## JULY 18

## "YOUR FIRST MISTAKE IS WHEN YOU LET SATAN DO THE TALKING."

## READ

Genesis 3:1-7, Psalm 19:7-8

Satan is a master at getting to us through intellectuals who seem to understand religion and know the "god talk." They know how to speak and write books. We let them talk louder than God. When you don't learn the Word of God, you are uncertain about what it says. Then you hear a Bible scholar or teacher say something that doesn't line up with Scripture, and you feel a little perturbed. You wonder, "Why haven't I seen that before?" You think, "Well, he's smarter than I am. Maybe he's right." You have just listened to the devil. I'm saying that Satan speaks through human beings. He comes in all forms to do one thing: put a question in your mind about what God really said. You start wondering what God really meant. Then you think, "Is that for me?" or "How far can I go?" And the devil has accomplished his purpose. We must be cautious about who we listen to and weigh their words against God's Word. The law of the Lord is perfect!

## PRAY

Lord, give me a hunger to read Your Word and to hear from You. Give me ears to hear what You are saying.

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