

REVIEW: LEARN TO REALLY DIALOG.

7. DON'T FUNCTION AS THE DEVIL'S _____.

The Devil and his tactics are revealed in Scripture.

- His first characteristic has already been addressed in our series. He is a liar.

John 8:44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. **Ref: Gen 3:1-7**

- The second characteristic we need to see about Satan.

Revelation 12:7–11 And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, ⁸And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. ⁹And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ¹⁰And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: **for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.** ¹¹And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

- Satan is an accuser of the brethren.
- How does Satan accuse?

- **KEY:** Satan wants God to know us after the _____.

2 Corinthians 5:14–17 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead: ¹⁵And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again. ¹⁶Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh: yea, though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now henceforth know we him no more. ¹⁷Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

- Who we are now is found in the person of Christ Himself.
- So, Satan's accusations are _____.

Do not make FALSE accusations. That's what devils do.

Luke 3:14 And the soldiers likewise demanded of him, saying, And what shall we do? And he said unto them, Do violence to no man, **neither accuse any falsely;** and be content with your wages.

2 Timothy 3:1–5 This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. ²For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³Without natural affection, trucebreakers, **false accusers,** incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, ⁴Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; ⁵Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

- This is why you do not want to ever speak evil of another brother. Gossip and slander is the devil's work.

Proverbs 10:18 He that hideth hatred with lying lips, And he that uttereth a slander, is a fool.

Talking trash and sowing doubt about another brother is wicked.

Worse for the offender, God hears it.

Numbers 12:1–2 And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman whom he had married: for he had married an Ethiopian woman. ² And they said, Hath the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? hath he not spoken also by us? And the Lord heard it.

Matthew 12:35–37 A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. ³⁶ But I say unto you, That every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. ³⁷ For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

Proverbs 6:12–19 A naughty person, a wicked man, Walketh with a froward mouth. ¹³ He winketh with his eyes, He speaketh with his feet, He teacheth with his fingers; ¹⁴ Frowardness is in his heart, He deviseth mischief continually; **He soweth discord.** ¹⁵ Therefore shall his calamity come suddenly; Suddenly shall he be broken without remedy. ¹⁶ These six things doth the Lord hate: Yea, seven are an abomination unto him: ¹⁷ A proud look, **a lying tongue,** And hands that shed innocent blood, ¹⁸ **An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations,** Feet that be swift in running to mischief, ¹⁹ **A false witness that speaketh lies, And he that soweth discord among brethren.**

8. THOU SHALT NOT _____.

- If you are screaming, you are not communicating.
- You don't change people's _____ by screaming.
- The goal.

1 Corinthians 1:10–11 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment. ¹¹ For it hath been declared unto me of you, my brethren, by them which are of the house of Chloe, that there are contentions among you.

- When you are frustrated with people – take time to be with Jesus first. Cast your care on Him. Get away with God before you come to deal with man.
- When you deal with people, don't start with barking commands and accusations.
- Your goal.

Matthew 18:15–20 Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, **thou hast gained thy brother.** ¹⁶ But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. ¹⁷ And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican. ¹⁸ Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. ¹⁹ Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. ²⁰ For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

- Pro tip for hard conversations.

Proverbs 15:1–4 **A soft answer turneth away wrath:** But grievous words stir up anger. ² The tongue of the wise useth knowledge aright: But the mouth of fools poureth out foolishness. ³ The eyes of the Lord are in every place, Beholding the evil and the good. ⁴ A wholesome tongue is a tree of life: But perverseness therein is a breach in the spirit.