

The Lusts Satan Perpetrates

- Satan, or enemy/adversary, has the ability to disrupt the Christian's thinking toward an assumption. He does this in order to incite one of his lust (2 Cor. 2:11; 4:4; 11:3).
- Satan attacks through the human spirit or rationale.
- Satan cannot incite man's sin nature; however, he certainly can take advantage of the sin nature's activity.
- Satan as god of this Present Evil Age is opposed to Christians manifesting Eternal Life (2 Cor. 4:4).
- Job is an example of Satan manipulating circumstances in order to tempt a human: weather/climate, armies, disease, and other people.
- Satan attempts to have Christians act **1**. Independent of God (Gen. 3:5).
- The logical progression of a Satanic attack: **2**. Disappointment "Why me?" (Job 3:1-13); **3**. Discouragement "God doesn't care about my problems." (Job 19:1-19); **4**. Bitterness (Job 7:11; 10:1; Acts 8:23; Eph. 4:31; Heb. 12:15).

The Lusts Satan puts in Christian's minds.

5. Doubt in spiritual things.

- a. The New Testament standard (Rom. 14:23).
- b. Doubt or wavering is not having the ability to discern what is spiritually profitable and what is lacking in character (Rom. 14:23; Jam. 1:6 *cf.* Heb. 5:14).
- c. Doubt is the opposite of faith.

Faith	Hope	Promise from God
(Heb. 11:1)	(Heb. 10:23; Rom. 8:24-25)	(Rom. 8:18)
A divine enabling from the Holy Spirit to "see" what is not yet (Heb. 11:13; 1 Jn. 20, 27; Eph. 1:18)	The basis for faith, not faith; the content of the promise	A specific promise from God

- d. Doubt not of faith, not based on a promise from God, not in line with Scripture.
- e. The leading of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:18; Rom. 8:14); never contrary to the Word, never in conflict with Eternal Life.