

Someone Holding Out?

Back in the 1990s, a band called Vertical Horizon recorded a song entitled *Everything You Want*.

The chorus of the song goes like this: “He’s everything you want. He’s everything you need. He’s everything inside of you that you wish you could be. He says all the right things, at exactly the right time. But he means nothing to you and you don’t know why.”

The lyrics of the song demonstrate that Satan wants to deceive us into thinking that even though God supplies all our needs, He means nothing to us because there’s always something “better” out there for us.

For example. A guy is lying on the couch, feet up, enjoying the game he had been waiting to watch all week. All of a sudden, during the commercial break, he is bombarded with commercials for a better car, a better body, and a better social life. For a split second, he begins to think that someone is holding out on him. What started as a peaceful, enjoyable Sunday afternoon has led him to feeling upset, believing there is a better life out there that he could have.

This is the way the devil works. He sows little seeds of doubt that God doesn’t really have your best interests in mind – that He is holding out on you. This is how the story of Scripture begins. Adam and Eve were deceived into thinking there was something better for them.

The truth is that God has given us everything we need. He knows what’s good for us. He knows exactly what we need. And He protects us from the lies of the enemy.

We can easily be deceived into thinking, “If only I had that,” or “If only I looked like her.”

But that way of thinking only steals our joy. Jesus came that we might have complete joy in Him, not in what we do or don’t have.

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly (John 10:10 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter