

RESIST THE DEVIL
It's Not All Up To God

I. Passiveness where the devil is concerned will get you devoured

- A. The devil is looking to devour and the way to not be is to resist him—If you don't resist being devoured is all that is left—**1Pt5:8**—*Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: ⁹Whom resist steadfast in the faith; **TP**—Take a decisive stand against him and resist his every attack with strong, vigorous faith*
1. Passive—Unresisting, not opposing, not acting, suffering without resistance
- B. If you're passive the devil will succeed against you—**Js4:7**—*Resist the devil and He will flee from you; **VO**—Fight against the devil and his schemes. If you do, he will run away in failure*
- C. There are all kinds of things that will devour you if you don't resist them—**Ep6:11**—*Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil; ¹³Take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand therefore; **MS**—Stand up to everything the Devil throws your way*

II. The devil works tirelessly to get believers to be passive

- A. One of the devil's strategies is to pass off an idea of his as God
1. Be cautious about (1) Quoting phrases that seem right like they're scriptures and (2) Assuming the majority is right—**Pr14:12**—*There is a way which seems right unto man, but the end therefore is death; **Nm13***
- B. Through ideas that seem right Satan has seduced many into a passive state
1. "God is in control of everything"—He chose not to be in control of everything on the earth—**Gn1:26**—*Let them have dominion (control)*
- a. A lot of stuff God's not controlling—What you resist, think, say, sow, believe **Dt30:19**—*I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life*
- b. The outcomes you experience are directly connected to choices you make—God left the outcome of life/blessing, death/curse in their hands
- c. Interpretation—If you interpret a verse to say something about God, there should be other verses confirming your interpretation is correct
2. "It's all up to God"—Many think that what happens in their life is all up to God and they have no part in the outcomes they experience—**Js1:8**—*You shall make your way prosperous; **Lk8:50**—Fear not believe only and she shall be made whole; **Mt13:58; Mt17:20***
- a. If truly is ALL up to God then we have no part—**Rm8:6, Ga6:8, Pr18:21**
- b. Is it really all to God—Woman with the issue of blood, in Jesus' hometown, The COI possessing the land; Peter walking on the water—Was it all up to God?
- c. What you do or don't do affects what He can do—So it's not all up to God
- d. You can't remove yourself from an equation God put you in—Many attempt to remove us from the equation and make God responsible for everything that happens in my life—That's convenient for and pleasing to the flesh
3. "It's by grace alone"—If it truly is grace ALONE, then you have no part—**Eph2:8**—*For by graced are you saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God*
- a. God does not receive for you—The children of Israel were excited about the land until they learned they had a part to play in receiving it

b. Thy faith-**Mt9:29**-According to your faith; **Mk5:34**-Thy faith has made thee whole

4. "Let go & let God"-Let go of the care, but then resist-**1Pt5:7-9**

a. Fight & lay hold-**1Tm6:12**-Fight the good fight of faith lay hold on eternal life; **Mk11:24**

5. "We are waiting on God"-**Is30:18**-Therefore will the Lord will wait, that he may be gracious unto you; **Js18:3**-How long are ye slack to go to possess the land, which the Lord God of your fathers hath given you? **Ex14:15**-Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward: ¹⁶But lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thine hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go on dry ground through the midst of the sea.

c. Satan wants to sow something into you to seduce you into a state of passiveness
-These are not harmless phrases; This is what the devil does

1. The devil wants you to do anything but actively resist Him

III. We are not to be passive in regards to the devil or anything he tries to do in our lives-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

A. Be sober, be vigilant, resist-We're not just being, waiting, begging, letting go and letting God - Put on the armor and resist

B. Live in resistance mode-Be on the watch and when you recognize the devil trying to do something in your life, you go into hardline resistance mode

1. Find out what The Word says and push back against the attack-Call yourself free, cast down every wrong thought that says you're not, expect God to get involved, push back on the devil, believe when I don't see

c. Many operate far too passively to enjoy victory over the devil

1. Many believers are not taught to resist-But pray, beg, ask, wait, let go

2. To stand on The Word and in the authority of The Name and and push back against the devil puts you in a very small minority of believers