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Matthew 24:3-4

³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. “Tell us,” they said, “when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?”⁴ Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you.

Matthew 24:12-13

¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold,¹³ but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

¹⁶ All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The Word is profitable for:

- ◆ Teaching
- ◆ Rebuking
- ◆ Correcting
- ◆ Training
- ◆ Equipping

2 Corinthians 11:3-4

³ But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ. ⁴ For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.

Galatians 1:8-9

⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God's curse! ⁹ As we have already said, so now I say again:

If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God's curse!

Definition

Accursed- under a curse,
damned or doomed.

1 Timothy 4:1

The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

2 Timothy 4:3-4

³ For the time will come when people will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. ⁴ They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

Question

Who it's winning the battle for
my mind?

Philippians 4:8

⁸ Finally, brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is noble,
whatever is right, whatever is pure,
whatever is lovely, whatever is
admirable—if anything is excellent
or praiseworthy—think about such
things.

Breaking News

The Bible hasn't changed
because our culture has
changed.

John 10:10

¹⁰ The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

2 Corinthians 2:10-11

¹⁰ Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, ¹¹ in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

How the enemy works:

◆ He lies

◆ John 8:44- 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.

How the enemy works:

- ◆ He deceives

- ◆ Revelation 12:9-The great dragon was hurled down-that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him.

How the enemy works:

- ◆ He steals

- ◆ John 10:10- The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

How the enemy works:

◆ He accuses

◆ Revelation 12:10- Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down.

How the enemy works:

- ◆ He tempts

- ◆ Matthew 4:3-The tempter came to him and said, “If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.”

How the enemy works:

- ◆ He disguises himself

- ◆ 2 Corinthians 11:14-And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

How the enemy works:

- ◆ He hinders

- ◆ 1 Thessalonians 2:18- For we wanted to come to you— certainly I, Paul, did, again and again—but Satan blocked our way.

Times when the enemy attacks:

- ◆ When you are already hurting
- ◆ When you least expect it
- ◆ When you feel you are up to the task
- ◆ When you are accomplishing things for God's Kingdom

Romans 16:17-20

¹⁷ I urge you, brothers and sisters, to watch out for those who cause divisions and put obstacles in your way that are contrary to the teaching you have learned. Keep away from them. ¹⁸ For such people are not serving our Lord Christ, but their own appetites. By smooth talk and flattery they deceive the minds of naive people. ¹⁹ Everyone has heard about your obedience, so I rejoice because of you; but I want you to be wise about what is good, and innocent about what is evil. ²⁰ The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.