

# Schemes of Satan and A Disciple's Defense

Intro:

## **I. Deceive**

- A. Satan is known as the great Deceiver. (no one does it better!)
  - 1. 2 Cor. 11:14-15 states, "...for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds."
- B. Discernment is the Defense against Satan's deceptions
  - 1. Heb. 5:14, "But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil"
- C. Application

## **II. Distract (Tempt)**

- A. Satan tempts and entices people away from God and away from truth.
  - 1. 1 Thess. 3:5, "For this reason, when I could bear it no longer, I sent to learn about your faith, for fear that somehow the tempter had tempted you and our labor would be in vain."
- B. We overcome by knowing and trusting the word of God.
  - 1. 1 John 2:14, "I write to you, fathers, because you know him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the word of God abides in you, and you have overcome the evil one."
- C. Application:

### **III. Divide**

#### **A. Satan causes division in Christian relationships**

1. Gal. 5:16-21 states, "But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."

#### **B. Defeat immaturity and carnality by walking in the Spirit**

1. Gal. 5:22-24 states, "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires." (Pineapple)

#### **C. Application:**

### **IV. Discourage**

#### **A. Satan seeks to Discourage believers so they are defeated and depressed.**

#### **B. Defeat with Focus on Christ**

1. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

#### **C. Application:**

Conclusion