

The Designs Of The Devil

Introduction. The angels are created beings from before the world's creation (Job 38:7). Satan fell from his "first estate" (2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6). Because the devil can masquerade as an angel of light, we cannot be ignorant of his schemes (2 Corinthians 11:3; 2:11). He is the god of this world and we have to fight against him (2 Corinthians 4:3-4; 10:3-5).

I. Deceive

- A. Matthew 13:22.
- B. 1 Timothy 2:14.
- C. James 1:14.
- D. Revelation 12:9.

II. Discredit

- A. God (Genesis 3:4-5; Matthew 11:19).
- B. God's people (Job 2:1-8; Acts 16:19-21; 3 John 9-10).
- C. God's word (Luke 8:12; John 8:32; 1 Corinthians 1:18).

III. Distract

- A. Luke 12:15.
- B. Matthew 10:37; 6:33.
- C. Colossians 3:2.
- D. 1 Peter 2:11.

IV. Divide

- A. Psalm 133:1.
- B. 1 Corinthians 1:10; 3:3; 4:6.
- C. Ephesians 4:11-14.
- D. Acts 20:28-32.

V. Discourage

- A. Galatians 6:9.
- B. Joshua 1:7.
- C. Acts 20:24.
- D. Hebrews 10:36.

VI. Delay

- A. Acts 24:24-25.
- B. Hebrews 3:8-13; 4:7-13.
- C. 2 Corinthians 6:1-2.
- D. Jeremiah 8:17-20.

Conclusion. You need to follow Christ so you can fight the devil and overcome Him. The way to overcome him involves the sacrifice of Jesus Christ (Hebrews 2:14; 1 Peter 5:8-11; 1 John 3:8).