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## Don't Adopt The Enemies Plan #4

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The following are the foundation scriptures being used in this teaching. Paul is writing to the church world, teaching born again believers and us, that as we begin to move more over into the presence of God and His ability in our lives we will find that he has been saving these most important truths for last.

Eph 6:10-14 "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. 13 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. 14 Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;" KJV

Eph 6:10-14 "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 this dark world in bondage. 13 Because of this, you must wear all the armor that God provides so you're protected as you confront the slanderer, for you are destined for all things and will rise victorious. 14 Put on truth as a belt to strengthen you to stand in triumph. Put on holiness as the protective armor that covers your heart."  
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Jesus wants us standing in victory with His supernatural power flowing through the believer. Putting on the whole armour so that we may be able to stand victorious against any plot that the enemy may have planned for the believers. (We are told that in order to get something into our hearts or minds we must hear the same thing about 16 times before it becomes a part of us, repetition on the same subject will bring that about.) The devil has devised a plan that involves trickery, craftiness and deceit to

use against the believer and that plan will always put pressure on our flesh to respond and react in the flesh and forget who we are in Jesus Christ.

v. 10 be strong and in the power of his might - supernatural ability to the believer through Jesus - stand victorious with His explosive power flowing through you

v. 11 putting on the whole armour of God in order to stand against the \*wiles of the devil - wiles means a settled plan, that the devil has a plan and has devised it to work against the believer to bring us down

v. 12 wrestling no against flesh and blood - close contact with the adversary - we don't wrestle against other people but with demonic spirits, there is an order to the devils system

v. 13 take the whole armour of God - being able to stand

v. 14 stand therefore - stand ready to conquer again - Jesus sees us standing over any kind of problem that comes our way

Previously in Mark chapter 4 we learned that when Jesus came down from the mount of temptation, he had passed every test that the first Adam had failed but the devil had tried to tempt Him too. The first Adam had been tempted by things that were pleasant and pleasing to the flesh. The devil is always looking for things in our flesh that will be desirable and get us to react out of the flesh and not respond to the spirit. But Paul says that we can resist the adversary's plan successful. If we aren't being tempted than we probably aren't on the road to fulfilling Gods plan and purpose for our lives, but if you are being tempted then the devil is trying hard to get you to fall. We have the power and ability in us because Jesus is in us and we have victory, wisdom and greatness on the inside because of Him.

We have seen in these scriptures examples of resisting the devil.

Eph 4:27 "Neither give place to the devil." KJV

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

1 Peter 5:9 "Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world." KJV

It is our responsibility as the body of Christ to stand against the devil, giving him no place, no open doors. We learn to resist him by submitting or bringing ourselves

under Gods authority which we must do first. We cannot be out from under authority in any area and in rebellion and expect the devil to flee from us because we are not submitted to Gods plan. So how do we resist the devil, what does resist mean? (resist means to act against something successfully, strive against something successfully, resist successfully adopting the devils plan). In the natural when we adopt something, it becomes part of us, we take care of it, we see that its needs are met, we keep it alive. This is the plan that the devil has for us, we talk about it, we nurse it, we keep it alive, but we have to stand against his plan and not adopt it. So how do we resist steadfast in the faith?

In this scripture we read that the devil who deceived the whole world was cast down and his angels were cast out of heaven with him, but he went about accusing the believers day and night, however, they were able to overcome him by the blood of the Lamb and the word of their testimony.

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

We found in the following scriptures how Jesus was able to resist the plan of the devil while he was in the wilderness. His response to all the temptations that the devil placed before Him, were "It Is Written".

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

There is a real important part on how to resist the devil, we know how he works

through trickery, deceit and craftiness because the foundation has been laid in order to teach us our responsibility, that important part of how to resist. How to resist the adversary in our thought life, is found in the following scriptures.

2 Cor 10:3-5 "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;" KJV

v. 3 walk in the flesh, don't war after the flesh

v. 4 weapons are not carnal, fleshly but are mighty with explosive power, working outwardly, are used to pull down strong holds destroying the enemies plot that he has devised

v. 5 casting down imaginations, it is the ability to form a mental picture in our mind that is real even though it is not present to our senses, every high thing that exalteth itself up, bringing into captivity every thought it must submit to the will of God

A story was shared regarding a dog that was allowed to ride in the front of the van with pastor, he would normally set between the seats, but as time went on, he would start to lay his head over in the lap of the person setting in the empty seat, then he would put one leg up on the seat and eventually he had his whole body on the lap of the person setting there. He would quietly and slyly make his move just like the enemy tries to get us to adopt his plan, with trickery, deceitfulness and craftiness, but when he was spoken to and was made to get down, he would obey, we must handle the enemy in the same way, speak with authority and cast him down, bringing him into captivity.

Dodie Osteen had been diagnosed with liver cancer in 1981 and was told by the doctors that she would be dead in a couple weeks. Dodie and her husband, John processed what the doctors told them in the way of treatment but decided to take her out of the hospital to their home, if she were going to die, she would be at home. She had pictures of herself when she was healthy and full of life, she put them up all over her room so that she was able to observe them of how she used to look, because she wanted to see herself healthy and whole. Then she and John found 40 different scriptures that promised healing and she faithfully, everyday took these scriptures just like we would take a pill that had been prescribed to us. Her mind began to be renewed to Gods plan and she was transformed by the renewing of her mind and she never went back to the doctor.

The following was the key scripture that Dodie quoted many times during the day

*Pro 4:20-24 "My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. 21 Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. 22 For they are life unto those that find them, and health or medicine to all their flesh. 23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. 24 Put away from thee a froward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee." KJV*

Doctors are gifted and anointed by God and have a part to play in most peoples lives, but their reports that they give are not always good, they are usually negative and may be true in the natural but they are only able to treat symptoms and not the real cause of the illness.

The word in Isaiah tells us about healing and there comes a place in our lives in resisting the devils plans or schemes that we must make a choice to believe Gods report and what He says about healing. We understand how many diseases work and many times will come back on a person, but Dodie Osteen did not adopt the devils plan, she continued to quote the scriptures and as of today has total healing in her body.

Isa 53:1 "Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?" KJV

Isa 53:4-6 "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all." KJV

Quoting the scriptures pulled down the strongholds and cast down the imaginations that were trying to work in her mind. When the adversary comes we must stand our ground, not adopting the plan of the enemy. Are we able to submit ourselves to receiving what the word of God is saying to us? or standing against the enemy, the choice is ours. He will continue to harass and tempt us, working in our minds but what will our choice be? Cast those thoughts that appear in our minds down, this is usually his first plan of attack, reminding us of our failures, the bad things we have done and imaginations that will show defeat of things that has not even happened, don't adopt his plan.

Because of the work that Jesus did for us, we are in right standing with God the

Father, we have righteousness totally apart from our works. Jesus is pleading, making intercession for us to the Father because of His blood.

Isa 26:3 "Thou wilt keep him in \*perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." KJV

\* thoughts and imaginations are stayed on thee

When we are being challenged by the adversary especially in our mind, it is important that there be someone standing by us, that person is Jesus standing with us. We have perfect peace because of Him. We are reminded of the children of Israel when they were brought out of Egypt and taken into the wilderness how Miriam the sister of Moses sang unto the Lord, but never again is it found in the scriptures that the children sang praises of thanksgiving to Him. They only murmured and complained and were unsatisfied with their lives and they perished in the wilderness. Thanksgiving is a power tool when the adversary is working on us.

Phil 4:6-8 "Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." KJV

We must keep our minds fixed on the answer, we cannot be talking about the problems that we are encountering and expect to see whatever it is we are believing for to be manifested. We cannot adopt the enemies plan if we are going to be victorious.

1 John 5:4 "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." KJV

2 Cor 2:14 "Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place." KJV

We are more than conquerors and any plan that the enemy has devised against us will fail. We are fighting the good fight of faith, we are winners and Satan is under our feet. We are blessed with revelation knowledge.

