

SHOULD YOU FIGHT THE DEVIL?

NO.

HERE'S WHY.

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James 4:7

If you are a believer in Jesus Christ the devil is your adversary. He is your enemy. He is your accuser. Whoever opposes your destiny, purpose and goals is worthy of being destroyed. An enemy is **NOT** worth your time. He is **NOT** to be entertained. However, he is **NOT** to fought either.

It is difficult for most people to grapple with the understanding that the devil should not be fought. Most believers believe they should fight the devil. They wake up with an attitude to combat demonic powers. To the untrained mind this attitude seems to please God.

Unfortunately, many popular preachers have stood behind the pulpit declaring that Christians should fight the devil. When people choose to fight the devil they will lose. This statement is not made to discourage you but to enlighten you.

The devil is stronger than any human. He is smarter than any human. He is more clever than any human. He is more dangerous than any human. One of the tricks of the devil is to influence you to fight him because he knows you **CANNOT** win.

Fighting him is one of the easiest ways for **YOU** to be destroyed. This teaching is not telling you to fear him but rather out think him. The scripture does not give us permission to fight the devil. God does not authorize you to go to war with him. He gave us the power to do one thing...**RESIST HIM!**

Resisting the devil may not sound courageous. It might be hard to understand the logic behind this strategy.

However, this is what God told us to do. The strategy of resisting will help you achieve more wins than engaging in actual combat. When you **RESIST** negative influences, obscene people and the devil you defeat them by **DISARMING THEIR POSSIBILITIES**.

The enemy can't tempt or defeat you if he does not have an opportunity. If there isn't an opportunity available, **YOU WIN** by default. You destroy his plans **BEFORE** they can prosper. You disarm his weapons **BEFORE** he can use them. **RESISTING** the devil and his temptations enables you to progress **WITHOUT** being hurt.

Ephesians 4:27 says, "*Do not give the devil a **WAY** to defeat you.*"

James 4:7 says, "*Submit yourselves therefore to God. **RESIST** the devil, and he **WILL** flee from you.*"

THE PROMISE BEHIND RESISTING

If you fight the devil you do not know what will happen. However, if you resist him, you know what will happen. He **WILL** flee! When you do what God says, the end is **INEVITABLE**, victory is **PROMISED** and His glory will be **REVEALED**.

A wise person does not try to re-invent the wheel to success. They follow what is in place, knowing that the road is paved, the smoke has cleared and the storm has passed. In other words, if the Lord has guaranteed a way to defeat the devil...**DO IT!**

Do not rely on your limited intellect to do something else. Do not rely on the trends of the world to counsel you. Stand on what is proven...God's word. Stand on what is un-moveable...God's word.

People who choose to fight the devil are losing their sanity, health, influence, purpose and strength. Do not let

this be you. Do not allow the devil to lure you into fighting him. When he speaks to you, ignore him.

When he approaches you, walk in the other direction.

When he tries to seduce you, turn the other way. When he tries to tempt you, change your focus to something else.

- The devil **CANNOT** defeat you if you **REFUSE** to **FIGHT** him.
- The devil **CANNOT** defeat you if you **REFUSE** to **ENTERTAIN** him.
- The devil **CANNOT** defeat you if you **REFUSE** to give him an **OPPORTUNITY**.

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