

The Bait of Satan

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Chapters 1 & 2
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1. Scriptures

- a. Psalm 55:12-14
- b. Luke 17:1-5
- c. Rev. 3:18
- d. Proverbs 16:18
- e. Hebrews 3:13
- f. Isaiah 48:10
- g. Galatians 6:8-9
- h. Proverbs 18:19
- i. Philippians 2:3
- j. 2 Corinthians 12:9

2. Goal of the study is

- a. See true condition
- b. True repentance
- c. Go to the master surgeon
- d. Be free and walk in liberty and power
- e. Ignite our agape for all

3. Areas to focus on for lesson (chapters 1 & 2)

- a. Distorted think
- b. Pride – the blanket for offense

4. The Bait of Satan is offense

5. Offense

- a. Imprisons
- b. Severs relationships
- c. Widens existing breaches in relationships

6. Pride

- a. Keeps you from dealing with truth
- b. Distorts your vision (I don't get it; I don't understand)
- c. Pride hardens your heart and dims the eyes of your understanding.
- d. Causes you to view yourself as the victim

7. Have you recently been offended? If so, who is to blame and what is your defense position?

8. Do you have scripture to back-up your position (hurt, betrayed; let down; disappointed)?

9. Are you going through a trial currently or recently? If so, what impurities have you noticed? What impurities have others indicated they see?

10. Which type of love do you extend? (circle all that apply)
 - a. I love others as they extend love to me
 - b. I love you even when you lie, betray, hurt or offend me
 - c. I love expecting you to love me in return
 - d. I love you when you meet my needs & expectations

11. Where is your faith? (circle all that apply)
 - a. Faith in faith
 - b. Faith in religion
 - c. Faith in worship
 - d. Faith in the power of God
 - e. Faith in the love of God
 - f. Faith in other believers
 - g. Faith in spouse
 - h. Faith in church leaders

12. Do people have the right to hurt you? Do you allow people to walk in the right to hurt you?

13. Has the person to whom you open yourself up to been offended by someone?

14. Who have you walled out?

15. Who do you need to forgive?

16. What are your impurities for which God is after during this study series?

Distorted Thinking Patterns

1. **All-Or-Nothing Thinking** – You see things in black-and-white categories. If your performance falls short of perfect, you see yourself as a total failure.
2. **Overgeneralization** – You see a single negative event as a never-ending pattern of defeat.
3. **Mental Filter** – You pick out a single negative defeat and dwell on it exclusively so that your vision of reality becomes darkened, like the drop of ink that colors the entire beaker of water.
4. **Disqualifying the positive** – You dismiss positive experiences by insisting they “don’t count” for some reason or other. In this way you can maintain a negative belief that is contradicted by your everyday experiences.
5. **Jumping to conclusions** – You make a negative interpretation even though there are no definite facts that convincingly support your conclusion.
 - A. **Mind reading.** You arbitrarily conclude that someone is reacting negatively to you, and you don’t bother to check this out.
 - B. **The fortune teller error.** You anticipate that things will turn out badly, and you feel convinced that your prediction is an already-established fact.
6. **Magnification (Catastrophizing) or Minimization-** You exaggerate the importance of things (such as your goof-up or someone else’s achievement), or you inappropriately shrink things until they appear tiny (your own desirable qualities or the other fellow’s imperfections). This is also called the “binocular trick.”
7. **Emotional Reasoning** – You assume that your negative emotions necessarily reflect the way things really are: “I feel it, therefore it must be true.
8. **Should Statements** – You try to motivate yourself with shoulds and shouldn’ts, as if you had to be whipped and punished before you could be expected to do anything. “Musts” and “oughts” are also offenders. The emotional consequence is guilt. When you direct should statements toward others, you feel anger, frustration, and resentment.
9. **Labeling and Mislabeling** – This is an extreme form of overgeneralization. Instead of describing your error, you attach a negative label to yourself: “I’m a loser.” When someone else’s behavior rubs you the wrong way, you attach a negative label to him: “He’s a goddam louse.” Mislabeling involves describing an event with language that is highly colored and emotionally loaded.
10. **Personalization** – You see yourself as the cause of some negative external event which in fact you were not primarily responsible for.

FEAR OR GRACE

