



Vices verses Veracity!

7 KEYS TO AVOID BEING FOOLED BY THE
DOCTRINE OF A DEMON!

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Are you a Victim or a Victor?

The key in determining whether you are a victim, or a victor depends on “vices” and “veracity.”

A victim is a person who suffers from the destructive or injurious action or agency. They have been deceived or cheated, whether it was by his or her own emotions or ignorance, by the dishonesty of others, or by some impersonal agency.

A victor is a person who has overcome or defeated an adversary. They are a conqueror or a winner of any struggle or contest.

What are vices? A vice is an immoral or evil habit or practice. It is or can be Immoral conduct, a bad habit, degrading behavior, a fault, defect, or a physical flaw or infirmity

What is veracity? Veracity is conformity with truth or fact. It conveys accuracy or a devotion to truth. It is also referring to the power of conveying or perceiving truth.

Victims can suffer destruction and injury because of vices!

Victors can overcome and win because of their veracity; their devotion to truth.

VERACITY HAS A NAME

John 14:6 says “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

The key to being a victor and overcoming in this life is through Jesus Christ. John 1:1 & 14 describe Him as the

Word of God. He was the Word made flesh. He was the living embodiment of truth. In verse 12 it says “But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:”

If you don't know Him, you can invite Him to be Lord of your life right now. Pray, *“heavenly Father, I confess I am a sinner. I'm weak, I'm messed up, but I understand that if I confess my sins, You are faithful and just to forgive me and cleanse me from all unrighteousness. Please forgive me. I invite you to come and live in my heart. I choose to make you both my Lord, and Savior.”*

If you have prayed the sinner's prayer before but have fallen back into sin. You can pray a similar prayer and rededicate your life. Just speak from your heart and commit to once again living your life for Christ.

THE WORD OF GOD IS THE KEY

Hebrews 10:7 says “Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come— In the volume of the book it is written of Me— To do Your will, O God.’ ” Jesus Christ is the Word. One of the keys to overcoming is getting God's word in you. For those who get it, they become voracious readers, consuming God's word daily and they are devoted to regular prayer.

Why? Because if you understand God's word, you will understand how the world works. Jesus says in John 8:31-32 that “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

The Truth Shall Make You Free

That's right! The Truth.... shall make you.... free! The key to your success, the key to your victory, the key to your overcoming is YOUR VERACITY! It is your devotion to truth.

The scriptures teach us in John 10:10 that Satan comes to kill, steal and destroy. He wants you to be "the victim," one who suffers destruction, loss or injury. He is fiercely opposed to you knowing the truth because it exposes the devices (2 Corinthians 2:11) he uses to entrap us through ignorance.

Satan's strategy is to ensnare us in our thoughts. In our spiritual war he has set demonic IED's (*improvised explosive devices*) all throughout the seven spheres of society. He wants to trick, deceive, entrap, wound and destroy as many people as he can.

Thankfully, God's word provides us seven keys for the wise in heart that empower us to recognize the demonic logic behind his soul traps. But first, let's lay a foundation.

Strategic Traps

The Greek word translated "snare" (Strong's g3803) means a trap, a trick or stratagem; a snare. Or you could say, the devil sets strategic traps.

APOSTOLIC WARFARE WISDOM

Paul, the apostle, wrote to Timothy and the Corinthians. In 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 he says, *"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down*

*strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every **thought** into captivity to the obedience of Christ, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled."*



In my book "[Structures & Strategies](#)" on [page 45](#) I share the real meanings of the English words translated war and warfare. It refers to a strategic function and an apostolic gift. God made the apostle for strategy. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5 reveals that the battle ground is the mind so what you think is really important. Why? Proverbs 23:7 reveals that as a man thinks in his heart, so is he.

What we think impacts what we believe, say and do. Hebrews 4:12, 11:3 and Proverbs 18:21 reveal how powerful our words are. Life, death and creation are in the power of the tongue. Used well, it can frame our world (Hebrews 11:3) or the unruly tongue can set the world on fire by hell (James 3:1-6).

DON'T BE IGNORANT OF THE ENEMIES DEVICES

I've highlighted the word **thought** in 2 Corinthians 10:5 above because it's the same word translated **devices** in 2 Corinthians 2:11 which says, "*lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his **devices**.*" His devices (*de-vices*) are like the IED's (*improvised explosive devices*) used by Islamic terrorists today. Vices play an important role in Satan's devices.

Strong's g3540 says that the word translated "devices" means a perception, i.e. purpose, or (by implication) the intellect or disposition itself. It also means device, mind, or thought.

The primary place the enemy seeks to set his traps and capture us in his vice grips, is through our our minds. That's why the real battlefield is in our minds.

SATAN'S END-TIME STRATEGY IS TO DECEIVE THROUGH DOCTRINES OF DEMONS

A doctrine present a system of thoughts and ideas. A belief system can be built such that it can become a stronghold. A stronghold of thought can be changed from good to evil or from evil to good. Hence, Satan's propensity to use lies and deception to entrap the unwise. Paul the apostle warns in 1 Timothy 4:1-2, "*Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron...*"

Doctrines of demons is part of Satan's end time strategy to kill, steal and destroy. Sadly, many who call themselves Christians, Evangelicals, Catholics, or you name the denomination have been seduced and fooled by a doctrine of demons.

The only antidote for his poisoned belief system is a vaccine regimen of truth drawn from God's word. This truth should be self-administered and when necessary you can consult a teacher of God's word; a doctor of theology.

The Greek word translated doctrine means instruction,

doctrine, learning or teaching. That in itself helps us understand why Satan has targeted the Education mountain. Why in America many college campuses, secular and religious, have become the bully pulpit for his ministers and false prophets.

Strong's g1140 says the word translated "demon" literally means devil god. It's an evil spirit, a messenger or minister of the devil.

In "[Jesus was manifested to destroy the works of the devil.... But how?](#)" it says diabolos, which is also translated as Satan means false accuser, the devil and slanderer. It's also a metaphor for the prince of demons the author of evil.

The modus operandi of the devil is marked by false accusations, slander and he writes and creates evil stratagems. Demons deceive. Deceiving spirits refer to spirits that pose as an impostor and who misleads or seduces.

So, it should come as no surprise that the "author of evil" would develop doctrines or systems of teaching to impact the thoughts of men and women. Why? Because our beliefs impact what we say. In my article "[Are Your Words Empowering Angels or the Demonic](#)" I describe why our words are so very important because even a Christian through ignorance or by being deceived can empower the demonic by what we say and do.

[Wisdom Regarding Deception](#)

The best lies, and deceit include copious amounts of truth. It only takes a little error to take us way off course. It is like the impact of the earth's magnetism on a compass.

Accurate navigation requires that the compass be corrected for the earth's magnetic pull and sometimes for issues within the actual compass itself. These errors are referred to as variation and deviation. These errors must be corrected for accurate navigation and the stars or the heavens are used to determine true north.

Years ago, I was a pilot and I learned a general rule. For every 60 miles I travel a one-degree navigation error causes me to miss my destination by one mile. So, in a 600-mile journey I'd miss the mark by 10 miles.

Our Moral Compass is to be Corrected by Truth

It's the same with our walk with God. The Bible serves as our reference for true North. It points us to God and the kingdom of "heaven." That's where we find the truth. Each of us have a moral compass. Sometimes our thoughts introduce error and sometimes worldly attractions introduce issues to. Together these factors impact our behavior. Immoral behavior can be called "deviant behavior." Deviation can be corrected by referring to the true and then making the appropriate adjustments to get our life back on track.

A moral compass left uncorrected will impact an eternal destiny. It only takes a little deception or indulging in a vice or two to put you off course. The further and longer you go without making a course correction the more you'll miss your intended destination. If that destination is the kingdom of heaven, well, you'd be sorely disappointed at where you arrive.

Recognize Satan will pull out all the stops to deceive. He's an expert at using manipulation, guilt, lust, greed and

emotions to manipulate. Always remember, the most compelling lies, the most effective deceit include lots of truth.

Copious amounts of truth make it more difficult to spot the lie in a belief system. Satan and his demons utilize this tactic to trick, ensnare and seduce even those who consider themselves Christian.

7 KEYS TO AVOID BEING FOOLED BY THE DOCTRINE OF A DEMON

1. Know God's word! Read it daily and study it regularly. 2 Timothy 2:15
2. Compare actions and words to God's word. No matter what the issue or the emotions experienced apply the filter of God's word; the Truth. John 8:31-32 - ... and you shall know the truth and the truth will make you free. Remember, Satan is a murderer and the father of lies. John 8:39-44.
3. Remember, people are fallible. Trust in God first and foremost. Psalm 118:8 - It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in man.
4. Never forget when more than one person is involved that there are two sides to each story. Proverbs 18:17 - The first one to plead his cause seems right, until his neighbor comes and examines him.
5. Be spiritual. God calls spiritual men and women to judge or decide about words and actions; not people. 1 Corinthians 2:14-15 But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for

they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one.

6. Use fruit and character to discern motives and who or what's behind each issue. This is how to discover false prophets. See Matthew 7:15-20 & the fruit of the flesh and the fruit of the spirit shared in Galatians 5:16-25
7. Never forget, ultimately Satan is behind evil. His works are lies, lying signs, deceit, murder, stealing, destruction and lawlessness. John 8:31-44, 2 Thessalonians 2:7-9 and John 10:10.

Two Modern Examples of Doctrines of Demons

There are many ways to heaven

- **The Truth:** In John 14:6 Jesus reveals that is only one way to the Father and that is through Himself. 1 Timothy 2:5 reveals that there is only one Mediator between God and man and that is Jesus Christ. (1 John 5:20 & Hebrews 10:19-20).
- **The Vice:** Galatians 5:20 reveals that contentions, dissensions and heresy are vices of those who oppose the truth. Colossians 2:8 warns us to beware of those who try to cheat us through philosophy or empty deceit. 2 Timothy 4 warns us about those who love to have their ears tickled by deceived teachers.

Money is the devil's dung, said the Pope in "[Good Christians Don't Judge Each Other](#)."

- **The Truth:** 1 Timothy 6:10 reveals that it is the "love of money" that is the root of all evil. Money is neither good nor bad it is a tool. Greed or covetousness on the other hand is a form of idolatry. (Deuteronomy 7:25). So the statement, "money is the devil's dung" sounds good, but it is not the truth.
- **The Vice:** Proverbs 21:24-25 reveals that laziness is one of the vices associated with covetousness.

If you would like to see more examples visit

<https://www.1church1day.org/blog/7-keys-to-avoid-being-fooled-by-a-doctrine-of-a-demon>.

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Praying you would be richly blessed in Jesus name!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim Taylor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.