

“The enemy Can’t Stand Against You”

I. God has given us power and authority over the devil.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

James 4:7

A.) God gave us power and authority over *all* devils—and *all* means *all*.

Then he called his twelve disciples together, and gave them power and authority over all devils, and to cure diseases. Luke 9:1

B.) You aren’t going to get freed from Satan’s harassment by praying and asking God to remove the devil.

C.) That power and authority has been given to you.

II. You have to resist the devil.

A.) **Resist** means “to actively fight against.”

B.) Resistance is active.

C.) The godly use of anger is to be mad at the devil, mad at sickness, mad at disease and mad at poverty.

D.) When you get angry and resist the devil, he’s just like a bully.

E.) The moment he knows it’s going to cost him something—that you’re going to stand there toe to toe in the name of Jesus and go at it with him—Satan will flee from you.

III. You don’t resist the devil by saying, “Dear devil, please leave me alone.”

A.) God gave you power and authority, and you have to activate it by stirring yourself up, becoming violently resolved (Matt. 11:12) and just putting your spiritual foot down by saying, “Satan, get out of my life!”

B.) God is not going to rebuke the devil for you.

C.) If you resist the devil, he *will* flee from you.

- D.) If you are dealing with demonic opposition, then you have to step up to the plate, take the authority God has given you and command the devil to flee.

IV. There are two sides to this coin—submitting to God and resisting the devil.

- A.) You cannot just go around binding and rebuking anything you want.
- B.) These truths concerning authority will only work for you when you are submitted to God.
- C.) When you are seeking Him with your whole heart and you perceive the devil hindering you, then you can take your authority and command those things to change.
- D.) When you are submitted to God, then you can resist the devil—actively fight against him—and he will flee from you.

Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. Mark 1:25

V. Since God has given you this power and authority, you also have the responsibility to exercise it.

- A.) You can't go back to God and beg Him to do what He has commanded you to do.
- B.) You must pray, speak, and act in line with the authority God has given you.
- C.) Do what the Word says and you'll see His power manifest.
- D.) Then you'll have all the revival you can handle.

1. According to James 4:7, who are we to submit to?
2. How should we deal with the devil?
3. Who did Jesus call together in Luke 9:1?
4. What did He give them over all devils?
5. And to cure what?
6. According to Matthew 11:12, what suffers violence?
7. From when to when has it suffered violence?
8. Who takes it by force?
9. In Mark 1:25, what did Jesus do to the demon?
10. What two commands did the Lord speak to him?

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Luke 9:1

And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.

Matthew 11:12

And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.

Mark 1:25