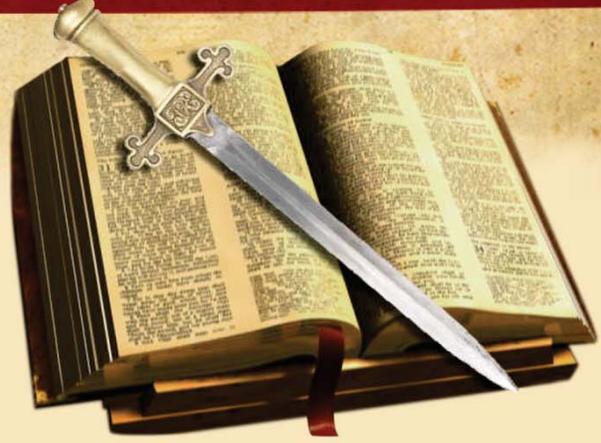


# Setting Your Heart on the Kingdom



## 2 PETER

### *Slow Acting Poison!*

*(The Principle of: Satanic Infiltration)*

2 Peter 2:1-19; Jude 4

They crept into the first-century church like sinister animals. Just as wolves shadow a herd to pick off the young and the weak, these false teachers came with corruption in their hearts. Some were handsome and seductive, drawing on the sensuality of fallen natures. Others were articulate and convincing, inviting intellectual minds to engage in their philosophical games. Then there were the slick marketers, enticing the naïve to fall for religious promises in return for “sacrificial gifts” to their cause. They were unprincipled men clothed in righteous facades seeking their own gain. But their power was from Satan! *This was their strategy: infiltrate God’s Church and destroy it from within!*

Satan is smart... “*more cunning than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made*” (Gen. 3:1)! He was smarter than a third of the angels, sweeping them away in deception (Rev. 12:4-9). He was smarter than Adam and Eve, talking them into questioning God (Gen. 3:1-6). He was even smarter than one of Jesus’ own disciples, entering his heart through greed and manipulation (Luke 22:3). And he’s smarter than you, even “*disguising himself as an angel of light*” (2 Cor. 11:13-15). He’ll never just walk up and announce his intentions. *He overcomes unsuspecting souls through the principle of infiltration...entrance by stealth. By the time his victims realize his lethal presence, it’s too late. Like a slow acting poison, death is imminent!*

Listen, my friend. Forewarned is forearmed! They’ll creep into your life unnoticed...wrong relationships, sinful habits and destructive thoughts working to derail your destiny in God. But remember this: *God is smarter than the devil!* If you would just ask God, He’ll open your eyes to see the agenda of the servants of Satan and know what’s really happening. So, what can you do?

1. *Seek forgiveness and rescue from God* - it’s your only hope (2 Pet. 2:7-9).
2. *Avoid the snares - that’s a “no-brainer”* (Prov. 4:14-15; 2 Tim. 3:2-7).
3. *Worship the Lord and draw near to Him* - the devil’s no match for God (Prov. 14:26-27; James 4:7-8).

*Heed the apostle’s warnings and live. Stop satanic infiltration in your life before its poison takes effect!*

*Next: The Kingdom of God in 1 John - No More Darkness for Me!*

