

# **DON'T GIVE SATAN THE ADVANTAGE**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

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- A. No one like for someone to take advantage of them.
    - 1. Yet this is just exactly what Satan is trying to do.
    - 2. Paul warned us about it in Eph. 4:27. "Neither give place to devil..."
  - B. THIS GRAVE WARNING suggests that Satan can have a place in our lives. And that he is going all out to get it.
    - 1. Also Satan can't have it unless we give it.
    - 2. But he will - unless we are mindful of him.
  - C. SATAN IS OUT TO GET US.....leave no stone unturned.
    - 1. It is up to us....
    - 2. Proverbs 1:10 "My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not"
    - 3. We have the last word. (Mark 3:27).
  - D. THE DEVIL WON'T LEAVE US ALONE.
    - 1. Romans 7:21 "I find then a law that, when I would do good, evil is present..."
    - 2. Not an occasional thing ...but every day.
    - 3. A constant struggle from Paul's time until now.
    - 4. Paul was reaching for a goal.
  - E. HOW CAN WE BE ON GUARD AGAINST HIM?
    - 1. James 4:7 "Submit yourselves to God) Resist the devil and he will flee from you...." (Read I Peter 5:8,9).
    - 2. When the devil tempted Christ..."He departed from him for a season..."
    - 3. He will also from us....**but only for a season.**
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## **Through Our Ignorance**

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- A. After certain instruction Paul gave the Corinthians this warning; "lest Satan should get advantage of us...for we are not ignorant of his devices. (2:11).
    - 1. This is the primary reason of Satan getting the advantage.
    - 2. Ignorance is the arch enemy of Christianity.
    - 3. If Satan can keep us in ignorance he can keep us from God. (John 6:45)
  - B. ONLY THROUGH STUDY of God's Word can we show ourselves approved." (II Timothy 2:15)
    - 1. God no longer excuses ignorance (Acts 17:30).
    - 2. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. (Hosea 4:6)
    - 3. Led to Babylonian captivity. (Isaiah 5:13)
    - 4. II Corinthians 11:3....READ.
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## **Through Our Ignorance, cont.**

C. FOR SIN....DECEIVED ME.” (Romans 7:11).

1. Thus we are to “exhort one another daily, while it is called today; lest any of you be hardened through deceitfulness of sin” (Hebrews 3:13).

D. HAVE YOU, THROUGH IGNORANCE given Satan an advantage?

1. How well acquainted are you with the teachings of the Lord?
2. H.B.R.C.B. Take heed that no man deceive you.
3. Before one can surrender himself completely....Old man must be put off, with all his works.

## **Indifference and Negligence**

A. READ Hebrews 2:1-3.. “Lest they slip.

1. The Lord will NOT tolerate Luke-Warmness. (Revelations 3:15,16)
2. I Corinthians 15:58; “Therefore, my beloved.....”

B. **I Corinthians 10:12**: “Let him that thinketh he stands.....”

1. A child of God can fall. (John 15:6) as a branch.
2. Romans 12:2 “Be not conformed .... be ye transformed...”
3. Must ever put the Lord and His Kingdom first. (Matthew 6:33).
4. **Col. 3:1,2, READ**

## **THROUGH GIVING UP**

A. Through / By Discouragement we give Satan encouragement.

1. Matthew 24:13, Endure to the end....shall be saved.
2. “Not weary in well doing...Gal. 6:9 NOTICE, we shall reap...if we faith not.

B. IT ISN'T SO MUCH THE START THAT COUNTS..**IT IS THE FINISH!**

1. Galatians 5:7 “Ye did run well; who did hinder you that ye should not obey the truth?”
2. “For whatsoever is born of God over cometh the world: and this is the victory that over cometh the world, even our Faith.” (I John 5:4).
3. “I can do all things through Christ which strengthenth me. (Phil. 4:13).

C. THE LORD WILL HELP YOU IF YOU WILL STAY CLOSE TO HIM”

“I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee” (Hebrews 13:5).

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### **Through Making Excuses**

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- A. NOTHING PLEASES THE DEVIL more than for us to make excuses.  
Instead of doing what the Lord wants us to do.
  - B. WHAT EXCUSE DOES A MAN HAVE FOR NOT OBEYING GOD?
    - 1. Some say..."the ox is in the ditch."
    - 2. If the ox gets in the ditch too often...WE HAD BETTER KILL THE OX....OR FILL THE DITCH!
  - C. WHERE GOD GUIDES....HE ALWAYS PROVIDES.
    - 1. He will furnish the help one needs.
    - 2. Don't give Satan the advantage through your **Rationalization.**
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### **CONCLUSION**

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- A. SATAN CAN GET THE ADVANTAGE OF YOU...BUT NOT UNLESS YOU GIVE IT TO HIM.....!
  - B. "Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.  
(James 4:7).
  - C. If you give yourselves completely to the Lord, you will never give Satan one single advantage!..
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