

Satan – A System to Oppose God

[PHILIPPIANS 2:5](#) (HOW TO OPPOSE THE ENEMY)

[EPHESIANS 1:21](#) (AWARENESS COMES BEFORE OPPOSITION)

Evil is the system and comes in many forms:

1. Legalism – anything that man can add-(Sal. Christian life)
2. Socialism – welfare-ism, radicalism, progressivism, social democracy, communism, left-ism.
3. Solving human problems with human solutions
4. Religion

Evil always perverts, misrepresents, twists and distorts, abuses, and misuses God's thoughts and God's plans for man. Since truth came before the false, then one objective of evil is to pervert truth. You can add something to truth that is false and it will be false. God's plan is distorted when man adds his thoughts, ideas, concepts and plans – in fact anything human added to divine pollutes and degrades the divine.

Sin is handled by *confession* – [1 John 1:9](#) “If we confess our sins ...”

Evil is handled by *concentration* – [Phil. 2:5](#) “Let this mind be in you...”

(The word is *phroneo* – THINK φρονέω – PAImp.2nd p.pl)

"I never could have done what I have done without the habits of punctuality, order, and diligence, without the determination to concentrate myself on one subject at a time..." - [Charles Dickens](#)

Concentrate means: to ignore the irrelevant – to focus on the relevant – to be totally absorbed – undivided attention – regard fullness – heedfulness

WE GET AWAY FROM SATAN'S THINKING WHEN WE BECOME POSSESSED WITH DIVINE THINKING!

1. When a believer is perceptive to the Divine plan and as the Spiritual life advances by SFRIS that person will be the Spiritual Salt to preserve home, family and nation.

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2. When a believer is non-perceptive to truth (hearing and properly responding) then he will be changed by the genius of Satan and eliminate the only protection for his soul. Distraction from God's Word and entanglement with evil results in spiritual disaster.
3. The problem Solomon presents related to syphilis in [Prov. 5:12, 13](#) *"Oh, if only I had listened. If only I had not demanded my own way! Oh, why wouldn't I take advice? Why was I so stupid"* [vs. 14](#) *"For now I must face disgrace"* another translation of [vs. 14](#) *"I was immediately in all evil in the midst of the congregation and assembly. I came close to being completely ruined"*.
4. [Prov. 3:7](#) *"Be not wise in your own eyes – Fear (OWC) the Lord, and depart from evil."* (Detest and leave).
5. We live in such a fantastic time – the Age of GRACE! We have a choice – God's Truth or EVIL. [Prov. 11:18, 19](#) *"The evil man gets rich for the moment, but the one sowing righteousness has a reward that lasts forever."* [Vs. 19](#) *"A perceptive life leads to an abundant life – BUT a pursuer of Evil is pursuing the SUD."*
6. [Prov. 14:22](#) *"Will they not go astray who devise evil? But Grace and Truth (God's Message) shall be to them that devise good (God's good) (Living Bible) vs. 22 "Those who plot evil shall wander away and be lost, but those who plan good shall be granted mercy and quietness."*
7. [Prov. 15:3](#) *"The eyes of the Lord are in every place (omnipresence) beholding (omniscience) the evil and the good."*
8. [Prov. 16:6](#) *"By Grace and the Word (Truth) iniquity is purged (a person recovers from being out of harmony) and by OWC men depart from evil."* The Living Bible says *"evil is avoided by reverence for God."*
9. Wise or a Simpleton? Which? *"A wise (GA believer) sees the evil and he hides himself – (for he sees and prepares to avoid) but the simpleton (ignorant, stupid) goes on into evil and is punished by it."* *"The simpleton goes blindly on and suffers the consequences."* (Living Bible)
10. [2 Thess. 3:2,3](#) *"And that we may be delivered from unreasonable and wicked (EVIL) men; for all men have not the Word; (3) But the Lord is faithful who shall confirm you and keep (guard) you from evil."*