

SUGGESTIONS REGARDING RESISTING THE ENEMY

INTRODUCTION

Here are a couple of suggestions that may be of help to you. These are a development and application of what it means to "resist the Devil" (James 4:7, I Peter 5:8-9). My thought here is that we must resist in the area of what wicked spirits are doing to us—resisting in the area of their workings. To a large degree, the following would also apply to those areas in which we have accepted error. When you are aware of oppression then work against it in a number of ways.

Pray against it:

Heavenly Father, I turn your searchlight on this _____, and I pray You would show me what to do with it. If this is a trial from You, then I accept it—but if it is of the enemy in some way, I refuse it. I claim Your will and Your protection regarding it. I repudiate everything in my life that is not Your will for me and bring Your grace and Your power against it. (Maintain this in attitude and occasional statement.)

Work against it

If it's something like depression that makes it hard to be optimistic, then work against it.

Take time to praise God (use the hymnbook) and by reciting verses on hope, peace, etc., and make them personal. Perseverance in doing this is very important—keep at it.

Whatever it is, use statements like the following.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I bring the power of His blood against _____. I use that power to smash it all down. I cut it into pieces. I repudiate it. I turn the searchlight of God on it. I will not accept this _____. I command it has to leave me. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I bring the power and cleansing of the Crucifixion against _____, ... the Resurrection ... the Ascension ... the Day of Pentecost ... the power of the Word of God ... the power of the will of God. I command all _____ and the wicked spirits related to it to leave me.

Try to go back to the source of the problem.

In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I repudiate everything that has come to me from the ancestral line of my father _____ and my mother _____. I break down all that has been transferred to me from them. I repudiate all workings of wicked spirits in my ancestral lines. Enlarge on each of these as you sense the need. If you start to do this and it becomes harder to do, you are on the right track. This is difficult work — keep at it.

When you have some form of oppression like fear, or anger, or a craving—whatever it is—try to find a corresponding virtue.

As an example, for fear it would be courage, and for anger it would be something like gentleness. Look up a verse that would teach the virtue—read it out loud, memorize it, repeat it—and receive that virtue from God. As an example: *Heavenly Father, I refuse this fear and now receive the courage You have for me. I believe You have not given me the spirit of fear but of courage (II Tim 1:7), so I now receive that courage from You and choose to practice it in spite of how afraid I feel.*

CONCLUSION

The enemy has been defeat — but you must resist his workings and use your weapons against him.

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