

# **Satan's Attacks**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Satan's attacks often include lust and flesh.
- B. However, Satan's attacks also include other things.

## II. Satan undermines believer's confidence in the authority of the Bible. (1 Samuel 13:22)

- A. As early as Genesis 3, the Bible was under attack.
- B. The Bible is enough.
- C. Jesus showed the authority of Scripture by quoting it.
- D. The heart of the message of Scripture is Jesus and Him crucified.

## III. Satan uses resentment and bitterness. (Hebrews 12:15)

- A. Resentment eats you up inside.
- B. Even if a person thinks he is right, many are defiled in bitterness.
- C. Bitterness threatens the unity of God's children.
- D. One needs to go to his brother and make sure things are right always exercising a conscience void of offense against God and man.

## IV. Satan uses individualism. (Romans 12)

- A. One ought to be an individual person, but not individualistic.
- B. We are to think soberly of ourselves within the Body of Christ.
- C. Individualism is pride.
  - 1. One is to think of himself in respect to the measure of his gift.
  - 2. One is not to think more highly or lowly about himself than he is.
- D. We are one body in Christ so we ought to act like it.
  - 1. We cannot give God satisfaction if we ignore the Body of Christ.
  - 2. The Body means a great deal to God and it ought to mean a great deal to us.

E. A person in isolation cannot fulfill God's purpose - the Great Commission was given to a group of people. (1 Corinthians 12:20-21)

1. We need one another for our gifts.
2. We need one another for training.

F. What this means.

1. We are all buddies. (Matthew 23:8)
2. We need one another.
3. We ought to have a sane estimate of our abilities and use them.
4. You are who you are - you are not to try to be someone else. This is not God's intention.
5. We are only a part of the picture of what God is doing in the world, not the whole.
6. We need to recognize our part of the Body and not try to be the whole Body.

G. The Scripture teaches that we ought to be involved in the local church.

### **Application questions**

1. Why is individualism such a threat to the church?

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2. How does one address the issue of bitterness?

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3. Which attack of Satan threatens you the most? Explain. What will you do this week to curb Satan's attack in this area?

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