

That White Devil!

by Thomas Brooks

The white devil, manifesting as pride, hypocrisy, and vainglory, is a constant presence in the souls of Christians, seeking to undermine their faith and actions.

Scripture: Proverbs 16:18, Matthew 6:1, Matthew 23:12, Luke 10:20, Romans 12:3, Galatians 6:3, Philippians 2:3, James 4:6, 1 Peter 5:5, 1 John 2:16

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Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the constant presence of pride, hypocrisy, and vainglory--referred to as the 'white devil'--that can accompany Christians even while they engage in righteous acts. He points out that while the disciples were empowered to heal and cast out demons, they were reminded by Jesus not to take pride in their abilities. Brooks warns that these 'white devils' can undermine the sincerity of a believer's actions, suggesting that every duty performed is shadowed by these lurking temptations. The sermon serves as a call to vigilance against these internal struggles that can taint our spiritual endeavors.

Transcript

While the disciples were healing diseases and casting out demons, the proud white devil was a-stirring in their own souls; as is evident by that gentle rebuke which our Savior gives them in Luke 10:20, "Don't rejoice that the spirits submit to you."

There is no pious duty which a Christian performs, but one white devil or another--one lust or another--will be still dogging and following of him to that duty. There is no public duty, there is no family duty, there is no private duty which a Christian performs--but either that white

devil pride, or that white devil hypocrisy, or that white
devil vainglory; or else some one or another white devil
will follow the soul, near at heel to it.

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