

## YEILD OR RESIST

### What It Means To Resist

- I. Js4:7,1Pt5:9-We are to resist the devil, to set ourselves against and oppose him and everything he's behind
  - A. When we are resisting someone/something we have set ourselves against it/them and we oppose it/them
    1. Resist-Set oneself against, to oppose, be in opposition to; *R.Renner-Resist-Attitude of one who is fiercely opposed to something and determines he will do everything in his power to resist it, stand against it, defy its operation*
    2. This resistance has a very distinct look
      - a. If you have to ask the question, "Am I resisting?" then you are not because if you were you wouldn't have to ask
      - b. Oppose-Actively resist or refuse to comply with
  - B. We are supposed to resist the devil – But what does that mean to resist THE DEVIL, to resist HIM?
    1. It means we have set ourselves against and are opposing, actively resisting anything he's trying to do in our lives
      - a. I'm actively against His will and plan for my life (The curse, sickness, poverty, fear, depression – I'm against)
    2. He is the initiator of everything negative in your life – Every negative thought, every negative feeling, every negative circumstance – To resist him is to set yourself against, oppose, actively resist these things
      - a. By resisting the thoughts and feelings and things he's trying to do we are resisting him
  - C. The Word of God is always the basis of my resistance
    1. 1Pt5:9,Rm10:17-We resist steadfast in faith and faith comes by hearing the Word and so the faith that I'm resisting in came from the Word of God that I heard (I.E. I resist depression b/c the Word says I have joy and I believe I do)
    2. On the basis of my faith in God and His word I say this, think this, act this, believe this when nothing else says this
- II. Resistance is actively opposing, going against in word, thought, belief and deed
  - A. When you are resisting, actively opposing in word, thought, belief and deed
    1. I talk against it, I believe against it, I act against it, I think against it
      - a. I don't talk about it, but against it, I don't act like it, but against it, I don't believe with it, but against it
      - b. In word, thought and deed I'm going the opposite direction
    2. EX: You feel confused; Is confusion God's will for your life? The Word says you have the wisdom of God and the mind of Christ; So on the basis of that word I'm going to talk against, believe against and act against confusion
    3. EX: In the natural it looks like you have a bad knee: Is that God's will for you? The Word says by his stripes you are healed; On the basis of that word talk against, believe against and act against a bad knee; Calling your knee bad is not resisting; You can't cause your knee to stop hurting, but you can be totally resistant to having a bad knee; You can believe and not bow your belief to having a bad knee
  - B. A big part of resistance is that you go against instead of going with it
    1. Talking about it is yielding to it, acting like it is yielding to it, believing it is yielding to it, thinking it is yielding to it
    2. Numbers 13-Going against vs. Going with
      - a. God said-13:2-The land is yours, I have given it to you; Ex33:2-I'll send an angel and drive them out;
      - b. COI-13:28-29,32-33-They said we can't possess it; 14:1-4-They are acting like they can't possess, like it's not theirs; 14:9-They are rebelling against the Lord; 14:27,29-Murmuring against; 14:35-They're against; 14:40-God says you're not going up and they say we're going up – Talking, thinking, believing, acting against
      - c. Joshua & Caleb-13:30-Let's go up now, we're well able; 14:9-They're bread for us, their defense is departed, the Lord is with us – They are going with, yielding to