

Guarding Our Faith

2 Corinthians 13:5



Our Faith Is Vulnerable



Matthew 13:20-22

²⁰But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles. ²²Now he who received seed among the thorns is he who hears the word, and the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful

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Galatians 6:1

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted

Satan Deceives

2 Corinthians 11:13-15

¹³For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

¹⁴And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. ¹⁵Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.



Satan Deceives



2 Peter 2:1-2

¹But there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. ²And many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

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Genesis 3:1-6

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2 Corinthians 10:12

For we dare not class ourselves or compare ourselves with those who commend themselves. But they, measuring themselves by themselves, and comparing themselves among themselves, are not wise



Satan Deceives



1 Corinthians 10:12

Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall

Satan Tempts

1 John 2:15-16

¹⁵Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. ¹⁶For all that is in the world--the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life -- is not of the Father but is of the world



Satan Tempts

Galatians 5:16-17

¹⁶I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. ¹⁷For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.



Satan Uses Trials

1 Peter 4:12-14

¹²Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; ¹³but rejoice to the extent that you partake of Christ's sufferings, that when His glory is revealed, you may also be glad with exceeding joy. ¹⁴If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are you, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified.



Satan Uses Abundance

Luke 4:5-7

⁵Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. ⁶And the devil said to Him, "All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. ⁷Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours."



Satan Uses Abundance



Matthew 19:24

And again I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God

Satan Malnourishes



Matthew 13:19

When anyone hears the word of the kingdom, and does not understand it, then the wicked one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is he who received seed by the wayside

Answering Deception

John 8:31-32

³¹Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.

³²And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free"



Answering Temptation



James 4:7

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you

Answering Trials



Philippians 4:11

Not that I speak in regard to need,
for I have learned in whatever state
I am, to be content

Answering Abundance



1 Timothy 6:17-18

¹⁷Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy.

¹⁸Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share

Answering Malnutrition



Ephesians 5:17

Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is

Answering Malnutrition



James 1:22

But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves

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