

Motivation

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GENTILES	WORKS	SECRET	WARFARE
DOCTRINES	FRIENDS	INFLUENCE	CONFIDENT
PUT OFF	HIDDEN	SEEN	UNSEEN
SEEKS	EXAMPLES	TRUTH	CAPTIVATE
THOUGHT	REASON	COMMON	SENSE
FLESH	EYES	GLORY	GOD

V. Best Defense:

- A. 2 Cor. 10:3-6 – Captivate thought
- B. Jn. 8:32 – rely upon the truth
- C. Acts 17:2-3; 19:8-9 – Reason
- D. Revealed sense makes common sense not non-sense.

VI. Ultimate Devices of Satan:

- A. 1 Jn. 2:15-17 – Lust of the flesh, eyes, glory of life.
- B. Gen. 3:6 – Device in action.

THE PSALMIST SAYS

In the pride of the wicked the poor is hotly pursued; Let them be taken in the devices that they have conceived.

Psa. 10:2

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Welcome

It is a pleasure to have you with us this hour. Our endeavor is to worship God in Spirit and in Truth by adhering to the scriptures in all that we do and teach.

If you desire to have a private Bible Study at your convenience, let us know.

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SUNDAY:

Bible Study: 9:30 a.m.
Assembly: 10:30 a.m.
Assembly: 5:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY:
Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.

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A Hair Trigger

The younger generation (subject to definition) is predominantly unaware of the old books and movies of the western genre: a time depicting a battle between good and evil that was settled by a fast draw, and a hair trigger. These books and movies that fascinated the imaginations of many a young man did not rear a generation of knife wielding, gun toting mass killers, but rather a generation that looked up to men (and women), like Roy and Dale Evans, The Cisco Kid, and my favorite, Hopalong Cassidy. They were the heroes!

The society in which we live has few, if any, real-life heroes (most of the heroes are unsung, i.e., the men and women who continue to fight for America's freedoms). Nevertheless, the heroes of today seem to be super-heroes that have some special power because of some scientific catastrophic event, or a bug bite (save for Batman! Why is Batman the greatest? Well, "He's Batman"). Nevertheless, I waiver from the point.

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Having a fast draw and a hair trigger may have its place in the physical realm, they are not so beneficial in the spiritual realm. The prophet James, says, “Ye know this, my beloved brethren. But let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God.” (Jam. 1:19-20). If an individual is half awake, the world of news and you have a right to know the truth is dominated by those who strive to get the scoop first, rather than the truth first and then the story. Why is it necessary to “get the scoop”? I believe (doesn’t make it so, just makes it what I believe) it is generated by the fact that people (and we are all people), will believe the first story they hear: recall the Lord saying, “Take heed what (how) ye hear” (Mk. 4:24; Lk. 8:18). The days of Walter Cronkite and David Brinkley are past: when the news was reported without a commentary depicting the opinions of the reporter (yeah, yeah, I know, What about?).

My wife, my partner and fellow-worker in the Lord, has a sign in her young lads classroom that says, “Listen and Silent are spelled with the same letters”: “swift to hear, slow to speak.” I think the following is a good example of “gotta tell someone” (who doesn’t have a dog in the fight), to be sure someone hears it first from me. Next to the meeting house of the church, there is a new building being erected. Due to the nature of proximity and the effect it will have upon the neighbors, the project manager reached out to discuss certain factors of the construction: purpose, blueprints, etc. So, I do not know everything about the construction, but maybe a little more informed than the average bear. Nevertheless, over the last month I have either heard tell (take heed what you hear) or have over-heard others telling what they think they know about purpose and construction, but they want to make sure that you hear it first from them.

Biblically speaking, we can be just as guilty when wanting others (who do not have a dog in the fight) to know “our opinion” about an issue, before all the facts have been heard. And, since many folks believe the first story they hear, and want others to know what they (think) know, then the next thing you know, the Ole John-mule is in trouble, again. ret

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2 Cor. 6:17-18

I. The World as Described by God:

- A. Rom. 1:28-32 – Sins of the Gentiles
- B. Gal. 5:16-21 – Works of the flesh
- C. 1 Cor. 6:9-10 – Such were some of you
- D. Col. 3:5-9 – Put off these
- E. Rom. 2:17-23 – Possible to be confident, yet lacking

II. Secret Sin:

- A. Psa. 90:8 – our secret sins
- B. Psa. 19:12 – hidden faults
- C. Lev. 4:3, 13, 22, 27 - unwitting sins
- D. Psa. 19:13 – presumptuous sins
 - 1. Numb. 15:30 – high hand
 - 2. Deut. 17:8-13 - presumptuous
- E. 1 Tim. 5:24 – Contrast of what is seen and unseen.

III. Devices of Satan:

- A. 2 Cor. 2:11 – Not ignorant of
- B. 1 Tim. 1:18 – warfare
- C. 1 Pet. 5:8 – Satan seeks to devour
- D. Gen. 3:13 – By way of beguiling
- E. 2 Cor. 4:3-4 – By way of blinding
- F. 1 Tim. 4:1-3 – By way of doctrines of demons
- G. 1 Cor. 15:33; Prov. 22:24-25 – By way of friends
- H. Examples of Influence:
 - 1. 2 Sam. 13:1-5 – Amnon
 - 2. Prov. 1:7-19 – Be not enticed.

IV. How Men are Blinded to the Truth:

- A. Atheism – There is no God
- B. Evolution – Man a product of chance
- C. Humanism – Self-sufficient