

RESIST THE DEVIL

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- A. You need to be strong to resist-**Eph6:10-KJ**-Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹ Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles (plans, schemes, tricks) of the devil. ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. ¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand (resist) in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore
1. You have to resist firm and immovable; You have to be strong to do that-**1Pt5:9**-Resist steadfast (firm, immovable, strong)
 2. You need to be strong, because you're doing the resisting-I got to be stronger than what's pushing on me
 3. Being weak equals defeat-**Pr24:10-KJ**-If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small; **NLT**-If you fail under pressure, your strength is too small
 4. This idea that we are weak beings but our God is strong, this is a false idea-God didn't say I'll be the strong one and you be weak; He told us to be strong
- B. Your spirit, your inner man has the capacity to be weak or to be strong-**Ep3:16**-That he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, to be strengthened with might by his Spirit in the inner man
1. If you're inner man gets weak you don't stand a chance against the devil-**Pr18:14**-The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear? **AC**-The strong spirit of a man sustains him in bodily pain or trouble, but a weak and broken spirit who can raise up or bear?
 2. The strength of your inner man is one of the most important things in your life-It is vital in resisting the devil
- C. One reason you have to be strong is because the enemy is so persistent
1. We must resist steadfast because he comes repeatedly-**1Pt5:9**-Resist steadfast (resolute, constant) in the faith
 2. Devil-(Rick Renner)-Repetitiously throw something striking repeatedly until object is penetrated
 3. It's a war of attrition with the enemy and you have to be able to outlast him-**Jd14:17**-She wept before him the seven days, while their feast lasted: and it came to pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because she lay sore (pressured him so much) upon him; **Jd16:16**-When she pressed (pressing) him daily with her words, and urged (press) him, so that his soul was vexed (diminish) unto death; ¹⁷ That he told her all his heart; **Mt4:1 Pr7:21-CS**-Seduces him with her persistent pleading
- D. To keep your spirit man strong:
1. It has to be fed the Word of God
 2. Walking in close fellowship with God
 3. Spiritual exercise-Acting on the Word
 4. Plug the drains-Disobedience and acts of the flesh will drain you