

New Life

Scam:

to cheat somebody dishonestly,
usually out of money or
property, by first convincing the
victim of something that is
untrue

Better Business Bureau Scam Tracker, so far in 2017, have identified 38,918 scams

- Phishing 9,500
- Travel and vacation 2,200
- Online purchase 2,100
- Sweepstakes/Lottery/Prize 2300
- Tax collection More than 1,300

Those that fall victim to scams

1. White male
2. Senior Citizen
3. Young People

10. Human

Scams are so prevalent today
that almost anyone can get
stung.

There are over 30 million
people that were actually
scammed last year

Perhaps up to 95% of people
are on a scammers list



“Scam Proofing Your Life 101”

Ephesians 6

Vs 10-11

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

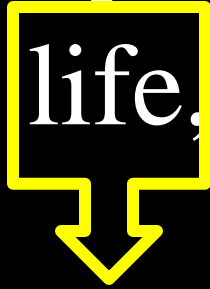
The scammer

- ✓ does not prefer hand to hand combat
- ✓ works covertly and secretly
- ✓ is not a street mugger, he is sly and scheming
- ✓ endeavors to get us to give it up rather than rip it from our hands

The life that Jesus came to give us

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have **life**, and have it to the full.



peace, power, holiness, boldness, love,
compassion, joy, patience, self control,
faithfulness, influence, stamina, courage,
determination...

The witness that Jesus said we would be

Acts 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Scams of the enemy

1. You have got time
2. You can do both what God wants and what you want
3. That sin is no big deal
4. God is going to make you do things you do not want to do

5. You should be free to do whatever you want

6. Someone else will do it

7. Did you see the way they looked at you?

8. They are judging you are you going to stand for that

9. If they do not accept everything you do they are rejecting you as a person

10. No one else cares about you

11. No one understands you

12. It is all their fault

13. You can do it alone, who needs them

14. The Bible is too hard to understand

15. You will never live up to the
“standard” so why try

16. Your spouse is a bum, but look how
much he/she cares

17. You deserve it so go get it

Vs 12

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Vs 13

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Vs 14-15

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

Truth

Possess truth and steadfastly
hold to it

Truth like:

- God loves you
- Throw off what hinders
- Get rid of the sin that entangles
- Offer yourself as a living sacrifice
- You are a Child of God
- Know the Word
- Live at peace with others
- Be filled with the Spirit

We will become more and more
scam proof as we possess and
are faithful to truth

**The breastplate of
righteousness in place**

Doing what is right

This is truth in action

I can only Be patient
Hold my tongue so long

We will become more and
more scam proof as we do
what is right

Your feet fitted with the
readiness that comes from the
gospel of peace

A confidence in the One in who
you are standing

Ephesians 2:6

And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him...

- The Life
- The Upholder of All Things
- The Sure Foundation
- The Holy One
- The Resurrection
- The Deliverer
- The True Light

We will become more and more
scam proof as we are confident
in the One whom we stand

Vs 16

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that he should lie, nor a son of man, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act?

Does he promise and not fulfill?

**There are at least 3573 promises
in the Bible**

I will reap what I sow Galatians 6:7

I have an inheritance Ephesians 1:14

Christ now is in me! Colossians 1:27

God will deal with those who trouble me. 2 Thes 1:6

Trials will lead to my maturity James 1:2

If I ask for wisdom God will give it to me. James 1:5

If I resist the devil, he will take a hike James 4:7

If I draw near to God, He will draw near to me James 4:8

Prayer is effective James 5:16

God has given me eternal life 1 John 5:11

We will become more and more scam proof as we grow in our committed trust in God and His promises

Vs 17

Take the helmet of salvation and
the sword of the Spirit, which is
the word of God.

When God's thinking
becomes our thinking the
scammer will find it
extremely tough to scam us

As the Word of God and the
Spirit combine their power in
us we will be scam proof

The scammer wants your life
and your witness what are you
going to do about it