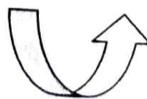


SATAN'S STRATEGIES

=Three "gods" of Incarceration= **ANGER<FEAR<LUST**

- ❖ There are many verbs to describe how Satan tricks us, uses us, attacks us, deceives us, and more.
- ❖ Satan **TWISTS** the words of God all the way back to the Garden of Eden. He misquoted God by saying "any" tree then lied in a question "did God really say you shall not surely die?" Gen. 3:1-5 He has been saying this and putting doubt in our minds ever since!
- ❖ Satan **DISGUISES** himself in false teachers, TV, music, trick writing, lying to our families, and more.
- ❖ Satan **IMITATES** God by doing something genuine but for ungodly purposes.
- ❖ Can you think of examples? People pay canteen to needy to have them beat someone up? People invite others into their groups here to use them?
- ❖ Satan **AFFLICTS** and **OPPRESSES** us with diseases, mental illnesses, wrong responses to our God given emotions.
- ❖ Satan **ACCUSES** through others, puts daily delays and obstacles to **HINDER** us. Matthew 24:9-10 *✓ false prophets deceive many; in case of wickedness*
- ❖ John 8:6 Jesus bent down and wrote in the dirt! Was he listing our sins, telling them to bring the man caught in adultery also, writing forgiveness?
- ❖ When Satan accuses or ridicules our faith by using people in our lives, or just someone on the yard I Pet 3:16 tells us to be ready.
- ❖ All the emotions and feelings that we experience in life, Satan will try to use them to keep us in sin, destroy our faith, and our desire to walk with Christ.
- ❖ It is our choice today, not tomorrow or next week...think about that!

HEAVEN



Time Shall Be No More!



HELL

Both God and satan can get you home, but we get to choose the address!!!

- ❖ I know the environment we are in, the examples around us at times, but heaven or hell is still our choice.
- ❖ People have asked me "since your God is so loving, why does He send people to hell? The first truth is God does not send people to hell!! He simply honors our choice. He honors free will even when we hurt Him with our sin, our rebellion our selfish self-centered lives.
- ❖ Our anger, Lust, and fear are causing us to look for a quick fix but God is after lasting change. Sometimes we need to allow our circumstances and weaknesses to do the job God sent them to do—provoke humility.
- ❖ Winning our battles means we need to wise up to Satan's schemes and prepare in advance.
- ❖ I have let Satan tempt me with what God hates the most for my life. That may be different for you. Many times that means what appears good by pleasure or instant gratification.
- ❖ Satan's personality, do we know it? His original name was LUCIFER, which means "shining one, morning star, or sun of the morning. Prophets Isaiah and Ezekiel said he was a holy angel both wise and beautiful before his fall from heaven. Now he is leader of the fallen spirits and most powerful enemy of God and people, tempter of us all. Isaiah 14:12 Ezekiel 28:11-19 Ephesians 6:12 *Ephesians 6:13-19 6:13-17*
- ❖ Free will for Satan and his angels, worshipping before the throne of God itself and the first sin of pride got him thrown out of heaven. Will we let pride, especially prison pride throw us to hell? Will we worship today and head straight to our go to sin behaviors out there?
- ❖ I John 5:19 ✓ "whole world is under the sway of the wicked one"
- ❖ Sometimes our community here is characterized by greed, selfish habits, intrigue, hatred, lies, aggression, rivalries, public sex acts, bad language, and more. Satan is the father of all these things. If we walk in these Satan is our father not God if we do not repent and give them up as He gives us the strength to. ✓
- ❖ 2 Corinthians 4:4 "god of this age has blinded people".
- ❖ 2 Corinthians 11:5 ✓ "Satan has his own doctrine which is false
- ❖ 1 Corinthians 10:20-21 "does his best work in religious circles"
- ❖ Satan is a great divider—even effected our chapel services. Services went from averaging 130 to 90 because Satan has convinced grown women to boycott church over being held to their word, or not defiling the house of the Lord.
- ❖ Some outside churches preach on some of the same subjects yet our Chaplain has never turned his back on anyone or condemned us to hell. He delivers the word of God and guides us with love.

- ❖ Satan is guiding the path of some of us! I mean he has been powerful enough to divide the angels in heaven and convince them to leave with him. It is sad we let him divide families, friends, churches...
- ❖ He has hindered our revival at KCIW thru adversity, confusion, lies, stress, using others to say don't go to the chapel, even some who are here refusing to worship.

THINGS SATAN DOES TO PULL US IN

1. Keeps us busy with other things—ball field instead of church, yard instead of night services
 2. Makes canteen and money our focus more than God
 3. Lures us into filth and pleasures
 4. Discourages Christian friendships or respect for those walking in faith
 5. Stimulates us with chasing pleasure of the world instead of chasing God
 6. Read magazines, books a lot more than we do the Bible
 7. Have us focus on outward appearances so some do not feel worthy instead of looking at their heart
 8. Make us lust for people not faith
 9. Emphasize santa, eater bunny, etc to take glory way from the real meanings of the faith days
 10. Draw us toward false goodies that keep our focus off eternity
- ❖ If we pay attention to a few of these things, it could keep Satan from getting a foothold in our lives
 - ❖ Mark 8:34—Jesus gave His life yet are we willing to lay down a few interests for eternal life in Him?
 - ❖ We can spend so much energy whining about our situation that we have nothing left to invest in the real fight.
 - ❖ Closer look at three "gods" of incarceration—anger, fear and lust.
 - ❖ These emotions rule in here most days. They may even seem like pleasure but are really traps from Satan.
 - ❖ Anger—emotion of instant displeasure coming from feeling of hurt, injury, disrespect. Mistreatment, opposition or being offended.
 - ❖ Some say "well God gets mad". Yes He gets angry over our disobedience. Ps. 103:8, Neh. 1:2-3
 - ❖ Anger is not evil because it is in our nature I believe anger is sinful when it is our go to without thinking, when we react with violence, spit out words in anger we can't get back, automatically hit instead of talk like Christ did, and when it becomes revenge, spiteful way of life.

- ❖ Eph. 4:26, Mt. 5:22, Col.3:8 Prov. 15:18
- ❖ Anger is dealt with in the Bible at least 280 times in my concordance. If we have a problem with anger we should read the scriptures on it.
- ❖ Anger causes our blood to pump and energy level rise. Cocaine to our emotions, it is a drug that demands more and more use to deal with life. Anger can stop being an emotion and be a driving force in our life.
- ❖ Is our gift of life meant to be spent settling scores?
- ❖ Prov. 29:11
- ❖ James 1:19-20 angry people is seldom reasonable and a reasonable person is seldom angry!
- ❖ Ps. 37:8 Anger is noise of the soul, the heart when irritated, invader of peace.
- ❖ Some are thinking...you don't know how hard my life has been, how hard the main bldg is to live in, how hard the dealing with old people in Pine Bluff is, ...yet 99% of you don't know how angry I wake up knowing man has told me I will die in here. I am hurt, disrespected, thrown away and I am angry about it. I tell God, share with people, not throw punches or spit on faces.
- ❖ I don't walk in your shoes either and you don't walk in mine. Yet we can all agree hopefully how miserable our future would be unless we deal with our anger.
- ❖ Self-control is a fruit of the spirit and opposite of letting our anger show aggressively—Prov. 16:32—When we have self-control over our thoughts, our words and our appetites. We are powerful in the eyes of God. Let us become angry over the things that offend God.
- ❖ FEAR—a feeling of anxiety and agitation caused by the presence or nearness of danger, evil, and pain. It is in the Bible at least 330 times. It cripples us and maybe I define as devil's faith. He will use fear to seduce us into sin. He says lay down the word of God and please ourselves with filth
- ❖ Satan doesn't want us to stand up or stand out for God, Jesus or Holy Spirit.
- ❖ Fear says hide our guilt...word says bring it to light be free.
- ❖ Fear doesn't stop death but it stops life.
- ❖ Fear causes people to see the decisions we made not the choices we had...volunteers have admitted a hesitance to come in here because of what they heard...no risk, no story for God's glory.
- ❖ Are we in need of courage? Backing down more than standing up? Maybe we need to remember the original disciples were common people like us. They were not filled with theology or supernatural. However, they were

an ounce more devoted than they were afraid. As a result they did some extraordinary things.

- ❖ Satan has no right to exercise authority over us but he tricks up into giving it to him. He wants us ignorant of scripture and fear him instead of God.
- ❖ Prison fear not cool, not fit in, and be cool even our reverent fear of God.
- ❖ LUST==what we want most, what our flesh desires, a strong desire for something wrong even. A desire to gratify the senses and our bodily appetites and not just sex!
- ❖ I can't define what everyone lusts but we know if we are walking in lust, putting anything before God.
- ❖ If we are hanging with people that don't want us going to church, maybe we are in lust.
- ❖ We worship canteen, each other, tricks, money, multiple sex partners, yet are we going to church as much as these fill our lives?
- ❖ We obey this god of lust, do everything an unhealthy relationship in here or out of here, friendships tell us to do, we change our lives around what we lust for!!
- ❖ We desire for personal gratification no matter who it harms, no boundaries, but does it ever satisfy us?
- ❖ Lust persuades us we need attention mentally, emotionally, physically
- ❖ Col. 3:2
- ❖ It takes time and effort to look beyond the surface of people. Are we sitting next to someone right now who builds us up, encourages us, or just because they give us attention.
- ❖ James 1:13-15
- ❖ The voice we believe will be the future we receive! Do not let Satan or people he uses decide your life
- ❖ Where we stare is where we will steer. When we are tempted we should get help from the Word, a fellow believer, Chap or volunteer.
- ❖ Don't swap your integrity for a sale on sin! Don't exchange your devotion to Christ for a quick thrill!
- ❖ Sometimes others will whisper, tease us, flatter us, and say: go ahead, its ok" don't worry, no one will know.
- ❖ The world crams sin down our throat. Jesus gently taps our heart.
- ❖ The world promises flashy pleasure. Jesus promises a quiet dinner at His table forever. Which voice are we listening to?
- ❖ Satan will keep us eating in a pig sty like the prodigal son.
- ❖ Satan is not after our joy, he is after our strength, and our desires. He wants us too weak to pray, too tired and burned out. Why do we struggle

with the same tests day after day? Talk back to the devil like Jesus did, learn the Word and say "it is written"!

- ❖ Satan loves to set us up to be upset. Yet if we are filled with the weapon of scripture he will flee. Satan is no match for it. "Greater is He that is in you..."
- ❖ The best testimonies come from people that Christ has made whole yet still remember what it was like to be broken.
- ❖ Living a life in Christ means sometimes laying aside personal feelings, deciding which choices are more important in God's eyes, lay down anger, lusts and fears for a greater cause.
- ❖ James 4:7-10 (message)
- ❖ Hebrews 12:1-3
- ❖ It doesn't take any special talent to give up, give in to the world and quit. Anyone can do that. Look around, there is living proof in here He won't let us quit if we keep trying. I am one of them and some here today.
- ❖ 2 Corinthians 4:18—what we see will last only a short time but what we cannot see will last forever.
- ❖ For some of us the journey has been long. We can't minimize the things we have done, things we have survived. Some today still have burdens we carry that others could not, we have lost family, been robbed of dreams, I'm not getting any younger. And we are tired! As a Christian, let us refuse to give Satan a single inch of ground...take it back!!
- ❖ Many attended the Princes conference which I hope brought closer relationships with Christ and changes of behaviors and decisions.
- ❖ I challenge us to go on a Holy Ghost rampage in KCIW ourselves, drawing strength from each other, edifying one another, encouraging one another, stop playing games, stop using excuses not to grow in Christ, stop saying sorry and truly repent making changes in our lives, and so much more.
- ❖ Father God we come before you in confession and repentance knowing You hear us and will respond out of Your love, grace and mercy. We confess we walk in our old thoughts, words and actions. We want to be a new creation. Forgive us and help us get the old out of Your way and pray for the fruit of Your Spirit to be shown in our lives rather than fruit of self, fruits of the world, fruits of the flesh or fruits of the devil. Help us to keep anger, lust, and fear from doing what they want in our lives.

Lord, helps us resist the enemy and put the word of God in our hearts to fight the devil's lies, to protect our hearts, to share the good news with others, to block the devil's arrows, to handle life's setbacks and temptations with Christ, and help us not doubt.