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**Don't Adopt the Devil's Plan**  
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On the inside of everyone is greatness. God has put greatness on the inside of us and God is for us, with us, and planted His love on the inside of us. He will work with us and He wants our deeds spoken of in the earth today because of the Christ that is within us. He has predestined us, it is his purpose and plan that we are more than conquerors in Jesus name.

The bible declares that we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. The bible declares that no weapon formed against us can prosper. The bible says that if God is for us, who can be against us. And the bible says thanks be unto God who always causes us to triumph.

Through Jesus we have already won the victory. However, the challenge comes here on earth with us learning how to carry out the victory that Jesus provided for us, but the following scripture gives us a solid basis from which to begin.

**John 10:10 (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup> *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

The devil has one purpose, to steal, kill and destroy, any way he can but in the same verse what the plan of God is, that through Jesus we have life more abundantly.

**John 10:10 (MSG)**

*...A thief is only there to steal and kill and destroy. I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of.*

Jesus came for us to have a more and better life than we ever dreamed of.

**Ephesians 6:10-13 (KJV)**

<sup>10</sup> *Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.*

<sup>11</sup> *Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.*

<sup>12</sup> *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.*

<sup>13</sup> *Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

Repeatedly we are told to stand and when we do we will be able to stand against anything the devil brings our way. It's the plan of God that we win. We are more than conquerors.

Wiles include trickery, craftiness, and deception. For us to be defeated the devil comes in some way deceiving to us and we don't see the end result of it. The devil know that God has destined that we are to rule over him, and he knows that God has destined for him to be under our feet. Knowing this the devil knows he has to come with deception, craftiness and trickery that will cause us to fall, and his goal or end result is to destroy, but greater is He that is in us, than he that is in the world.

**James 4:6 (KJV)**

<sup>6</sup> *But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble.*

**James 4:6 (AMP)**

<sup>6</sup> *But He gives us more and more grace (<sup>[a]</sup>power of the Holy Spirit, to meet this evil tendency and all others fully). That is why He says, God sets Himself against the proud and haughty, but gives grace [continually] to the lowly (those who are humble enough to receive it).*

Regardless of what we are faced with God is going to give us more and more grace to meet the evil tendency fully and completely and stand as an overcomer. Stand as a winner. Grace is always associated with the power of God.

**James 4:7 (KJV)**

<sup>7</sup> *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

We are to bring ourselves under God's protection and plan so that we can resist the devil and his plan. Resist here means to act against something, to strive against, to oppose. Resist the adoption of the devil's plan. If it becomes your plan the deception will be there and everything may seem fine for a while, but a downward trail has been started and the further it goes and the longer you stay in his plan it goes into a downward spiral, a slippery creek bank so to speak and you will end up hollering for help at the last minute. That is the devil's plan. So we resist adopting his plan for our lives. Lives of destruction. The devil will wrap it up pretty and it won't look like there is anything wrong with it, but that is how we get ensnared.

In Matthew and Luke 4 Jesus went through a season of resisting. His way of resisting was to say, "It is written" and would quote scripture. The bible tells us that when he did the devil left him for a season. We may go through a season that we resist for a week, two weeks, three weeks, or however long it takes. In the end, you will have resisted adopting the devil's plan and we come out the winner.

**1 Peter 5:8 (KJV)**

<sup>8</sup> *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*

Be sober here refers to pay attention, be aware of what is going on, be vigilant. He is looking for someone to adopt his plan.

A roaring lion can instill fear, and that is where the devil wants us also. In the book of Job it states that come upon us.

The road of the devils plan is attractive and it always appeals to our senses and emotions, and if we aren't careful while it is playing on our senses and emotions we will follow it. We may go down the road for awhile and realize we are on the wrong track and we make correction, but if we don't the road will lead to destruction and it will not have a good ending.

**Ephesians 4:27 (KJV)**

<sup>27</sup> *Neither give place to the devil.*

Resisting is an act of our will and free choice.

**Deuteronomy 30:19 King James Version (KJV)**

<sup>19</sup> *I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:*

We cannot be passive against the devil's plan. We have to on purpose come against it. Greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world. And thanks be unto God who always causes us to triumph in Jesus Christ and we are more than conquerors through Him that has loved us. There is nothing impossible to Him that believes.

Nothing is going to change in our life until we get tired of the mess. Every time the children of Israel cried out God sent deliverance. Read the book of Judges.

Sometimes past knowledge hinders us. We have to find principles in the bible to follow in order for us to have lasting change, and come up higher spiritually. We don't have to be tied to our past, but be identified with our life in Christ. Our identity needs to be in our future with Jesus.

When we begin to have faith in Jesus Christ and all that is provided through his death, burial, and resurrection, we will start taking the limits off.

Father, we thank you for your goodness and kindness. We are not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are not going to adopt the devil's plan but we will and are resisting it in Jesus name. I am resisting the devil's plan. I am strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. God is for me, not against me. Hallelujah. Glory to God!!

Father, we worship you. We give you glory and honor. Holy, holy are you oh, Lord. Full of grace and mercy. You give grace, grace, and more grace to meet any evil tendency. Grace, ability.

Jesus, we thank you that you came that we would have life and enjoy it to the full beyond our dreams

God is a Good God.