

# 2 Corinthians



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**Dealing with the devil's devices!**

**2 Corinthians 2:10-11**

***Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 1 Peter 5:8 NLT***

# 6 devices of the devil – BE ALERT

1. Unforgiveness – 2 Cor. 2:10-11

***10Anyone you forgive, I also forgive. And what I have forgiven—if there was anything to forgive—I have forgiven in the sight of Christ for your sake, 11in order that Satan might not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes. 2 Corinthians 2:10-11***

**2. Blinding people from the  
truth – 2 Cor. 4:4**

*In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

*2 Corinthians 4:4 ESV*

### **3. Planting destructive thoughts**

**– 2 Cor. 10:3-5**



***For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 2 Cor. 10:4-5***

**5We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Corinthians 10:5**

## 4. Deceiving with false doctrine

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2 Cor. 11:13-15

**13For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. 14And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.**

**2 Cor. 11:13-15**

**15 So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds.**

**2 Cor. 11:13-15**

**5. Discourage us with  
demonic attacks –  
2 Cor. 12:7-10**

**7 So to keep me from becoming  
conceited because of the  
surpassing greatness of the  
revelation a thorn was given me in  
the flesh, a messenger of Satan to  
harass me, to keep me from  
becoming conceited.**

**2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

**8 Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. 9 But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”**

**2 Corinthians 12:7-10**



***Therefore I will boast all the more  
gladly of my weaknesses, so that  
the power of Christ may rest upon  
me. 2 Corinthians 12:7-10***

## 6. Delaying answers to prayer

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1 Thessalonians 2:18

***we wanted to come to you—I, Paul,  
again and again—but Satan hindered  
us. 1 Thessalonians 2:18***

## **Application questions:**

**Where do you see that the devil is attacking you?**

**How will you fight against him and win?**