

The Devil's Playbook | Week 2 Bill Bush | 08.22.2021

Big Idea

When the devil TWISTS the Word, we TRUST the Word.

HOW THE DEVIL TWISTS THE WORD:

TWIST #1: Do it YOURSELF.

Luke 4:1-4 (NLT)

- ¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
- ² where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry.
- ³ Then the devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become a loaf of bread."
- ⁴ But Jesus told him, "No! The Scriptures say, 'People do not live by bread alone.'"

If you only seek *BREAD IN LIFE*, you miss the *BREAD OF LIFE*. Seek *RELATIONSHIP* before *RESOURCE*.

TWIST #2: Take the FASY WAY out.

Luke 4:5-8 (NLT)

- ⁵Then the devil took him up and revealed to him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time.
- ⁶ "I will give you the glory of these kingdoms and authority over them," the devil said,
- "because they are mine to give to anyone I please.
- ⁷ I will give it all to you if you will worship me."
- ⁸ Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say,
- 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him.'"

PICK UP your CROSS. Don't PUT ON the CROWN.

TWIST #3: Believe it WHEN you see it.

Luke 4:9-13 (NLT)

- ⁹ Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, and said, "If you are the Son of God, jump off!
- ¹⁰ For the Scriptures say,
- 'He will order his angels to protect and guard you.
- ¹¹ And they will hold you up with their hands so you won't even hurt your foot on a stone."
- ¹² Jesus responded, "The Scriptures also say, 'You must not test the Lord your God."
- ¹³ When the devil had finished tempting Jesus, he left him until the next opportunity came.

Don't just believe IN God... BELIEVE GOD!

WHEN...

- We are WEAK, expect an attack.
- We RESIST, be ready for a different approach.
- He LEAVES, count on another attack.

We DEFEAT the devil's playbook when the WORD of God is EMPOWERED by the SPIRIT of God, and we are FULLY SURRENDERED.

[&]quot;When he comes knocking at the door of my heart and asks who lives here? The Dear Lord Jesus goes to the door and says Martin Luther used to live here but he has moved out and now I live here." - Martin Luther