

Questions Through 1 John

Lesson 5: What Are the Works of the Devil?



- * _____ was busily engaged in his work in this world, and when the Son of God appeared he ramped up his activity (Matt. 4:1–11; Luke 4:41).
- * Keeping the “works of the devil” statement in context, we must read what leads up to it in (vv. 7-8). The apostle John is speaking of personal _____. The child of God lives in _____.
- * Those who live in _____, continued sin show themselves to be children of the devil because they reflect the devil’s nature.
- * Those satanic works no longer have an expression within the believer’s heart. Christ came to destroy the works of the devil, and that guarantees our _____.
- * According to Jesus, some of the works of the devil are _____ and _____. These two sins summarize the character of the devil and his goals.
- * The works of the devil show up in the _____ of _____, where Satan deceived Eve and led her into disobedience (Gen. 3:1–6).
- * Before we were _____, we were under the full effects of the works of the devil (Eph. 2:1–2). The works of the devil in our lives caused us to be “gratifying the cravings of our _____ and following its desires and thoughts” (v. 3).
- * The works of the devil affect _____ morally, physically, intellectually, and spiritually:
 - * Morally, the devil _____ people to sin, making evil seem appealing so that people choose evil over obedience to God (James 1:14)
 - * Physically, the devil can _____ disease, and he seeks to use physical trials to cause people to curse God (Job 2:4–5; Luke 13:11)
 - * Intellectually, the devil _____ people into error, teaching false doctrines (1 Tim. 4:1).
 - * Spiritually, he takes every _____ to snatch away the Word of God sown in a person’s heart (Matt. 13:19).
- * The devil desires to _____ believers, too (Luke 22:31–32). He will try to cause believers to not follow Christ so as to keep them from their primary purpose of bringing glory to God and furthering His purposes and plans.

- * If Satan can cause our love for _____ to cool (Rev. 2:4) or cause us to stop loving _____ (John 13:34–35), then we lose our testimony before the world and displease our heavenly Father.
- * If Satan can entice us into _____ such as entertainment, sex, or porn, then he entraps us in bondage to sin so that we cannot commune with God.
- * In summary, the works of the devil are to _____ the work of God. As a murderer, Satan works against God, who is Life. As a liar, Satan works against God, who is Truth.
- * In the lives of unbelievers, the work of the devil is to keep them from coming to _____ in Christ, with the result that they experience the second death (Rev. 20:14–15). In the lives of believers, the work of the devil is to _____ them to sin and thus blunt their effectiveness for Christ in this world.
- * Fortunately for us, Jesus Christ came to _____ the works of the devil.
- * Not only did Jesus’ death destroy the works of the devil in relation to our eternal destiny, but it provided for our personal _____.
- * In His goodness, the Lord has also given us _____ to do battle with the devil (Eph. 6:10–18).
- * We must _____ our enemy and _____ when he is approaching (2 Cor. 2:11). More importantly, we must know where our strength and defense lie and trust “the perfecter of faith” (Heb. 12:2), the only one who can truly destroy the works of the devil.