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Resist The Devils Plan - Go With God's Plan
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We always need the Word of God as a guideline that we can align our lives with. A pattern begins to unfold that is not always a good pattern but we make correction as needed. We make the choice of what is right and what is wrong.

In the beginning when God prepared the Garden of Eden for Adam and Eve and placed them there, He had made provision for everything that they might ever need. God then gave Adam charge over the garden, but there was one thing that He told them not to partake of, the tree in the middle of the garden. However, they began to look and see that it was desirable, and then the enemy came and began to deceive them. The enemy deceived them into believing that they would become as God, and they would be able to make decisions as to what was right or wrong and would no longer allow God to give them guidelines or boundaries, the decisions would be theirs. They removed themselves from under God's protection when they decided to partake of the fruit. They discarded God's way and made themselves to become gods in their own eyes. This is called rebellion, choosing to do their own thing, regardless of what God said.

Gen 3:1-5 *"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden: 3 But of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. 4 And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil." KJV*

Doing things our own way is not what we will choose normally to do. However, occasionally we make the decision to disregard God's plan for us and try to do our own thing.

Eph 2:10 *"For we are God's [own] handiwork (His workmanship), recreated in Christ Jesus, [born anew] that we may do those good works which God predestined (planned beforehand) for us [taking paths which He prepared ahead of time], that we should walk in them [living the good life which He prearranged and made ready for us to live]." AMP*

In order to live the good life, we must find God's plan that He has prearranged ahead of time for us and learn to walk in it.

Eph 6:10-11 *" 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." KJV*

The meaning of "wiles" is, a method of a settled plan that the devil uses to defeat us, it always involves deception, trickery or craftiness. An example was given with two boxes, one representing God's plan and one representing the devil's plan. God's box looks normal, but the devil's box is decorated and embellished to make it look very attractive. The devil's plan will have excitement with it; God's plan may not be very exciting to look at. The plans are our choice, what will it be?

Many times Christian people will throughout their lives continually battle the same problem they now have in their life, never getting victory over it. God's plan for our lives is victory. God's plan is always good.

John 10:10 *"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."* KJV

This scripture shows both the devil's plan and God's plan for our lives. God's plan is we walk in forgiveness, healing, kindness, the wisdom of God, life and happiness. The devil's plan never looks good, except on the outside, but inside his plan is destruction, hate and bitterness, selfishness and unforgiveness.

If we could see the inside of the boxes it would make it easier for us to choose, but until the seeds which we have planted on the inside of us, begin to bring forth fruit we are unable to see that we have made wrong choices, because the fruit is never good.

What is our responsibility? God has a plan and the devil has a plan.

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

Eph 4:27 *"Leave no [such] room or foothold for the devil [give no opportunity to him]."* AMP

The following scriptures give us an insight on how to resist the adversary.

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

Eph 6:11 *"Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of 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

Submit is a word that we don't want to hear, however when we understand the meaning of submit, it becomes a word that we can accept. No one can make you submissive. Submit means to bring yourself under, it is only something we can do for ourselves. Submission on the inside is an attitude that deals with obedience. Sometimes our outward actions appear to be ok, but on the inside our attitude is the opposite. Submission is an attitude of the heart. Something we can only do for ourselves, other

people cannot do it for us.

This attitude that we may have is the same attitude that was in the Garden of Eden. When we become submissive we die to the attitude that we can do it ourselves. We become in alignment with what God's plan for us might be.

The people that James was talking to were only concerned about getting their needs met apart from God's ways and His plan. He is teaching them how to resist the devil because of the grace that God has given them, the choice is theirs.

The first principle or choice we have to make in order to get the devil to flee is, to determine that we are going to do things God's way, submitting ourselves to Him and resisting the devil. Resist means to act against or defy, oppose and not adopt a plan. As the Lord opens our eyes, we begin to see that there is nothing good that the devil has to offer.

In the first chapter of James, we read that "when sin has its way, it is not a good thing." Sin has to look attractive in order to pull us in.

When choosing God's plan for our lives we will see that this plan has been formed before the foundation of the world. We will live the good life. We can resist the enemy.

1 Peter 5:8-10 *"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. 10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you."* KJV

When Peter was addressing the people he basically taught the same principle that James taught. He tells them who their adversary is, who they are fighting against and how the enemy comes into their lives. As believers we are made aware of the same principle. Many times people think they are the only ones being tempted by the enemy, but Peter is trying to get it across to the people that many have the same problems. The devil knocks on the door of all those serving Christ, but we all have the ability to resist him.

Eph 6:12 *"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

John 10:10 *"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."* KJV

The devil is walking about like a "roaring lion" with a purpose and a mission trying to destroy all who adopt his plan. The devil is called a "roaring lion" and is also mentioned as a "serpent" both which can be very dangerous. His plan involves three things, deceitfulness, trickery and craftiness.

However God is seeking those who will follow His plan, when opened up it is the good plan, the good life. . Many people never make a quality decision regarding who's plan they will follow. Wondering why things in their lives never work. We cannot allow our

emotions to control us; we must stay focused as we resist the enemies plan. Resist means to cause to stand against successfully. We have the ability on the inside of us by the Holy Spirit to empower us to resist the devil's plan.

2 Chron 16:9 *"For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to shew himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly: therefore from henceforth thou shalt have wars."* KJV

The glory of God is in the plan of resisting the devil. We are all called to experience the glory of God. We are all traveling through this place on our way to heaven. How do we resist the devil's plan?

Rev 12:11 *"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

Jesus gives us examples in the following scriptures on how we are able to resist the devil's plan. "It is written" by the words that we speak. The words that Jesus spoke to the devil when he was tempted are the same words that we are to speak. Jesus did not do anything except what He saw the Father do and what the Father spoke to him. We begin to see the difference between the first Adam and Jesus the second Adam. How the first one had failed, but how Jesus passed every test. The first Adam decided that he would do his own thing not allowing anyone to tell him what to do, but Jesus did only the things that the Father did or said.

The Holy Spirit gave a word: "The devil will always come in our time of need."

Matt 4:3,4,5-10 *"3 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."* KJV

Jesus' guideline was "it is written by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God" Jesus had the opportunity to compromise but He submitted Himself to the Father and resisted the devil with the words of His mouth. It was important that Jesus heard the Father's voice and that we hear the voice of the Father. Faith always has a voice.

v. 3-4 God had not made bread from rocks (Jesus only did the things that He saw the Father do)

v.5 -7 Jesus spoke regarding tempting God (the angels would protect him)

v. 8.-10 Jesus was offered the things of the earth, if He would compromise and worship the devil (Jesus was to receive everything at a later date)

Satan was the god of this world and still is and will be until the return of Jesus. Adam gave him that authority when he disobeyed God in the Garden of Eden. Satan came disguised as a serpent, when he was created by God he was one of the most beautiful things but he decided to become higher than God and fell because of pride.

2 Cor 4:4 *"In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them."* KJV

John 12 tells us that Satan is the prince and the power of the air.

Rev 12:11 *"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

Through what Jesus did when we become born again, the authority over the devil is given to us, the believer. We have dominion over the devil; he no longer has authority over us. We have been raised up to set with Jesus in heavenly places and all things have been placed under our feet. This is where the Father sees us. There is a price to pay for the plan of God to be fulfilled in our lives.

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There is only one plan and that is God's plan, it is life prearranged. God's plan was the shedding of the blood which cleans us from all sin. When pleading the blood the devil cannot cross the blood line.