

Briefing Document: The Lies of Satan

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Executive Summary

The following briefing summarizes a presentation delivered at New Life Family Worship on September 6, 2026. The central theme focuses on identifying the common lies Satan uses to deceive individuals and how those lies can be countered with biblical truth. A significant portion of the discussion addresses the spiritual necessity of forgiveness, highlighting it as a tool to prevent Satan from gaining a "stronghold" in a person's life.

Key Takeaways:

- **Contentment vs. Deception:** Satan's first lie is that God is withholding something good. Contentment is found by recognizing that God knows every situation and provides what is needed.
- **The Reality of Suffering:** Contrary to the lie that a life of faith is easy, the transcript asserts that suffering is often a tool for spiritual growth and a guaranteed part of the Christian walk.
- **The Danger of Bitterness:** Refusing to forgive creates a "seed of bitterness" that allows for spiritual oppression. Forgiveness is described as a unilateral act that does not require anything from the offending party.
- **Community and Growth:** The document highlights the growth of the church's children's ministries and the urgent need for volunteers to support the next generation.

Analysis of the "Lies of Satan"

The presentation outlines five specific lies that are frequently encountered in modern society, media, and literature. Each lie is countered with Scripture from the New King James Version (NKJV).

1. The Lie: God is Holding Out on You

Satan attempts to convince people that there is more "prestige" or "money" available if they step outside of God's plan. This is traced back to the Garden of Eden.

- **Scriptural Counter:** *Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil"* (Genesis 3:4-5).
- **The Truth:** God's original desire was for humanity to know only "good." Seeking knowledge or status outside of His will exposes a person to evil and unnecessary hardship.

2. The Lie: You Can Do It Yourself

The document describes a "Nike mentality"—the idea that a person can achieve everything through their own strength.

- **Scriptural Counter:** *Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; But we will remember the name of the Lord our God (Psalm 20:7).*
- **The Truth:** Human effort is limited. True provision comes from God: *And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Philippians 4:19).*

3. The Lie: You Will Never Suffer

A common deception is that following God leads to a perfect, pain-free life.

- **Scriptural Counter:** *My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials (James 1:2).*
- **The Truth:** Suffering is often used to draw a person closer to God. The transcript notes that if a person experiences no persecution, they should "check their Christianity," as the Bible suggests that "all things work together for good to those who love God" (Romans 8:28).

4. The Lie: Possessions Bring Happiness

Satan often uses "fedia" (money) to convince individuals that material wealth is the root of joy.

- **Scriptural Counter:** *Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me." Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve'" (Matthew 4:8–10).*
- **The Truth:** Chasing money is a "trap" because it is never enough. True fulfillment comes from serving God alone.

5. The Lie: You Can't Forgive

Satan uses the inability to forgive as a "device" to pray upon believers and create spiritual strongholds.

- **Scriptural Counter:** *...lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices (2 Corinthians 2:11).*
- **The Truth:** Forgiveness is an act of obedience. It prevents a "seed of bitterness" from growing into a spiritual weight that hinders a person's relationship with God and others.

Comprehensive Examination of Forgiveness

The document provides a detailed framework for how forgiveness should be practiced. This is illustrated through a personal account of a speaker who spent years hating an abusive family member before finding the strength to forgive through faith.

Principles of True Forgiveness

Principle	Description
No Expectations	You should expect nothing back from the person you forgive. It is not about their response, but your obedience.
Release of Consequences	In your mind, the offending party must be released from the "debt" or consequences you wish upon them.
No Relationship Required	Forgiving someone does not mean you must re-establish a relationship with them, especially if the person is "evil" or harmful.
Unconditional Release	Forgiveness is given with "no strings attached."

Community and Organizational Updates

The briefing includes several announcements regarding the health and future of the local church community.

- **Children's Ministry:** Since its founding in 2011 with only six people, the church has seen a significant increase in youth attendance. Kathy Simco reported that the Nursery and Children's Church operate nearly year-round. There is a "constant need" for adult volunteers to rotate shifts to avoid burning out current staff.
- **Local Missions:** The "We Care Pregnancy Center" is the current mission focus, providing support for local mothers.
- **Benevolence:** The church is collecting items for "Operation Christmas Child," including hairbrushes, combs, clothing, and toothbrushes.
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - **September 12:** Men's Breakfast (7:30 a.m.) and Ladies' Conference at First Baptist.
 - **September 25:** Movie night featuring "The Great Awakening."
 - **Budgeting:** The 2027 budget planning is underway. Members are encouraged to submit budget requests to leadership (Mike, Renee, Tom, or Deb).

Conclusion

The document concludes that the only "unpardonable" act is the final rejection of Jesus Christ. For all other burdens—including the lies of Satan and the weight of non-forgiveness—there is a path to relief through confession and the "perfect love" found in a relationship with God.

Greek Word Guide *No Greek words were explicitly used or defined in the provided source context. All terms utilized were English translations or Spanish slang.*