

YIELD OR RESIST

You Have Authority

- I. You have been authorized and empowered by God to stop the devil and what he tries to do in your life
 - A. [Js4:7,1Pt5:9-You've been authorized and empowered by God to resist the devil and see him flee from you](#)
 1. Nothing mentioned about prayer or praying to God, but you resist the devil and he will flee from you
 2. You don't need God to get involved because he's empowered and authorized you
 - B. [Ephesians 6:16-If you're under fire from the enemy YOU take YOUR shield of faith and YOU quench the fiery darts](#)
 1. You don't need to ask God to do anything about the fiery darts because he authorized and empowered you
 2. It doesn't say pray to God and He'll do something about those darts; You grab some faith quench them
 3. We are to be strong, we are to stand against the wiles of the devil, we are resist in the evil day
 4. If all you were supposed to do about the devil was just pray and ask God to do something you wouldn't need armor
 - C. [Ephesians 4:6-If the devil is trying to find place in your life you have the authority to shut him out](#)
 1. You don't need to pray and ask God to shut him out because he's authorized and empowered you to do it
 - D. [2Cor10:5-If negative thoughts come you have the authority to cast them down – You don't need to do anything](#)
 - E. [Jn14:1-If fear, anxiety, distress come you have the authority to shut it down – You don't need to ask God to do anything](#)
- II. Churches/religion have taught us prayer/petition God, but have not taught us resistance in faith based on the Word
 - A. [Most Christians when they are under attack they don't resist the devil, they pray to God to do something about the devil](#)
 1. They're having problems with the devil and so they go ask God to do something – Is this how you get him to flee?
 2. Most people who are under attack from the enemy, the only thing they do is pray/ask God to do something and in turn they fail to do the one thing they need to do to get ride of him which is to resist
 - B. [This stems from the fact that many Christians have no revelation of the authority of the believer so they don't resist](#)
 1. Religion doesn't teach resistance b/c in religion you're weak, inferior, incapable, small and God has all the authority
 2. In religion when there's a problem all you can do is ask God to do something because after all He's the one who can and so you pray, hope for the best and if doesn't work out you wax poetically about God's timing and sovereign will
 - C. [We are supposed to be resisting the devil not just petitioning God to do something about the devil](#)
 1. So often people are praying to God when they should be resisting the devil
 2. The enemy has lulled the church into a state of passive prayer: Asking God to do something while they do nothing
 3. You know what takes no effort – Asking God to do something and hoping he does – That's why people like it
 - a. Eph6:16-People don't like this because real faith takes effort on their part and they'd rather just believe nothing and have little to no faith and do nothing but just pray and ask God to do something
 - D. [The enemy wants to turn Christians into weak, faithless, begging pups](#)
 1. He loves it when you're "praying" to God and not resisting Him
 2. You can be praying to God and not resisting the devil
- III. When you get a revelation of your authority you stop petitioning God for everything and instead exercise authority
 - A. [Js4:7,1Pt5:9-According to the New Testament you have authority](#)
 1. Matt28:18-19-All authority has been give unto Jesus and he told you to go in his name/authority – You have authority – What if while you're going depression, fear, the curse, poverty come against you? You have authority
 2. Mark16:17-In my name they shall cast out devils – In his name you can resist the devil
 3. Luke 10:19-If the enemy comes and they don't oppose him with that authority they're got
 - B. [Religion has never taken it's rightful place, never recognizes it's true identity](#)

1. Religion thinks authority takes something away from God

C. Jesus didn't operate in way where every time something needed to be done He asked God to do it, but rather he knew what he was authorized to do and exercised that authority

1. Matthew 4-When Jesus was under attack from the evil one He resisted, he spoke the Word
2. Mark 4:39-It was the will of God for them to go to the other side and so anything that came to stop them Jesus had authority over and he didn't pray to the father, he exercised the authority that the father had given him
3. Jn11:43-At Lazarus' tomb he said come forth
4. Mark 5:41-He said Jairus daughter arise
5. Luke13:11-He said to the woman with the spirit of infirmity for 18 years – You are loosed
6. Luke 4:39-With Peter's mother in law He rebuked the fever
7. Matt8:3-He said to the leper be thou clean

D. There is literally nothing left to pray; The only thing left to do is possess

IV. Once you've been empowered and authorized by God you exercise that authority

A. Once God has given you His word you've been empowered and authorized and you have the authority to do/be anything God's Word said and to stop anything that's trying to stop you

1. Jos1:5-No one/thing will be able to keep you from experiencing what I've promised; He must exercise that authority
 - a. What should Joshua do? Pray that God gives him the land? God already did. Pray that God gives him strength? God already has. He needs to go possess what's been promised and oppose/resist anything that opposes Him
 - b. Number 13-Do they need to pray or possess? They need to possess and oppose anything that's opposing them
2. Gen17:5, Rom4-After God told Abraham he was the Father of many nations what does He need to do? Lay hold of it and oppose anything that opposes Him – He doesn't need to ask God to make him the father of many nations
 - a. He's staying in faith, he's not considering evil reports, resisting thoughts, calling things that be not as though they were – He's opposing anything that opposes him being the father of many nations
3. Mark 5-This woman with the issue of blood is demonstrating resistance
 - a. Once you find out the will of God you go for it
 - b. She found out healing was the will of God for her and she said if I touch his clothes I will be made whole; She left her house to go touch his clothes – This is a lot different than sitting at home talking about "her blood problem"

B. You resist in faith based on the authority of the Word of God and in the name of Jesus

1. This can sound like will power or denial; It's faith based resistance founded on the Word done in the name of Jesus
2. Based on the authority of the name of Jesus and what I discover in the Word of God I resist

V. There's been a misuse of so-called prayer – Pray about what?

A. Praying to God does not get rid of the devil

1. God's not going to resist for you; You have the authority to resist, the power to resist, you know to resist, if you do resist He will flee; Pray about what? No you don't need to pray you need to get to resisting
 - a. He's given you His name, His armor, His word, His spirit, His power, His faith, His strength
2. We're not against prayer in the sense of communicating with God, asking God for help, but sitting there petitioning God to do things he told you to do and begging God in unbelief won't work
 - a. You got people crying out to God, but not resisting the devil; No matter how long you cry out to God he's never going to resist the devil for you and so until you resist him you're going to have problems with him – God will help you to resist, but He will not resist for you

B. You can't ask God to do something He told you do; He authorized/empowered you (I.E. You fix your mind-Ph4:8)

1. Through "prayer" many try to make God totally responsible for everything that happens to them or in their life

2. But by delegating authority to you, then he's delegated responsibility to you