

RESIST THE DEVIL

Push Back Against The Devil

I. To resist the devil is to push back against him and anything he tries to do in your life

A. To resist is to take a stand against something or someone-You tell them, "No you don't! Not in my life!"

1. Resist-Strongs-To stand against, oppose; Thayer-To set oneself against; RR-To stand against or to stand in opposition to; The attitude of one who is fiercely opposed to something and therefore determines that he will do everything within his power to resist it, to stand against it, and to defy its operation; Resistance-W1828-The quality of not yielding; Express opposition through words are actions
2. The opposite or resisting is just laying down and yielding

B. When the devil attacks or 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

1. Jesus pushed back against the devil-Mt4:3-*If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.*
2. David is pushing back-Ps23:1-*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. 3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. 4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. 5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. 6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*
 - a. NOTE: David wrote this psalm during of the most dangerous times in his life. He was fleeing from King Saul and his army. David hid himself in a barren, desolate, forest called Hareth, which means a parched and dry like baked earthenware. God did not cease to be David's source. He soaked this dry forest with moisture, which had the appearance of the Heaven On Earth, making even the grass and the leaves of the forest tender and edible. This revealed David that God provides at all times even when the chances of survival seem to be non-existence.
3. If you're heart tries to be troubled you push back-Jn14:27-*Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid*
4. If a wrong thought comes push back-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*
5. If circumstance are negative, push back-Hab3:17-*Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: 18 Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation (prosperity, deliverance). 19 The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.*

C. 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