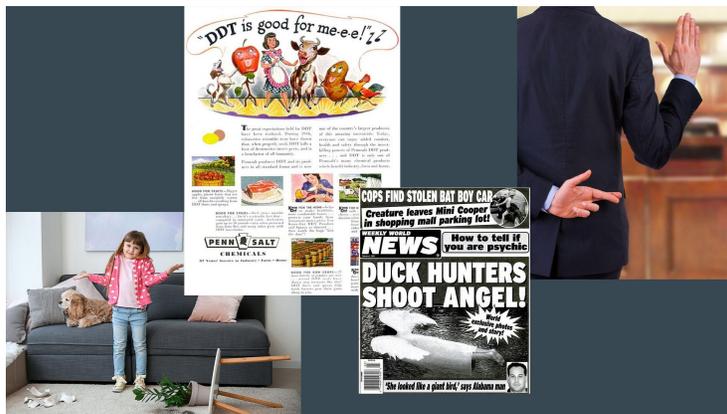




Your Sin Will Not Cost You

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Genesis 3:1-14

1 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?'" 2 The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat fruit from the trees in the garden, 3 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.'" 4 "You will not certainly die," the serpent said to the woman. 5 "For God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 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. 7 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. 8 Then the man and his wife heard the sound of the Lord God as he was walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and they hid from the Lord God among the trees of the garden. 9 But the Lord God called to the man, "Where are you?" 10 He answered, "I heard you in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid." 11 And he said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree that I commanded you not to eat from?" 12 The man said, "The woman you put here with me—she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it." 13 Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate." 14 So the Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this...

Exposing the Lie

- The source of the lie (Genesis 3:1)
- The start of the lie (Genesis 3:1)
- You won't pay the consequences (Genesis 3:4)
- It will be wonderful (Genesis 3:5)
- It looks good, it tastes good, it must lead to a good life (Genesis 3:6)

Embracing the Truth

- God reveals His best plan for our lives (Genesis 3:2)
- God is God and we are not (Genesis 3:5)
- "My sin" always hurts other people (Genesis 3:6-7)
- Sin leads to shame (Genesis 3:7)
- Sin always separates us from God (Genesis 3:8-10)
- Sin fractures our relationships with others (Genesis 3:11-13)
- Sin drives us to lie, hide and cover up (Genesis 3:11-13)
- Sin costs us more than we ever imagine or expect (Genesis 3:14-17)
- Sin destroys the paradise God longs for us to experience (Genesis 3:21-24)

Engaging in God's Good Life

- Don't chat with, listen to, or negotiate with the enemy of your soul
- Always project the worst consequences and stop, run for the hills, and say "No" early in the process
- Trust God's plan, know and follow His Word
- Let God cover your sins and protect you from the ultimate consequences
- Seek restoration with God (Confession and Repentance)
- Seek restoration with people
- Watch for the "I would never" situations of life
- Beware the Old and familiar ruts of sin
- Learn to enjoy and embrace the slices of paradise God gives you this side of eternal paradise