

What Everyone Needs to Know About Satan
Ephesians 6:10-13
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Thesis: I want to show some things that we all need to know about Satan.

- Intro:
1. The Bible reveals to us a “character”, one who we must be on guard against.
 2. **Eph 6:11** – “wiles of the devil”, wiles is defined as “cunning arts, deceit, craft, trickery” and is used in the sense of one who is “lying in wait.”
 3. From this one phrase we see that Satan is lying in wait to use his “cunning arts, deceit, craftiness and trickery” against –US!

I. You need to know he takes many forms

A. Satan isn't always recognizable

1. He can appear as an angel of light - **2 Cor 11:14** – He can appear as a helper or as an encourager when in reality he leads one down the wrong path.
2. He is the god of this world/age – **2 Cor 4:3-4**
3. He is the greatest deceiver – **2 Cor 11:3**
4. He is strong – **1 Peter 5:8**

II. You need to know you live in a world that he dominates

A. He is fearless and willing to tempt everyone

1. He tempted Adam & Eve to sin – **Gen 3:1 (Genes 3:1-6)**
2. He tempted the Son of God to sin – **Matt 4:1-11**

B. He uses temptation and lies to misguide people

1. **Luke 22:31-32**
2. Satan can also hinder the work of the Church – **1 Thess 2:18, 1 Cor 16:9**

III. You need to know and understand Satan's mission

A. What is Satan's mission?

1. Satan's primary goal is to alienate men from God by causing them to sin – **Isaiah 59:2**
2. His main objective is to make men his slaves, thereby robbing them of the freedom that God's Word alone can impart – **John 8:32**.

B. You can resist the Devil (Satan)

1. The battle against Satan and his many devices has been one that has lasted throughout the ages and will continue until the Lord returns.
2. While Satan has the ability to ensnare us in sin, God has given us the ability to overcome Satan if we choose – **2 Tim 2:26, 2 Peter 2:9**
3. We can follow Christ's example from His own temptation by Satan (Matthew 4). When we resist the Devil (Satan) He will eventually flee – **James 4:7**.

Conc: 1. We know much about Satan.

2. Now we have to decide if we are ready and willing to stand against him – **Eph 6:11**
3. Full Invitation