

## Danger Zone Caution!!!

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- When the devil gets ready to corrupt you, he is going to corrupt you through your thoughts.
- Often we enter into a dangerous place and we **know it** by cones, fences and signs.
- The longer we live in the danger zone of self-deception, the more difficult it becomes to **see** the danger (Denial). We believe that it will not **harm** us (Doubt), and the more convinced we are that we are **right** (Deception).
- Things are really dangerous when we **don't know** or acknowledge that we are in a danger zone.

**2 Corinthians 11:2** I am jealous for you with a **godly jealousy**.

**Jealousy** means: A God given responsibility to keep them, to guard them, to protect them, and to preserve them.

**2 Corinthians 11:3** But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, **your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.**

**Sincere** means: More than single-mindedness. It means full-hearted devotion.

I. You tend to turn into what you \_\_\_\_\_.

**Proverbs 23:7** For as he thinks within himself, so he is. NASB

**Ephesians 4:17** So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.

**futility** means: "emptiness"; "without having the right values."

**Ephesians 4:18-19** They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts. <sup>19</sup> Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, with a **continual lust for more**.

**“Continual lust for more”** means: that you have unfulfilled desires—you have unsatisfied longings and cravings that are never satisfied.

### **The Answer:**

**Ephesians 4:20-23** You, however, did not come to **know** Christ that way. <sup>21</sup> **Surely you heard of him and were taught in him in accordance with the truth** that is in Jesus. <sup>22</sup> You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; <sup>23</sup> to be made new in the attitude of your minds;

**Key Truth:** When God wants to change you, he changes you by the renewing of your mind.

II. You must not \_\_\_\_\_ to self-deception or Satan’s lies.

**2 Corinthians 11:4** For if someone comes to you and **preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached**, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or a **different gospel** from the one you accepted, . . .

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**Genesis 3:1** “. . . "Did God really say, . . .

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**Genesis 3:4** "You will not surely die,"

A. He is going to deceive you the same way that he deceived Eve (cont.)

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**Genesis 3:5** "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

III. You have to get out of the danger zone and \_\_\_\_\_.

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***Practical advice:***

- Understand who \_\_\_\_\_ your mind.
- \_\_\_\_\_ my mind with the Word of God.
- Cut the \_\_\_\_\_.
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**1 Corinthians 15:33-34** Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."<sup>34</sup> Come back to your senses as you ought, and stop sinning; for there are some who are ignorant of God – I say this to your shame.

➤ Fill the void.

**Ephesians 5:18** Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

➤ **Come back next week as we look at God's power to overcome.**

**2 Corinthians 12:9-10** But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.<sup>10</sup> That is why, for Christ's sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.