

The Strategy of Satan Pt 1

2 Cor 2:11 *“Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: (pleonekte’ō: covet, overreach) for we are not ignorant of his devices.” (no’ēma: mind, purpose, disposition)*

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In the Spring of 1953, a handful of believers were burdened about the spiritual condition of the people of Cheney. God’s Spirit moved and on June 21st 1953 believers covenanted together to form the Cheney Baptist Church. They moved from the Tent into the American Legion Hall and by August they began a Missions Program. In October they broke ground for the church Building.

Much has changed in the past 71 years, but neither God and his purposes, nor Satan and his have.

Scripture clearly warns that Satan and his followers will become bolder and more determined as we approach the end of this age. (Mt. 25; 1 Tim. 4, 2 Tim. 3; 2 Thes. 2; Rev. 12,13) It’s clear that they have intensified their attacks in an attempt to further “The devices of the Devil” (2 Cor 2:11)

Luke 16:8 warns us that *“the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.”* We’ve significantly underestimated the Devil’s (and his allies) commitment, resources and agenda. The world has adopted some of the commitment and “evangelistic fire” that once was characteristic of the church and has been “crusading” for their cause with fervor.

What Devices has Satan been using to influence our culture and silence God’s church?

Satan Seeks To Bind (deō: Restrain Or Remove) the “Strong Men”...

Mark 3:27 *“No man can enter into a strong man’s house, and spoil his goods, except he will first bind the strong man; (ischyros’: valiant, forceful, mighty), and then he will spoil (diarpaz’ō: plunder) his house.”*

How (in what areas) is he seeking to accomplish this (bind us)?

1. ECONOMICALLY Through:

A. Personal Selfishness/ Covetousness. 1Tim 6:9-10 *“they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition. For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”*

B. Poisoned (1 Jn 5:19) Government Policy (inflation).

1) Ave family income in 1953 was \$3200 per year. Now it’s \$69,000 {KS} and mostly dual incomes.

2) Loss of Purchasing power.

a) \$1 in 1882 had purchase power of \$2.62 in 1953, (Ave inflation of 1.36% → 162% over 71 years)

b) \$1 in 1953 had purchase power of \$11.76 today. (Ave inflation 3.56% → 1076% over 71 years!)

c) Ave House in 1953 cost \$7900 with mortgage of < \$50 per month. Ave price today is over \$500,000!

C. Through pressured transitions from:

1) Patriarchal (Strong Father influence) →

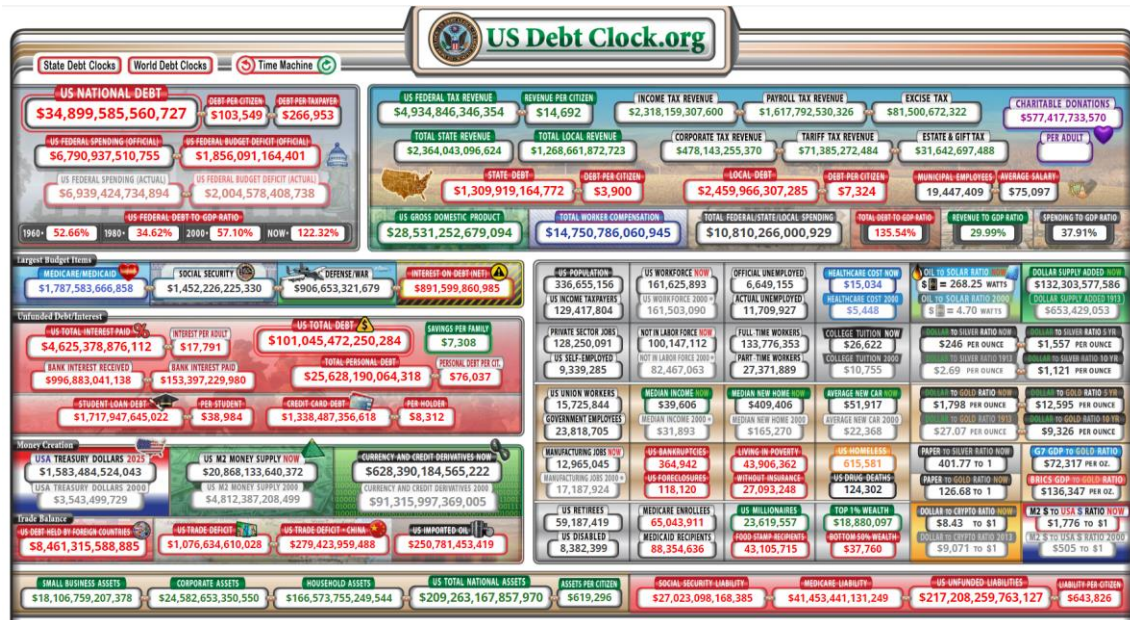
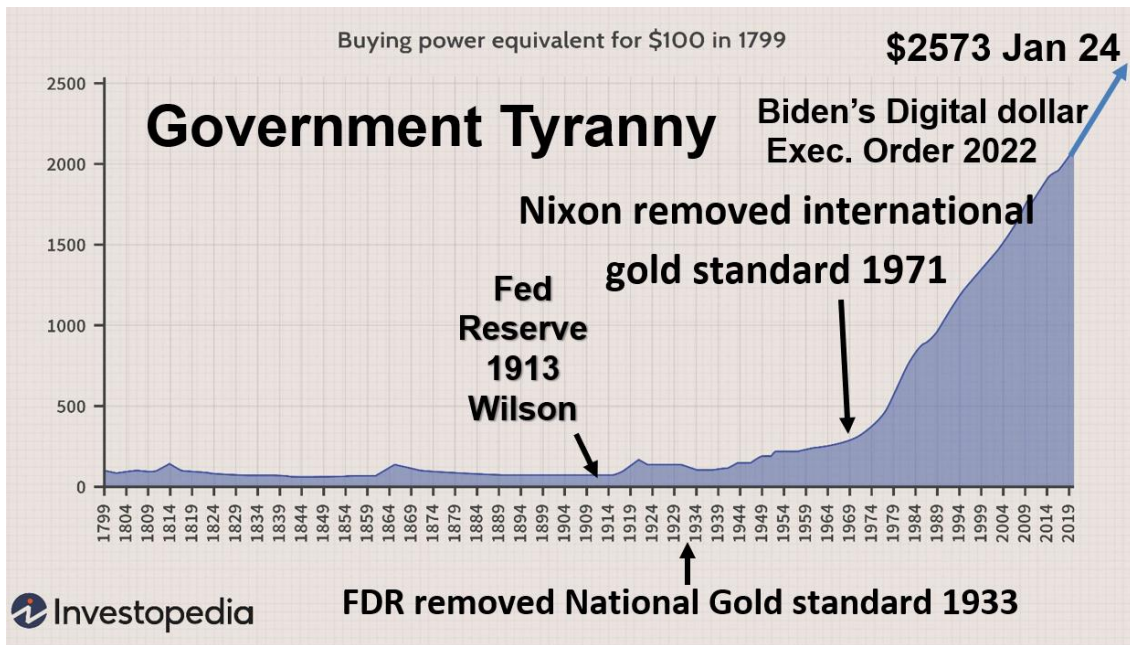
2) Matriarchal (Strong Mother influence) →

3) Governmental (Strong Government influence)

a) If you can remove or restrain God and God ordained “institutions” (Church and Family) then society begins to panic and crumble.

b) The Government has to come to the “rescue”, to fix the problems they created!

This is the historical path to tyranny! The current “fix” is the Central Bank Digital Dollars, *setting the stage for Rev. 13:16-18!* <https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/cbdctracker/>



- Application: How do we “resist” the devil’s attempts to bind us financially?**
- 1) Separation:** 1 Tim 5-7 *“Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds. . .from such withdraw thyself.”* (Ro. 12:1,2)
 - 2) Recognition:** 1 Tim. 5:6,7 *“But godliness with contentment is great gain. . .”*
 - 3) Protection:** Vs 8 *“And having food and raiment let us be therewith content.”* (Arkeō: to raise a barrier)
 - 4) Realization:** Vs 9,10 *“the love of money is the root of all evil. . .”*
 - 5) Dedication:** 11,12,17 *“But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 12 Fight the good fight of faith. . .* (Mt 6:33)
17 *Charge them that are rich. . .to trust not in uncertain riches, but in the living God”*
 - 6) Participation!** Vs 17-19 *“Charge them that are rich. . .That they do good, (agathoerge’ō: work to benefit); that they be rich in good (kalos: virtuous) works, ready to distribute, (eumetad’otos: share, impart) willing to communicate; (koinōnikos: partner) Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come. . .”*
(See Mt 6:19-21; 2 Tim. 4:7-8)