

Wednesday Devotional

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Scripture: Matthew 6: 9 – 13

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**“Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one.”**

**There is a second type of temptation and it has to do with deception. The devil is the great deceiver. The old devil tries to deceive us into thinking we can live our lives to honor ourselves and honor God at the same time. He tries to deceive us into thinking we can build our lives on our kingdom instead of praying for His kingdom.**

**We are tempted to build our own kingdom instead of praying and living for His kingdom first. He deceives us into thinking we can live life according to our wills. He says, it's ok if you do things you want the way you want when you want and how you want and still serve God.**

**Old satan deceives us very subtly. Most of the time he doesn't come and say I want you to do this bad evil thing. He just comes along side us and says it's ok to have God on board just as long as you keep things in perspective according to the world's ideas. God and religion are ok but keep them where they belong, in the church.**

**So many Christians have sectioned off their lives. These things over here belong to me, these things over here belong to God.**

**I will give God his due on Sunday, maybe say a prayer before I eat or go to bed but then I'll live my life the way I choose the rest of the time.**

**He deceives us into thinking we can live our lives for God that way when we have actually been handed an apple and we have eaten it, which makes us no different than Adam and Eve.**

**He is the great deceiver. Watch out, be on guard. (Continued )**