

RESIST THE DEVIL

What To Resist

I. As a believer one of the most important things you can learn is what to resist

A. To resist the devil you have to know what is the devil

1. Many are confused about what's God and what's the devil and so they don't know what to resist-Many think God is giving them some cross to bear (anxiety, depression, disease) and so they just bear it and don't resist it
2. Jesus spent time in John 10 making it clear who he was and who the thief was-He did this because God knew the devil would try to confuse us about who God is and who he is-**Jn10:10**-*The thief comes not but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly*
3. Satan tries to pass himself off and what he's doing as God-**2Cor11:13**-*For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.*
4. He tries to pass himself off as God so that you don't resist Him-In Matthew 4 Jesus resisted him the first time he came and so then the second time he came he gave Jesus a scripture and endeavored to present his thought as God's thought because he knew if Jesus thought it was God he wouldn't resist it

B. Anything that threatens or opposes your prosperity is of the devil and therefore you must resist it

1. God is for you and for your prosperity-God wants you to do well in life-**Ps35:27**-*Let the Lord be magnified who takes pleasure in the prosperity of His servant; **3Jn2**-Beloved, I wish above all things that you prosper and be in health even as your soul prospers*
2. The devil is against you and against your prosperity-**1Pt5:8**-*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary (opponent) the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ⁹ Whom resist steadfast in the faith*
 - a. The devil is your enemy-**ICB**-*The devil is your enemy (W1828-Enemy-One who hates another and wishes him injury or attempts to do him injury to gratify his malice or ill will)*
 - b. He is working against you, your well-being-**NLV**-*The devil is working against you*
3. Anything that harms you, hurts you, oppresses you, torments you is of the devil

C. Anything that opposes The Word of God is of the devil and therefore you must resist it-**Gn2:17**-*In the day you eat thereof, you shall surely die; **Gn3:4**-You will not surely die*

1. The enemy is always trying to get you to think, believe, talk and act in opposition to the Word Of God

D. Anything that opposes what God wants for your life is of the devil and therefore you must resist it

1. Does God want me this way? Does God want this in my life?-If there answer is no, then you resist

E. If you don't spend time in The Word of God you won't know what to resist

1. The only way to know what to resist is to spend time in The Word of God-The Word of God reveals to us who God is and what He wants for our lives and who the devil is and what He wants for our lives

F. The moment you recognize the devil in your life or something that he's trying to do, you resist it strong

1. EX: Early in the ministry when things were tight for us, we knew it was not God and so we opposed it