

**Give thanks  
in all  
circumstances;  
for this  
is God's  
will for you in  
Christ Jesus.  
~ 1 Thess 5:18**

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## He's a Persistent Cuss

It's been thousands of years since the angel lucifer tried to unseat his creator. The ignorant cuss thought himself to be God's equal based on physical appearance. Two things originated in lucifer, pride and sin. Lucifer's master plan was to take God's place and have all the other angels worship and adore him. Despite all of his efforts and declarations, what he got was kicked out of heaven. Since lucifer thought he was a special part of creation, God created him a special place to live, his new home would be called hell.

At this time earth was in existence, it had animal life but man was yet to be created. Lucifer is now called satan and he put all life in utter chaos. His influence on this planet was so perverted that God had to bring a flood and destroy all manner of life.

**Psalm 24:2** God founded the world upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Before God could create "new" life, He had to clean up this planet and separate the waters from dry land. God would bring one more flood in Noah's day but it would be the last time He would use floods. There would be no dinosaurs on Noah's ark, they were all dead before or during the first flood. So God made earth habitable

and then He created the first man the world had ever seen. Adam was created in God's image, he was a god class of creation and God gave him dominion. God loved Adam but He had to know if Adam loved Him. God told Adam he could eat from any tree in the Garden except one. If Adam obeyed, then God would know he loved Him, but if he didn't then Adam would change the entire dynamic of creation.

**Romans 6:16** To whom you yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants you become.

Adam had the authority to put satan in hell for all eternity but he chose rather to disobey God and obey the devil. Some folks don't think this was fair because Adam had no idea what would happen! This is not true. God told him that in the day he ate of the tree he would die, Adam's mistake was not believing God. A whole lot of people today are living in misery because they don't believe God. Furthermore, a whole lot of people are servants of satan and they have

no clue of what is happening to them.

**2 Corinthians 4:14** The god of this world has blinded the minds of them which believe not.

The devil is a persistent cuss, he never gives up on any man. He strives daily to recruit men who will worship him. He is the god of this present world and anyone who is not submitted to the Heavenly Father is inadvertently worshipping the devil. The Lord uses love to invite men to worship Him, the devil uses threats and false claims. The devil is continually trying to separate us from the love of God and all he can offer is lies. The devil is so dedicated to his craft that he never tried to separate Jesus from His Father. How did Jesus handle the devil? With the truth. The one thing the devil has no might against is the truth. The truth worked perfectly for Jesus. Do you suppose it would work for you? The truth makes us free and the truth keeps us free.



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If you are the member of a church body and you have a vision from our Lord, then the spirit of division is at work within the members. This spirit is a subtle creature and he has one objective, to divide the members of a healthy functioning body. He has no limitations, no restrictions, he just wants to impede something good. This spirit is so cunning he will convince a saint that they are justified to quarrel and hate a brother or sister.

*1 Corinthians 1:11* It has been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

Paul makes a special point of calling these folks his brethren, perhaps he wanted them to be aware of who they

## The Spirit of Division

pastor wanted to replace the piano bench. Do you know who won that debate? The spirit of division! I realize certain things need to be discussed and decisions made but is anything worth splitting a church over? I submit to you that every church split happened because some one insisted on having their way. No one prayed and sought the Lord for His wisdom. The spirit of division is not a respecter of persons, he will deceive whosoever is too immature to resist him.

*Ephesians 4:11-14* Jesus gave us the five fold ministry gifts for the maturing of the saints. Till we all come in the unity of the faith. That we are no longer tossed to and fro.

If Christians are feuding with one another it's

Immature Christians are easily deceived, they stand for nothing and therefore fall for anything. I have known several Christians that have been to Bible School and were believers for over twenty years that were the biggest babies I have ever met, they were always stirring up a pot of division.

*Mathew 16:24* And Jesus said, if any man will come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

The problem with some Christians is they think too highly of themselves and they expect a certain level of attention. It is a common thing for children to demand attention and to think only of themselves. Babies always want what someone else has, they will crawl over to take it and claim it as their own.

*Mathew 20:27* And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant.

If you have a church full of servants, the spirit of division will struggle to cause strife. Humility acts as a shield between men and the devil, remember it was pride that got lucifer kicked out of heaven. The spirit of division cannot coax a servant to lord himself over anyone, a servant is more concerned with the needs of others than their own. What man would ever think that servitude would empower him over the wiles of the devil.

are. One of the major sins we were delivered from was hatred, which is the root cause of strife. Kenneth Copeland speaks of a church that got into major strife because the

on account of immaturity, either they are yet babes in Christ or they have not submitted to the five gifts Jesus gave us. Baby Christians have a mind of their own, they do not have the mind of Christ.



# The Wiles of the devil

Most Christians believe they could identify the works of the devil in their lives. When the Apostle Paul wrote to the church at Ephesus, he warned them that their true adversary the devil was **wily**. He needed for them and us to know that the devil is tricky and sneaky. The devil has to be covert because if he openly attacked you he would get his butt kicked. The objective of the devil is to bring as much hell into your life and avoid detection. How can you defend yourself from your adversary if you don't know who your adversary is?

**2 Corinthians 2:11** Do not let satan get an advantage over us: for we are not ignorant of his goals.

We must embrace this Scripture and believe it, we are not ignorant of the devil's methods and plots against our lives. The Bible would not say we are not ignorant and then not expose the antics of our enemy.

**John 8:44** There is no truth in the devil. When he speaks a lie, he speaks of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of all lies.

Jesus says the devil is the father of all lies, this means that all lies originate with him. Notice what Jesus said: when the devil **speaks**, he is lying. The devil has a voice and we can hear it in our

minds. One of the devil's favorite tricks is to fill our heads with things that are not true. A lot of people are ignorant of this trick, lies appear to smooth things over. The devil speaks into our minds and then we repeat it with the words from our mouths. I have known

ness on His body on the cross. If we confess we are sick then essentially we are denying what Jesus did for us on the cross and we are now in agreement with the devil!

**Romans 12:2** Do not be conformed to this world: but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, and you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

If a believer will not renew their mind they will be ignorant of the devil's plots and plans. He will be permitted to bring hell and misery into their lives and ultimately blame it on God. We have all heard the doctrine of devils at one time or another in our lives.

"God doesn't love you"

"You have been too bad, He won't forgive you"

"God does not heal today"

When you renew your mind you can easily identify the lies of your old teacher.

These are imaginations that need to be cast down, thoughts that you will never again entertain. The devil cannot deceive a man who loves the truth, he can spot a counterfeit immediately. The devil is relentless, he will try over and over again and we will enable him to fail over and over again.

several people that spoke out everything the devil told them and they couldn't tell you the truth even if it was written down. The devil has no authority in our lives, he is limited to what we speak out. If he can get us to say what he said, he can then confirm your words with hell and misery following. We have no business claiming we are sick because Jesus bore our sick-



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## The Sanctified Life

Let me put everything in perspective, if you are a Bible believing Christian the devil hates you. The devil is searching for men to worship him and you need to resist his fantasy.

John 17:16-17 They are not of the world even as I am not of the world. Sanctify them through your truth; Your Word is truth.

Jesus prayed to the Father that we should live a sanctified life, a life where the devil is scarcely noticeable. If you are sold out to Christ and you are consumed with Him, the devil will struggle to gain any traction in your life. Sometimes the devil is like a spoiled little brat, he demands attention. If he can't get a rise out of you he stands back and sulks. If you

and the devil have history together and in every case you beat him thoroughly with the Name of Jesus, he is not confident in his ability to "get you". Remember what saint Peter said?

cause he is a good union devil he must try every person. A sanctified believer gives Jesus all the preeminence and because they do this they view the devil as an insignificant, defeated nuisance. They have more faith in what Jesus said than what the



The devil walks about seeking whom he may devour (swallow up).

The devil does not know if he will be successful or not, but be-

devil says. Only the ignorant fear an unarmed foe, the sanctified will give him no place. Don't pay attention to the loser, give all your affection to the One who saved you from the liar and all of his lies.