

Resistance

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James 4:6 / 1 Peter 5:5 – “...*God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble...*”
(498 antitissomai) – to set oneself against

James 4:7 – “*Resist the devil and he will flee from you.*”

1 Peter 5:9 – “...*whom resist steadfast in the faith...*”
(436 anthistemi) – to stand against, to oppose

How do we “resist” the devil?

1. Submit to God.

We cannot resist the devil if God is resisting us.

- We need His grace (ability) to stand.
 - a. Is an issue of the heart. (You can obey but still not be submitted!)
 - b. Defer to the “new nature” of Christ inside of you. (Ephesians 4:23, 24)
 - c. Walk in discovered truth. (revelation, new information, etc.)
 - d. Develop a sensitive conscience.

2. Transformation.

- a. A “renewed” thought life. (Romans 12:1-3)
- b. There has to be something in us that is stronger than that which we are trying to resist.

3. Agreement → Faith

- a. You will align your lifestyle with what you believe about God’s Word.
- b. When God’s ways become our ways.

4. Communion / Fellowship / Abiding / Closeness

- a. 1 John 1:5-7 – “...*walk in the light as he is in the light...*”
- b. Psalm 91:1 – “*He that dwells in the secret place of the most high...*”
- c. John 15:1-5 – “*Abide in me...*”
 - i. Abide (3306 meno) to stay in a given place, state, relation or expectancy.

5. Access the strength of God. (Spirit of might)

- a. Ephesians 3:16 – “...*strengthened with might by his spirit...*”
- b. Ephesians 6:10 – “...*be strong in the Lord and the power of his might...*”
- c. Colossians 1:11 – “*Strengthened with all might...*”
- d. 1 Peter 5:10 – “...*perfect, established, strengthened, settled...*”
- e. Philippians 4:13 – “*I can do all things through Christ...*”