

# Hidden ID of the Devil!

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If an enemy has a hidden ID, they can work against us unhindered. An opponent's identity must be *known* before any defense could be *used* to counter the opposition. The human heart is either controlled by *Satan* or controlled by *God*—there is no middle position—it is *one* or the *other*.

Many people who consider themselves Christians think they are living a good life and following a right course; they are convinced that Satan is not within a hundred miles of them. They truly *believe* that—and *that* is the serious aspect of being deceived by the Hidden ID of the Devil.

Many begin a life of faith in God, and it can appear they have accepted the Truth of God's Word but then later fall from that position of faith in Christ and again live like the world. The *cause* of this moving away from trust in God, is allowing Satan to control their thoughts. The devil can deceive us through *suggestions* to our mind, or he can use someone under his *control* to influence us to leave a position of faith on the power of God. Satan's ID is hidden—it is not easy to *detect* his strategy.

If the Devil would directly approach us and reveal his identity or spell out his agenda, we would never listen to him and would do everything possible to distance ourselves from him. When he *secretly* approaches as an *angel of light*, however, it is not easy to *detect* that it is Satan!

The devil has been deceiving people for over six thousand years—he *knows* everyone's weak points—that is why he can easily gain control unnoticed. Since he is a fallen archangel with much experience, he is extremely dangerous. 2 Corinthians 11:13 “*For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into [masquerading as] the apostles of Christ.*” 2 Corinthians 11:14 “*And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. 15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works [or what their actions deserve NIV].*”

It is easy to be deceived and to not be actively living God's Truth—the devil can influence us to take a wrong attitude about something or toward someone; he can have us accept some unscriptural idea, or to think it is okay to act opposite to the instructions in the New Testament. When we accept his wrong *suggestions*, we run into many *problems*. Defeat can be the result if we do not meet something in a Scriptural way or according to the Word. Things can easily be met like the world due to the hidden ID of Satan—we have to be on guard every minute.

God has a plan for every detail of life—physical health; financial matters; the home; employment issues; and every other possible concern. The various people and situations and difficulties we meet along the way, are just opportunities to respond to in a scriptural way—acting in faith on God's promise to solve or resolve. We can stumble *over* them or learn *from* them.

Someone may insult or offend us; we may not be paid for work we did; a physical oppression can be met; the peace of our home disturbed; or whatever the circumstance could be—if we do not meet them as God's *Word* says to meet them, and we do not truly repent of wrong thoughts we had,

we will go backward spiritually. Satan is in back of all such things—and his ID is hidden.

One thing that is never taken from us is our choice—that is always with us as long as we live on earth. Adam and Eve used *their* choice to accept Satan's *lies*, and to reject God's *Word*—this forfeited all the blessings of paradise. Just by refusing to meet *one circumstance* in God's way, the devil was given full control of their life.

As the end times approach, the world will not only reject the *Christ* of the true God but will accept the *Antichrist* of the false devil. Satan takes possession of people because 2 Thessalonians 2:10, “*They did not welcome into their hearts the love of the truth, so that they might be saved.*” They refused to meet something, or many things, as God has *said*—giving Satan *control* of their heart. If we do not meet a physical oppression right and accept medical help, we would have to repent and be tested again. The next time, however, we will *have* to trust *God* in *faith*—not some *drug* in *unbelief*.

If we encounter a money problem; home issue; work situation; or we are offended by someone—and we do *not* respond in a scriptural way, those tests would have to recur again until we *are* willing to meet them in God's way—if we ever *do*—but *that* is up to *us*—it will always be *our* choice on how we meet such things!

By our own wrong choice, the devil can deceive us to accept wrong teaching or doctrine—thinking it is the *right* choice. To be so deceived seems incredible, but the devil has tremendous power over those who *allow* him to *have* control. We must be willing to live God's Truth because if not, we will accept a 2 Thessalonians 2:11 “*Strong delusion, that they should believe a lie.*”

The Devil has a hidden ID so he can have someone see things *opposite* to what they are. Isaiah 5:20 “*Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light*

for darkness!” They would eventually have to be judged guilty, because they have <sup>2 Thessalonians 2:12</sup> “Refused to believe the truth and have taken pleasure in unrighteousness.”

The root of the problem is a failure to really surrender their life and attitudes to God without compromising. <sup>Romans 12:1</sup> “I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.”

The life we *had* lived is *sacrificed* and placed on the *altar*—we are now totally *subject* to God and must allow *Him* to have *His* way in everything. The devil pictures this as a *hardship* and oppressive *bondage*—but the *opposite* is true—it is *freedom* from sinful desires; *protection* under the Blood; and an inner *peace* beyond human understanding—all by giving *God* full control!

No matter what type of trial we meet—<sup>1 Corinthians 10:13</sup> “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.”

Whatever is *met*, we have the privilege of *meeting* it in *God’s* strength—not our own. If traveling to another city, and we would turn back every time the road became difficult, or when a storm would come up, we would never arrive at our destination. The Christian life is similar.

If we put a *limit* on doing God’s will and trust Him only when the sky is *clear*—but if a storm comes up, we turn *back* to the old way and wrong attitudes, then Satan can deceive us and eventually destroy us—if we do not repent—and His ID is always hidden!

The *cause* of *falling* from faith is the *type* of our surrender to God. In Jesus’ *Sermon on the Mount*—and all through Scripture—God’s

standard of righteousness, faith, and trust is clearly explained. Anyone who is *willing* can accept it—God is no respecter of persons. *His* power keeps us *safe* as we keep our *trust* on Him. We are <sup>1 Peter 1:5</sup> “Kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.”

If we want God to *keep* us, He must *have* our life. <sup>Jude 1:24-25</sup> “Unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.”

The teaching of *Once Saved Always Saved* is a serious delusion because its doctrine is that if someone accepts the historical facts concerning Jesus, that individual is eternally saved and cannot be lost—even if they disobey the *Word of God* and fail to do the *will of God* later in life.

Jesus explained what our commitment to Him must be <sup>Luke 14:26</sup> “If any one is coming to me who does not hate his father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes and his own life also, he cannot be a disciple of mine.”

At some point we will be tested and may have to oppose the wishes of a friend or loved one; we may have to take some risk for the sake of God’s Truth; or we may have to say *No* to something that is against the will of God. If our commitment is not *genuine*, and if God’s *will* does not come first—ahead of everyone and everything, we can easily fall for Satan’s temptations—keeping in mind his hidden ID!

A real *commitment* to God is complete *compliance* with His will—trusting Him for healing *without* trusting human remedies, medication, drugs, or accepting wrong advice from wrong sources. God knows our heart—and He knows if we are trusting Him or not.

If we are committed to doing God’s will in finances, we will *not* borrow money; we will *not* purchase anything on credit; and we will *not* hint to anyone that we *need* money. A *surrender* like that enables us to access our *account* in Heaven’s bank.

Every situation met in God’s *way* expands our knowledge of God’s *power*—it keeps the attitude of Jesus in our heart. On the flip side, any temptation *not* met according to God’s will, *reduces* our spirituality—it keeps the attitude of the *world* in our heart—Satan is allowed to have control.

The temptations we *meet* are met to perfect our *faith*. When we can truly say that neither friend or foe; man or devil; and neither life or death would cause us to turn away from faith in God’s power—then the devil can no longer ruin our life or trouble our home. God is then able to  *bless* our home and *save* our soul.

The gospel of Christ must be lived every day to receive the Kingdom. Two things keep us in God’s Truth—**First**; being sure that our *decision* to trust God is an uncompromising commitment, and that we will not turn away from that position of faith in Him under any circumstance or pressure.

**Second**; that we apply the true gospel way with every situation met—whether it is a difficult person; an unjustified offense; a physical oppression; a problem at work; or a financial need of the home. An uncompromising stand of faith *closes* the door to the devil and *opens* the way for the power of God to shower His blessings upon us.



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