

YIELD OR RESIST

Resist The Devil

- I. What are we supposed to do with the devil? We are to resist Him – Js4:7,1Pt5:9,Eph4:27, Eph6:11-13
 - A. There's only 1 appropriate response when it comes to the devil & anything he's trying to do/say in your life – RESIST
 1. James 4:7-KJ-Resist the devil: AM-Stand firm against; CJB-Take a stand against; MS-Yell a loud no to the devil; WYC-Withstand ye the devil; YLT-Stand up against the devil
 2. 1Pet5:9-KJ-Whom resist steadfast in faith; AM-Be firm in your faith [against his attack – rooted, established, immovable]; CJB-Stand against him; ERV-Refuse to follow the devil; EXB-Refuse to give in to him; NLV-Stand against; TPT-Take a decisive stand against him and resist his every attack with strong, vigorous faith
 3. Eph6:11-PH-So that you can successfully resist all the devil's methods of attack; NOG-Take a stand against the devil's strategies; NABRE-Stand firm against the tactics of the devil; 13-AMP-Resist and stand your ground in the evil day; WYC-That you be able to against-stand
 4. Eph4:27-AM-Do not give the devil an opportunity; AC-Leave no such room or foothold for he devil; CEV-Don't give the devil a chance; NABRE-Do not leave room for the devil
 - B. We are supposed to resist the devil and whatever is of him
 1. Pray about what to do with him? Ask God what to do something about him? Get discouraged about what he's doing in your life? Feel sorry for yourself?
- II. We have to be able to identify what is the enemy and what is the Lord and what is of the enemy we need to resist
 - A. When you sense torment of any kind you need to go into resist mode
 1. 2Tim1:7,1Jn4:18-God has not given you the spirit of fear and fear has torment and so anything that torments (vex, irritate, disturb, agitate, misery, pain) is not from the Lord – He's not the tormentor; He is the God of Peace-Is26:3
 2. Where is this coming from? What is this doing to me? Is this tormenting or brining peace?
 - a. This anxiety, this depression, this sickness, this financial problem, this sorrow, this grief
 - B. Anything that is not of God, anything that is not the will of God we should resist
 1. The only way you discover what is of God and what is the will of God is in through the Word of God
 2. We are unaccepting of and resistant to anything that is not the will of God for our lives
 - C. Too often we sit too passively and just let these things chew on us instead of resisting
 1. These are not times to be quiet, to be passive or talk bunch about how awful you feel – It's time to resist
 2. Psalm 42:5-He is disquieted (troubled, commotion) and cast down (low, depress) – Is this from the Lord? – So what's it time to do? It's time to resist
- III. In this life of faith there are few things more important to learn than your need to resist, what to resist, how to resist