

# The Reason You have to Fight

So you see, if Satan didn't exist, you wouldn't have to stay built up spiritually. You wouldn't have to fight the good fight of faith, you wouldn't have to cast down imaginations, and you wouldn't have to having done all to stand, stand therefore. And you definitely wouldn't have to resist the devil. You wouldn't have this huge responsibility of staying strong spiritually.

But, once you're exposed to the teaching of the Word of faith, the responsibility of your life's outcome is dumped in your lap. It's then that you begin to realize through being taught God's Word, that there's a lot more to this Christian life than just going to church, and you're going to have to start taking your spiritual life very seriously. You're not going to find out what God wants you to do unless you start inquiring of the Lord and seeking Him.

You cannot live your Christian life in church. You've got to take the Word and succeed with it in the world. I used to have a difficult time relating to preachers, because I thought they didn't live in the real world. I then began to realize they were there to minister the Word to me, and that was their responsibility. My responsibility was to take the Word and apply it to my life to the point that I could get the Word to work for me in my personal life and on the job.

You may think this would go without saying, but my experience with Christians through being in the ministry for years and pastoring is that we've got a lot of believers who are unsuccessful living their Christian life in this world. I know people personally who talk about God all the time, but they can't even handle a job flipping burgers. Anything beyond their scheduled routine traumatizes them, and they have all these excuses why they can't keep a job. They are failing to function in the world with the Word, so it gets annoying to hear them talk about God.

You've got to get to the place that you can get the Word to work in your daily life, on the job, in the home, and in any environment, including those places where you are not surrounded by your Christian friends. You can only home-school your kids so long before they're going to have to face the real world. You want them trained and taught how to use God's Word if you're not around.

We're not in a cult, we're world overcomers. We are not going to reach the world by isolating ourselves from the world. If we're not careful, we'll have the tendency to

just want to stay in church and at meetings. We've got to be able to handle the pressures the world throws at us, and not spin out of orbit because things did not go our way. Amen?

Remember that God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

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