

Unity in the Church and Family are Targeted!!

Look at the strategies Satan used against the very first marriage:

Genesis 3:

- 1) Vs. 1: DOUBT IS CAST - What God said is challenged! "Did God really say ____"
- 2) Vs. 3: DISTORTION OF THE TRUTH - Eve responded with God's instructions but did not get it totally right (He never said they could not touch it).
Adam was with her but did not correct (and protect) his wife.
- 3) Vs. 4: THE LIE - You surely won't die!
Adam still remains passive.
- 4) Vs. 5: TEMPTATION - (Your eyes will be opened and you will be like God)
- 5) Vs. 6: - (Proverbs 9:17)
- 6) Vs. 6: DISOBEDIENCE - They both ate.
- 7) Vs. 7-8: SHAME - (they covered themselves)
- 8) Vs. 10: FEAR AND SEPARATION - (they were afraid and hid themselves)
- 9) Vs. 12: BLAME - (Adam blames it all on the woman AND God. "The women YOU gave me). In verse 13, Eve. blames it on the serpent.
- 10) Vs. 14-19: CURSES - (pain, spoiled relationships, toil and death)

Something to think about: What is the benefit of the curse and death?

Another way to put it (James 1:13):

- 1) A thought enters our mind (placed by us, God or satan)
- 2) A temptation arises from an ungodly thought (the focus is away from God)
- 3) The temptation is pondered/revisited leading to desire (not identified for what it is then kicked out of the mind!)
- 4) Action is taken after yielding to the desire (sin)
- 5) Death results from sin (death of intimacy in a relationship, opportunities, blessings, peace, joy, and ultimately death of the mind and body)

So:

- 1) If Satan were to disturb our relationship with God, our spouse, family or the church, how might he plan the attack?
- 2) What should be our strategies to prepare **before** an attack and also to defend against an attack from Satan on the unity of our families and church?