

## Genesis 3:2-5

*And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.' " Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."*

I was talking to someone the other day who was telling how their teenage son just got his ears pierced. But there was a story leading up to him getting his ears pierced, where someone was telling him over and over that he needed to get his ears pierced, and how it would make him look cool. And because of that, his parents told him that they did not want him to get his ears pierced, not that they cared about him getting his ears pierced, but because he would be doing it for the wrong reasons.

So, a few days ago, he came home and was wearing a beanie (which he does not do) with it pulled over his ears, and if you are a parent or an adult, you know what that meant. Yep, he got his ears pierced... and he tried to hide it and lied by saying that he was wearing it because his ears were cold. Then when he was confronted about it, he told another lie and said that this person was not a part of it. But his parents knew that it was a lie, and he got punished for it, once again not for getting his ears pierced, but because of the lie, saying he did it on his own, when in reality this person influenced him to do it, and even paid for him to get it done, which is being disobedient to his parents, and obedient to a bad influence in his life.

But that is what satan does in all our lives, he will not tell us when we are wrong, but he just lets it happen. Case in point, today's verses, which is when Eve ate of the forbidden fruit, because she was told that it would make her cool (Paraphrasing here), just like this person said it would make their son look cool to get his ears pierced.

But then we can all look back, be it years ago or even a few days ago, when satan has whispered in our ear (pierced or unpierced lol) telling us that something was cool, or that it is okay to do, and he tempted us to do it, even though we knew it was wrong.

In today's verses, Eve tried to quote God when she was confronted by satan, but while she did, she added a little of her own interpretation of what God said, and that was to include "***nor shall you touch it***" which it never says in the bible that God said that to Adam or Eve. But when you read satan's response to her, we don't read of satan telling her that God never said that, because we know that satan is the father of lies, and he was probably smiling when she said that, because in order for Eve to sin by eating the forbidden fruit, she had already started down that wrong path of sin by telling a lie, which is a sin.

The devil embraced the lie and ran with it, because it just takes one little, itty-bitty compromise to start walking down a wrong path leading to sin and even death. It was one little sin (a lie) that

turned into a bigger sin (being disobedient to God and eating what God said not to eat) that lead to death, just as God said would happen.

So we have to be careful what we tell others that the bible says, or even come to believe that it says for our own lives, because there may be times that God's word does not actually say what we say it says, or we have added to it to make it say what we want it to say.

† **James 4:17** *Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.*

† **Ezekiel 13:8** *Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Because you have spoken nonsense and envisioned lies, therefore I am indeed against you," says the Lord GOD.*

† **Amos 5:14** *Seek good and not evil, That you may live; So the LORD God of hosts will be with you, As you have spoken.*