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Don't Adopt The Enemy's Plans #3

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In the following scriptures Paul is teaching from this epistle telling the people that there is another thing that they will need to do, learning to be strong in the Lord and His power, moving beyond their ability and strength.

Eph 6:10-12 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the *wiles of the devil. 12 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." KJV

Eph 6:10-12 "Now my beloved ones, I have saved these most important truths for last: Be supernaturally infused with strength through your life-union with the Lord Jesus. Stand victorious with the force of his explosive power flowing in and through you. 11 Put on God's complete set of armor provided for us, so that you will be protected as you fight against the evil strategies of the accuser! 12 Your hand-to-hand combat is not with human beings, but with the highest principalities and authorities operating in rebellion under the heavenly realms. For they are a powerful class of demon-gods and evil spirits that hold[f] this dark world in bondage." TPT

In John chapter 15, Jesus teaches about the tree trunk and branches, that as long as the trunk and branches are attached, the life force flows through the trunk but when the branches become severed from the trunk the life no longer flows.

As long as we keep our union with Him, we are infused with His supernatural ability and the explosive power is working within us. In learning not to adopt the enemies plan, we have to know what his devices might be, but learn what Gods plan is for us and the church. Learning how to put on the whole armor of God, we must stand against the wiles of the devil, (wiles means the devil has a settled plan and purpose, it will involve trickery, deceit and craftiness) he is trying to defeat each of the believers with his plan. Gods plan is that we stand successfully against every method, scheme or plot that the adversary would devise.

2 Cor 2:11 "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices." KJV

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In our combat with the adversary, it will be so real in close proximity that we will sense that he is literally in our face. Part of the enemies scheme and plan is to get our eyes on flesh and blood, stating that they are our problem. But because there is an evil force behind them which will cause the other person to act badly toward us, we don't wrestle against them, our wrestle is against principalities, powers, rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places.

The evil forces that we will deal with mostly are the rulers of darkness and spiritual wickedness in high places. The spiritual wickedness in high places are in the atmosphere right over the earth, they are not way out there in space. They are continually harassing the saints of God. If we don't learn how to deal with them, then we are always going to be underfoot. But we have been raised up with Jesus and all things are under our feet. Some Christians have been harassed with evil spirits for years and don't know that it is the devil. There is are so many different spirits that plague peoples lives and they don't realize that it is the enemy doing this to them wanting to bring them down. Our responsibility to the plan of the adversary is to resist him steadfast in the faith.

1 Pet 5:8-9 "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world." KJV

We need to be paying attention to what is going on around us, because the devil is looking for someone he can devour, the evil spirits are being commanded to look for the saints of God in order to bring them down. The devil is not a roaring lion only sounds like one, he can be intimidating but His bark is worse then his bite. If we know who we are in Christ Jesus we can refuse to let him devour us or intimidate us. We are gaining knowledge on what our responsibility is in order to resist him.

James 4:6-7 "But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble. 7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." KJV

James 4:6-7 "But He gives us more and more *grace (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). 7 So be subject to God. **Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you." AMP

Grace just keeps coming to the believer and is given to us in order for us to do what we cannot do in our own ability, it makes us invincible. However, if we are being proud and thinking that we can do it on our own, then we have a problem. Grace comes to the lowly, those who are humble. We have a choice to make, submitting to God and doing it His way or being strong willed and doing it our way. Submit to God and then we are able to resist the devil and he will leave. This is Gods plan, Jesus is in us, greater is He that is in us, He makes us invincible or unstoppable. **(resist means oppose something, to strive against something, to act against something and be successful at it, it doesn't mean to lose by adopting the devils plan).

Paul tells us that we can be successful at something and not adopt the devils plan that he has for our life. In the natural when we adopt a child, we do everything that needs to be done for them. When we adopt the devils plan, regardless of what it is, we bring it into our lives and talk about it all the time.

Mark 11:23-24 "For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. 24 Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them." KJV

If we have had bad news regarding a doctors report about someone, are we going to believe that report or are we going to believe Gods report what He says about the situation? We have a choice to make, talking about what God says or what the doctors are saying, it could mean the difference between life and death. We have prayed about the situation but we are so programed to believe what we see in the natural, that it is hard to receive what God wants to do. We pray, we believe that we receive before we have it, so when we move into the arena of faith, we see what we believe, before we receive the answer. To be successful we move over into the arena of faith and not get into the arena of doubt and unbelief and fear.

2 Cor 3:18 "But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord." KJV

We are allowing the word to reflect back to us Gods glory, we are changed into the same image, from glory to glory as by the spirit of the Lord, we are changed little by little. We become what we are beholding. We need to write those goals down, keeping them in front of our eyes. They won't happen tomorrow, but they will come to pass. It is important to resist the devil, standing firm in our faith, we see the outcome of our future, framing our future by the words of our mouth, that is why it is so important what we are saying and that we are speaking what the word of God says. God specializes in doing supernatural things, we need to expect the unexpected happening in our lives.

Heb 11:1-3 "Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title deed) of the things [we] hope for, being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality [faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses]. 2 For by [faith—trust and holy fervor born of faith] the men of old had divine testimony borne to them and obtained a good report. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds [during the successive ages] were framed (fashioned, put in order, and equipped for their intended purpose) by the word of God, so that what we see was not made out of things which are visible." AMP

Whosoever is us and "to say" means that we are in a process of building our faith up, it doesn't happen overnight, but we stay on it, repeating it over and over and it will come to pass.

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The church is the womb of God where we develop and grow, it should be like a training camp where spiritual truths or principles would be taught and learned. Learning to walk in love, listen to the Holy Spirit, learning obedience and develop the gifts of the spirit, learning to lead others. It should be a safe place.

Hosea 4:6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, " KJV

God says this is the only way His people can be destroyed, it is lack of knowledge and not acting on what they know to do. Destroyed means to be dumb or silent. When we are being attacked by the adversary and are trying to resist his plan, we become silent, we don't resist the devil. When we are under attack and it seems like there is nothing that can be done, we have to get to the place that we are not victims

of circumstances, but that we are victors, but in order to do that, we have to be tired of being beaten up spiritually, it will never change until we get to this place, that we are more than victors because of who we are in Jesus and what He has done for us.

The following scriptures show us how Jesus was able to resist the devil when he came to Jesus while he was in the wilderness and shows us how to resist the devil. Jesus was tempted for 40 days and the devil came to Him tempting Him with everything like he had tempted the first Adam in the garden, all Adams senses had been tested and he had failed. These words show how if there is a little crack the enemy is able to come in and tempt us.

Paul teaches us in 1st Corinthians chapter 15 that Jesus the last Adam passed every test that the first Adam had failed.

1 Cor 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit." KJV

The tempter comes questioning and causing there to be doubt and unbelief, but Jesus resisted the devil by quoting the word of God. In order for us to resist the devil this must be our response to his temptations that he places before us. Resist means we don't adopt the devils plan, but by standing steadfast in our confession and quoting the word of God, he has to go. The devil had tempted Jesus with three different things; flesh/food, a miraculous event and with power, pride and money. When the first Adam fell, all these things had been given to the devil and now with Jesus death, burial and resurrection He has taken them back from the devil. Because of what Jesus did the church has received all these blessings. The devil is still walking around looking for a way to get into our lives, but we have to learn how to resist him.

Matt 4:3-11 "And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 4 But he answered and said, *It is written*, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 6 And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. 7 Jesus said unto him, *It is written again*, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, *Satan: for it is written*, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him, and,

behold, angels came and ministered unto him." KJV

A story was shared of a young pastors wife, who was beautiful and very talented, but the devil started coming to her telling her that she was not in the right place, that she was too beautiful and the world had a lot to offer her, that her ability to sing and use her talent was not being put to good use, she at first refused to listen, but as he was persistent and continually spoke to her, she began to listen a little at first and then it became evident that she was entertaining those thoughts, she left her husband, the ministry and went out into the world, to seek her fame and fortune, for awhile she did well, but began to go downhill and ended up with nothing, her looks were gone as was her voice and she ended up in a room, alone and with no one. Some Christian people tried without success to minister to her, but her remarks were that she wanted nothing to do with them and certainly not with Jesus. Her story ended with her loosing her salvation and all that she had had at one time with the Lord. She had adopted the devils plan by thinking about it, dwelling on it and did not cast down those imaginations that were thrown at her. The devils plan was to steal, kill and destroy, he was certainly able to do that in her life.

Pro 23:7 "For as he *thinketh in his heart, so is he: - - ." KJV

*thinketh means a gate keeper

We are to be the gatekeeper or door keeper, keeping the door shut, guarding our minds and thought life. When these thoughts come to adopt the devils plan, keep the door shut, don't open it, leaving it locked tight, for the devil is walking about seeking whom he may devour and part of resisting the adversary is to guard our thought life. The inner dialogue that goes on can be very destructive, we must stand against our thoughts and what we are speaking out of our mouths.

Rev 12:9-11 "And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. 10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the *accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. 11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." KJV

* the accuser of the people is the devil

Jesus is not the accuser, the devil is the accuser. We have worth and power because

of Jesus.

Exodus chapter 12 tells us about the protection of the blood, that was shown to the children of Israel as they were making preparation to come out of Egypt. It protected them from the death angel that would be coming over the land, killing the first born of everything and everyone. By applying it to the doorpost, they were saved and made the exodus to the wilderness. God does the same for us, comes and hovers over us, protecting us and ours and won't allow the devil come to destroy. How do we apply the blood today? It is done by the words that comes out of our mouth. Speaking the words of faith, out of our mouth, it is voice activated, saying what the benefits of the blood are, we overcome and resist the devils plan, by saying nothing we are in danger of adopting his plan. Speak the rhema word of God, let it come out of our mouths.