

# RESIST THE DEVIL

## You Have A God Given Responsibility To Resist The Devil

### I. One of the first important things you can learn in this life is your need to resist the devil

#### A. As believers it is our God-given responsibility to resist the devil

##### 1. We are told multiple times in The Word to resist the devil

- a. Resist the devil-**Js4:7**-Submit to God, resist the devil and He will flee from you; **AM**-Stand firm against him; **CJB**-Take a stand against the Adversary; **ERV**-Stand against the devil; **MS**-Yell a loud no to the Devil and watch him make himself scarce; **VO**-Fight against the devil and his schemes
- b. Resist him steadfast in faith-**1Pt5:8**-Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: <sup>9</sup> Whom resist steadfast in the faith; **AM**-But resist him, be firm in your faith [against his attack – rooted, established, immovable]; **EXB**-Refuse to give in to him; **TP**-Take a decisive stand against him and resist his every attack with strong, vigorous faith
- c. Stand against the wiles of the devil-**Eph6:10-KJ**-Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles (plans, schemes, tricks) of the devil (PH-So that you can successful resist all the devil's methods of attack). <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore; **AM**-Therefore, put on the complete armor of God, so that you will be able to [successfully] resist and stand your ground in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything [that the crisis demands], to stand firm [in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious].

##### 2. We are resisting him and anything he tries to do in our lives

#### B. God does not resist the devil for us

1. God told us to be on the watch for him because we are the ones who resist him-**1Pt5:8**-Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: <sup>9</sup> Whom resist stedfast in the faith
2. God told us to be strong because we are the ones who resist him-**Eph6:10-KJ**-Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>13</sup> 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.

#### C. If you enjoy victory over the enemy in your life, it'll be because you resist him

1. You will not see the devil flee from you until YOU start resisting him
2. Other people's prayers will not cause the devil to flee from you
3. Nobody can resist the devil for you