

Deception - Satan's Primary Tool

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In a National Geographic article about the Portia spider, author Robert Jackson detailed the various ways it deceives its prey. Sitting still, the spider looks like a piece of dried leaf or foliage until a meal walks by. It also will crawl onto another spider's web and tap the threads, mimicking the actions of a trapped insect. When the host spider appears, the Portia devours it. Deception is the Portia's primary tool.

Satan is like the Portia spider, in that deception is his weapon of choice. He does whatever he can to counterfeit the words of God, to make the unwary and naïve think that God is present and speaking, when in fact He is not. The apostle Paul wrote of false teachers: "For such are false apostles, and deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers also, transforms themselves into ministers of righteousness" (2 Cor. 11: 13-15).

Satan is the arch-deceiver. He is never what he appears to be. He does not introduce himself: "Hey, I'm Satan and I am here to deceive you." He deceived Eve in the beginning by his crafty and unscrupulous conduct (2 Cor. 11: 3). He was a liar and a murderer then, & he is a liar & murderer now! (Jn. 8: 44). He works through his ministers, who are said to be deceitful like their master.

Appearances are deceptive. We should not be too readily impressed by the superficial attractiveness of teachers who claim to be heaven-sent messengers. Like their master, false teachers do not get in the pulpit and say: "Hey, I'm a false teacher and I am here to deceive you and lead you astray." Only those who know the Word of God will be prepared and protected. Therefore, know the truth, and don't be deceived by the arch counterfeiter and his cohorts. To escape Satan's trap, know the truth and the One who is the Truth (Jn. 14: 6).

Think on these things.

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Our current schedule is:

Sunday AM Worship 11:00 AM

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We welcome all who are here today.

If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you). We would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in one of the receptacles provided at the front and rear of the auditorium. There will be an opportunity to give but as a visitor it is not expected of you. Thanks.



There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs if you need to care for your infant.



Read God's Word

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent. Thank you.

Prayers *In our prayers, let's praise God, recognize His greatness, thank Him for His Son and His blessings.*

Please pray as we continue our search for a gospel preacher.

Let's pray for those suffering in the Philippines from recent devastating weather conditions.

Anna Brink underwent 3 chemo treatments last week at Roswell and was discharged Friday. She is doing well. Prayers, cards, and phone calls would be appreciated.

Diane Mellott is dealing with severe arthritis in her right hip causing her difficulty walking. She is facing surgery in the future. She is scheduled for a Cortisone shot Feb. 16 and is scheduled to see her doctor in April.

Darlene Reed Because of the current Covid situation in the area her hip surgery scheduled for Feb. 23 has been postponed until further notice.

Barb Stortz, Amherst member, had foot surgery and is recovering. Let's pray things go well.

Glen Mueller Glen is in Jennie B. Richmond Nursing Home in Springville, NY, (Located in Bertrand Chaffe Hospital). Let's continue to pray for him and his family.

Janine Galuppo, Ray McArthur's sister near Syracuse, underwent emergency surgery Feb. 3 to replace a shunt in her head and abdomen. She responded well to surgery and was discharged the next day. Please continue to pray for her and her family as she recovers.

Dolores West It was announced Jan. 30 that she is in ICU in Tenn. She is the wife of former member here Charles West. Charles is a gospel preacher in Tenn.

Two former supervisors of Bruce Brink were married and had a family. They recently had a house fire. They were all fine but lost possessions in the fire.

Jim Zachary, Amhest member, went to Roswell Wednesday and the doc isn't concerned about the nodule on his lung. He said it hasn't changed in size from last year so he goes back in a year again.

Let's pray not only for those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.

Please keep our loved ones and their caregivers in your thoughts and prayers.

Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.

Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.

Let's pray for our shut-ins, widows and widowers, and call, send cards, and be of service.

Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.

Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.

Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.

Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.

Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.

Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Let's pray for those taking Bible correspondence courses at the present time.

Let's pray for children, families, and the staff at *Potter Children's Home and Family Ministries*.

Let's pray for the work being done at Great Lakes Christian High School in Beamsville, ONT.

Let's pray for our neighbors receiving *House to House/Heart to Heart* that they have receptive hearts.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Feb. 14 Valentine's Day

Feb. 20 ~~Men's Business Meeting~~ *Postponed to Feb. 27*

Feb. 21 President's Day

Feb. 27 Men's Business Meeting

Weekly Budget Amount \$1,843.00

Contribution Last Sunday \$1,716.00

Attendance Last Sunday 42

Financial Reports and Meeting Minutes are posted in the back of the auditorium.

Pictures

Over the next several weeks, we will be working on updating/enhancing the photo board. To assist us in this update, we are asking for everyone to submit a photo of themselves/their family via email at ... Lasallephotos11@gmail.com

We are asking for 2 photos, per couple or family or per person, just in case the lighting in one does not work with the photo system. Photos should include members of the congregation only.

Photos need to be submitted by March 13th, 2022.

**If you do not have a photo and are interested in having your picture taken at the building, we will be taking photos in person on March 13th and March 20th.

Any questions or concerns or inquiries regarding emailing their photos, please see Hope Rice or Erin Orton in person.

Caleb Callari's Radio Program - "Everyday Follower"

Do a search on YouTube for
Everyday Follower, School of National Evangelism - Philippines

Please check the "*Mission Board*"
in the back of the auditorium.

Zambia Mission

Please see the recent letter from them posted on the *Mission Board* in the back of auditorium.

Widows & Widowers

Please remember our widows and widowers in cards, calls, and helpful service. **James 1:27**

Thank You Card

Please see the *Thank You* card from the Granas. It is posted in the back.

There is updated address and phone number info for Pat Hazlett posted in the back.