



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Stop the Devil's Lies! (Reversing the Devil's Decisions pt 3)

This guide offers a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme

How to Be a Master over Your Thoughts

Prayer Focus

Father, Your Word guides my life, and I'm grateful for the examples and stories that teach me how to live for Your glory. Thank You for the influence You've given me and for placing me where I can be Jesus' hands and feet. Continue to show me how to love those around me, especially when it doesn't come naturally. In Jesus' name, amen.

Key Truths

We have a choice: follow God's plan or try it our way. When we attempt to do life alone, the enemy can step in and distract us from God. Satan wants us to be passive, lukewarm, and lazy in our spiritual lives. He attacks our thoughts, trying to get us to believe lies. That's why continually renewing our minds and staying focused on God is so important. We can break the strongholds in our lives by rejecting the Devil's thoughts and turning our attention to what the Word of God says. We're in a spiritual war, and instead of letting Satan win battles, we must take every thought captive and choose to believe what God says is true.

The Kingdom of God manifests when God's will is carried out on Earth. Christians are required to be different and to operate according to higher standards. The Bible is our manual, teaching us how to live and handle the challenges we face in a Christ-like way. When making tough decisions, if our choice aligns with God's will, we can trust it. We must cast down every thought that doesn't align with God's Word.

Practical Application

The world bombards us from every angle through the news, culture, social media, and friends. It's not enough to *know* what's right; we have to *do* what's right. We must put into action what God instructs us to do. Living a life of righteousness sets us free.

We need to let God transform our hearts. Spend time in scripture and let it change your mindset. The light of His Word will shine in your heart.

Reference Verses

- Jeremiah 29:11
- 1 Peter 5:8-9
- 2 Timothy 2:26, 3:14
- Genesis 3:1-6
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, 9:10
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- Romans 12:2
- Psalms 119:128
- Proverbs 23:7
- Mark 7:13
- John 8:31-32
- Joshua 1:8
- James 1:21

Declarations

The Kingdom of God is present and accessible to me.

As I meditate on God's Word, He renews my mind.

I will fill my thoughts with more of God and less of the world.

What's Next?

In our ongoing series "Reversing the Devil's Decisions," we explore the powerful truth that God has a plan for each of our lives—a plan filled with peace, hope, and a good future. In this message Pastor Duane highlights how we can align ourselves with God's plan and resist the devil's schemes by understanding and applying God's Word.

1. **Recognize the Battlefield:** The devil uses negative thoughts to tempt us away from God's plan. Be aware of these thoughts and understand that you're in a spiritual battle. The devil goes around like a roaring lion seeking whom he can devour, it's the passive and the lukewarm, so stand firm in your faith. When you resist the devil/temptation, negative thoughts, and submit to God's word, Satan will flee from you.
2. **Lean Not on Your Own Understanding:** The Bible instructs us to resist the devil. This doesn't involve fighting with your own strength. Proverbs 3:5 says to Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways submit to him and he will make your paths straight. When we put our full trust that God will supply our needs, heal us, redeem us, he will make our future bright and prosperous.
3. **Transform Your Mind:** Let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Negative thoughts often stem from misconceptions. Fill your mind with God's truth by studying the Bible. 2 Timothy 3 tells us that the Bible is God-breathed and equips you to expose lies, correct mistakes, and live according to God's will.

By recognizing the battlefield, leaning on God, and allowing God to transform our minds, we can walk in the good life God has prepared for us. Remember, the devil cannot make you do anything; it's our choice to align with God's truth and experience the fullness of His blessings. Stay vigilant, stay rooted in Scripture, and let God's truth guide your every step.

Scripture References

Stop the Devil's Lies!

Jeremiah 29:11 NKJV For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Ephesians 2:10 AMPC ...[living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live].

John 10:10 NKJV The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

1 Peter 5:8 NKJV Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil...

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1 Peter 5:8-9 NKJV Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith...

James 4:7 NKJV Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

2 Timothy 2:26 NKJV ...and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

Genesis 3:1 NKJV Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said to the woman...

Genesis 3:1-4 NKJV ...“Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?’” And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’” Then the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die.

2 Corinthians 10:3 NKJV For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 NKJV Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely...

2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 10:4 NKJV For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds...

2 Timothy 3:17 MSG Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another—showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God’s way. Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the tasks God has for us.

Romans 12:2 NLT Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think.

Proverbs 23:7 NKJV For as he thinks in his heart, so is he.

Mark 4:24-25 AMPC And He said to them, Be careful what you are hearing. The measure [of thought and study] you give [to the truth you hear] will be the measure [of virtue and knowledge] that comes back to you—and more [besides] will be given to you who hear.

Psalms 119:128 NKJV Therefore all Your precepts concerning all things I consider to be right...

Romans 12:2 NLT ... let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God’s will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Mark 7:13 NLT And so you cancel the word of God in order to hand down your own tradition.

2 Corinthians 9:10 TLB For God, who gives seed to the farmer to plant, and later on good crops to harvest and eat, will give you more and more seed to plant and will make it grow so that you can give away more and more fruit from your harvest.

John 8:31-32 NKJV Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

Joshua 1:8 NKJV This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

Joshua 1:8 BEB Let this book of the law be ever on your lips, and in your thoughts day and night, so that you may keep with care everything in it. Then a blessing will be on your way and you will do well.