

**“Your Enemy: The Devil, Part 4”
John 8:44**

Webster defines deceit as ‘the act of representing as true what is known to be false.’

When we deceive someone, we trick them, we mislead them, and we create an illusion – an idea not true to the facts.

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Jesus’ description of Satan gives us great insight into the character and mentality of Satan.

1. Satan is a murderer.

“You know the story of how Adam landed us in the dilemma we’re in - first sin, then death, and no one exempt from either sin or death” (Romans 5:12, The Message).

2. Satan is a liar and deceiver.

He disguises himself to influence people for his own ends.

Five of Satan’s most believable lies:

1. ‘This life is all there is.’

A central truth of Christianity is that you yourself will survive death and live on in an afterlife.

Psalm 146:3-4

Matthew 27:50

Matthew 10:28

Psalm 49:15

2. ‘You can go to heaven if you try hard enough.’

Salvation is impossible through human effort.

Romans 4:4-5

3. ‘The consequences of this bad decision won’t be that terrible.’

Hebrews 12:6

Galatians 6:7

4. ‘God doesn’t really care about you.’

Romans 5:8

Psalm 139:13

5. ‘It’s all about you.’

“Do you know where your fights and arguments come from? They come from the selfish desires that war within you” (James 4:1, NCV).

“But Eve was tricked by the snake's clever lies. And I'm afraid that in the same way your minds will somehow be led down the wrong path. They will be led away from your true and pure love for Christ” (2 Corinthians 11:3, NIRV).

Let’s have our minds so filled with the truth of God’s Word and let’s be filled with the Spirit so we can discern when the devil is deceiving!