

Satan's Target — The Will



Week 1

Satan targets the believer's will through pride to make us self-reliant rather than Spirit-led.

Satan didn't need to tempt David's mind or body—he went straight for his will. After many victories, David's confidence subtly shifted from God to himself. Pride makes us vulnerable to spiritual defeat even in times of success.

Discussion Questions:

1. What was wrong with David's census, and why did God see it as evil (1 Chronicles 21:1–8)?
2. How can success become a spiritual snare if our confidence shifts from God to ourselves?
3. What does Proverbs 16:32 ("He that conquers his soul...") teach about ruling our emotions and will?
4. How does pride disguise itself as spiritual maturity or leadership confidence?
5. What are some subtle ways believers today place trust in "numbers" or accomplishments rather than God's promises?
6. Read 1 Peter 5:5-6. Why must humility precede exaltation in God's kingdom?
7. How can we practically surrender our will to God in daily decisions this week?

Satan's Purpose: Independence from God's Will



Week 2

Satan's ultimate goal is to make believers act independently of God, mirroring his own rebellion.

The same freedom of will that allows us to love and obey God also gives us the choice to turn away. Independence sounds noble in our culture, but spiritually, it leads to rebellion.

Discussion Questions:

1. According to Romans 1:21-25, how does the human will drift from gratitude to self-worship?
2. What parallels exist between Lucifer's pride (Isaiah 14:13-14) and human independence today?
3. In what ways do we say "I've got this" without realizing we're declaring independence from God?
4. How does pride subtly shift worship from the Creator to the created (including self)?
5. Read 1 John 2:16-17. How does "the pride of life" threaten our obedience to God's will?
6. Why is independence from God often more dangerous than outright rebellion?
7. How can your FLOCK help guard against this drift toward self-dependence?

Our Defense: The Indwelling Spirit of God



Week 3

The believer's greatest defense against Satan's attacks is always total surrender to God through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Victory over Satan's attacks on the will begins with surrender. The Holy Spirit transforms and strengthens our will so that obedience becomes an act of worship rather than mere duty.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does it mean to "present your bodies as a living sacrifice" (Romans 12:1)?
2. How does renewing the mind lead to a transformed will?
3. Why is it important to give God our body, mind, and will together (not separately)?
4. How does the Holy Spirit empower us to live in obedience when our will resists?
5. Share a time when surrendering your will to God resulted in unexpected peace or direction.
6. Read Philippians 2:12-13. How do these verses show the partnership between our will and God's Spirit?
7. What spiritual practices will help you stay submitted and sensitive to the Spirit's leading this week?