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So far we have discussed lies we tell, but what about the lies we think? In this Bible study, we will discuss lies we think and how the enemy (Satan, Devil, in case you're wondering who we're speaking about today) keeps our thoughts captive with his lies.

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Jesus stated in John 8:44 that when he (the enemy) speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. The enemy's whole system is built on a lie. He wants to bring death, not life, misery, not joy, turmoil, not peace, sorrow, not happiness, famine, not fruitfulness. He wants to bring physical, spiritual, and eternal death. And he does it through deception (LIES!).

Remember, the enemy is the master liar. He knows how to tell lies. They're clever, not obvious on the surface. The best lies sound most like the truth. There's some truth in most lies, and that makes them more dangerous. Which clock is more dangerous: one that's 5 minutes off or 5 hours off? You glance at a clock that's 5 hours off and know immediately it's wrong. But a clock that's 5 minutes off is so close to the truth, it can cause you to miss your airplane. The enemy's lies are close, yet so far from the truth.

Did you know the enemy had rather you think a wrong thing than actually do a wrong thing? It's more dangerous to believe a wrong thing than to do it, because, as the saying goes, "The thought is father to the deed." You can do a wrong thing by mistake and next time do the right thing. But if you believe a wrong thing, you'll keep doing the wrong thing over and over. As the Bible says, "For as he thinks in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7).

The enemy isn't interested in telling lies about little things. He wants you to believe lies about the biggest subject of all—God. If he can get your mind twisted about who God is and the trustworthiness of His character, then he has you.

So let's explore some lies he plants within our minds.

1. I don't have time to:

- a) pray
- b) go to Bible study
- c) read my Bible
- d) meditate

2. I'm just too:

- a) busy
- b) tired
- c) sick

How many of us have thought any of these thoughts to ourself? Which one stands out to you?

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3. God doesn't love me because I:

- a) wouldn't be living like this
- b) wouldn't be sick like this
- c) would be able to do that
- d) would be able to have that

Or, what about this lie?: God isn't going to do that for you. Have you ever thought to yourself that certain blessings aren't for you? Have you ever said any of the following?:

1. **God blesses everyone except me!** (LIE! You're alive, got food and shelter. Aren't those blessings from God?)
2. **I'll be glad when God starts blessing me!** (LIE! Again, you're alive, got food, shelter. These are blessings from God)
3. **I've been praying for _____, but God hasn't answered my prayer** (LIE! God answers all prayers of His children. Maybe God has something better for you, but because you're hung up on what he doesn't want you to have, your blessing is delayed)
4. **I don't know why God won't bless me like He's blessing _____!** (LIE! God doesn't want us comparing what someone else has as a guideline to what we think we should have.)
5. **My life was better before I gave my life to Jesus!** (LIE! You were on your way to everlasting damnation. Living your life without the guidance of Jesus is deadly! Please don't believe this lie from the enemy. Focus on what's in store for you. Eternal life. Jesus said we would suffer as He suffered, so if you're suffering, count it all joy because great is your reward in this life and the next!

These type of thoughts (lies) planted in our minds from the enemy causes us to begin to doubt God and His Word. But what is the truth about God's desires for us? He graciously desires the best for us.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future" (Jeremiah 29:11).

"Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for them that love Him" (1 Corinthians 2:9).

Or this lie: YOU'RE NOT GOOD ENOUGH!

Today, with easy access to social media and the constant barrage of images and snapshots into people's lives, we can become even more susceptible to the belief that we are not good enough. We see images on social media and think, "Look how happy or how successful they are. I'm not as successful...or as talented...or as good as they are."

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As a child of God, we need not to listen to this lie of the enemy, but focus on what God says about you. *“You’re more than a conqueror!”* - Romans 8:37. *“You’re fearfully and wonderfully made!”* - Psalm 139:14.

God loves you. God wants you to be like Him. God wants you to enjoy eternal fellowship with Him. He has our best interests in His heart if we will follow His plans.

Another lie: YOU’VE DONE TOO MUCH FOR GOD TO FORGIVE YOU.

Since there is no limit to His purity and goodness, there is no sin that His death has not already paid for. Paul wrote, “God made Him [Jesus] who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21). It is the unthinkable transfer: the perfect God becoming our unrighteousness, so that we can receive His perfection as our own.

However, we have an enemy whose skill at deception and misdirection is unparalleled. This enemy will use our very common and natural feelings of unworthiness to lead us away from God’s grace and love rather than toward Him. He is called ‘The Accuser,’ ‘The Father of Lies,’ ‘The Adversary, and he has already determined in his heart that he will never accept the love of God. He is desperate for humans to agree with him that God is not great, so he whispers in our ear, “God will not forgive you. You have gone past the limit of his grace. There is no hope for you, now.”

But the unlimited love of God will not stop pursuing us no matter how far we might flee from Him. There is no darkness that His light cannot dispel. There is no cruelty that His gentleness cannot transform. There is no addiction that His power cannot tame. There is no lust that His faithfulness cannot purify. There is no greed that His generosity cannot suppress. The death of Jesus has paid the penalty for the totality of our sin, and He freely offers forgiveness to all who put their trust in Him.

And, to wrap things up, what about this lie?: God Doesn’t Talk to Me!

God usually doesn't speak out loud, but that does not mean that He does not speak. Far more often, He chooses to speak through a whole range of other mechanisms, and the trouble is that if we fixate on trying to hear Him form actual audible words, we may miss the divine communication that's right in front of our noses.

For a start, God often speaks to us through the library of Scripture, as the Holy Spirit somehow makes ancient texts extraordinarily relevant to the situations we're facing today. He speaks to us



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through the wisdom of other Christians, and often through the example of their lives. Sometimes, He nudges and guides our thoughts, and uses the most extraordinary message-communication-system He ever designed – our own brains – to help us discern His will. For some, He speaks in dreams; for others, He speaks through art, or through nature. He is endlessly creative, and that expresses how He desires to talk to us.

Conclusion

The enemy will lie to you about everything pertaining to God and His Word. Our job is to make sure we stay connected to Jesus through His Word and trust God. Lies and doubt are what the enemy plants in our minds, but we don't have to listen to him and definitely not allow his lies to capture our way of thinking.

Joyce Meyer said this and I really like it. She prays 'God help me not to be deceived'. And, God will help you, but again, you must do your part...get into His Word, pray continually and be aware of the lies and don't allow them to capture your mind. Stay away from negative people and surround yourself with like-minded people, the people of God because remember, **A War is Raging and YOUR MIND is the BATTLEFIELD.**

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