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You may not understand how Satan gets authority to steal, kill, and destroy those that are his enemies. You might think it isn't fair, and yes, it seems that way.

In II Timothy 2:26 it says, ***“and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will.”*** Did you catch that last part? ***Taken captive at his will?*** This means Satan was given a license to do those things to them.

What gives him permission? The answer of course is sin, but it goes beyond that. Saying sin is a very flippant answer. Whenever we sin in word or deed by falling into Satan's snares (traps), we are giving him a license or legal right to bring charges against us in the courtroom of heaven. If you recall in the book of Job, Satan goes before God accusing Job. He is still doing that. In the New Testament in Revelation 12:10 it says, ***“And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God, day and night.”***

Satan is looking for any sin, large or small to accuse us with before God. Be it a little lie or murder it gives him license to accuse us before God to get a license to steal, kill, and destroy. This is why we should daily make sure there are no offenses, no lies, no sin in our lives big or small, to give him that license.

I John 1:9 says, ***“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”*** If you aren't getting the victory in your life, perhaps it is time to “come clean” with God so Satan can't use that license against you. Of course, if you have done that Satan will bring up your past sins and try to get you to think on those. Remind him that he doesn't have a license to do that. He is a defeated enemy through Christ, but we work out our salvation daily.