

Community Group Discussion Questions

"Forbidden Fruit" Ephesians 6:11 Nov 10, 2018

Getting Started

We must recognize that the enemy has been using the same three lies for centuries leading unto destruction. Today, we will expose them and equip you to live not only in awareness of them, but in effectiveness in debunking them.

What do you think the three lies are?

Going Deeper

- I. **Satan's Direct Attack- so that we would be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs. (2 Cor. 2:11) Key Concept: No Longer Outwitted**
 - a. **Preys on Intimidation**: "Now, the serpent was more "crafty" than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made" Genesis 3:1a
 - b. **Pushes for Isolation**: "He said to the woman (received instruction 2nd hand)..." Genesis 3:1b
 - c. **Pressures with Interrogation**: "Did God actually say You shall not eat of any tree in the Garden?" (Genesis 3:2)
 - d. **Preaches there is Incarceration**: But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil. (Genesis 3:4-5)

Satan doesn't fight fair. He is a liar. Think back over your life at all the times Satan used these lies against you, usually through the mouth of a friend.

When have you been craftily tricked into doing something you shouldn't have?

When have you been pressured while alone, to cross a boundary you didn't want to cross?

When have you had someone twist truth in order to get you to do something foolish?

When have you been deceived about the real consequences of a decision you were about to make?

II. Satan's Indirect Appeal: *Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. ¹⁴ But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire"* (James 1:13-14)

Key Concept: No Longer Overwhelmed

A. Allures your Physical Appetite: *So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food (Genesis 3:6)*

- **Key Concept:** I need it!
- **End Result:** "Lust of the Flesh" causing Fear: *"I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid"* Genesis 3:10

B. Appeals to Personal Ambition: *and that it was a delight to the eyes (Genesis 3:6)*

- **Key Concept:** Gotta Have it!
- **End Result:** "Lust of the Eyes" causing Guilt: *"because I was naked"* Genesis 3:10

C. Affronts your Plea for Approval: *"that the tree was to be desired to make one wise" Genesis 3:6*

- **Key Concept:** "I Got it"
- **End Result:** "Pride of Life" causing Shame: *"I hid myself"* Genesis 3:10

Which of these 3 does Satan usually hit you with?

If he can't get you there, which one does he attack you with next?

Remember to hunger and thirst for righteousness, for our ambition is

to please Christ, and we are seated with Christ (fully approved)!

Take Away: Two Key Verses are crucial to the Victory we are called to fight from: (Genesis 3:15) **Satan is rendered defeated &** (Genesis 3:21) **Sin is rendered forgiven.**

Prayer Requests