

# Resisting the Devil

***The enemy of our soul is a defeated foe!***

**1 Peter 5:8-11** *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

***Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.***

*And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.*

Alert

Sober

Resist

Stand

Cherish by Gary Thomas.

“Overcome the little, Defeat the big”

*the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.*

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You'll be able to fight the enemy with truth when you know the truth!

We choose every day what kind of person we want to be!

**James 4:7-8** *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.*

**Ephesians 6:11-14** *Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **stand** against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **withstand** in the*

*evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore ...,*

“The idea of resisting is rooted in gospel narratives such as the story of the Temptation of Christ. The devil is resisted by being ‘firm in faith’. The concept is not that of holding certain doctrines firmly, but one of remaining firm in one’s trust in God.” (Peter H Davids)

It’s our very core, at the constitutional level of our being that we stand firm in our trust in God, believing Him and His Word wholeheartedly.

Peter says: Alert, Sober, Resist, Stand

Paul says: Walk BY the Spirit

**Galatians 5:13-18** *You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh ; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.*

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*Ephesians 6:12*

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***So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify  
the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is  
contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary  
to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so  
that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you  
are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.***  
*Galatians 5:16-18*