

RESIST THE DEVIL

Don't Ask God, Resist The Devil

- I. **These verses don't tell us to pray and ask God to do something about the devil-**
Js4:7-Submit to God, resist the devil and He will flee from you; 1Pt5:8-Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour: ⁹ Whom resist steadfast in the faith; Eph6:11-Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil; Eph4:27-Neither give place to the devil; Mt16:19-I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind (forbid, prohibit) on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven; Eph6:16-Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked
- A. These verses don't tell us to pray and ask God to do something about Satan's attacks
-Eph6:11-PH-Resist all the devil's methods of attack; MS-Everything the devil throws your way; Js4:7-VO-Fight against the devil and his schemes; 1Pt5:8-TP-Resist his every attack with strong, vigorous faith
1. Wiles-(Methodeia), Methods; W1828-A scheme to ensnare – Wiles are schemes to steal, kill, destroy-*Jn10:10*
- B. We are to resist, take a stand against, push back against the devil's attacks
-What are you going to do about the wiles of the devil? What are you going to do about the devil looking to devour you? What are you going to do about these fiery darts flying towards you? – Ask God to do something? No Resist!
1. What do you do if the devil attacks you with sickness? Fear? Lack?-Resist
- II. **We have to watch about coming under attack and moving into a place where we are just asking God to do something about what the devil is trying to do – This is the widely accepted mode of operation for most believers, but to operate like that is to ignore those verses**
- A. Paul operated that way and got corrected-*2Cor12:7-There was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.⁸ For this thing I besought (Beg, ask, pray) the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.⁹ And he said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness*
- B. Jesus didn't live by or operate by petitioning The Father
1. When tempted of the devil, He didn't petition The Father-This was a wile of the devil, intended to steal, kill and destroy-*Mt4:3-When the tempter came to him, he said, 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.*
 2. He spoke to the storm not to God-*Mk4:37-There arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full.³⁸ And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish?³⁹ And he arose, and rebuked the wind and said unto the sea, Peace, be still.*
 3. He didn't beg The Father, He spoke to Lazarus-*Jn11:41-Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me.⁴² And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me.⁴³ And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth*
 4. He didn't beg The Father He spoke to the girl-*Lk8:54-He put them all out and took her by the hand and called saying, Maid, arise*
 5. He spoke to the fever, not to The Father-*Lk4:39-He stood over her, and rebuked the fever; and it left her*
- C. There is A place for petitioning God for things-There is no place for ONLY petitioning God when it comes to the devil and his attacks in your life

III. We operate by going to The Word and seeking God to find out what we are authorized and empowered to do and then we act based on that authority

A. Jesus lived by The Word—He discovered what The Father authorized Him to do and acted on that authority—*Jn5:19—The Son can do nothing of himself but what he sees the Father do ³⁰ I can of my own self do nothing as I hear I judge (decide)*

1. Most don't endeavor to operate like Jesus—Religion won't allow it—*1Jn2:6—He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked*

B. Anything this of the devil, you've been authorized to shut it down—*Eph4:27—Neither give place to the devil*

1. Act on your authority—If God told me to resist the devil, to give him no place, to stand against him, to quench his fiery darts then I'm authorized to do it and now I must act based on that authority

2. In the authority of The Name, on the authority of The Word we are to shut down anything the devil tries to do—Anything that tries to steal, kill or destroy in your life is of the devil and therefore you've been authorized to take a stand against it, push back against it and shut it down

3. YOU have been authorized to keep yourself and shut the devil out—*1Jn5:18—He that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not*

4. If we ever wake up to the reality of the authority we have to resist the devil we'll enjoy victory over him like we never have before

C. Don't ask God to do for you what he authorized and empowered you to do—That's acting like He hasn't given you the authority to do it

1. We don't need to ask God to do anything about the devil or his attacks

2. Ex—If I give you keys to the church don't ask me to unlock it for you

D. Don't do things unauthorized—Peter wouldn't get out of the boat unauthorized—*Co3:17—Whatsoever you do in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus*

IV. If you're resisting and your situation isn't changing, keep resisting—*Eph6:13—KJ—Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴ Stand therefore*

A. If we really resist, the enemy runs—It is written—*Js4:7*

B. Give it times it always works—Ex: Remember The Titans—It's like Novocain

C. There are no verses that say "If resisting doesn't work"—Because it works

V. Many reject the message of authority because they think us having authority takes something away from God

A. God gave us the authority—To say we have authority doesn't take anything away from Him because we acknowledge that without Him giving it to us we wouldn't have it

B. Many are so busy trying to protect the so-called sovereignty of God that completely ignore scriptures that tell us we have authority

C. If God wanted to be in control of everything and have all the authority He could have but He didn't want to—By his own choice he gave man authority