

SURVIVING



**THE
SEDUCTION**

What Is Seduction?

It Is The Act Of:

- ◉ Leading Away Or Drawing Away From Duty Or Proper Conduct; Corrupting.
- ◉ Beguiling Or Enticing Into A Desired Position Or State
- ◉ Winning Over Or Attracting

James 1:14-16

“But Every Person Is Tempted When He Is Drawn Away, Enticed And Baited By His Own Evil Desire (Lust, Passions). Then The Evil Desire, When It Has Conceived, Gives Birth To Sin, And Sin, When It Is Fully Matured, Brings Forth Death. Do Not Be Misled, My Beloved Brethren.”

Biblical Illustrations Of Seductions

- Genesis Chapter 3 Discusses How Eve And Adam Were Seduced By The Serpent Into Eating Of The Tree From Which God Instructed Them Not To Eat.
- Genesis Chapter 39 Reveals How Potipher's Wife Tried To Seduce Joseph.
- Numbers Chapter 22 Shows How Balaam Was Seduced By Balak Into Attempting To Curse The Children Of Israel.
- 2 Samuel Chapter 11 Records How David Was Seduced As He Watched Bathsheba From The Balcony Of His Palace.
- Matthew Chapter 4:1-11, Mark 1:14 And Luke 4:1-12 Points To How Satan Attempted To Seduce Our Savior Jesus The Christ In The Wilderness.

What Is The Purpose Of The Seduction?

The Purpose Is Two-fold.

- ⦿ **Satan Uses Seduction To Sink You To His Level.**
- ⦿ **God Allows Seduction To Raise You To His Level.**

Satan's Level

Satan's Desire For All And His Destiny Forever, Is To Reside In The Level Of Eternal Separation From God In A Place Of Punishment Known As The Lake Of Fire (Hell). Therefore, He Strives To Seduce. The Purpose Being Presented In Daniel 11:32 Where It Says,

- "And Such As Do Wickedly Against The Covenant Shall He Corrupt By Flatteries."
- The NAB Version Says "By His Deceit He Shall Make Some Who Were Disloyal To The Covenant Apostatize."

God's Level

God's Desire Is That We Reside In A Level Of Eternal Satisfaction In A Place Of Peace Known As The New Jerusalem (Heaven). Therefore, He Allows The Seduction. The Purpose Being Presented In Daniel 11:32b, 33a.

- **Verse 32b States; “But The People Who Know Their God Shall Prove Themselves Strong And Shall Stand Firm And Do Exploits [For God].**
- **Verse 33a Declares; “Those With Spiritual Understanding Will Have A Wide Ministry Of Teaching In Those Days.**

DAILY SEDUCTIONS

We Live In A World Today Where Seduction Is Like The “Soup Of The Day.” Therefore, What Are The Tools Of Seduction And How Do We Recognize Them?

- Solicitation
- Evil
- Deviant Behavior
- Uncontrolled Urges
- Crowds and Compliments
- Trends
- Images and Illusions of Grandeur
- Offers of Fame and Fortune
- No Strings, No Frills, No Nonsense Promises

How Do We Survive The Seduction?

- ⦿ Be Fervent
- ⦿ Be Faithful
- ⦿ Be Focused
- ⦿ Be A Follower
- ⦿ Be A Finisher

Be Fervent

In Accordance With Psalm 1.

- ⦿ **Never Go By The Advice Of The Ungodly, Nor Walk The Road That Sinners Tread, Nor Sit In The Company Of Mockers.**
- ⦿ **But Delight In The Law (Word) Of The Lord And Meditate On His Word Day And Night.**

Be Faithful

In Accordance With Psalm 27.

Remind Yourself That:

- ⦿ The Lord Is My Light And My Salvation, Whom Shall I Fear, The Lord Is The Strength Of My Life; Of Whom Shall I Be Afraid.
- ⦿ Though An Host Should Encamp Against Me, My Heart Shall Not Fear; Though War Should Rise Against Me, In This Will I Be Confident.
- ⦿ For In The Time Of Trouble He Shall Hide Me In His Pavilion; In The Secret Of His Tabernacle Shall He Hide Me, He Shall Set Me Upon A Rock.

Be Focused

In Accordance With Hebrews 12:1-2

- **Let Us Rid Ourselves Of All That Weighs Us Down, And The Sins That So Readily Entangles Our Feet And Let Us Keep On Running In The Way Which Is Marked Out For Us.**
- **Looking With Our Eyes On Jesus, The Cause And Completer Of Our Faith.**

Be A Follower

In Accordance With Proverbs. 3:5-6.

- ⦿ Trust In The Lord With All Thine Heart; And Lean Not Unto Thine Own Understanding.
- ⦿ In All Thy Ways Acknowledge Him And He Shall Direct Thy Paths.

Be A Finisher

In Accordance Philippians 3:14

- **With The Goal In View I Press On For The Prize Of God's Heavenly Calling In Christ Jesus."**



“Blessed Is The Man Who Perseveres Under Trial, Because When He Has Stood The Test, He Will Receive The Crown Of Life That God Has Promised To Those Who Love Him.”

(James 1:12)

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