

HOW TO EXPERIENCE VICTORY OVER YOUR ADVERSARY

You Resist The Devil

- I. **God laid the responsibility for resisting the devil lays at the feet of the Church-*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-Eph6:10-Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. ¹¹Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles (plans, schemes, tricks) of the devil; ¹³Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand (resist) in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. ¹⁴Stand therefore***
- A. You have a God-given responsibility to resist the devil/his attacks-God won't do this for you, people praying for you doesn't release you from it
- B. Doctrines that support the laziness of the flesh are widely accepted-People like idea of praying to God to do something about the devil instead of resisting the devil because it means they do nothing
1. Sluggard wants others to do it for them-*Pr20:4-Sluggard will not play by reason of the gold; therefore shall he beg in harvest and have nothing*
- C. The discomfort or resistance is why many don't resist-Something is pushing on you and you have to push back (when it's easier to just lay down)
1. Grittiness of resistance-Something presses on you and you say, "If I'm drowning in despair, destruction and sorrow I WILL never yield to the devil or anything he tries to do in my life-*Ep6:13-AM-So that you will be able to [successfully] resist and stand your ground in the evil day [of danger], and having done everything [that the crisis demands], to stand firm [in your place, fully prepared, immovable, victorious]*
- II. **Praying to God is NOT the same thing as resisting the devil**
- A. Many under attack only address God in prayer and never address the enemy-Many of my people are praying to me but very few are resisting the devil-
- B. For many the first move under pressure is to ask God to do something
- C. We don't overcome the enemy by praying to God-Many are unsuccessfully trying to pray the devil away and it doesn't work or make him flee
- D. Resisting the devil is a foreign concept to many-To stand on The Word and in the authority of The Name and push back against the devil puts you in a very small minority (Most operate like Paul in his error NOT like Jesus)
- E. Paul got it because he later wrote give no place to the devil-*Ep4:27-Neither give place to the devil*

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The Only Way To Win

- I. **If you enjoy victory over the devil, it'll be because YOU resist him-*Js4:7-Submit to God, resist the devil and He will flee from you***
- A. It is a very select group of people from whom the devil is fleeing-Not the Christian, the churchgoer, the Bible reader, the prayer
- B. To resist is to: 1.Take a stand against 2.Push back against 3.Not yield
- II. **Resistance is the believer's response to the devil-*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***
- A. He's in the Earth looking to devour, resistance is our response
- B. Resist anything the devil tries to do in your life-*Ep6:11-Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles (plans, schemes, tricks) of the devil-PH-Successfully resist all the devil's methods of attack-MS-Stand up to everything the Devil throws your way*
- III. **God told us repeatedly to resist because it is the only thing our enemy responds to-*Js4:7,1Pt5:8-9-Ep6:13***
- A. He responds to us standing on the authority of The Word and in the authority of The Name and telling Him no-*Js4:7-CEV-Resist the devil and he will run from you-VO-Fight against the devil and his schemes. If you do, he will run away in failure*
1. If we resist the enemy runs, it is written-No verses say "If resisting doesn't work" because it works (Novocain-Give it time it always works)
2. If your resisting and it's not changing keep resisting-*Eph6:14*
- B. Only those who resist see Him flee-If you want that response, make it your business to resist-*2Co12,Mt4:11-Then the devil leaveth him*
- C. Being passive, be devoured-He looks to devour and to not be we must resist
1. Many are far too passive to enjoy victory over the devil-Put on the armor and resist is not just being, waiting, begging
2. He works tirelessly to get us to be passive-Sows beliefs to produce passiveness (God's in control-All up to God-Waiting on God-Grace alone)
- IV. **Resisting the devil is the only way to enjoy victory over him**
- A. Through the power of resistance you can rid your life of whatever the enemy is trying to do-1.Whatever you yield to you will have, 2.Whatever you resist you will get rid of 3.What you don't resist will hang around