

The Believer Must Study the Devil

Real Christianity is a life of taking authority over the devil and his works. When we say, "I'm a Christian", what does that mean? We are to live like Jesus and act like Jesus. Jesus was always casting out demons that He found in people, and He would drive them out so that the people could be free. In our modern church you hardly hear any mention of the devil. It's almost like Christians don't even recognize that he is still here. To mark our minds that the devil is here doing bad things, we must study him and his operations. The Bible is the book to study to get a clear understanding of this subject. If you will read and study these verses you will win against our enemy the devil.

James 4:7 KJV Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

When we submit ourselves to God, we submit ourselves to His will that's in the Bible. We completely trust in what He says and rely on Him. Notice after we're submitted to God, the devil has no choice: he must leave us alone.

1 Peter 5:8 KJV Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

In this verse, the devil is compared to a lion who walks around looking for something to devour. Most lions in our modern day time don't stand a chance against men that know how to hunt them with powerful weapons that will kill a lion at a long distance. The lion will never get close enough to these hunters to hurt them. Well, it can be that way with us as well. We have the Holy Ghost, and we have weapons of the Spirit that will stop the devil with no problems at all.

Jude 1:9 KJV Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Michael the archangel of God did not argue with the devil and neither should we. What he did was use the authority of the Lord. He said the 'Lord rebuke you'. The only authority the devil has is what we give him through our ignorance. Whatever the devil is doing, he will have to stop, if we rebuke him in Jesus' Name.

The devil is smart: we should not think that he is not. He has the power to deceive people that do not know the Bible. We must study it and never stop, because he will deceive us, if we don't know his lies.

John 8:31-32 KJV Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on Him, If ye continue in My Word, then are ye My disciples indeed; [32] And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

In these verses, Jesus was telling the people how to never be bound by the devil. The truth they knew would keep them free. I encourage you today to get to know the truth, and the devil will not be able to bind you.

Mark [16:16-17](#) KJV He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. [17] And these signs shall follow them that believe; In My Name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;

When we became a believer, we became more powerful than the devil! The devil has to obey us. He must leave, if we tell him to. But, because he is a spirit, we don't know he is there until we see his works. The only way to know his works is to study the Bible. If we want to be free, we have to study the Bible.

2 Timothy [2:15](#) KJV Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be

ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

I love you
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