

TALK IT OVER

Myths

BOTTOM LINE

We are made to reflect God, but we are tempted to replace Him.

CONVERSATION STARTER

How do you feel about knock-off or generic brands? Is there anything you absolutely will not buy generic?

THINGS TO CONSIDER

What did you hear?

What do you think?

What will you do?

RESOURCES

- The Daily:
newpointe.org/thedaily
- [Jesus Was Tempted](#) - Helpful kids' story for adults too (3 min.)

KEY VERSES AND QUOTES

Now the serpent was more crafty than any of the wild animals the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God really say, 'You must not eat from any tree in the garden'? The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, but God did say, 'You must not eat fruit from the tree that is in the middle of the garden, and you must not touch it, or you will die.'"

"You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman, "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves. Genesis 3:1-7 NIV

"The myths we believe create the masks we wear." – Dave VanDonge

"Satan's myths aren't new, they're recycled. The tactics of the Enemy remain unchanged." – Dave VanDonge

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Think about a myth, a legend, an old wives' tale, or just simply a "fact" you believed and then discovered you were wrong. What prompted your loyalty to the myth? How did you feel when you realized the truth? How do our misguided beliefs create masks? Satan intends to deceive and destroy. He destroys our relationships with God, self, others, and nature. How does shame signal broken relationships? Shame itself can wear a mask. How do we mask shame? Jesus was tempted as we are. How was He tempted to believe He should take charge of His own security and handle things on His own? What would have made that temptation so strong? Jesus was tempted to perform to meet the human need of significance. Why would this temptation be so powerful? How does the desire for acceptance lead to temptation to please someone more than God? What myth does Satan use most often in your life? How will you defeat him?

ACTION STEP

I will pray to not allow Satan to deceive and destroy me. I will ask God to help me recognize when I try to meet my own needs for security, significance, and acceptance, and choose to trust Him.