

It's Complicated
Five Lies
January 22, 2023

Romans 1:21-25 Yes, they **knew God**, but they wouldn't **worship** him as God or even give him thanks. And they began to think up foolish ideas of **what God was like**. As a result, their minds became **dark and confused**. Claiming to be **wise**, they instead became utter **fools**...As a result, they did vile and degrading things with each other's bodies. They traded the **truth** about God for a **lie**.

Key Thought: In order for relationships to work, let the One who designed them _____ them.

Genesis 3:1-7 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?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'" "**You will not certainly die**," the serpent said to the woman. "For **God knows** that when you eat from it **your eyes will be opened**, and you will be **like God**, knowing good and evil." When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and **they realized they were naked**; so they sewed fig leaves together and **made coverings for themselves**.

Revelation 3:20 "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."

Genesis 3:10 "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid."

Step 1: The devil gets us to question God's _____.

Lie #1: God's Word isn't totally _____.

1 Thessalonians 2:13 And we also thank God continually because, when you **received** the Word of God which you heard from us, you **accepted** it, not as the word of men, but actually as it is, the Word of God, which is **at work** in you who **believe**.

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Key Thought: The most loving thing God does is call us _____ of our sin.

Step 4: The devil advertises **sin** as _____.

Lie #4: Your life will be _____ with **you leading** it.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Do you not know that your **bodies** are temples of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your **bodies**.

Key Thought: Giving up something **now** for something better **later** isn't a **sacrifice**. It's an **investment**.

Step 5: The devil uses sin to create _____ that destroys our future relationships.

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Responses:

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