

Resist the devil

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What Do you know how to resist the devil when he comes against you? Whether it's the accuser, adversary, or the destroyer, it is clear that the devil is the enemy of God and God's people, and he is causing us much trouble as he can, but he's already been defeated. The word of God teaches that believers can stand firm against him through the power of the Lord. How? By resisting him. You see, you've already been given everything you need to be able to resist the devil. You have authority in Jesus' name, and you have the spirit of almighty God inside you. So, resist him and the Bible says he will flee from you. No matter how it looks like, feels like, or seems like, the authority Jesus gave believers is real and more powerful than the evil in the world. In this message, I encourage you to wise up to the enemy's dubious strategies and discover the power of Christ's power in you.

It's important to know where your problems are coming from. So where do our problems come from? Ask yourself these questions: why is it that, there are temptations, afflictions and tribulations, sicknesses and diseases, poverty, and other problems? Where do they come from? Why are doors of opportunities being closed against you? Why are you and your family being tormented? Why are hindrances and obstacles put in your way to slow you down, to stop you or from progressing in life? Where do they come from? Ask yourself. If you don't know then I'm going to tell you right now.

Satan is at war against Christians, so we need to be aware of his aggression and be prepared before he hits. You need to resist the devil if you are going to enjoy your Christian life. If you want to overcome temptations in your life and be able to be victorious over wrong habits in your life and walk in oneness with Jesus Christ day by day, then it's absolutely important that you resist the devil. Resist the enemy of your soul, the devil, your adversary. That's what the Bible says. There are many people who are being continuously defeated in the same old area of their lives. Over and over and over again, Satan defeats them. So, I want to share with you one of the secrets to receiving the miracle power of God in your life. And that is recorded in *James 4:7*

Therefore, submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. This is coming from the Holy Bible, James chapter four verse seven.

God wants you to make application of the truth. This is a command, and whenever God gives us a command, He gives us a command in order that we might be obedient and apply that for ourselves. It's good for us and it brings glory to Him and it's always the best thing for us to do.

Friend, it's so important to know God's agenda and the devil's agenda.

Jesus says in John 10:10, "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly."

The Lord made a clear contrast between His agenda and the devil's agenda. Satan's plans for us are in complete opposition to God's plans for us! It is very important we believe this foundational truth: **Jesus came that we may have life and have it abundantly!**

We see the declarations of His love for mankind all over the pages of the Bible, both in His words and in His actions - and most overwhelmingly, when He laid down His life for us on the cross. Jesus loves us! He is for us! He gave us His word as our solid rock to stand on, so that when the thief comes to attack, we can stand in unwavering trust on God's faithful promises and resist him.

We have to believe that God is a good God. He is the best judge of what is good for us, so the Bible says in *Ps 84:11: No good thing will He withhold from those who walk uprightly.*

Victory over the schemes of the devil is a good thing and God will not withhold from us if we resist the devil by the power of God's word. God is a good God and all the time He's good. He is a good God. God's will, is for us to prosper

² *Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers (3 John 1:2)*

If you don't believe that, then you will not prosper, you will not resist the situation that you are in. Some people are not finding a way out of their situation because they think they have sinned against God and that's why they are in their current situation. Lack of knowledge of God is keeping people in bondage.

Often, what makes people susceptible to an attack of the enemy is doubt and unbelief in the goodness of God and the truth of His word. Lots of religious teachings are keeping people in bondage because we have been made to believe that God is teaching us something and perfecting us by afflictions and tribulations that are happening to us.

God is not the one who is putting problems on us. If you believe that God is the source of your problems it will take away your resistance, because you will be resisting God.

You will not resist; you will not fight against things in your life that are negative if you think God is the one who is doing that because you will be fighting against God.

If God is the one putting problems on us to teach us something, then why is He telling us to resist the devil? My friend, don't sit down for the devil to torment, mistreat and molest you. Resist him and he will flee.

Satan knows He has no legal right to steal, kill, and destroy you, unless he can persuade you to hand over to him your God given power and authority as sons and daughters of God.

The devil is roaring like a lion looking for someone to devour. The Bible says in *2 Peter 5:8-9*

⁸ *Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.* ⁹ *Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world*

So, you see, it's not God who brings sufferings and trouble. It's the devil.

My friend resist until you destroy the works of the devil. Overcome and dominate the situation he brings your way. We are not fighting against flesh and blood. We are not fighting against people but against the devil, our adversary, *the devil who walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.*

If you don't resist him, he will devour you. We should resist everything Satan is doing and refuse to take "no" for an answer. Friend, submit to God and resist the devil. Never give place to the devil. Don't be ignorant of his devices. God has given us power to resist him. Those who do nothing, help the devil to accomplish his agenda. The Bible says resist him and he will flee. Again, the Bible says ***Resist him, steadfast in the faith.***

So how do we resist him? The way to resist the attacks of the devil, is to holdfast the faithful word of God in unwavering faith in Jesus! Believe and dig deep into the truth of God's word, so that you can stand firm against all attacks, and resist Satan and his demons so that you can live in the victory we have in Jesus! Don't be complacent. Stir yourself up and resist him with the sword of the Spirit which is the word of God.

If you don't hate what he is doing, and resist him, you will give place to the devil. The easiest way to give place to the devil is to do nothing. Don't forget that he came to steal, kill, and destroy. You need to get on

the devil's agenda my friend. You have to be angry with the devil with a godly anger. You have to hate what the devil is doing. He is destroying marriages, he is destroying families, he is destroying careers, he is destroying jobs, he is destroying lives. He is putting hindrances and obstacles in your way. Don't put up with any of his devices and arguments against the word of God. The Lord has given us the ability to be angry, but it's not meant to be used toward other people, it's meant to be used toward the devil.

He is ready to go but until you rebuke him, he will still be working against you. There had been many times when I just ignored negative things happening in my life, believing that God will intervene on my behalf. I just went about my daily activities because I was busy. But there came a time when I couldn't take the situation anymore. I went to my prayer room, and let the devil know that enough was enough. I have had enough. It's all over, devil go away from me. And straight after that, my miracle happened.

I had wondered, why did I wait so long to do what I'm authorised and commanded to do. Why didn't I rebuke the devil long time ago? I had ignored the devil and given him a place when the bible didn't say ignore him but resist him. Why did I give him a place for far too long if all I had to do was to resist him by rebuking him with the sword of the spirit which is the word of God?

Your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith.

Satan is the one bringing sicknesses, diseases, poverty, temptations, afflictions, and troubles. He is the one closing doors of opportunities against you. He is the one tormenting your life and your family. He is the one putting hindrances and obstacles in your way to victory, to prosperity and also retarding your progress.

Don't say that God is putting something on you to teach you something. That's not biblical. If God is the one putting something on you to teach you something, He wouldn't say we should resist the negative situation coming our way from the devil.

Jesus bore our diseases. By His stripes we were healed. It's the devil who entices people to do wicked and evil things. God is not the one killing unborn babies through abortion. Satan does not do good because it's not his job to do good, his only job is to do evil. God is not the one who caused the holocaust.

Satan is the enemy who comes in to steal, kill and destroy. Don't say that nothing can happen unless God allows it. That's not so. If It were so, God wouldn't tell us to resist Satan. God has given us authority. There's an adversary who goes ***about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in the faith.***

The Bible is saying, he cannot devour everyone. Satan is going about ***seeking whom he may devour***, and I can guarantee you that the people who allow him to devour, he will devour them.

If for some reason you have allowed him to mess things up in your life, then take action now. Tell him right now to pack his things and go. Command him to go in the name of Jesus.

Is the devil tormenting your life or your family? Resist him in the name of Jesus? The devil is ready to flee from you. He is waiting for your resistance.

Resist him with the weapon God has given you, which is His word. In the name of Jesus devil go.

If your marriage is under attack command the devil to go. If your children are being influenced and tormented by the enemy, exercise your authority and command him to go. If your business is failing, resist him by commanding him to go. Are you fighting a deadly disease? Rebuke it in Jesus' name.

If your life is **empty, hopeless and** seems to be meaningless command the devil to leave you alone. Resist him and he will flee because he cannot stand your resistance in the name of Jesus.

If you don't resist him, you will always live in defeat. Resist him, tell him to go. Say this after me: "Devil go, pack your things and go from my family, go from my marriage, go from my career, go from my education, go from my job, go from my business, go from my mind, go devil, go"! Don't give him a place, resist him until he flees.

God has given me a command; I must resist the devil and he will flee. If the devil attacks, I will just resist him to prove that your power in me is greater than that of Satan and his demons. Don't just resist until you get some relief, and you can live with the rest. No! Not at all. Resist until you conquer him. Resist until he flees. "Satan pack your things and go in Jesus' name Amen".

You cannot resist the devil if you have not received Christ as your personal saviour. Only the power of Christ given to born again believers can resist and overcome the supernatural power of the devil. Therefore, receive Christ now and if you will, you may pray this prayer after me, saying every word from your heart,

Dear Lord: I recognise that I am a sinner and need to be saved.

I understand that Jesus died in my place and suffered the judgment of all of my sins.

I believe that Jesus rose from the dead and He is at the right hand of the father.

Lord Jesus, I surrender my Life to you.

Come and Live in my heart and be my Lord and saviour.

Thank You for saving me. Amen!