

HOW TO EXPERIENCE VICTORY OVER YOUR ADVERSARY

You Have Authority

- I. **When God told us to resist the devil he gave us the authority to do it-*Js4:7*-
*Submit to God, resist the devil and He will flee from you-1Pt5:9,Ep6:11***
- A. God gave the believer authority over the devil-*Mk16:17*-These signs shall follow them that believe; *In my name* shall they cast (send away) out devil-*Lk10:19-AM*-I have given you authority [that you now possess] to tread on serpents and scorpions and [the ability to exercise authority] over all the power of the enemy (Satan) and nothing will [in any way] harm you-*Mt16:19*-I will give unto thee the keys (power & authority) 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; *NCV*-The things you don't allow on earth will be the things that God does not allow, and the things you allow on earth will be the things that God allows
- B. Anything that is of the devil, we've been authorized to shut it down-*Ep4:27*-Neither give place to the devil-*Ep6:16*-Taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked-*1Jn5:18*-We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not.
- C. Don't use your authority over the devil and you'll have problems with him
- II. **Where this is no revelation of authority there will be no resistance**
- A. Many don't resist the devil because they don't believe they have authority to do so-Many believe God has all the authority so when the devil attacks they ask God to do something because to them He has the authority
- B. Satan wants us to believe God has all the authority and we have none-This throws us into a passive state of unscriptural prayer not resisting him
- C. Act based on your God-given authority-God's given you His name, His armor, His Word, His Spirit, His power, His strength, and yet people are still asking him to do something while they do nothing
- D. 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-*Js4:7*
- III. **Don't ask God to do for you what he authorized you to do**
- A. Begging God to do something about the devil is acting like you have no authority-EX: I gave someone the keys to the church and every time they needed to get they asked me to let them in, acting like they have no keys
- B. There is a place for petitioning God for things-But there is no place for petitioning God to do what he's authorized you to do