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Sugar Bugs

My two oldest grandsons, Isaac and Zachary, just made a trip to their dentist. Two people, same blood, same parents, same care and same style of delivery by the same Doctor and both were by 'C' section. Isaac is almost 5 years old and Zachary is almost 3 years old and their dentist's visit had two separate outcomes.

Isaac, the oldest, had a good exam, no cavities and perfect teeth. The dentist just cleaned his teeth. Zachary's teeth were our concern. Shortly after his top front teeth came in, they turned brown and broke off. His top four front teeth are just nubs of remaining broken teeth. We have seen him struggle eating foods that most healthy tooth persons take for granted. With no front teeth you can't bite anything, you have to put your food in from the side and kind of gnaw it off. Now, Zachary has no pain trying to bite from the front and the soreness is gone, so says the dentists, but it hasn't always been so! I have seen him try to bite something and watch him grimace and squirm in pain. I have felt every pain he has had when watching him eat.

A strong healthy little boy, no health problems, with all 4 limbs to run and hang from trees; a typical boy, with the exception of his teeth. The dentist said that for some reason, the four top front teeth, and them only, didn't receive enough enamel to strengthen his teeth. His remaining teeth are strong and in good condition. He, the dentist, said he would like to wait maybe two more years before he has to do major surgery and remove those remaining 4 teeth. He wants to give Zachary more growing time and maybe he would be easier to handle and capable of understanding better at a little older age. I pray that there is no pain in his little teeth and that the good Lord, our Daddy, gives this baby grace to wait and be able to grow properly with no difficulties or disabilities. My Lord, take care of my baby, my grandson!!!

‘Sugar Bugs’ was a term told to Isaac by the dentist’s nurse to get his attention about tooth care. It worked! Isaac was told to brush, not eat too much candy or sweets, to not give all those ‘sugar bugs’ in his mouth something to eat. To take care of his teeth by brushing the ‘sugar bugs’ away so they would not damage his teeth. At 4, almost 5, he took it all in!!!!

At what age do we need to be told about our ‘sugar bugs’? 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50 or 70? Our ‘sugar bugs’ being Satan and all his devils which come only to steal, kill and destroy our body and souls, if they can, and not just only our teeth.

I told you that I feel all of Zachary’s pain when he bites down on his food; well, the ‘sugar bugs’, Satan and his devils, got to my teeth before I was told about him. I wasn’t warned of him and I wasn’t given proper instructions to fight them off. I feel Zachary’s pain because the ‘sugar bugs’ have eaten my teeth. I also have no top front teeth and the remaining 8 teeth are loose in my mouth and cause a lot of pain. I am 51 years old and at the age of 44, my teeth started coming out. It took a long time for my teeth to get this way, it wasn’t just overnight. It was in my childhood when my teeth were damaged and it started growing from there. In my early 20’s while in the U. S. Army, a dentist had to perform a root canal on my top tooth and my tooth just rotted away and broke off as Zachary’s did. I can feel Zachary’s pain and *I pray he has no more!!!*

My ‘sugar bugs’, they are not just a dentist’s nurse’s made up phrase to impress a 4 year old to take care of his teeth, they are real; and they, as I wrote earlier, only come to kill, destroy and steal as a thief!!!! And they had been killing my teeth for a long time until I was told how to stop them.

My life changed when I was 44 years old. I found out about these ‘sugar bugs’, Satan and his devils!!! Satan had my first 44 years of destroying my teeth and making me miserable.

I told you how Isaac and Zachary were of the same blood, had the same care, had the same delivery Doctor and how their teeth were critiqued after an examination; well, every one of us, whether we are 10, 15, 20, 25, 40, 50 or 70 years old, as we strive to live the best we can, whether knowing

about our 'sugar bugs', Satan and his devils, or not; that we must, and I can not emphasize it enough, as I learned in 44 years, we must, as scripture tells us in 2 Timothy 2:26, **WE MUST**, *“And that they may recover themselves out of the snares of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.”* We must recover ourselves from the clutches of Satan, who can take us captive at his will if we let him to do so. I didn't know about him and what he does until I was almost 45 years old. By then I had lost all but my last 8 teeth. When I did finally learn about Satan, I learned about God also!!!

YOU CAN NOT BELIEVE IN ONE AND NOT THE OTHER!!!!!! **THEY ARE THE TWO FORCES THAT CONTROL US AND OUR WORLD AT THE PRESENT TIME!!!!!!!**

Satan will take you at his will at anytime, regardless of age, whether you think he has or not. If you do not believe in God and you do not live by **ALL** His commandments He has given us, then Satan has some control over you! How much, depends on how much you have allowed him to have over you.

When I told you about being taken captive by Satan at his will, this was about *Christians*, gentle servants of God already, those of us who have already made our choice to serve God instead of Satan. *“And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the knowledge of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snares of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.”* 2 Timothy 2:24-16. Just think of what control he has over those who are not serving God????? God forbid? Beware! **Beware!!!**

“Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God, in not keeping His commandments, and His judgments, and His statutes, which I command thee this day: lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; and when thy herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the Lord thy God, which brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, from the house of

bondage; who led thee through that great and terrible wilderness, wherein were fiery serpents, and scorpions, and drought, where there was no water; who brought thee forth water out of the rock of flint; who fed thee in the wilderness with manna, which thy fathers knew not, that He might humble thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; and thou say in thine heart, my power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth. But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God: for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth, that He may establish His covenant which He sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day. And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify unto you this day that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the Lord destroy before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the Lord thy God.” Deuteronomy 8:11-20.

BEWARE, do not forget the Lord thy God! Keep His commandments, His judgments and His statutes which He gave to us. Do not strive, be gentle to all, teach, be patient and in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves. Help those that are not helping themselves, teach them so that they may be able to escape Satan and his devils!!!! Beware of the ‘sugar bugs’, they can, *“For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works.”* 2 Corinthians 11:13-15. **BEWARE!**

Be a teacher, instructing those who oppose themselves, those who have been deceived, **and those who have been deceived!**

As Isaac had a good exam and Zachary had problems, not one household is immune to Satan and his ‘sugar bugs’. Pray for your house, stand upon God’s words and learn of Him, it’s never too early to learn. Maybe you will not take 44 years as I did!!!! Me, I’ve been promised a new set of teeth, just ask me about them!!!!

“He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High, shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say to the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in Him will I trust. Surely He shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with His feathers, and under His wings shalt thou trust: His truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor the arrow that flieth by day;” Psalm 91:1-5.

Teach, repent!

Enamel, shield and buckler
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