

# RESIST THE DEVIL

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- A. Resistance is so important vitally important for the believer because it's the only thing our enemy responds to-**Js4:7**- Submit to God, resist the devil and He will flee from you; **MS**-Yell a loud no to the Devil and watch him make himself scarce; **CEB**- He will run away from you; **VO**-He will run away in failure
1. The reason why God told us repeatedly to resist the devil is because this is the only thing he responds to-**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; **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 <sup>13</sup> Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore
  2. The enemy responded to resistance is Jesus' life-**Mt4:11**-Then the devil leaveth him
  3. Anything the devil is trying to do in your life will respond to resistance-This is what fear responds to, this is what wrong thoughts respond to, this what sorrow responds to, this is lack responds to – You saying no you don't!
  4. Our adversary and whatever he's trying to do will respond to resistance-To us saying no in the name of Jesus
  5. The devil is attacking you, trying to do something in your life, what's the answer? Resist-He only flees from those who resist
- B. Through the power of resistance you can rid your life of what the enemy is trying to do that you don't want-**Js4:7**
1. Passiveness will get you defeated, devoured and destroyed-**1Pt5:8-9**
  2. The only way to get rid your life of the devil and what he is trying to do in your life is to resist him
- C. What you yield to you will have, what you resist you will get rid of
1. What you don't resist will hang around
    - a. Hannah-She was overtaken by grief and by sorrow and this went on for a long time and as long as she yielded to it she had it; She didn't get ride of it until she said no to it-**1Sam1:17**-Then Eli answered and said, Go in peace: and the God of Israel grant thee thy petition that thou hast asked of him.<sup>18</sup> And she said, Let thine handmaid find grace in thy sight. So the woman went her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no more sad.
    - b. David-That sorrow will hang around until you resist it-**1Sm30:4**-Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. <sup>6</sup> And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.
  2. Whatever you want to get away from you, you must resist-If you're not resisting it, you're never going to get rid of it
  3. Some have a hard time ridding their lives of the devil and the things he's trying to do because they never resist