

“Overcoming Demonic Strategies”

Selected Scriptures

DECEPTION

1.False Teaching

2.False Religions

3.False Ideologies

DIVISION

1. Gossip

2. Slander

GOSSIP

“Idle or malicious talk that spreads personal or private information unnecessarily, often eroding trust and unity.

Gossip is a sin because it is the act of spreading private, unconfirmed, or harmful information about others (whether true or false) with the intent or effect of diminishing their reputation, sowing division, or satisfying selfish curiosity.”

SLANDER

“Slander is the deliberate use of false, exaggerated, or malicious words to damage another person’s reputation. While gossip often spreads secret or unnecessary information (true or not), slander goes further as it weaponizes speech with the intent to harm.”

Counter-Strategies

1. Guard your tongue ruthlessly
2. Refuse to receive gossip
3. Correct it when you hear it
4. Cultivate edifying speech
5. Remember the stakes

DISTRACTION

How the Enemy Distracts

Category	Description	Anchor Text
Materialism	Chasing possessions or lifestyle over contentment.	Matt 6:19-21 — “Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Greed	Endless striving for more at the expense of mission.	1 Tim 6:9-10 — “Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare.”
Porn & Sexual Sin	Short-circuiting holiness and enslaving the mind.	1 Thess 4:3-5 — “This is the will of God, your sanctification...”
Alcohol / Substances	Numbing rather than depending.	Eph 5:18 — “Do not get drunk with wine... but be filled with the Spirit.”
Ego & Pride	Living for image, applause, or platform.	Prov 16:18 — “Pride goes before destruction.”
Idol of Family	Exalting family comfort above faithfulness to Christ.	Luke 14:26 — “If anyone comes to Me and does not hate his own father and mother... he cannot be My disciple.”
Busyness	Endless activity that crowds out worship.	Ps 46:10 — “Cease striving and know that I am God.”
Fear & Anxiety	Mental preoccupation that suffocates faith.	Phil 4:6-7 — “Be anxious for nothing...”

Counter-Strategies

1. Reclaim your attention
2. Redeem your time
3. Refocus your affections
4. Remove competing idols
5. Rest in Christ's sufficiency