

TROUBLE WILL FIND YOU

Job 3:26 ... "I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, for trouble comes."

Psalms 22:11 ... "Be far from me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help."

You might have told your children or a friend: "Don't go looking for trouble." The idea being that there is an abundance of good things with which to occupy our minds, or influence our decisions. It is good advice not to look for trouble. However, trouble will find you whether you look for it or not. Two of satan's leading ways of bringing us down, is to lie to us and create chaos in our lives. John 8:44 tell us that satan is a liar and the father of lies. There is no truth or goodness in him. If you listen to his lies, you will surely suffer. Guaranteed!

The other leading cause of our failure, is satan's creation of confusion around us. It is his direct attack on our faith. When you become so confused that do not know where to go, what to do, or which decision to make, you are the victim of the chaos that satan surrounds you with to throw you off balance and cause doubt in God to creep into your mind. If you have ever found yourself in a situation in which God seemed a million miles away and you felt hopeless or helpless, it was because your mind was divided; you could not decide who to trust, God or satan. That chaotic situation was created by satan to attack your loyalty to God.

One of the mistakes believers make, is assuming that once they pledge their lives to God, they will be protected from troubles and temptation. Many believers feel that satan can no longer affect their lives after they accept Christ as their Lord and Savior. That could not be farther from the truth. Once you make a decision to follow Jesus and surrender your life to his purpose, satan will increase his attacks on you. That is because you are now a bigger threat to him than when you were a lost soul. But, do not be discouraged. You are not without help and power to deny satan control over your life. The Holy Spirit who lives within you after you become a Christian, is mightier than ten thousand satans and demons.

Trouble looks for all of us. When our faith is shallow, or we are unsure of our allegiance to Christ, trouble will find us. When we become confused by the chaos satan throws at us, trouble can prosper and affect us. You do not have to look for it to find it, and you cannot prevent it from coming your way. However, you can repel it by submitting to God and ignoring the lies of satan. Trouble will only hurt you if you let it.

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