Title: Does the devil still cheat you from time to time?
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a: Chambers’ definition of ‘cheat’:
Mislead, deceive, fool, trick, defraud, double-cross

II Timothy 2:26
26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will.

b: The character of the devil

John 8:44
44 He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Luke 8:12
12 Those by the wayside are the ones who hear; then the devil comes and takes away the word out of their hearts, lest they should believe and be saved.

Matthew 4:1
1 Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

Joyful: from the Hebrew word sameach

c: Examples from Scripture – buying the lie...

⋅ Eve: Genesis 3:1-6
⋅ David (Bathsheba): 2 Samuel 11:1-5
⋅ The prodigal son: Luke 15:13
⋅ Ananias and Sapphira: Acts 5:1-11

d: Solutions

Ephesians 4:27
27 nor give place to the devil.

Greek word for place: topos – emphasizes that believers can actually give ground in their lives to satanic control (open door).

Ephesians 6:11
11 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

James 4:7
7 Therefore submit to God. Resists the devil and he will flee from you.

Romans 8:37
37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

I John 4:4
4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

e: Victory
I Corinthians 15:57
57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

II Corinthians 5:15-21
15 that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed us the word of reconciliation.