

HOME IMPROVEMENT

The Snake

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serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"⁴ But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

Series Lessons

Without a clear understanding of your DESTINATION, you will never ARRIVE.

God has designed each of us for RELATIONSHIP, first with himself and then with EACH OTHER.

MARRIAGE is one of God's greatest gifts of COMMON GRACE.

The Discussion

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The snake was known for being crafty (עָרוּם; *ārûm*), which can be interpreted as shrewd, subtle or sensible. This shows the fact that every STRENGTH has a WEAKNESS.

In their conversation, the snake does two things:

He REMOVES God's TITLE and so changes Eve's VIEW of God.

"Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'?"² And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,³ but God said..."

Satan removes God's name Jehovah from Elohim thus removing His name of authority.

He MISQUOTES God's COMMAND which reveals her CONFUSION of God's word.

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The Deception

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Sometimes what we think we SEE isn't REALLY how it is.

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes,

"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death."

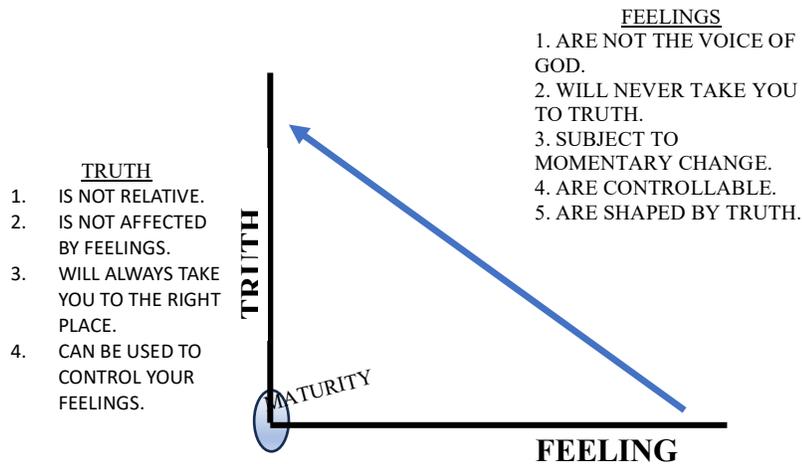
Proverbs 14:12

Our FEELINGS will never lead us to TRUTH.

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"The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately sick; who can understand it?"

Jeremiah 17:9



Top 5 Complaints

1. Lack of RESPECT or APPRECIATION

2. Too Much CRITICISM

3. Not Enough PHYSICAL AFFECTION or INTIMACY

4. Too Much Focus on CHILDREN or Household

5. Poor COMMUNICATION or EMOTIONAL Distance

The Discipline

Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." Genesis 3:13

Pain in Childbirth

¹⁶To the woman he said, "I will make your pains in childbearing very severe; with painful labor you will give birth to children.

Resistance to her husbands authority.

Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you.

Application:

What must I change to become more of a partner and helper to my husband?
