

Closing the door on Satan: Battling Pressures
Lesson 1
Genesis 4:27
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Thesis: I want to show how Satan attacks us with pressures.

Intro: 1. There are many pressures that we all face today.

2. We each face different pressure; but also a lot of the same.

I. Those who may pressure you.

A. Friends & Coworkers

1. Some friends sometimes have ideas that are against God and your parents.

(1 Cor 15:33)

- Drinking – Pro 20:1

- Gambling (Casinos, games with friends, gambling in various forms)
– Titus 1:7 “not greedy for money”

- Stealing – 1 Cor 6:10

- Disobeying parents – Eph 6:1-2

2. Those who tempt you to do things such as these tempt you to sin (**Pro 12:26**)

a. These are pressures because many times these things are a must to “fit in”.

B. Family

1. Traditions; even in a family – can be dangerous (**Mt 15:3-6**).

2. Our families can also try to convince us that certain activities and lifestyles are ok because a loved one is involved in such.

C. Those whom you may be dating or date in the future

1. Fornication – **Heb 13:4**

2. Love; something that is used in various forms when young; often times incorrectly.

a. The best place to find a future mate is within the Lord’s church.

II. Pressure from the Media

A. The media’s influence

1. To say that the influence of the media (TV, radio, movies, magazines, the internet, Etc) is strong is an understatement.

2. The media tells the world to be like them.

a. Embrace everyone (regardless of their life of sin)

b. Every way of life

c. Reject any idea that God exists.

B. The media is a hypocrite.

1. It encourages the world to live as they like, but then blasts those who strive to live a godly life (**Rom 12:2**).

III. **Genesis 4:7b**

A. "sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you"

1. sin is what Satan tempts us with, he pressures us with it.
2. We are pressured to: fit in, to have fun, enjoy life, to think you know more than your parents, that you don't need to follow that dusty Bible.

B. **Genesis 4:7c** "but you should rule over it"

1. Just like God told Cain in the beginning, the temptation to sin can be overcome.

Application & Conclusion:

1. Do you recognize that the pressures you face; may be pressure to sin.
2. Can you stand up to the pressures to sin?
3. Are you willing to say no to the pressures to sin?
4. If you aren't willing to say no to the pressures of sin, then the battle is already over for you.
5. Full Invitation