

# RESIST THE DEVIL

## How To Resist The Devil

- I. **As a believer one of the most important things you can learn in life is how to resist the devil**
  - A. Resistance has a very distinct look-If you wonder whether or not you are resisting the devil you're not resisting him
    1. Don't assume that you're resisting the devil just because you're saved, love God and don't like the devil-Being saved and loving God is not the same thing as actively resisting the devil
  - B. We know that what we see Jesus do these verses is resisting the devil because he got the devil to flee-**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.*
  - C. You resist the devil with The Word of God-Resisting the devil begins with The Word of God
    1. The Word of God is the basis of our resisting the devil and so you stand against what the devil is trying to do on the basis of what God has said to you in His Word-You stand against fear because it is written, "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." You stand against sickness because it is written, "Himself took our infirmities and bare our sicknesses." You stand against lack because it is written, "My God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory."
    2. The Word of God awakens me to what I should resist, authorizes me to resist, and empowers me to resist
  - D. You resist the devil with your will-To yield or resist is a choice and so your will and will power is heavily involved in this
    1. Jesus is choosing to resist the devil and choosing not to yield to him-He could of yielded, but he choose not to-**Is7:15**-*Butter and honey shall he eat, that he may know to refuse the evil, and choose the good*
    2. David resisted the fear with his will-He could have yielded, but he choose not to-**Ps23:4**-*Yeah though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil*
    3. The 3 Hebrews would not bow-**Dn3:18**-*We will not serve your gods, nor worship the golden image which you have set up*
    4. The grittiness of resisting-There's going to be something in you that I will resist if I'm drowning in despair, destruction and sorrow – I WILL never yield to the devil or anything he's trying to do in my life
    5. You exercise your will to resist rather than yield-You say NO!
  - E. You resist the devil with your words-You speak in opposition to what the devil and what he is trying to do
    1. There's no such things as silent resistance-If you are resisting the devil you will hear yourself doing so
    2. He resisted the fear with his words-**Ps23:4**-*Yeah though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil*
    3. He resisted with his words-**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.*