

# KNOCKING AT THE DOOR

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Why do people fall away from the church and go back into the world? After escaping the guilt of past sins, having sweet fellowship with God, and a hope of heaven when the Lord returns – they give it up. What could they be thinking about?

Many answers could be given as to why, but please allow me to suggest a few.

**UNDERESTIMATING OUR ADVERSARY.** Christians sometimes forget that the devil does not quit in his efforts just because we are children of God. Just the opposite is true. Now Satan is going to try even harder to get us away from God.

"Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." {1 Peter 5:8} Satan is looking for an opportunity to get his proverbial foot in the door.

"And the LORD said to Satan, 'From where do you come?' So Satan answered the LORD and said, 'From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking back and forth on it'. "{Job 1:7} Why is he walking to and fro? He is on the prowl, ever lurking in the shadows to snatch us away from God!

"Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices." {2 Corinthians 2 :11} Give the devil his due!

**THE ALLUREMENT OF SIN.** The devil is a master at packaging sin to make it look attractive. It looks like a beautifully wrapped package with a big red ribbon, just begging to be opened.

In the city of Las Vegas this is so easy to understand. Just walk down the strip at night. All the neon lights, the noise of the slot machines, the dazzling colors, people laughing, just beckon for all to partake. Oh, yes, it is appealing to the carnal minded. On the outside it looks quite harmless, maybe even pleasant.

"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment." {John 7:24}

"Do not look on the wine when it is red, When it sparkles in the cup, When it swirls around smoothly; at the last it bites like a serpent, And stings like a viper." {Proverbs 23:31,32}

Satan makes sin look like fun, pleasure to the lust of the flesh and eyes. Yet, all is not as it appears to be! Satan does not show a true picture.

"Whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them." {2 Corinthians 4:4}

"But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. "James 1: 14,15}

"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord  
"Romans 6:23}

Satan is only giving us part of the total picture. Sin does three things that Satan is not going to bring up: Keeps you longer than you want to stay; takes you farther than you want to go; costs you more than you're willing to pay. It's that hidden cost that kills you!

Satan is full of deception. So many people have been lulled to sleep thinking that Satan only wants the real evil people of the world! Completely and utterly false! Satan wants as many souls as he can to take away from God. Every member of the kingdom is a special target of Satan to lure them back into his kingdom. Does one have to give in? Absolutely not! Satan cannot come in unless you invite him in.

Each day of our lives Satan is knocking at the door of our hearts-seeking entrance. Satan is a master of his craft and does not discourage easily. He knows us and our weaknesses as well as we do. Every opportunity we give him to deceive and allure us into sin he will take it. Satan is always ready to steal another soul away from God. Please do not answer his knocking! \*\*\*