

YEILD OR RESIST

Give No Place

- I. Rm6:16-Whomever you yield to you give place to rule over you, you give them authority in your life to carry out their will/plan for your life
- A. Yielding to gives one place to rule over – *His servants you are to whom you obey (compliance, submission yield)*
1. *ERV-You become the slaves of whatever you give yourselves to. Anything or anyone who follow will be your master. PH-You belong to the power which you choose to obey; ICB-The person you obey is your master;*
 2. Your yielding ties you to, brings you into subjection to, giving one place (Servants-Subjection, bound to one)
- B. Be careful who you yield to, because you give them place in your life
1. Do we need to be aware of you we're yielding to? Do we need to be cautious who we yield to?; *TPT-Grace frees you to choose your own master? But choose carefully, for you surrender yourself to become a servant bound to the one you choose to obey*
- C. Whoever you want to have place in your life you must yield to; Whoever you don't want to have place you must resist
1. Who you yield to ever second of everyday is your choice
- D. Is God or the devil just doing whatever want in people's lives?
1. Let the reality of this set in: Neither God nor the devil without place can do what they want to do in a man's life
- II. 1 Peter 5:8-Be aware, Satan's out there looking for place in your life – Make sure you resist and never yield
- A. Be calm and not given to emotion, be watchful and not lackadaisical b/c you have an adversary looking to devour
1. Sober-Calm, collected, cool, unmoved by feelings, aware of the consequences of a measure
 - a. Being overly emotional makes you extremely vulnerable; Yielding to wrong emotions is yielding to Him-Ep4:26
 2. Vigilant-Awake, watch, lest through relaxation and laziness (love of ease) some destructive calamity overtake one
 3. *CEV-Be on guard and stay awake; MS-Keep a cool head. Stay alert; TL-Be careful, watch out for attacks*
 4. Are most Christians living like this? No. So are they vulnerable? -VO-Be discipline and stay on guard
- B. You need to be aware everyday that you have an adversary that wants to steal, kill and destroy and on the watch
1. Is the devil real? Does he really want to steal, kill and destroy? Should you just pretend he doesn't exist?
 2. Many live like they have no adversary; Pay no attention to God, do what they want, no investment in spiritual things
 3. You don't need to think about the devil all the time or be afraid of Him, but you need to be aware and watchful
 4. Much of the church only acknowledges the devil in theory, but if you start talking about the devil causing problems in peoples lives most don't want to talk about that, but instead they want to talk about God allowing it, God doing it, God having some purpose in it; Most of the church believes God is controlling everything in the Earth and so when something bad happens they talk about God doing it, allowing it, having some purpose in it rather than acknowledging that we have an adversary and freedom to yield to him if we choose
- C. What is the enemy doing everyday, all day? He's seeking whom he may devour – He's looking for a way in
1. People think he's just devouring anybody he wants all day everyday, but the truth is before he devours he seeks
 - a. *CSB-Looking for anyone he can devour; ERV-Looking for someone to attack and eat; YLT-Seeking whom he may swallow up*
 2. Job 1:5-7-The enemy is going to and fro in the Earth, seeking whom he may devour
 - a. He wanted to devour Job, but couldn't because there was a hedge around Job and he couldn't find a way in
 - 1) The serpent bites when the hedge is down; *Ec10:8-GN-He that breaks the hedge, a serpent will bite him*
 - b. He knew a lot about that hedge, because he had been all around it looking for a way in
- D. Here's phenomenal truth: Satan can seek and find no way in
1. Ep4:27-You can give the enemy no place (opportunity, room)-*GW-Opportunity to work; VO-Room to work*
 - a. With Job he was looking for place, access, room and found none
 2. There are some he may not devour, some he can't get to-1Jn5:18, Dan3, Mt14, Jn8:59
- E. 1Pet5:9-There's something hinders him from finding a way in and devouring and it's resisting

1. Eph4:26-27-Sin lets him in, yielding to him gives him place, room, opportunity
 - a. Sin is not about you do bad, God's mad, does bad to you; It's about who you give place to & who you shut out
2. Jn14:31-He found nothing in Jesus because Jesus wouldn't yield – By resisting you can leave him outside looking in
3. Job3:25-26-Job yielded and the enemy found place to steal, kill and destroy
4. If you don't yield to him, He won't find place and He won't devour you

III. 2Ch30:8-9-Does it make a difference who you yield to? Or is God in control and going to do what He wants anyway?

A. If God moves on you to do this and you don't, and deals with you to do that and you won't, and speaks to you again about doing this and you didn't will this refusal to yield effect what He's able to do in your life?

1. Many want God to do something for them while they resist Him

B. Whomever you yield to you give place to; Whomever you resist you shut out

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