

Evil – Satan’s Plans

Evil is a system of thinking that opposes divine truth both in belief and behavior:

- EVIL *kakos* – κακός – opposed to Goodness of character
- EVIL *poneros* – πονηρός – opposed to Divine viewpoint
- EVIL *phaulos* – φαυλός – opposed to Divine good

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1. The OSN is usually the source of temptation
2. Volition is the source of sin
3. The works of the devil can only be destroyed by functioning inside the plan of God. We are the products of our own decisions therefore, we bring disaster on ourselves.
4. Satan’s plans always look good to the unlearned, untutored, ignorant, and it is the result of degeneracy.
5. An advancing, or advanced believer will be able to distinguish between sin and evil. Heb. 5:13,14 *“For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is a babe, (spiritual infant - νήπιος) But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and Evil”.*
6. Motivating Evil exist in the thought pattern of the soul. Evil and degeneracy start with a thought and it TAKES A LOT OF BIBLICAL TRUTHS TO REJECT EVIL. Matt.6:23 *“But if your eye is Evil, the entire body is full of darkness (cosmic involvement).”* Matt. 15:19, *“For out of the mind come Evil thoughts.”* Prov.12:21 *“no Evil happens to the righteous”;* Ps.37:17 *“But the Lord sustains the righteous.”;* Ps. 91:10 *“No Evil will befall you; you who love the Lord hate Evil. The Lord preserves the souls of His mature ones; He delivers them from the hands of the Evil one.”;* Ps. 121:7 *“The Lord will protect you from all Evil; He will guard your soul.”;* Prov. 2:11-13, *“The wise see the Evil and hides himself, but the stupid goes on and is punished for it.”*
7. Members of the Royal Family must daily decide: *“Will I be influenced today by God’s truth (the Bible) or by Evil?”* GRACE is the means by which Biblical, TRUE facts are learned – EVIL is the means by which false ideas are learned.