

MYTHBUSTERS
“The Devil Made Me Do It”
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DEVILISH TRUTH

1. The Devil is real

How you have fallen from Heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High." Isaiah 14:12-14 (NIV)

2. Deception is his strategy

• **Disguises his person**

The serpent was the shrewdest of all the wild animals the Lord God had made. Genesis 3:1 (NLT)

• **Disguises his purposes**

One day he asked the woman, "Did God really say you must not eat the fruit from any of the trees in the garden?" Genesis 3:1 (NLT)

• **Attacks God's Word**

"Of course we may eat fruit from the trees in the garden," the woman replied. "It's only the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden that we are not allowed to eat. God said, 'You must not eat it or even touch it; if you do, you will die.'" "You won't die!" the serpent replied to the woman. Genesis 3:2-4 (NLT)

• **Attacks God's character**

"God knows that your eyes will be opened as soon as you eat it, and you will be like God, knowing both good and evil." Genesis 3:5 (NLT)

The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. Genesis 3:6 (NLT)

BATTLE THE DEVIL

1. Stop making excuses

2. Don't mess with darkness

Let no one be found among you who...practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD.... Deuteronomy 18:10-12 (TNIV)

The thief (Satan) comes only to steal and kill and destroy... John 10:10 (TNIV)

3. Prepare for battle

Submit yourselves, then, to God. James 4:7 (TNIV)

Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7 (TNIV)

Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. James 4:8 (TNIV)

FATAL BLOW

"He [Jesus] will crush your head, and you [Satan] will strike his heel." Genesis 3:15 (NLT)