

**“When Everything Is Not Enough”**

**Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church**

Blessed - there is no other way to describe it. Adam and Eve were blessed by the Lord. They had everything that a person could wish for. A close relationship with God, a wonderful home, food, no worries, no fears, and no fear of death. What more could a person want?

Yet, it was not enough. With a few words the evil one caused Eve to desire more than what she had. To begin with, she was made to doubt and to question the blessed state that she and Adam enjoyed. Isn't that the way that the devil has always done? He causes people to think that God is holding them back from fun and the pleasures of life. Eve fell for his deception and many folks still follow the same path to destruction.

In **John 8:44** Jesus spoke of the devil and said, "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because

there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it." A person is made to think that the life he has is not as good as it could be. It doesn't matter how much he is blessed, the temptation is put before him to want more. Having a good home, job, money, and family is often not enough, when a person thinks that others have it better. The result is like that of Adam and Eve in the garden of Eden, the relationship with God suffers, the family faces hurt and misery, and instead of being better, the end is full of regret.

Many homes are broken up because the husband, or wife, began to think that someone else would be more fun than the person they married. Any time that you look in the newspaper there is a list of people who are filing for divorce. There may be different causes for this, but often it is because one, or the other, has committed adultery. Someone caught the eye of a husband, or wife, and they thought they were better looking, had more money, or would make them happier than the one they were married to. So, on impulse, they leave their spouse and break up their home. The children suffer,

and the person finds that the new "marriage" has problems too.

Not only in marriage, but in other areas people are tempted to want more. Some destroy their family and their lives by alcohol and other drugs. They think that they will feel better, have fun, or find some other benefit from this. The result is damaged health, or even death, lost of jobs, family, respect, and much suffering. These are some of the things that listening to Satan brings to people -- misery and sin, death and destruction, not only of the person, but also of their loved ones.

At some point in our lives we are dissatisfied for a time. It is at times like this that the devil will tempt us. We need to realize that he does not, and will not, help us, but has the intent to destroy our lives, break up our homes, and to turn us from God. **1 John 4:1**. "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." Be careful of who you listen to. Remember, God will not lead us to hurt our wives, families, and others. Be not lead by lust for these things, but be lead by the Lord.

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