

The Lies That Limit Us

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The enemy's strategy is to get us to believe LIES rather than TRUTH.

"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"?' ²The woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, ³but 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.'" ⁴'You will not certainly die,' the serpent said to the woman. ⁵'For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.' ⁶When 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. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. ⁷Then 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." (Genesis 3:1-7 NIV)

We must choose to believe God's WORD rather than the enemy's LIES.

"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. ²After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. ³The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' ⁴Jesus answered, 'It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" ⁵Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. ⁶'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down. For it is written: "He will command his angels concerning you, and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'" ⁷Jesus answered him, 'It is also written: "Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. ⁹'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.' ¹⁰Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: "Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" ¹¹Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him." (Matthew 4:1-11 NIV)

Lie #1: I should obey my APPETITES;

Truth: I should obey God's WORD. (3-4)

Lie #2: If God loved me, my circumstances would be DIFFERENT;

Truth: God's love is based on the truth in God's Word, not my CIRCUMSTANCES. (5-7)

Lie #3: God exists to serve MY purposes;

Truth: I exist to serve GOD'S purposes. (8-10)

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." (Luke 19:10 NIV)

We gain victory as we submit our thoughts to Christ and by CONFESSING the truth of the Word to replace the lies.

"...If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." (John 8:31-32 NIV)

"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." (2 Corinthians 10:5 NIV)

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