

RESIST THE DEVIL

On The Watch, Ready To Resist

- I. **We must learn what to resist**-*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: ⁹Whom resist steadfast in the faith; Ep6:11-KJ-Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil*
- A. You have to be able recognize the devil before you can resist him-You have to know what he looks like, what his wiles look like
1. We are to resist the devil, but what is the devil?-EX:If I tell the ushers, don't let Bob in they need to know what he looks like
 2. If you don't recognize him, you won't resist him-"That's the devil"
- B. Anything that robs you of good, that opposes your prosperity, that torments, oppresses, robs you of peace, harms you, pulls you down is the devil
1. Jesus took the time to make it clear who the thief was-*Jn10:10-The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy*
 2. The devil is against you-He is a destroyer, an oppressor, a tormentor, a thief, the author of confusion *1Pt5:8-NLV-The devil is working against you; ICB-The devil is your enemy (W1828-One who hates another and attempts to do him harm); Ac10:38-Oppressed (load, lie heavy on) of the devil; 1Jn4:18-There is not fear in love...fear hath torment; 1Co14:33-For God is not the author of confusion (instability, commotion, disorder, disturbance, agitation) but of peace*
- C. The enemy wants unaware of who he is
1. Many are confused about who the devil is-See the devil and call it God-*2Co12:7-Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations there was given to me a thorn in the flesh the messenger of Satan to buffet me; Mt12:24-This fellow doth not cast out devils, but by Beelzebub the prince of devils*
 2. One of his main strategies is to pass off what he's doing as God-*2Co11:13-For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. ¹⁴And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light; Mt4:6-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*
- D. The devil wants to operate unrecognized and therefore unopposed
1. He doesn't want to be acknowledged as the source of your problem-It's life, things happen, it's genetic, you have a problem with addiction, anxiety, etc.
 - a. It's the devil, you have a problem with the devil-It's not just marriage problems, worry, disease, confusion, anxiety
 2. When you acknowledge it's the devil, you'll realize you can't address it with just natural solutions-You have to address on the authority of The Word of God and in the authority of the name of Jesus pushing back
 3. You don't need a natural solution, a special prayer or revelation-We must acknowledge where it is coming from and then resist the devil
- II. **We are to live in resistance mode - This is how we are to live**-*1Pt5:8-9*
- A. (1) We are on the watch for the devil-We're on the watch for things that are against us, that oppress, torment, harm, rob us of our peace

B. (2) When we recognize the devil we go into hardline resistance mode-We push back against him on the authority of the Word, in the authority of the name

III. Living in resistance mode is how you shut the devil out, give him no place and keep yourself-*Eph4:27-Neither give place to the devil; 1Jn5:18-Whosoever is born of God keeps himself and that wicked one touches him not*

A. Satan's day to day activity is seeking whom he may devour-Looking for place -*1Pt5:8-CSB-Looking for anyone he can devour; Jb1:7-8*

B. There are some he may not devour-For whom he has no place, he cannot touch

C. Resistance is how you shut him out, give him no place, and keep yourself

1. The answer to him looking for place to devour us is to resist him-*1Pt5:8-9*

2. He needs permission from the one with the keys-You have the keys-*Mt16:19*

3. Resistance is how we become a may not-Being passive makes you a may devour-*Mt14*

IV. Cultivate a quickness to resist-*At the first sign of the enemy's working be quick to resist-Mt4:1*

A. To be quick to resist you must do two things-(1) You have to be on the watch (2) You have to be quick to recognize the devil

B. Many are entirely too slow to resist and this leads to big problems

1. When you are slow to resist, you are letting a little in and what you let in, in little amounts you'll end up with a lot of-*1Co5:6-A little leaven, leaveneth the whole lump? 7 Purge out therefore the old leaven*

2. Anyone in a lot of trouble started by letting a little in-It's amazing how many of the devil's schemes and plans for your life can be thwarted by you just being quick to resist him and shut him down