

Functioning Like Jesus Did

Satan was unable to push Jesus around. ***Do you know why?*** It's because Jesus resisted the devil. The number one way to resist the devil is to speak the written Word in Jesus' Name. For instance, if sickness or pain tries to attach itself to your body, immediately say, ***"Satan, I resist you, in Jesus' Name, for it's written in 1 Peter 2:24, **Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.** And Galatians 3:13, says, **Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: "*****

The longer you wait to resist the devil, the more of a stronghold he will get on you. Anything that's not good, healthy, whole, or full of joy and peace, is not from God -- *it's from Satan.* Satan couldn't make Jesus sick, he couldn't take Jesus' life, or make Him poor until the day Jesus laid down His life to take the sins of the world. When the devil came against Jesus, Jesus answered with the written Word, as you read in Matthew 4:1 -11:

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. 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.

Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, 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.

Jesus said unto him, It is written again , Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. 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; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me.

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. Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

The way Jesus lived in Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, and the way He conducted Himself, and the way He reacted is the way we, as believers, are to function today. He was never

sick, so we're not to be sick. He wasn't depressed, so we're not to be depressed. He didn't whine or bellyache over God not coming through for Him. He didn't blame God for anything from sickness or disease, to hurricanes or disasters.

He didn't back down from religious people or troublemakers. He stood strong and uncompromisingly rebuking and resisting anything that wasn't of God, from sickness and disease, to people who were demon possessed and/or influenced by the devil. He even stood up to Peter when the devil spoke to him. Every miracle and healing that Jesus did, we're to do today in His Name.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father. John 14:12

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.

And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with *them*, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. Mark 16:15-20

Satan looks for weakness in the believer's life. He looks for a way to get in. God told us not to give any place to the devil. **Neither give place to the devil.** Ephesians 4:27

God warned us that Satan has tactics and devices and that he'll get the upper hand on us if we'll permit him to. **Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices.** 2 Corinthians 2:11 KJV

The Amplified says, **To keep Satan from getting the advantage over us; for we are not ignorant of his wiles and intentions.**

The New Living Translation says, **so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are very familiar with his evil schemes.**

No believer can afford to be ignorant of Satan. Jesus gave us power over Satan. Not only did Jesus defeat the devil, but He gave us power over the devil: **And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.** Matthew 16:18,19
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And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you lock on earth will be locked in heaven, and whatever you open on earth will be opened in heaven.”
Matthew 16:19 NLT

Verily I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Matthew 18:18

Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you. Luke 10:19

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; *And* having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it. Colossians 2:14,
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God told us in James 4:7, **Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.** Do you know when you cast down imaginations and refuse to think on things, that's one way to resist the devil? **(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)** Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 2 Corinthians 10:4, 5

No Fear

But at the same time, if you dwell on fear and worry, you're giving place to the devil. Job found out how the devil got in his life, for he said in Job 3:25, **For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me.**

God said in 2 Timothy 1:7, **For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.**

Fear is a tormenting spirit. God gave us the Name of Jesus, which is above every name: Philippians 2: 9-11, **Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

We are to speak the Name of Jesus to worry and fear when it tries to enter into our life. When any thought brings worry, fear, unbelief, or doubt, immediately say out loud: *"I resist you, Satan, in Jesus' Name, for its written:* Then quote a verse of scripture that counters your temptation.

Talk to thoughts. Don't talk **about** them. Talk **to** them. Eliminate all words such as: **fear, worry, pain, sick, lack, need** and **can't** from your vocabulary when dealing with your life and your present circumstances. Don't say, *"I'm dying to go; that just tickled me to death; you scared me to death; it thrilled me to death."*

Jesus didn't talk this way. Why should you? Learn to connect your tongue to your spirit man. Your body and your life will go the way of your mouth. **A man's belly shall be satisfied with the fruit of his mouth; and with the increase of his lips shall he be filled. Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof** (Proverbs 18:20,21).

Don't say everything that pops into your head. Think before you speak. Fill your heart with God's Word by speaking the Word. **[Jesus] said unto him, What is written in the law ? how readest thou?** Luke 10:26

These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily , whether those things were so. Acts 17:11

When people try to talk sickness to you, talk the Word to them. If nothing else, they won't talk sickness around you anymore. When people brought stuff up to Jesus, He referred back to the Word.

Coping and not Dealing with Problems

People just think things have to be the way they are, so they cope with their problems. They say things like, *"Well, I've just learned to accept it the way it is. I've just learned to live with it"* (in reference to their sickness or disease). They're coping with the problem instead

of dealing with it. They're trying to treat their problem with prayer, instead of dealing with it by applying the Word to their problem.

Prayer is vitally important in facing our problems, because some things take a lot of time in prayer and waiting on God to get direction in your spirit to know what to do. But too many people make the mistake of praying about things that the Word already covers (*like healing and other New Covenant blessings*), or soliciting others to do their praying via prayer requests, instead of themselves putting the time in prayer.

I've often said to people – believers, primarily, who are born again and filled with the Holy Spirit, *“I'll pray with you, I'll pray for you, but I'm not going to pray instead of you.”* I'm talking about the person who wants me to do the praying so they won't have to.

Christians can be some of the laziest people in the world! They don't want to work in the natural, and they definitely don't want to work spiritually. They want to attend a fun church that has a lot of events, a lot of classes and guest speakers, but little time is put in intercessory prayer and teaching the congregation how to apply God's Word to their lives.

We've got to get past this whining and complaining when it seems like the Word is not working, or when it seems like God is not answering our prayers. We should be spiritual soldiers who are strong in intercession, strong in the Word, and effective in battle, so Satan doesn't take any casualties! So, start doing the Word, speaking it, believing it and never quitting fighting the good fight of faith!

I look forward to sharing more with you tomorrow. 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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