

Consecration 2021

40 days of
prayer
Jan. 2nd-Feb. 10th

January 25th - January 31st

The Devil Made Me Do It

The Bible tells us that satan is The Tempter. This is a role with which we are probably most familiar as we are aware of what it means to be tempted. Since satan is revealed as the source of temptation, we would be happier, more than happy, to relinquish any responsibility to yielding to his enticement to sin. Claiming in the words of Flip Wilson, a comedian from the 70's, "the devil made me do it."

Although satan is behind every temptation, blaming him does not relieve us from any responsibility for sin and doing that which is contrary to the will of God for our lives. In Christ, we have been given power over sin and satan cannot make us do anything we do not choose to do. However, he does tempt us to sinful behavior, actions, words, and attitudes because it is obvious that God is not glorified when we sin.

Satan attracts us to the things of the world and tempts us to embrace carnal values. He persuades us to focus on ourselves, what we want, and what are

our needs for a sense of entitlement.

This leads us to indulge in simple, selfish gratifications. In 1 Thessalonians 3:5, the Apostle Paul said, "I sent to know your faith, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain." Satan's first step is to undercut our faith. For only then can we justify doing things that are contrary to God's word and doing what having faith or believing God will lead us to do.

In James 1:13-15, it is said, "Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man:

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But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death."

Sin appeals to the old nature, providing gratification and satisfaction in some things that are desirable, but does not honor God. Satan, who is familiar with that old sin nature, entices us. He is the tempter.

He begins just as he did with the woman in Genesis 3. He preys on the vulnerability that comes from a lack of intimacy, a falling away from your first love. He becomes your roommate instead of your lover.

We are going completely meatless for the next week. That means vegetables, no seafood or other types of meat. I want to encourage everyone who can to please come and pray with us on Friday night.

What's Next has really been on my heart. Do not let satan keep you or block you from finding out what is NEXT on God's agenda for your life!

Pastor Earl & Denise Goings

- 1. Pray for the Healing of the Nation.**
- 2. Pray for Racial Healing.**
- 3. Pray for Political Healing.**
- 4. Pray for Financial Healing.**
- 5. Pray for Physical Healing.**
- 6. Pray for Emotional Healing.**
- 7. Pray for God to keep us in the midst of this pandemic.**

Corporate Prayer

When: Monday 7PM & Friday 7:30PM

Where: Parking Lot of Faith Tabernacle
Christian Center. Consecration ends at
Sunday, at 6PM.

Pray for our President, all elected officials, Senators, Representatives, Governors, law enforcement officers, and our first responders.