

# RESIST THE DEVIL

## You Are Responsible For Resisting The Devil

- I. **In this life there are few things more important to learn than 1) Your need to resist 2) What to resist 3) How to resist**
  - A. You need to become aware of the reality that resisting the devil is something you are responsible for and have to do
    1. As believers it is our God-given responsibility to resist the devil and anything he tries to do in our lives-**Js4:7-Submit to God, resist the devil and He will flee from you; 1Pt5:8-Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith; EXB-Refuse to give in to him; TP-Take a decisive stand against him and resist his every attack with strong, vigorous faith; 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 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.**
  - B. To resist the devil is to push back against him and anything he tries to do in your life-You take your stand against something or someone and tell them, "No you don't! Not in my life!"
    1. The opposite of resisting is just laying down and yielding
    2. When the devil tries to do something in our lives we're not supposed to be passive and lay down and yield-We are supposed to find out what The Word says and push back against that attack
    3. Push back-**Mt4:3, Ps23:1, Jn14:27, 2Cor10:5**
  - C. If you enjoy victory over the enemy in your life, it'll be because YOU resist him
    1. Nobody can resist the devil for you
    2. Other people's prayers will not cause the devil to flee from you
  - D. For most people their first move under pressure is to pray and ask God to do something, not to resist the devil-God never told you to pray and ask Him to do something about the devil-**Js4:7, Ep6:10, 1Pt5:9, Ep4:27**
    1. Paul vs. Jesus-When Jesus was being attacked by the devil, He didn't pray to God, He resisted the devil; He did not respond by addressing God in prayer, but by addressing the enemy with The Word-**2Cor12:7; Mt4:1-11**
    2. Many are praying to God few are resisting the devil-Many who are under attack never address the enemy
    3. We have been given the authority by God to resist the devil and run him out of our lives-You have authority over the devil, evil thoughts, wrong feelings
    4. Many pray to God because they have no concept of their God given authority to resist the devil-Crying out to God when you're under attack is acting like you have no authority over the devil
  - E. There are all kinds of things in this life that you will have to resist and if you don't you'll be devoured
    1. All kinds of things can be resisted-Thoughts, feelings, lies, fear, anxiety, depression, sickness, poverty – You can take your stand against these things and say no you don't, not in my life
    2. As a believer, resisting the devil is part of the job-**Js4:7, Ep6:10, 1Pt5:9**
    3. We need to stay in resistance mode
    4. Many are doing everything, but resisting the devil
  - F. The moment you recognize the devil in your life or something that he's trying to do, you resist it strong-Anything that opposes your prosperity, opposes the Word, opposes what God wants for your life is of the devil