

RESIST THE DEVIL

Things To Resist

I. There are all kinds of things in this life that you will have to resist and if you don't you'll be devoured

A. As a believer, resisting the devil is part of the job-Js4:7,Ep6:10,1Pt5:9

1. You will encounter a myriad of things in this life that you need to resist-You will encounter thoughts, feelings, circumstances, attacks from the enemy that YOU will have to stand against and say NO, not in my life
 - a. You'll have to resist the devil and anything he tries to do in your life-Js4:7-Resist the devil and he will flee from you
 - b. You'll have to resist wrong thoughts-2Cor10:5-Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ
 - c. You'll have to resist fear-Jn14:27-Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid
 - d. You'll have to resist wrong feelings-Ep4:26-Be angry and sin not; let not the sun go down on your wrath
 - e. You'll have to resist the desires of the flesh-Gal5:16-Walk in the spirit and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh
 - f. You'll have to resist the opportunity to worry-Mt6:25-Take no thought for your life
2. So often the answer to what we encounter is not to pray and ask to do something, but to resist

B. The only appropriate response to the devil and to anything he tries to do in your life is to resist him

1. When we are under attack, we are to resist the devil and whatever he is trying to do-What do you do with depression, disease, poverty, fear, weakness, guilt, shame, anxiety?-You resist, you take your stand against these things and you say no, not in my life
2. Many are having problems, because instead of doing this, they are begging God to do something
3. Far too often, when we are under attack, we are far too passive-Sitting back doing nothing where faith is concerned, nothing where The Word is concerned
4. Many are doing everything, but resisting the devil-Talking about your problem is not resisting the devil; Asking someone to pray for you, is not the same thing as you resisting the devil; Pray to God asking Him to do something is not resisting the devil; Being discouraged about what the devil is doing is not resisting the devil; Feeling sorry for yourself is not resisting the devil

C. We need to stay in resistance mode

1. We are on the watch and ready to resist-1Pt5:8-GN-Be alert, be on watch! Your enemy, the devil, roams around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour 9 Be firm in your faith and resist him
2. Jesus was quick to resist-We need to be quick to resist-Mt4
3. At slightest sign of the enemies working we need to be quick to resist and not even let a little in-Ga5:9-TP-Don't you know that when you allow even a little lie into your heart, it can permeate your entire belief system
4. When you're slow to resist the enemy gains momentum and that evil thing gets stronger-People who struggle badly usually have yielded to the wrong thing over time and the strength of that evil thing has gotten greater