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Daily Devotional

“Unmasked” – Robert Williams

ANNCR: January 24th, “Unmasked.” How many spam calls do you get a week? Sadly, people with cruel intentions are often willing to disguise themselves to pull off their tricks. But they didn’t learn this maneuver on their own. As it turns out, Satan, himself, the ruler of all evil, is the master of this tactic. He continually works to wheedle his way into our lives for the sole purpose of domination and destruction. Because of this, we must be extra vigilant to identify these snares. Today we’ll meet Robert, a man whose life spiraled into darker and darker evils...until the one who led him there was finally unmasked. He’s here to share with us his true story on this Unshackled Daily Devotional.

ROBERT: My first arrest came at age fourteen for car theft. And by the age of 29 I had served a total of fourteen years in four different state and federal prisons and had escaped once. I decided to try something different so I married a nice girl, but after three years with me, she was addicted to pills and parties, too.

We moved to California where I partnered with a booster, moving stolen goods. Then I became a pimp and the money rolled in. Oh, what a mess I was — chain-smoking marijuana, popping pills and drinking *all* the time. I met a hypnotist who taught me all his methods and I, myself, was mesmerized by the power I had over others. I no longer needed pills or pot, something else had control of me, something that began to terrorize me. One night while waiting for one of my “street girls”, I saw an apparition — a “demonic being” in my car. I hadn’t used drugs for weeks.

I had never believed in God, but suddenly I believed in the devil and knew I needed God. I called a friend who had tried to tell me about Christ. She had warned me of the danger — that hypnotism opened my life to demons. And I drove fast to a church where I prayed and cried for hours, asking Jesus to forgive me and save me. As He answered my prayers and became Lord of my life, I was finally free of the evil that had controlled me for so many years. I’m Robert Williams, and I love to tell everyone what Christ has done for me.

ANNCR: Jesus describes Satan in John chapter 8, verse 44, saying, *“He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar*

and the father of lies.” Friend, Satan’s a very real threat to us, even as believers, and we can’t let our guard down against him. Rather, we have to keep our eyes set on the Truth, so we can identify Satan’s schemes, revealing them for what they really are and decisively opposing them. Otherwise, we’re sure to find ourselves in some very ugly situations. Will you receive this truth today?

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