

Title: Opportunities for the devil

*“Simon, Simon, behold, Satan has demanded permission to sift you like wheat; but I have prayed for you, that your faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” But he said to Him, ‘Lord, with You I am ready to go both to prison and to death!’ And He said, “I say to you, Peter, the rooster will not crow today until you have denied three times that you know Me.” Luke 22:31-34*

*“But one whom you forgive anything, I forgive also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, I did it for your sakes in the presence of Christ, so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.”*

*2 Corinthians 2:10-11*

*“Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger; and do not give the devil an opportunity.” Ephesians 4:26-27*

The devil is always looking for an opportunity to creep into our lives to destroy us. Even after Jesus had pulled the curtain back with what the devil was doing, Peter didn't believe him. Isn't that interesting? Jesus had been right in everything He had said. Peter was foolish.

The Corinthians were warned by Paul not to be ignorant of the schemes of the devil. Paul spoke to them about forgiving their brother. You wouldn't think Christians would need to be reminded about Satan when it came to forgiveness. But they did.

Paul warned the saints in Ephesus about anger and giving an opportunity for the devil. They would have to control their emotions. In the midst of anger, they would have to respond the proper way.

The devil is always looking for an opportunity to creep into our lives. He's goal is to destroy. Let's be sure we don't give him any opportunities.

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