

Resisting Satan

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I. Introduction.

II. Thoughts about sharing Jesus' life as the disciples did.

A. Their training was in public and not in private.

B. Their training was active and not passive.

C. The disciples shared life with each other also. (Mark 10)

1. They were tempted by self-pity.

2. They were tempted by ambition.

3. At the Last Supper they were concerned with who was the greatest. (Luke 22)

D. Their training was in the context of the things of every-day life in the light of eternity.

1. As Christ lives his life with us, we are to share our lives and ministry with others.

2. The key word is sharing.

E. He appointed them to have authority. (Mark 3:15)

III. Weapons for the battle.

A. The enemy's offense.

1. We need to have God to have a deep work through struggle.

2. But we need to take these struggles to the Lord.

3. And we need to realize that these struggles are real.

B. The enemy's defense. (1 Peter 5:8-9)

1. The enemy comes in like a flood invading our thinking to overwhelm us.

2. Wherever the presence of Christ is felt the enemy tries to disguise it.

3. The enemy opposes us and keeps us off balance.

4. To overcome the flesh you flee. To overcome the world you have fellowship with Jesus. But to overcome Satan you stand up and fight - you resist Him.

C. How to resist the Devil defensively. (Revelation 12:11)

1. The blood of the Lamb.

- a. This means confidence or faith. (Colossians 2:15)
- b. Faith is a fight. Unbelief paralyzes against the enemy.
- c. Faith is in the fact that Satan is a defeated foe because of the cross.
- d. Faith is in the fact that we share in Christ's life and therefore have authority. It is not that we have power, but we have authority in Jesus.

2. The Word of the testimony.

- a. The Lord resisted the Devil vocally through a Bible based testimony.
- b. A vocalized biblical testimony is a powerful thing.

3. No love of one's life unto the death - an unquestioning acceptance of the will of God.

D. How to resist the Devil offensively. (Mark 3:27)

1. Prayer of faith.

- a. Prayer clings to the promises of God.
- b. Pray for an event ahead of time to gain peace about it.
- c. Prayer is basic to the ministry.

2. The compulsion of love.

- a. This is practicing what we pray.
- b. This causes us to be willing to go.

3. Using the authority of Christ - a Bible based testimony.

IV. Conclusion. (Acts 6:7-8)

Application questions

1. How does Satan attack us?

2. What is repeated among the offensive and defensive weapons? Why do you think this is emphasized?

3. Which weapon will you practice using this week? Develop a plan to put this into practice and record some of the specifics.
