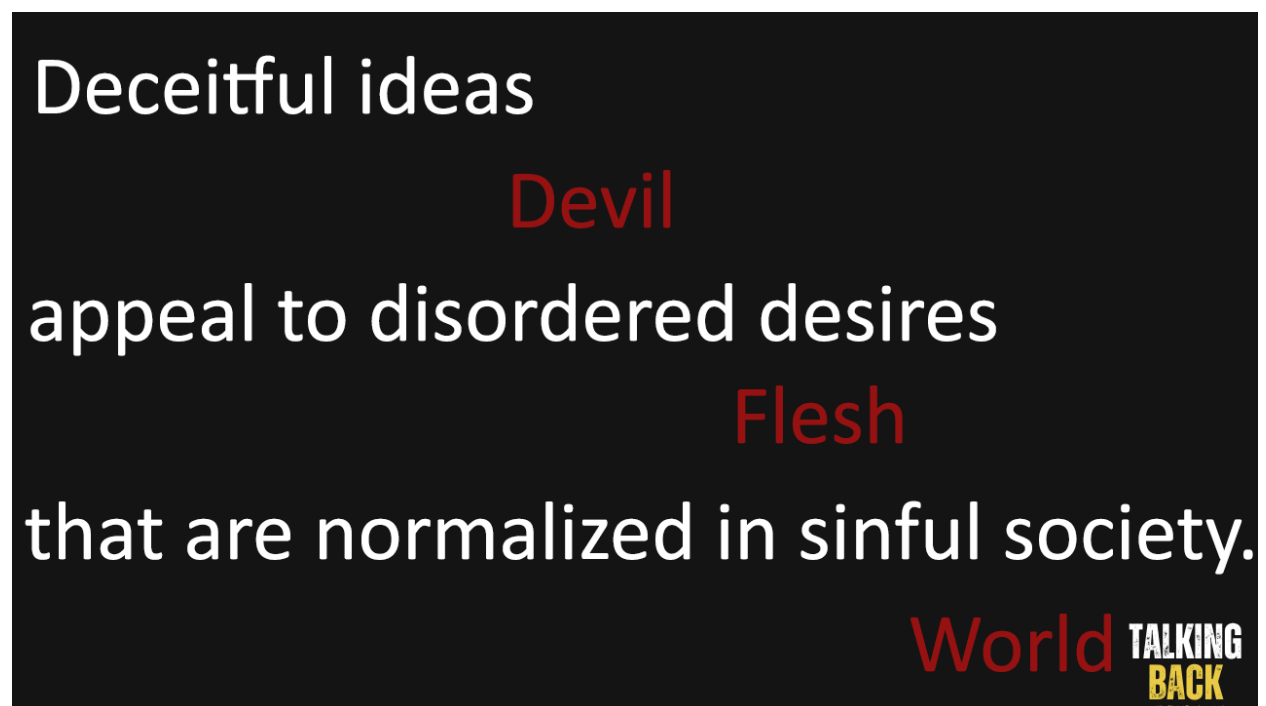


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Proverbs 4:23; Proverbs 23:7; John 8:31–45; John 18:37

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[John 8:31–45](#) (NASB 2020)

31 So Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, “If you continue in My word, *then you are truly My disciples*; **32** and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” **33** They answered Him, “We are Abraham’s descendants and have never been enslaved to anyone; how *is it that* You say, ‘You will become free’ ?”

34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly I say to you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin. **35** Now the slave does not remain in the house forever; the son

does remain forever. **36** So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free. **37** I know that you are Abraham's descendants; yet you are seeking to kill Me, because My word has no place in you. **38** I speak of the things which I have seen with My Father; therefore you also do the things which you heard from *your* father."

39 They answered and said to Him, "Abraham is our father." Jesus said to them, "If you are Abraham's children, do the deeds of Abraham. **40** But as it is, you are seeking to kill Me, a man who has told you the truth, which I heard from God; this Abraham did not do. **41** You are doing the deeds of your father." They said to Him, "We were not born as a result of sexual immorality; we have one Father: God." **42** Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I came forth from God and am here; for I have not even come on My own, but He sent Me. **43** Why do you not understand what I am saying? *It is* because you cannot listen to My word. **44** You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he tells a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, because he is a liar and the father of lies. **45** But because I say the truth, you do not believe Me.

- If we are going to win the war that is happening over our soul we need to see this war the way Jesus does.

First - The devil is real.

44 You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father.

Second – The devil wants to ruin your soul and our society

. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him.

Whenever he tells a lie, he speaks from his own *nature*, because he is a liar and the father of lies.

4 Jesus came to set us free from the lies of the devil

“If you continue in My word, *then* you are truly My disciples; **32** and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

- For Jesus the devil is real
- His goal is murder
- He works through lies
- Jesus came to set us free
- What is truth?
- Truth is reality –
- Reality is what you run into when you are wrong.
- Lies – Not reality
- Ideas – assumptions about reality

[Proverbs 4:23](#) (NASB 2020)

23 Watch over your heart with all diligence,
For from it *flow* the springs of life.

[Proverbs 23:7](#) As a person things so he is.

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[John 18:37](#) (NASB 2020)

37 Therefore Pilate said to Him, “So You are a king?” Jesus answered, “*You say correctly that I am a king. For this purpose I have been born, and for this I have come into the world: to testify to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to My voice.*”