

Stories 3.0: The Four Spiritual Flaws

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The Four Spiritual Laws, By Bill Bright, Campus Crusade For Christ

1. God loves you and offers a wonderful plan for your life.
2. Man is sinful and separated from God. Therefore, he cannot know and experience God's love and plan for his life.
3. Jesus Christ is God's ONLY provision for man's sin. Through Him, you can know and experience God's love and plan for your life.
4. We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then, we can know and experience God's love and plan for our lives.

The Four Spiritual Flaws, By Satan, the Father of Lies.

1. To doubt God's **goodness** and think **negatively** about God.

📖 Genesis 3:1 (NIV) "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'?"

📖 Genesis 2:16–17a (NIV) "...the Lord God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; ^{17a} but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil..."

📖 Psalm 84:11 (NIV) "For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless."

📖 Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV) "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

2. To deny God's **truthfulness** and think **skeptically** about God.

📖 Genesis 3:2–4 (NIV) "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 surely die," the serpent said to the woman."

📖 Numbers 23:19 (NCV) "God is not a human being, and He will not lie. He is not a human, and He does not change His mind. What He says He will do, He does. What He promises, He makes come true."

3. To defy God's **righteousness** and think **carelessly** about God.

📖 Genesis 3:4 (NIV) "You will not surely die," the serpent said to the woman."

📖 Romans 6:23 (NIV) "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

4. To diminish God's **greatness** and think **suspiciously** about God.

📖 Genesis 3:5 (NIV) "For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

📖 John 8:44c (NIV) "When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

📖 Genesis 3:6–7 (NLT) "The woman was convinced. She saw that the tree was beautiful and its fruit looked delicious, and she wanted the wisdom it would give her. So she took some of the fruit and ate it. Then she gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it, too. ⁷ At that moment their eyes were opened, and they suddenly felt shame..."

Digging Deeper: Do you believe that God loves you and has a wonderful plan for your life? Do you feel separated, or do you feel connected to God? Have you ever received Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Savior? Of the four flaws we looked at today, which one is Satan using the most on you? How is your life going to change as a result of what you heard today?

