

Destroying the Works of the Devil

*In episode 41 of Twilight Zone, aired November 1960, we find the Devil locked in a cell, kept safe from society by the "Staff of Truth". David Ellington, a traveler seeking refuge in the Wolfring Castle, cannot believe his own ears when he is told what is happening. **Who would believe there is an actual Devil?** He determines everyone involved in this business to be insane EXCEPT for the "Howling Man" who is being restrained only by a simple rod. Once released, the caged man easily resumes his distinctive visage as Satan. Brother Jerome condemns Ellington by saying, **"the inability to recognize the Devil has always been Man's great weakness."** Truly this is the same common error which still exists today. The Bible teaches us the Devil is a murderer and a liar from the beginning. (John 8:44) Satan has only one job...that is to wreck righteousness. (Luke 22:31) You and I are on his menu DAILY! (1 Peter 5:8) The one prescription he cannot overcome is the love of Jesus. **"...For this purpose, the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil."** (1 John 3:8b) The Devil had a simple plan; say something CLOSE to true. He told Ellington, "he was a prisoner of an insane religious order, locked up because he kissed his sweetheart in public, and beaten by Brother Jerome using the staff he carries." Notice his appeal to an unsuspecting man, a decent human being. Sounds credible, right? **Satan does not have great power; he just has damning influence.** Ellington had placed himself in between two truths, but only one was RIGHT. If Mr. Ellington had only reasoned through the evidence, the "world" would have stayed safe. Just like today, we find ourselves amid a decision which leads down two completely different paths with two very distinguishable destinies. **Which one will you take and why?** The "Howling Man" appeared to be innocent. Our eyes and ears can deceive us. (1 John 2:15-17) Ellington was "moved to compassion" instead of trusting the ones who knew the situation best. Because we are fallible creatures, we are susceptible to lies and often make poor decisions. When in doubt, instead of emotion, let wisdom be your guide. (Proverbs 4:7) Not everyone "howling" is guilty nor innocent. We need to be a little more cautious in making certain decisions. Satan does not need to be set free. There is a reason he needed to stay locked up...it was for our safety. (Eph 4:27)*

God Bless, Archie

Please maintain prayer for our
sick and afflicted...thank you

"Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much" **James 5:16**

- **Roger Starkey** (Allen) health concerns
- **Pam Brodus** (Donna) personal issues
- **Chantel** (Carolyn Ropp) health issues
- **Ronnie Workman**-COPD complications
- **Donna Brown**-personal issues
- **Carolyn Carbone**-health issues and family
- **Kelly Fitzgerald**-recovering from fall, living conditions
- **Tony Rankin**-preaching school
- **Cindy Kontz** (Phil and Carolyn) cancer treatment
- **Andrew Meadows** (Gabe) paralyzed from fall
- **Ernest and Charlotte Shaw** cancer free, but still has back issues
- **James Graham** (Donna) numbness in foot
- **Michael Scott** health issues and loss of relative Eddie May
- **Ruth Green** surgery recovery
- **Mary Katherine** (Deborah) cancer
- **Lisa Kohl** (Shanika) mourning
- **Shanika McCloud** back issues
- **Pat Patterson** hospitalized COPD complications, operation
- **Reeves Family** (Donna) health issues, granddaughter has infection
- **Kile Thompson** (Wellman) cancer treatment
- **Richard Hicks** (Andy) diagnosed with cancer and heart attack recovery
- **Faukiner Family** (Andy) father passed away
- **Bill Collins** (Shanika) diagnosed with cancer
- **Jenny Wimberly** (Browns) hip issues
- **Butler and Ropp Family** loss of Jenny Butler
- **Richardson Family** (Shanika) health issues-father
- **Smith Family** (Donna) loss of 2 yr old grandchild
- **Ed Kijewski** (Ron) given six months to live notice from doctors
- **Muhammed Family** (Miya) loss of mother
- **James Taylor** (Gabe) financial issues
- **Gloria Dixon** (Gabe) breast cancer, pain issues
- **Ann Howdyshell** (Kelly) ICU, diabetic and fluid on lungs

Please email me if I have forgotten anyone...thanks