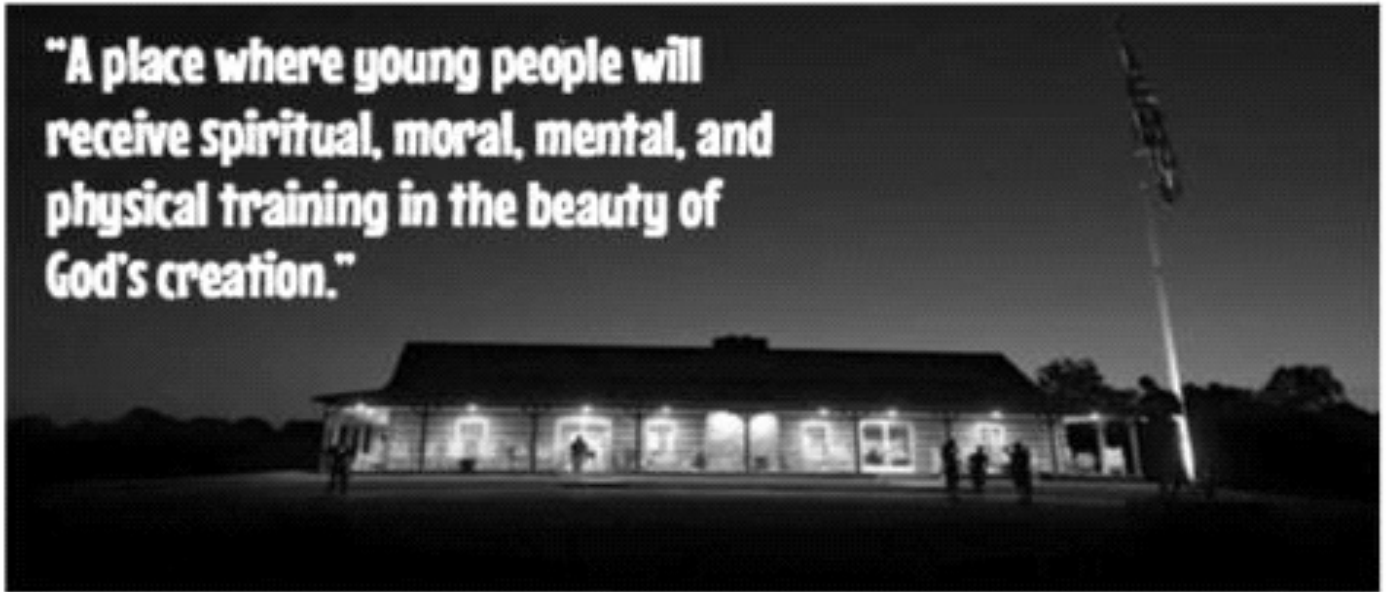


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Taking Satan Lightly

Could you imagine being in a battle and making no preparations to face your enemy? When the girls have their birthday parties often included in the activities is an evening water battle. After the groups are determined, each group makes preparations. Water balloons are filled and water guns loaded. Even in a game the kids recognize the need for preparation.

No individual can be victorious against the adversary of our souls unless they make proper preparations. We need to understand the adversary—unless we understand Satan’s philosophy, Satan’s methods of operation, and Satan’s methods of temptation we will be led astray. We hear very little today about Satan; we are ignorant of the nature of this one who comes knocking at our heart’s door. Consequently we face a serious potential for defeat. But such does not have to be the case. Victory can be ours—but victory depends on knowledge of the enemy! Consider with me just one characteristic of Satan.

Satan is a Deceiver. Before God created the universe Satan coveted the glory, the authority, and the power of God. To take this glory to himself and to exercise this authority, it was necessary for him to lead astray created beings. God created beings that were to be subject to Him and glorify Him. But Satan could not create. To reign as a god he had to lead astray those whom God had created. After Satan led some astray in the spiritual realm, he became the god of this world.

Satan is a deceiver. He has to operate in the realm of denial of the truth. Satan could not persuade the angelic hosts to follow him by telling them the truth. Who would have followed if Satan had told them, “Follow me and you will end up in the lake of fire separated from the Creator forever.” When Satan came to Eve it was not possible for him to tempt her by saying, “If you obey me rather than God, you will join me and the fallen created beings in the lake of fire forever.” He had to lie. No wonder Jesus referred to Satan as follows: “...He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies” (John 8:44).

I guess in part at least, here is my point. Why do we believe the lies Satan tells us? He tells those having affairs that no one will ever find out and spouses and families will therefore not be ripped apart. He tells people that alcohol will make them smart and happy. He tells those who steal that they somehow deserve to have things that do not belong to them. He tells people to go ahead and hate others...you can hate and it will never lead you to murder someone. He tells people that they can love God a little, just don’t get too serious about it. And perhaps Satan’s greatest deception is simply this—you have all the time in the world. Go ahead and live and do what you want and later in life you can make a decision to obey the Gospel. How many have died young believing that very lie?

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