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Let's get some things straight; Satan may be a smooth talker with soft words, but ultimately he wants your soul. He might be telling you that there's nothing wrong with what you're doing because of the circumstances that led up to it, but he's lying. Don't be fooled into thinking that the devil has your best interests at heart; because he doesn't. We see how he used his slithery tongue of deceit against Christ himself, so don't think for a second that he won't try these tactics on you. The devil is bold when it comes to presenting sin, even if he does have it wrapped like candy. This is especially true to the seasoned Christian who may be struggling with his or her identity.

If he tried to make a liar of our savior, then I'm quite certain he will try to do the same against us. Think about it; not only is Jesus our creator, he also designed and made Lucifer, who in turn betrayed Him. The audacity of the devil....to figure that he would just walk into the very throne room of God, pluck the crown off His head, and with the help of his hired hands (fallen angels) take over everything. I must say, he certainly does have some intestinal fortitude, albeit extremely misguided.

From this, it's easy to see why he is so full of wrath against God and His greatest creation (humanity). He has devised, although I can't say for sure exactly how many ways he can combine them, but nonetheless they are highly effective. Not giving any praise to him as the enemy of our soul, but this "Satan" poses a real

threat to the Christian community. And let me assure you, if you don't want to fight back through prayer and fasting, and the scriptures, then HE WILL DEFEAT YOU! And there is no guess in that game. The bible teaches that we are to be sober and vigilant because the enemy of our soul is seeking to devour; and it doesn't really matter to him if it's breakfast, lunch or dinner. In fact, it doesn't even matter if it takes five or fifty years for a soul to succumb to his will and sinful desires, just as long as they miss heaven.

Why his devices always work on would be Christians; plain and simple, we just don't recognize them. And if we did, then we just ignored the caution signs placed around those said devices. I believe (as the scripture says) for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Yes, repentance is possible by confession, through the mouth, but not for this flesh. There's nothing good about it and there never will be so it would behoove us to stop giving into it. In this flesh dwelleth no good thing, and it's about time Christians start realizing just how true that this statement really is.

I believe a Christian can go from day to day without sinning. Now whether you can extend that to weeks or even months, I know not. I personally don't keep accounts as to how many days straight I can go without sinning; but for the record I think it's about 6 months. I'm not bragging or anything but not only is it a personal best, but I believe it might also be a world record. That's a joke people, I'm not really being serious in saying I can go that long without sinning. Actually if I really were to boast about something like that, God himself would resist me because of the pride.

So is it possible to "Not sin" daily? Yes, absolutely, but the fact of the matter is; God gives us the strength to do so and to Him be the glory, and honor and praise that is due his name. 1 John 1:1 helps us out a little by telling us that "If" we do sin, we can go to Jesus. That's comforting to know.

"I'm not bragging"

Oddly enough, I do know someone who would say things just like this and we called him "Pastor." Why don't we just say, "Hey, I'm invincible against the wiles of Satan." This is a first class look at how to throw humility out the window. What ever happened to "By God's grace!" Needless to say, in the end, he

compromised, and it was just like what the bible said, "Pride comes before a fall." When we're busy trying to build a legacy for ourselves and toot our own horns in an attempt to earn prestige points with others, God is looking on in displeasure. But we were the so called proud ones, those of us who realized that our own pastor was deceiving the whole church by faking his spirituality. Sometimes people will always speak of their past victories when they are all washed up because for whatever the reason they still feel the need to impress someone. But when those past stories run out of the gust that fuel them, other means will be applied and usually at the expense of someone else. I'm just saying; if someone is always boasting and bragging about their accomplishments (spiritual or financial), then something is not right. Some people just love to be at the center of attention for the wrong reasons...don't be that person.

Sin isn't necessarily always something that exposed a person on the spot and in the open (adultery, drunkenness), but it can also be quiet and well hidden (pride, bitterness) even from the offender. Paul expresses the importance of "Dying daily" as a Christian so we can stop any sinful habit from forming at all. A spiritual purging is required on a daily basis if you want to even think about living above sin. Some have continued reliving their "Barrage o' sins" for months or even years and all because they failed to do that one thing; "Die daily." Stop watering the weeds, they're never going to bear fruit no matter what.

Note: there is quite a difference between the habitual sin (a sin that has become a habit, acceptable and excusable) and a conditional sin (a sin which has recently come to fruition due to the lowering of your spiritual shield). Also note: that any variation of sin is a separation from God that must be immediately mended. Now here's a good question: is a habitual sin one that just takes time to overcome, or is it one that you just refuse to let go of (pet sin) because you like it? Mark this down; "Salvation always comes with a price."

For the Christian who thinks that being "Born again" is an instantaneous change from bad to good, it's not. Once we are born again we have to die to self or it won't work at all. This is the part of Christianity that many have failed at because it requires a lifelong dedication and not just a "Taking a stab at it" mentality. I

can't express enough the importance of giving yourself to God and separating from sin. If more Christians would do just that, then so much more would be accomplished in the church and the word "Revival" would cease to be a cliché for "The church stopped growing spiritually."

Growing in the grace and knowledge of God simply put means; to learn more about what he wants for our life and putting it to practice in a daily basis. You see, we have to care about what he says and not just through the bible, preacher or teacher, but through what he personally places in our heart. As we live for Christ, there's a lot we will learn; some we won't understand at first, while others we will fully grasp the first time. Either way, dedication is the key to successful Christian living and submitting yourself to God is the key to making the devil flee for his life in the other direction. It is indeed your choice though; you can serve the Deceptive Devil" of the "Good God."