

Lesson 10
How to Resist the Devil
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VIDEO OUTLINE

Note: All scriptures used in this lesson are quoted from the *New King James Version*.

- I. Many people still believe that whatever happens to them is the will of God. They think God is somehow controlling every decision, every thought, and, as a result, they're literally being ripped off by the devil himself.
 - A. It's surprising how many people don't really believe that there is a devil.
 - B. Many people don't know the devil's tactics. It's as if they don't want to know the truth.
 - C. When you know what you have, you can give it away. The Word is always true.
- II. Because of Jesus, Satan and his demons are defeated.

He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8

- A. Jesus disarmed principalities and powers. He totally spoiled the enemy's plans.

Having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. Having disarmed principalities and powers, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them in it.

Colossians 2:14-15

- B. The enemy and his demons have no power over us unless we give them that power. So, the enemy loves to use things like deception, lies, distortion, and even accusation to try to gain access to you.

- III. We're not going to let the enemy take advantage of us because we are not ignorant of his devices. We are not ignorant of how he thinks, his perceptions, his schemes, his strategies, or his ways.

Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

2 Corinthians 2:11

- A. The enemy is a liar.

You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.

John 8:44

- B. He casts doubt on God's character.

Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?"

Genesis 3:1

- C. When you're wise to his devices, then a better outcome is possible.

So the great dragon was cast out, that serpent of old, called the Devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world; he was cast to the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down."

Revelation 12:9-10

- D. The enemy loves to be the accuser of the brethren. Jesus called him a thief.

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

John 10:10

- E. The enemy doesn't just represent ideas or thoughts like some people try to describe, "Well, the enemy is just like an idea, an evil force, or a bad thought." No, he is a real entity that wants to oppose you.

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

1 Peter 5:8-9

- IV. The first way we resist the enemy is by being steadfast in the faith by knowing what we believe.
- A. Be steadfast in your faith. Settle it in your heart and settle it before there is a storm. Take time to marinate in the Word of God and know that you know that you know that you know.
- B. Get into the Word of God and decide what it is you believe about what God said and let that "know that you know that you know" set you free.
- V. The second way we resist the enemy is by submitting to God and all that He has provided for us in Christ.
- A. Draw near to God, to His Word, to what He's saying, and not the lies the enemy is trying to pack into your mind and soul.

Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

- B. Submit yourself to God, and don't exalt yourself. You humble yourself, and let the Lord lift you up.

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.

James 4:10

- C. The Word is already living and powerful. Trying to be powerful in the flesh is a big mistake.

- D. The strength that God has given you is not a natural strength. The joy of the Lord is your strength. The joy of the Lord is relationship with us. That was, and is, His joy. This is why His joy is your strength. God's relationship with us is our strength.

These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full.

John 15:11

- E. Even when we are weak physically, God is strong. In our weakness, His strength, relationship with us, is made perfect.
- F. Stand against the enemy by not leaning in to your flesh but instead submitting yourself to God. Walk in, or live in, the whole armor of God. The armor of God is literally His life, His protection, His provision, and His grace.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Ephesians 6:10-13

- G. Our victory is what Jesus already did for us. We start from that place of victory. This is how we resist the enemy: by submitting to the finished works of Jesus.
- H. Different kinds of prayer are not really part of the armor, but prayer is how we resist the enemy as we are preparing for battle.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

Ephesians 6:18

- I. True warfare is never against people. We must get this settled in our hearts. The true battle really takes place in our souls: in our wills, especially in our minds, and even in our emotions. Even Jesus prayed a prayer of yielding His will, His mind, and His emotions only to the will of God. He was able to do that by praying it three times in a row.

- J. Jesus went on to tell His disciples to watch and pray so they wouldn't enter into temptation because the spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Matthew 26:41

- K. Each time the enemy tempted Jesus, Jesus responded with, "It is written." From the abundance of your heart your mouth speaks (Luke 6:45).

VI. The third way we resist the enemy is by our communication.

- A. We overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

Revelation 12:11

- B. We need to be meditating on the Word of God day and night. Think about the answer. Think about the truth. That is what causes us to prosper and become consistent. Then we stop the yo-yo, up-and-down cycles of unbelief that the enemy loves to try to cause in our hearts and in our lives.

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.

Philippians 4:8

- C. Speak and declare what God says. So, when you're praying, pray in the Holy Ghost and with the understanding. Listen as well as pray words out loud, and say what God says.

For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, "Be removed and be cast into the sea," and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

Mark 11:23

- VII. You resist him on a second-by-second basis by being so submitted to God that, as you draw near to God and submit your heart to the things of God, the stuff from the enemy just falls away because you don't give it any place. You don't listen to the schemes, the devices, or the strategies of the enemy, but to the voice of God.
- A. When we're under pressure, we'll speak something out that comes from unbelief. Many times, it comes from a place of fear or doubt. The enemy loves that because we literally bring ourselves into agreement with his lies.
 - B. Don't come into agreement with a lie. If you're not sure what to say, pray in the Holy Ghost. As you begin to yield to the Spirit of God, you will hear from God and then you'll have something to declare.
 - C. The Holy Ghost has given you access codes to be able to break open whatever it is that's trying to come against you. So, don't come into agreement with the enemy. Instead, declare the Word of the Lord and you're going to see the power of God made manifest in that situation.

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