

Games We Play

Part One - Twister

Luke 7:31-32

“To what can I compare the people of this generation?” Jesus asked. “How can I describe them? 32 They are like children playing a game in the public square.

Romans 7:18-20

I know that my selfish desires won't let me do anything that is good. Even when I want to do right, I cannot. 19 Instead of doing what I know is right, I do wrong. 20 And so, if I don't do what I know is right, I am no longer the one doing these evil things. The sin that lives in me is what does them.

• **Satan loves to play twister.**

Genesis 3:1

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?’”

Matthew 4:5-6

Then the devil took him to the holy city, Jerusalem, to the highest point of the Temple, 6 and said, “If you are the Son of God, jump off! For the Scriptures say, ‘He will order his angels to protect you. And they will hold you up with their hands so you won’t even hurt your foot on a stone.’”

• **We play Twister also.**

John 8:44

For you are the children of your father the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does. He was a murderer from the beginning. He has always hated the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, it is consistent with his character; for he is a liar and the father of lies.

How We Play Twister

1. Guilt

Colossians 3:13

Make allowance for each other’s faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.

2. Categorizations

Malachi 2:10

“Do we not all have one father? Has not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously (faithlessly) each against his brother so as to profane the covenant...?”

1 Corinthians 13:7

...love believes the best...

Matthew 7:2

The standard you use in judging is the standard by which you will be judged.

3. Comparisons**2 Corinthians 10:12**

Whenever they measure themselves by their own standards or compare themselves among themselves, they show how foolish they are.

4. Dishonesty**Leviticus 19:11**

“Do not steal. “Do not lie. “Do not deceive one another.”

Colossians 3:9

Don't lie to each other. You've gotten rid of the person you used to be and the life you used to live...

• **God is capable of a righteous game of Twister.**

Genesis 50:20

You tried to harm me, but God made it turn out for the best, so that he could save all these people, as he is now doing.

Romans 8:28

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Isaiah 59:18

When the enemy comes in like a flood, The Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him.