

Satan's Trap's

Trap: any device, stratagem, trick, or the like for catching a person or animal unawares.

Trap Designs: (Animal) Box traps, Foothold traps.

Trapping Basics: Selecting the right:

- ✓ Trap
- ✓ Bait\Lure
- ✓ Location
- ✓ Set

The mere fact of a person's being able to cleverly set a trap forms but a small part of his proficiency; and unless he enters deeper into the subject and learns something of the nature and habits of the animals he intends to catch, his traps will be set in vain, or at best meet with but mediocre success.

Satan's Traps:

Doubt (The Bait...Question Gods Word)

If Satan can get us to doubt God, he knows this will separate us from God.

- Avoid The Trap....HAVE FAITH.

Hebrews 11:6

6 But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Discouragement (The Bait...Question Gods Love For Us.)

Discouragement makes us look at our problems rather than God. It can cause us to question everything and this is the door that ushers in Satan's plans where he revels in his attacks and accusations against God. "Why did God allow this to happen?", "If God really loved you...", "God doesn't exist, so why pray to him?"

- Avoid The Trap....TRUST GOD

II Corinthians 4:7-9

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

8 *We are* troubled on every side, yet not distressed; *we are* perplexed, but not in despair;

9 Persecuted, but not forsaken; cast down, but not destroyed;

Philippians 4:6,7

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Romans 8:28

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose

Diversion (The Bait...Impatience and Desire For The Wrong Things)

Satan makes the wrong things seem attractive so we want them more than the right things. Satan also likes to divert us away from things that are important to God. He is always trying to make us think that what God wants for us is not as rewarding or enjoyable as things that displease God.

God wants man to perform honest work for honest wages and Satan offers thievery, and crime as his way of getting what you want. God wants to instill patience in His creation, Satan wants to install impatience in Mankind by wanting everything now. Patience is an asset that is earned over time, while Satan teaches "another way" contrary to God's will..

- Avoid The Trap....HAVE PATIENCE

Luke 21:19

19 In your patience possess ye your souls.

Romans 15:4

4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.

James 1:3

3 Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

Defeat (The Bait...Failure)

Satan makes you feel like a failure, so you don't even try. Through defeat, Satan can again bring question and doubt towards God.

Avoid The Trap....BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE

I Chronicles 28:20

20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do *it*: fear not, nor be dismayed: for the LORD God, *even* my God, *will be* with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou hast finished all the work for the service of the house of the LORD.

Delay (The Bait.....You've Got Time)

Satan gets the *lost* to delay their acceptance of Jesus as their Lord and Saviour. He always comes to those who are contemplating accepting Christ and tempts them to delay their decision. i.e. "Wait till you clean up your act", "You're not ready to make a drastic change in your life", "What will your friends think of you" ... and other delaying tactics that will cause you to slip closer to eternity without Christ. Satan gets the saved to put off serving God, "we're too busy", "serve him when things slow

down". Problem is we are not promised tomorrow and Satan will see that things do not slow down and that we stay busy and distracted.

Avoid The Trap....KNOW WE ARE NOT PROMISED TOMORROW

James 4:14

14 Whereas ye know not what *shall be* on the morrow. For what *is* your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Worldliness (The Bait....No Reverence For God)

Sanctuary – derived from the Latin word *sanctus* meaning sacred, holy. A sacred or holy place.

Christians should be angry because the house of God is being profaned. On the contrary, they are complacent and tolerant of the shameful desecration of the house of God.

Ezekiel 22:6

6 Her priests have violated my law, and have profaned mine holy things: they have put no difference between the holy and profane, neither have they shewed *difference* between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from my sabbaths, and I am profaned among them.

Avoid the Trap..... UNDERSTAND, CHURCH IS AN HOUSE OF PRAYER

Isaiah 56:7

7 Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

Matthew 21:13

13 And said unto them, It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer; but ye have made it a den of thieves.

Satans traps are real. If we are to avoid them we cannot fall for the lure or bait. We must have FAITH and TRUST GOD. We need to be PATIENT in life and not diverted from Gods plan for us in this life. We are rewarded for doing things the right way. When faced with disappointment or defeat we must BE STRONG AND OF GOOD COURAGE. Realizing that God is in control and will take care of us. We must not be prideful, but acknowledge that we ARE NOT PROMISED TOMORROW and shouldn't delay in serving Jesus to the best of our ability as lead by the Holy Spirit. The *lost* should not delay in accepting Jesus because tomorrow may be too late. We must not allow wordliness to grieve our Spirit or profane the House of God with a lack of reverence for the Holy things of God.