

# **“Don’t Give Satan The Advantage”**

Lesson Text: **2 Corinthians 2:11 (NASB).**

## **I. By Our Ignorance.**

- Ignorance Is Simply Not Knowing. Not Knowing Things Can Be Dangerous!
- **2 Corinthians 2:11**, The Devil Wants Us To Stay Ignorant:
  - He Uses Lies & Deceptions To Keep Us Ignorant. **Genesis 3:3-4.**
  - “*You Can Be A Christian And Never Study God’s Word.*” **1 Peter 2:2; John 8:31-32.**
  - Lack Of Knowledge Can Be Dangerous To Our Faith- **Hosea 4:6; Ephesians 4:17-19.**
  - Satan Wants Us To Forget Sin’s Consequences- **Proverbs 7:1-27; Romans 6:23.**
- **2 Timothy 2:15; Ephesians 5:17; Hosea 14:9.** God’s Word Is Our Help In Temptations!

## **II. By Our Indifference.**

- Indifference Is Not Caring. Gives The Devil An Advantage In A Subtle Way.
- We Can Become “*Lukewarm*” In Our Faith & Zeal **Revelation 3:15-16.**
- But This A Dangerous State To Be In:
  - Indifference Will Not Keep Us Out Of Sin Very Long! Not Standing For Truth Leads To A Fall.
  - Indifference Leads To Carelessness- **1 Peter 5:8-9.**
  - It Causes Us Not To Care About Wearing God’s Armor- **Ephesians 6:10-18.**
  - It’s How One Can Become Hardened To Sin- **Proverbs 10:23.**
- We Overcome Indifference By Choosing To.... **Hebrews 2:1-3; 2 Peter 3:18.**
- We Must Choose To Take A Strong Stand Against Sin- **Ephesians 6:13.**

## **III. By Our Over-Confidence.**

- It Makes Us More Vulnerable To Temptation & Sin- **1 Corinthians 10:12.**
- We Should Not Think We Are Above Any Sin- **Mark 14:29-31.**
- This Only Gives The Devil An Advantage Over Us!
  - Samson Was Over-Confident After Giving The Secret Of His Strength- **Judges 16:20.**
- Christians Today Can Be Overconfident:
  - “*I Can Swim With Mixed Company, And It Won’t Bother Me.*”
  - “*I Can Go To A Dance Hall And Not Sin.*”
  - “*I Can Be Alone With My Girlfriend Or Boyfriend And Not Commit Fornication.*”
  - “*I Can Read Books By False Teachers, And Not Be Influenced By Them.*”
- But We Must Take Temptation Seriously- **James 1:12; Proverbs 27:12.**

## **IV. By Our Under-Confidence.**

- When We Feel The Devil Is Too Powerful For Us! Also Dangerous To Our Faith.
- Under-confidence Can Happen In Two Ways:
  - We Are Trusting In Our Own Strength To Fight Temptation Alone.
  - We Are Making Excuses Why We Can’t Resist The Devil.
- We Must Trust In God’s Help- **Ephesians 6:10-18; 1 Corinthians 10:13.**
- The Devil Will Flee Resistance From Us- **James 4:7-8.**