

“A POWERFUL INFLUENCE”

JOHN 8:37-47

(Part 1)

From cover to cover, the Bible does not ignore the reality of Satan and his scheming on this earth. The scriptures weigh in as they paint his devious portrait through occasional appearances and vivid descriptions. And in a prolonged dialogue with the Jews, Jesus leans in with pointed words about this deliberate detractor of the Christian faith and his influence with humanity.

THE SWAY OF SATAN

① D _____ (8:41a)

Pride invites us to tear down others and build up ourselves. Where did we get that _____? Look no further than Satan.

Remember the origin of _____ and the originator of .

Putting others first. That’s the right choice, even if it isn’t Satan’s!

② D _____ (8:41b)

This “one God” they believe may not be the “one God.”

Having _____ their own god, they then anchor their faith in this _____ god.

③ D _____ (8:42)

Darkness loves darkness and thus hates or despises the light. This was the Jews’ response to Jesus as He stood before them this day.

Entirely different marching orders have been assigned to believers: _____ your _____. So, while darkness hates the light, light is called to love those in darkness.

④ D _____ (8:43)

Scorning the _____ of Life, they had little concern for His _____ of life.

No wonder that His words did not find reception with them due to their rejection of Him.

In a day and age where today Christians are called intolerant, the exact opposite is actually true.

CONCLUSION

Two challenges surface from this passage. First, make sure you know who your real spiritual father is? Only two options exist. And second, who are you sharing the good news with? How will they believe if they aren’t hearing the gospel? And how will they hear the gospel if we aren’t speaking the gospel? Verbalize the One who is the way, the truth, and the life. It truly is a matter of life or death.