

# ***WHEN THE DEVIL SAYS, "TRUST ME"***



*First Moments of Temptation*  
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Whether the devil shows up....

...as an angel of light,

.... a billionaire,

.... a beautiful woman,

...or a premature answer to prayer,

his "gospel" is always the same:

"Trust me!"

***"Did God say, 'You shall not eat of any tree of the garden'?"***

***"We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"***

***"You will not die. For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."***



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**Genesis 3**

"Trust me, God is holding out on you."

"Trust me, God doesn't even know you exist."

"Trust me, there is no God. You are on your own."

"Trust me, a little lie goes a long way."

The devil loves to bring his gospel to church.

“If you had more money you could do more good. Money is the answer. Trust me!”

“The thing you need is power. Think of all the great things you could accomplish if you controlled what goes on in Washington!”

“You want your church to grow? Get rid of the riff-raff.”

“If you want to be a success, learn to compromise.”

“Why does God give the devil so much rope?”

Not to worry, God holds the rope.

The devil is on a leash, and the leash is getting shorter by the day.

When the devil says, “Trust me,” we have a choice.

....between following the Truth or following the Lie.

....walking in Light or walking in Darkness.

To those who choose the Darkness, Jesus has terrifying words.

***“Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to hear my word.***

***You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and has nothing to do with the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks according to his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”***

**John 8**

To those who choose the light Jesus says,

***“If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.”***



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