

The Lies That Limit Us

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Matthew 4:1-11 NIV

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

"...He (Satan) has always hated the truth, because 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 NLT)

Lie #1: I should obey my APPETITES.

Truth: I should obey God's WORD.

"... 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' Jesus answered, 'It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"" (v. 3-4)

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

Truth: God's love is based on who He is, not my CIRCUMSTANCES.

"Then 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.'"" (v. 5-7)

Lie #3: God exists to serve MY purposes.

Truth: I exist to serve GOD'S purposes.

"Again, 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.'"" (v. 8-10)

SPEAK 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)