



SATAN'S STRATEGY FOR WOMEN

A Word about Truth and the Bible:

Attitudes about the Bible:

Attitudes about Application of Truth:

I. The Genesis of Satan's Strategy

Key Passage: Genesis 3:1-7

Implication for Men:

Implication for Women:

Key Principle: Satan's most successful strategy against women is deception.

II. The Impact of Satan's Strategy

Devastating to Life:

Difficult to Discover:

Discussion Questions:

1. In the Reflection Assignment from last week, we were asked to identify significant milestones or people from our lives and how they shaped our view of Womanhood over the years. Pick two of those to share with the group.
2. Of the possible attitudes mentioned regarding truth and the Bible, where do you find yourself? If the Bible is not your source of truth, try to identify other possible truth sources. (e.g., feelings, reason, science, etc.)
3. What stands out to you about Satan's strategy in Genesis? What insight does that offer into yourself and the people with whom you relate?
4. Recall a time when you learned that your thinking was totally wrong and you made a complete change in your lifestyle. What brought you to discover the truth, and how did you re-direct your thinking to line up with truth?
5. What do you think or how do you feel about the idea that you could currently believe the wrong thing about something you consider very important? What are strategies you could employ to guard yourself?

Reflection Assignment:

In the past, what has guided your thinking? Do you rely on your feelings, intuition, the opinions of others...? How do you usually know when you are wrong in your thinking (or deceived)? Do you have any "red flags" that let you know you are getting off track?

Passage to Ponder this week: Genesis 1:27

Week Two Summary...

As we enter into the study of Biblical Womanhood, we face what might seem like an obvious question: What do I think about the Bible? Do I accept it as Truth? A few of us (fewer than you might imagine) would answer, "I absolutely believe the Bible is True, without question, and I always try to apply whatever I learn from it." Most of us, if we're honest, would answer more like this: "I believe the Bible...as long as it makes sense to me," or, "I assume the Bible is flawed...but I'm willing to listen." To you we say, "Welcome! We look forward to our time together with you." We believe that if you do listen (even to ideas you aren't sure you agree with), eventually biblical wisdom *will* make sense. And we believe that, over time, you will discover that (even on those issues you weren't so sure about) the Bible is trustworthy. But for now, we ask you to keep that open mind. Don't be afraid of hearing something you disagree with. Allow for the possibility that not everything you *think* is *true*. Consider this: How do you know if you are deceived? By definition, you don't. Until someone shows you the truth, you remain deceived.

The bad news is that, according to the Bible, deception is one of Satan's primary strategies for destroying women. Knowing that we are highly motivated to do the right thing, his plan is simple--get us to *believe* the wrong things. Then, we will *do* the wrong things, all the while believing they are *right!* The good news is that, when our thinking is RIGHT, we can be powerful forces for GOOD in the world, in our society, and in our relationships. What about you? How's your thinking? How do you know? Spend some time considering that this week.