

IF THE

DEVIL

MADE YOU DO IT

YOU BLEW IT

WHAT HAPPENED?

- The late Flip Wilson used a phrase on his television show that became very popular across America. During his comedy routines, he would do out of the ordinary things that would lead his guests to ask him why he did what he did. Flip would attempt to clear himself and divert the blame for his actions by responding; “The Devil Made Me Do It.”
- This phrase may have been popularized by Flip Wilson, but it originated thousands of years before his birth. Flip’s adaptation was a modern day form of ancient phraseology. Flip’s phrase was a modern version of Eve’s response to God in the Garden of Eden, where she said: “The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.”

A TERRIBLE EXCUSE

- There are many children and adults today who have adopted this phrase as justification for their unacceptable actions. When asked why they attacked, belittled, cursed or disrespected someone or something, they tried to justify it by saying; “The Devil Made Me Do It.”
- The use of this phrase for justification of a poor taste in judgment and lack of discipline is unacceptable.
- It is especially unacceptable, when a child of God resorts to using this as an excuse for their actions. It is unacceptable because it defies and rebuts the Word of God.
- According to the Word of God, the devil does not have the power that he wants people to think he has. God’s allocation of power is spelled out in His Holy Word.

SATAN HAS NO POWER TO MAKE ANYONE DO ANYTHING

Evidence of who has power over whom is present throughout the Holy Scriptures.

- In Genesis 3:15 it reads; **“AND I WILL PUT ENMITY BETWEEN THEE AND THE WOMAN, AND BETWEEN THY SEED AND HER SEED; IT SHALL BRUISE THY HEAD, AND THOU SHALT BRUISE HIS HEEL.**
- Luke 10:19 proclaims, **“BEHOLD, I GIVE UNTO YOU POWER TO TREAD ON SERPENTS AND SCORPIONS, AND OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY: AND NOTHING SHALL BY ANY MEANS HURT YOU.”**
- John 10:29 states: **“MY FATHER, WHICH GAVE THEM ME, IS GREATER THAN ALL; AND NO MAN IS ABLE TO PLUCK THEM OUT OF MY FATHER’S HAND.”**
- However, the ultimate proof of the true allocation of power is revealed in Matthew 28:18. For there it says; **“AND JESUS CAME AND SPAKE UNTO THEM, SAYING, ALL POWER IS GIVEN UNTO ME IN HEAVEN AND IN EARTH.”**
- Simply put, the devil does not have the power to make a child of God do anything. Therefore, saying; **“THE DEVIL MADE YOU DO IT MEANS THAT YOU BLEW IT.”**

DON'T TAKE SATAN'S BAIT

How can it be said that the devil does not make us do it, that we blew it?

- Whenever we say that the devil made us do something, we surrender the power that Christ has made available to every one who believes in Him.
- It is very important that we all understand that the devil knows that he cannot force us to do anything. However, he knows that he can make the conditions favorable for us to choose to do those things that we know are unacceptable and unpleasing in the sight of God.
- In other words, the devil makes his traps appealing by baiting them with delectable delights and by waving the carrot of desire before a person's eyes.
- Satan also uses to his advantage an option that every living human being has at their disposal, and that option is freewill or choice.
- All human beings are given the option to choose based on information that is provided to them.

WHAT YOU DO IS UP TO YOU

Each individual makes the decision of whether they will be rewarded with divine benefits or reap dire consequences.

- James 1:14-15 indicates, **“...EVERY MAN IS TEMPTED, WHEN HE IS DRAWN AWAY OF HIS OWN LUST, AND ENTICED, THEN WHEN LUST HAST CONCEIVED, IT BRINGETH FORTH SIN; AND SIN, WHEN IT IS FINISHED, BRINGETH FORTH DEATH.”**
- We are held accountable if we choose to partake of the things that Satan offers in this world, instead of partaking of the things that God offers in His Word.
- We must not allow ourselves to blow our opportunity for a friendship with God and the acquisition of eternal treasures for an opportunity for a friendship with the world and the acquisition of earthly trinkets.
- We must always remember what the Word states in James 4:4. For there it says; **“...KNOW YE NOT THAT THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE WORLD IS ENMITY WITH GOD? WHOSOEVER THEREFORE WILL BE A FRIEND OF THE WORLD IS THE ENEMY OF GOD.”**

THE DEVIL'S USE OF CAMOUFLAGE

The devil camouflages many of the things that are abominations in God's sight in order to make them appealing to man's sight. He does this in the hope that God's people will blow it.

- He dresses up **ADULTERY AS SENSUALITY IN THE HOPE THAT GOD'S PEOPLE WILL BLOW IT.**
- He dresses up **IDOLATRY AS ADMIRATION IN THE HOPE THAT GOD'S PEOPLE WILL BLOW IT.**
- He dresses up **DRUNKENNESS AND REVELLING AS AN AFFINITY FOR FINE WINE AND FRIENDLY SOCIAL GATHERINGS IN THE HOPE THAT GOD'S PEOPLE WILL BLOW IT.**

GOD ALWAYS PROVIDES A WAY TO HELP HIS CHILDREN NOT BLOW IT

The devil wants people to believe that they are expected to blow it most of the time because there is normally no way out and no other option available. But once again, **THE DEVIL IS A LIAR!!** God reveals in His Word that there is always a way out and there is always another option available. Therefore,
YOU DON'T HAVE TO BLOW IT.

- 2 Corinthians 10:13 proclaims; **“THERE HATH NO TEMPTATION TAKEN YOU BUT SUCH AS IS COMMON TO MAN: BUT GOD IS FAITHFUL, WHO WILL NOT SUFFER YOU TO BE TEMPTED ABOVE THAT YE ARE ABLE; BUT WILL WITH THE TEMPTATION ALSO MAKE A WAY TO ESCAPE, THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO BEAR IT.”**

SATAN WANTS YOU TO BLOW IT BECAUSE HE BLEW IT

Satan wants everyone, especially God's children to blow their opportunity for eternal life, because he blew his opportunity for life eternal in the heavens. We know that the devil blew it because the Word of God says so.

- Exodus 29:17 says; **“THINE HEART WAS LIFTED UP BECAUSE OF THY BEAUTY, THOU HAST CORRUPTED THY WISDOM BY REASON OF THY BRIGHTNESS, I WILL CAST THEE TO THE GROUND, I WILL LAY THEE BEFORE KINGS THAT THEY MAY BEHOLD THEE.”**
- In Luke 10:18, Jesus said, **“I BEHELD SATAN AS LIGHTNING FALL FROM HEAVEN.”**

DON'T BLOW IT

Don't blow it by saying, "The Devil Made Me Do It." Children of God should not allow themselves to be beguiled by the devil, because God has revealed the tactics of Satan in His Holy Word. The Divine Word lets us know why we should not blow it.

- First, **"WE ARE NOT IGNORANT OF THE DEVILS DEVICES."** (2 Corinthians 2:11)
- Second, **"RESIST THE DEVIL AND HE WILL FLEE FROM YOU."** (James 4:7)
- Third, when we **"PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD WE ARE ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE WILES (TRICKS) OF THE DEVIL."** (Ephesians 6:11)
- Finally, Jesus addresses it best by saying; **"AND A STRANGER WILL THEY NOT FOLLOW, BUT WILL FLEE FROM HIM: FOR THEY KNOW NOT THE VOICE OF STRANGERS."** (John 10:5) **MY SHEEP HEAR MY VOICE, AND I KNOW THEM, AND THEY FOLLOW ME."** (John 10:27)

BLOW THE DEVIL AWAY WITH THE HOLY WORD

- If that old serpent tries to mislead you into a spirit of fear, **DON'T BLOW IT, BLOW HIM AWAY.** Tell him; **“GOD HAS NOT GIVEN US A SPIRIT OF FEAR, BUT THE SPIRIT OF LOVE, POWER, AND A SOUND MIND.”** (2 Timothy 1:7)
- If that old serpent tries to trip you up with hate, **DON'T BLOW IT, BLOW HIM AWAY.** Tell him; **“HE THAT LOVETH HIS BROTHER ABIDETH IN THE LIGHT, AND THERE IS NONE OCCASION FOR STUMBLING IN HIM.”** (1 John 2:10)
- If that old serpent tries to coax you into committing sin, **DON'T BLOW IT, BLOW HIM AWAY.** Tell him; **“WHOSOEVER IS BORN OF GOD DOTH NOT COMMIT SIN; FOR HIS SEED REMAINETH IN HIM AND HE CANNOT SIN, BECAUSE HE IS BORN OF GOD.”** (1 John 3:9)
- If that old serpent tries to deceive you into believing that hanging out with him has great benefits, **DON'T BLOW IT, BLOW HIM AWAY.** Tell him, **“THE DEVIL THAT HATH DECEIVED THEM, WAS CAST INTO THE LAKE OF FIRE AND BRIMSTONE, WHERE THE BEAST, AND THE FALSE PROPHET ARE; AND SHALL BE TORMENTED DAY AND NIGHT FOR EVER AND EVER.”** (Revelation 20:10)

“Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

(Luke 10:19)

**“He that overcometh shall inherit all things;
and I will be his God, and he shall be my
son. But the fearful, and unbelieving, and
the abominable, and murderers, and
whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters,
and all liars, shall have their part in the lake
which burneth with fire and brimstone:
which is the second death.”**

(Revelation 21:7-8)

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