

ACADEMY REPORTER

BE A CALEB

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? Genesis 3:1

“Yea, hath God said?” It is the first question recorded in the Bible. Satan caused Eve to question the intentions and wisdom of God. It was successful then, and Satan uses the same strategy to defeat people today. Why are we so susceptible to this attack of the Enemy? How can we strengthen ourselves to withstand this attack?

First, we must know what God has said. This means a study of the Word. As often illustrated in Scripture, Satan is adept at distorting God’s Word. Our first line of defense is to go to the Bible and find God’s perspective. The Bible contains principles that apply to every situation or problem we will encounter. It is interesting to note that when Jesus was tempted, He countered every temptation of Satan with Scripture.

Secondly, we must accept God’s Word as authoritative and final. Does the Bible mean what it says or not? Can my rationalizations change the principles God has set forth? We have the ability to find compelling reasons to do whatever we want to do, and the enemy will supply any ideas we are unable to think of on our own. However, God’s principles are unchanging. People may not believe, many may argue and debate, but in the end we will stand before an Almighty God and give an account of our lives based on the commands of Holy Writ.

Finally, we must recognize that God is looking out for our best interests. He loves us and is doing everything He can to help us become more like Himself. Is He trustworthy? Can we trust Him with our life? Will **you** trust Him? These are questions that we must answer every day. Often we get the idea that a trip or two to the altar will settle all the issues of our life. In reality, we must continue to choose whether or not we will trust God every day. The real essence of sin is choosing to do things my way as opposed to doing them God’s way. Knowing the Word and accepting it as the final authority in our life coupled with abandonment to the will of our loving, Heavenly Father will safeguard us from this onslaught of Satan.

THE PRINCIPAL’S PUZZLER

This week’s winner: No One

This week’s hint: How is a stamp canceled?

This week’s puzzle: The famous 'Penny Black', the world's first postage stamp, was introduced in England in 1840. The idea of postage stamps was a great success and was taken up worldwide. Yet the 'Penny Black' was in use for only one year before it was replaced by the 'Penny Red'. Why?

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Though it is hard to believe, we are almost to the end of the first quarter. Please call Mrs. Snider as quickly as possible to set up your conference on Thursday, October 22. Remember that there will be an 11:30 AM dismissal.

REMINDERS

October 16 – End of the First Quarter

October 22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences, 11:30 AM Dismissal

October 27-29 – Missions Convention

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AND YOU SAID THAT GOOD FISHERMEN DON'T WEAR TIES

I have seen and read the Friday Letter.

Parent Signature _____

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