

Relationship Goals: The Truth about Men

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I. God's Creation

Genesis 1:26-28 (NIV) **26** Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground."

27 So **God created** mankind in his own image, in the image of God **he created** them; male and female **he created** them.

28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

 God _____ us.

Genesis 2:15-17 (NIV) *The responsibility & covenant...* **15** The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. **16** And the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; **17** but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die."

 God gave us responsibility, respect and _____.

Genesis 3:1 (NIV) *Satan's lies...* **1** Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden?'"

II. God's Enemy

The Devil is a Liar

John 8:44 (NIV) *Jesus describes Satan...* **44** You belong to your father, the devil, and you want to carry out your father's desires. 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.

The Father of Lies John 8:44

The Accuser of the Brethren Revelation 12:10


The Deceiver of the Whole World Revelation 12:9

Masquerades as an Angel of Light ... 2 Corinthians 11:14

Blinds the Minds of Unbelievers 2 Corinthians 4:4

Specializes in Traps and Snares 2 Timothy 2:26

Seeks Someone to Devour 1 Peter 5:8

 Satan uses words to convince us to _____ against God's plan.

Ephesians 6:10-12 (NIV) *Stand...* **10** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11** Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. **12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

III. The Cure for Man

John 5:5-9, 14 (NIV) *Jesus heals a Man...* **5** One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. **6** When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"

7 "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

8 Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." **9** At once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

14 Later Jesus found him at the temple and said to him, "See, you are well again. Stop sinning or something worse may happen to you."

 Jesus is the cure but we need to stand.



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