

If I Were Satan

1 Peter 5:8

Much talk about God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Everything seems to have an opposite, a conflicting source. This is the law of nature. John Rawlins was called a devil in the pulpit. Why talk to you who are here about Satan, because he is after you not those who aren't here.

Satan's original state.

- a. Ezekiel 28:12-16
- b. Sinless in conduct, verse 15.
- c. Degraded in moral character and taken from his high position, verse 16
- d. Heart lifted up with pride and false ambition, verse 17.
- e. He has never recovered from his downfall.
- f. Satan was created by God. He had high rank and order.
- g. He possessed great beauty and brightness of person.
- h. He was superior in power and wisdom until iniquity was found in him.
- i. He sought to assume the exalted position of God.
- j. John 14:30, Prince of this world, nothing in God.
- k. Ephesians 2:2
- l. 1 John 3:8, Sin is of the devil.

If I were Satan:

- I. I Would Deceive People as to Myself.
 1. Ephesians 6:11
 2. Full of tricks. Greatest is to make people:
 - a. Believe he does not exist.
 - b. Not a red suit, tail, pitchfork. He was robed in beauty. Little Red Riding Hood.
- II. I Would Make Sin Attractive.
 1. Genesis 3:1-7, Attracts away from God.
 2. Gives best first, worst last.
 3. God gives His worst first and we have best last.
 4. 2 Corinthians 4:4
 5. Illustration of Setting a mouse trap.

6. Sin looks harmless but is deadly.

III. I Would Hinder God's Word.

1. Hebrews 4:12
2. Matthew 13:19, Word sown in the church.
3. Parents bad mouth the preacher during lunch on Sunday.
4. We wonder why children just aren't interested.
5. Quit discording, back-biting, busy-bodying.
6. Dust off the Bible!!!

IV. I Would Try to Destroy the Power of the Church.

1. Best way: start a quarrel inside the church.
2. Acts 6, Murmuring on the inside.
 - a. I don't like this.
 - b. I don't like that.
3. Usually if you do your part, you will like it better.
4. Ephesians 5:25
5. Revelation 3:15

V. I Would Make the Church Members Stumble.

1. Unsaved working by your side.
2. You stumble then what?
3. Branded as a hypocrite.
4. Great on Sunday, but terrible during the week.
5. Galatians 6:1, our duty to the stumbler. 1 John 5:16.

VI. I Would Try to Give the World Another Gospel.

1. Galatians 1:8
2. Devil doesn't care if you have church as long as you leave out the saving element.
3. Atonement in blood of Christ.
4. Thousands of preachers preaching bloodless gospel.
5. World peace, preservation of democracy, good neighbor policy.
6. Another gospel theme.
 - a. God is too good to allow a man to be lost.
 - b. He is saying go ahead and defy every moral law of God and you can get by.
7. Ephesians 2:2
8. John 3:7

9. Daniel 12:2

VII. I Would Get Men to Give Excuses.

1. Mark 10:21
2. Devil's chief excuse is, "You have plenty of time."
 - a. Acts 24:25
 - b. Procrastination of Felix
 - c. Luke 14:16-24