



# How Does Satan Try to Deceive Us?

**N**ephi warned us about three of the devil's deceptive tactics.

## 1. RAGE AGAINST THE GOOD (2 Nephi 28:20)

How does Satan get people to be *angry* about *good* things?

Here are some good things Satan may tempt people to be **angry** about:

- Traditional marriage and family
- Kindness and compassion for all, including those who are different from you
- Organized religion

How does Satan get people to be so *comfortable* that they *stop caring* about fighting against evil or *stop trying* to grow spiritually?

Here are some lies the devil may tell us to make us **apathetic**:

- All that matters is enjoying life and having cool stuff.
- Anything inconvenient or uncomfortable must be bad, so avoid it.
  - As long as life *appears* to be going well, that's all that matters.

How does Satan get people to *stop believing* that evil is real and that God will judge us?

Here are some lies Satan tells us to convince us there's **no evil** and **no consequences**:

- This life is it, so live it up.
- If it feels good, do it.
- Look around. The wicked aren't being punished. So why not have fun like them?

## 2. EASE AND APATHY (2 Nephi 28:21)

## 3. NO DEVIL, NO EVIL, NO CONSEQUENCES (2 Nephi 28:22)

### AVOIDING DECEPTION

Consider reviewing President Dallin H. Oaks's October 2004 general conference talk, "Be Not Deceived," to find his counsel on how to avoid being deceived.