there, that is where the devil gets involved to help manipulate the one intended. The enemy seeks to destroy the lives of people through sin. Therefore, he will use sinners, backsliders, church-goers, and the religious to deceive others. If the devil uses the sinners to change the heart of believers to make them angry and fall into sin, the scapegoat commonly used is "I was only joking, I was not trying to offend anyone."

The personal temperament of a human being is significant in a situation that determines the outcome. Especially for a believer to obtain victory over the enemy, we must not allow deception to defeat us. Let's face it. Today, society is not as pleasant as before. Persecution expects to occur against godly people in this world. It is one of the few constants in being a believer. In comparison, evil people and imposters expect to be more deceitful in more ways than one. Such people will continue to deceive others and get deceived themselves.

The truth is all humans were born into this deception. Since Adam and Eve, kids and adults still do pranks that range from moderate to severe. Deception is a weapon that the enemy uses to destroy relationships. In Genesis chapter three, Satan tricks Adam and Eve into eating the forbidden fruit. The decision from both created separation between God and man.

Deception is dangerous when deciding by human conception: Individuals must be aware and not make choices via gut feeling or make any exception. The path is life-changing, and no one can turn back after reception.

Therefore, everyone must thoroughly review the situation they face before going ahead with their conception.