

# Second Corinthians

## Instructions to the Church

**2 Corinthians 11:2 (NIV)** I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him.



## Removing the Mask

***Exodus 34:14 (NIV)*** Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

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**2 Corinthians 7:1 (NIV)** Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God.

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***2 Corinthians 11:3 (NIV)*** But I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpent's cunning, your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

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# Characteristics of Satan

**1. The serpent does not reveal his true identity to Eve.**

***2 Corinthians 11:13-15 (NIV)*** <sup>13</sup> For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ. <sup>14</sup> And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. <sup>15</sup> It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

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# Characteristics of Satan

2. Satan comes to Eve as one who is winsome and wise, whose only goal is to help her.

***Genesis 3:1 (NIV)*** Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"

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# Characteristics of Satan

**3. Satan comes to Eve with an arrogant confidence and air of authority, which makes his lies more convincing.**

*Isaiah 14:12-14 (NIV)* <sup>12</sup> How you have fallen from heaven, O morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth, you who once laid low the nations! <sup>13</sup> You said in your heart, "I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. 14 I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High."

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3. Satan comes to Eve with an arrogant confidence and air of authority, which makes his lies more convincing.

***2 Corinthians 11:19-20 (NIV)*** <sup>19</sup> You gladly put up with fools since you are so wise! <sup>20</sup> In fact, you even put up with anyone who enslaves you or exploits you or takes advantage of you or pushes himself forward or slaps you in the face.

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# Characteristics of Satan

3. Satan comes to Eve with an arrogant confidence and air of authority, which makes his lies more convincing.

*Proverbs 16:18 (NIV)* Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.

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# Characteristics of Satan

## 4. Satan attacks God's character and His Word.

***Genesis 3:4 (NIV)*** "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman.

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# Characteristics of Satan

## 5. Satan makes good look evil and evil look good.

*Isaiah 5:20-21 (NIV)* <sup>20</sup> Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. <sup>21</sup> Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.

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# Characteristics of Satan

## 6. Satan deceived Eve by mixing error with truth.

**Genesis 3:22 (NIV)** <sup>22</sup> And the Lord God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever."

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