

# HOW TO RESIST THE THIEF

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- **THE THIEF (OUR ENEMY): Scriptures – John 10:10; Ephesians 4:27; Ephesians 6:10 – 12; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8 – 9**
- Notice that the arena of *combat*, *conflict*, *complexity* and *confusion* towards us is in the \_\_\_\_\_.
- **An unredeemed, unrenewed \_\_\_\_\_ gives access to the devil because the \_\_\_\_\_ is the doorway through which the devil gains access to people. SIMPLY PUT, WRONG \_\_\_\_\_ OPENS THE DOOR TO THE DEVIL.** \_\_\_\_\_ lets the devil get in. And if the enemy can control your \_\_\_\_\_ he can control you.
- **HOW DOES THE THIEF DO THIS?** (3 Evil Tactics/Sinister Schemes to gain control of our minds): (1<sup>st</sup>) – Through \_\_\_\_\_ - to get us to \_\_\_\_\_ to allow him or them to get in. (**Read James 1:12 – 15**) (*NOTE: Satan operates in the realm of the five senses by using wrong suggestions, thoughts, and feelings to try to influence people to wrongdoing.*) (2<sup>nd</sup>) Through \_\_\_\_\_ - to get us to \_\_\_\_\_ our mind, will and emotions to his control. (**Read 2 Timothy 1:7; Romans 8:15; 1 John 4:18**) (*NOTE: Have you ever noticed that one reason people get depressed is that they think wrong thoughts? Thinking wrong thoughts can give evil spirits access into the realm of our souls [our mind, our will, our emotions]. For example, the enemy can get us thinking on past failures or how somebody mistreated them over and over again. The Scriptures reference a “spirit of fear” – 2 Timothy 1:7; a “spirit of bondage” – Romans 8:15 and “spirit of heaviness” – Isaiah 61:1-3 (3<sup>rd</sup>) Through \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ and DISEASE and PAIN. The Scripture references a “spirit of infirmity” – (**Read Luke 13:11**).*)
- **Remember:** \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ are all synonymous.
- **“AUTHORITY AXIOMS”** (An *Axiom* is a statement accepted as true as the basis for argument or inference; an established rule or principle or a self-evident truth.):
  - #1 – If you won’t \_\_\_\_\_ to an authority, you can’t be \_\_\_\_\_ authority! (Ref **James 4:7**)
  - #2 – When you don’t \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ authority, you give your authority away. (**Read Matthew 18:18 AMPC**)
  - #3 – Whatever you don’t \_\_\_\_\_, you will be \_\_\_\_\_ by it. (Ref **1 Peter 5:7 – 9**)
  - #4 – It is NOT come what \_\_\_\_\_, it IS come what you \_\_\_\_\_! (**Read Mark 11:23; Matthew 21:20 – 21; Luke 17:6**)
  - #5 – If you don’t \_\_\_\_\_ to the “its” in your life, then the “its” will \_\_\_\_\_ to you! (**Read Luke 4:39**)
  - #6 – We contend with our spiritual foes \_\_\_\_\_ our *position* of VICTORY and not \_\_\_\_\_ a *place* of VICTORY.
- Jesus defeated and fixed the devil for good and destroyed all of his power. WE HAVE VICTORY OVER SATAN AND ALL HIS COHORT AGENTS AND THEIR WILES, DECEITS AND STRATEGIES!



# HOW TO RESIST THE THIEF...(CONTINUED)



## ■ HOW WE RESIST THE DEVIL:

- **Two Things God Won't Do For Us:** (1<sup>st</sup>) God won't \_\_\_\_\_ for you and (2<sup>nd</sup>) God won't \_\_\_\_\_ the devil (deal with demons) for you.
- Our ***RIGHTS*** and ***RESPONSIBILITIES*** as Christian believers and Christ-followers is to: (1) ***BELIEVE*** and \_\_\_\_\_; ***TAKE*** back what belongs to us in Christ (**Mark 11:24**) and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ the devil. HOW?
- Our Four (4) Scriptural WITNESSES that Instruct US to do something about the Devil: (**Mark 16:17; Ephesians 4:27; James 4:7; 1 Peter 5:8 - 9**)

## ■ HOW DO WE RESIST?

- **1<sup>st</sup> Way – With The** \_\_\_\_\_. This is our faith speaking and declaring... *“It is Written”*. (Ref **Matthew 4:1 – 10**).
- **2<sup>nd</sup> Way – With A** \_\_\_\_\_. This taking a spoken “Word from God or Prophecy” and resisting the opposition of the enemy. (Ref **1 Timothy 1:18**).
- **3<sup>rd</sup> Way – With** \_\_\_\_\_. This utilizing the power of praise, thanksgiving and worship – the praise weapon. (Ref **Psalms 8:2; 2 Chronicles 20:22**).
- **4<sup>th</sup> Way – With** \_\_\_\_\_. These are weapons of our warfare that our mighty through God and are able to pull down arguments, strongholds in the mind, evil imaginations, etc.; in other words terminate the enemy tactics and thoughts he brings to us. (Ref 2 Corinthians 10:3 – 5). (Our mighty weapons are: The Word of God, The Name of Jesus, The Blood of Jesus).
- **5<sup>th</sup> Way – With** \_\_\_\_\_ **in Commandment of Love**. This is more of a *preventative* and *protective* form of resistance against the devil. You disable and disarm his abilities and his access to touch you and terrorize or torment your life. This keeps our “Covenant of Peace, Protection and Provision” in full force and effect in our lives. (Ref **John 13:34; Exodus 15:26**).

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