



# 1 Youth Ministry

## Grades 7-12

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### What Satan wants - Part 1

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##### Personal Care Items

We are always collecting "Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the bin just outside our youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

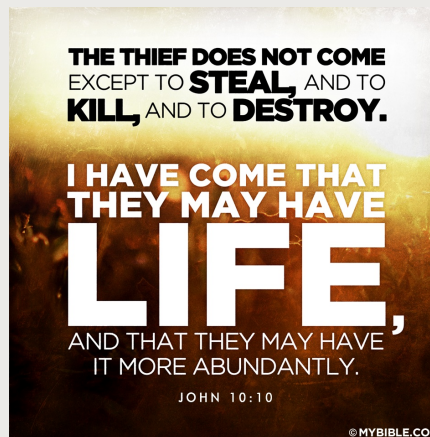
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**This Week's Bible Verse**

#### 1 Peter 5:8

<sup>8</sup> Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the

**Move up Sunday June 2nd**  
**6th Grade graduates move up to Youth.**  
**High School graduates are part of a special ceremony during ministry time.**

### Sunday



#### What Satan wants - Part 1

A week ago, we talked about what Satan wants us to do and how sometimes he can trick us into doing it without us even realizing it.

We said that the enemy wants to steal, kill, and destroy anything that brings God glory, and that includes destroying us any chance he gets.

We said that once we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, the enemy has no power over us but, he can and will try to talk us into choosing to hurt ourselves. When we choose to allow the words of the enemy to have power over our lives, it can bring us into agreement with things that go against God.

We can help keep from giving Satan power over us by understanding what he wants and how he goes about getting us to do it. We looked at a few below.

devil prowls around like  
a roaring lion looking  
for someone to devour.

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### **1- Satan wants to make us doubt God's Word.**

Right from the very beginning, in **Genesis 3**, we see Satan getting Eve to question what God "really said" and choosing to accept Satan's words as truth.

The enemy does the same thing to us today. He offers us things that appear to be good and twists God's Word to make it sound like it's okay. He plants seeds of doubt in our minds until we begin to 2nd guess everything that God tells us including His promises for an amazing life.

If we know God's Word and have faith in God's promises, the enemy can't deceive us with his lies.

### **2- Satan wants to paralyze us with fear.**

The enemy likes to keep the world and us in a constant state of fear so that we focus on our fears instead of trusting God.

We said that fear can be helpful in some situations but living in fear fills our minds with "what if's" and can keep us stuck and afraid to move forward. Fear can keep us from trusting God.

We mentioned a few people in the Bible who were paralyzed by fear, such as Gideon, and how they had to overcome their fear to be able to do what God needed them to do.

We were reminded that God's Word will never bring us fear but will only bring us Peace, Wisdom, Love, and a sound mind. The Bible talks about fear a lot and also about how to keep from living in fear. Knowing God's Word helps to keep us from fear.

### **3- Satan wants to silence us from sharing the Gospel.**

Jesus commanded us to share the Gospel with all nations and bring all to God's saving grace.

We said that this one is probably one of the easiest things that Satan can persuade us to avoid doing.

We see him doing this every day in social media or in other social situations where many Christians are nervous about sharing God's Word. They fear being "attacked" or losing friends, not fitting in, or afraid of offending others.

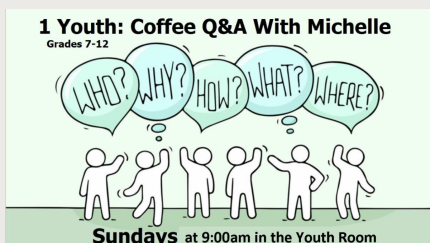
The enemy uses our need to be liked or accepted to keep us from sharing the Good News. Many Christians would rather just worship in their own Church or at home and not talk about it with anyone outside of Church. We need to remember that if we're not

influencing others for Jesus because of what others may think of us, the enemy will happily take the opportunity to influence them instead.

We said that we should never be afraid or feel ashamed of sharing God's Word, in a loving way. To do so not only gives Satan what he wants, it also deprives others of the chance to accept the gift of salvation that God has freely given to them.

This was the first three things that Satan wants us to do. We'll look at others the next time we're together (Sunday, 26th).

The biggest thing to remember is to not give Satan what he wants by being aware of what he wants and also knowing what God wants.



## Pre-Service Coffee Q&A

Sundays at 9:00am

Join us in the Youth Room every Sunday, starting at 9:00am, for refreshments in a casual atmosphere for an opportunity for you and your friends to ask questions and discuss answers to your most pressing questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, other Religions, Christianity, or just about Life in general.

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