

# How to Live Free from All of the Powers of Darkness

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## I. Remember that Satan is no match for Jesus because:

Jesus is Omnipotent	Satan is Not Omnipotent
Jesus has all power and He has given us all power over the limited power of the enemy.	He does not have all power, and what power he has is more limited than most people realize.
Jesus is Omniscient	Satan is Not Omniscient
Jesus knows everything. He knows the end from the beginning and the outcome of every situation.	Satan does not know everything. He is not wise. He is deceived about everything.
Jesus is Omnipresent	Satan is Not Omnipresent
Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always." He is with every believer, regardless of where that person may be	Satan can be in only one place at a time. Generally, when we think Satan is in our midst, it is a demon imitating its master.
Jesus is Good	Satan is Evil
Jesus is a perfect example of good and the power of good. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the devil.	Satan is evil. We are not to be overcome by evil, but as Roman 12 says, we are to overcome evil with good.
Jesus is Light	Satan is Darkness
Jesus is light; He shines in the darkness, and the darkness cannot overcome it.	Satan is limited to the realms of darkness. We are translated out of the kingdom of darkness.
Jesus' word is all-powerful	Satan's word is not all-powerful
Jesus' word is dependable; we can believe it; it will perform exactly as it is written.	Only when we believe Satan's lies, does his word have power over us. It's only as powerful as we believe it to be.

## II. Know your authority over demonic powers

### A. Jesus has defeated the devil already.

Col 2:14-15 having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, and you shall bruise him on the heel."

Heb 2:14 Therefore, since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and might free those who through fear of death were subject to slavery all their lives.

1 John 3:8 The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

Isa 54:17 "No weapon that is formed against you will prosper; and every tongue that accuses you in judgment you will condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their vindication is from Me," declares the Lord.

Rom 8:37 But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

1 Cor 15:54-58 we will have victory in the end.

But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory . 55 "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" 56 The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; 57 but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord.

B. He gave His authority to:

1. The apostles (Matt 10:1; Mark 3:14; Mark 6:7; Luke 9:1)

2. The seventy (Luke 10:19-20)

3. All believers

Matt 28:18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, " All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 19 " Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations

Rev 12:11 "And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

Rom 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

. C. Expose the devil's schemes (Eph 6:11).

Eph 6:11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

1. Resist fear and anxiety.

1 Peter 5:8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour

Deut 20:2-4 "When you are approaching the battle, the priest shall come near and speak to the people. He shall say to them, 'Hear, O Israel, you are approaching the battle against your enemies today. Do not be fainthearted. Do not be afraid, or panic, or tremble before them, for the Lord your God is the one who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you.'

Gen 15:1 "Do not fear, Abram, I am a shield to you; Your reward shall be very great."

Isa 35:4 Say to those with anxious heart, "Take courage, fear not; behold, your God will come with vengeance; the recompense of God will come, but He will save you."

Isa 54:4 "Fear not, for you will not be put to shame; and do not feel humiliated, for you will not be disgraced;

Isa 41:10 'Do not fear, for I am with you; do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'

Isa 43:1-5 "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are Mine! When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they will not overflow you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be scorched, nor will the flame burn you. For I am the Lord your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I have given Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in your place. Since you are precious in My sight, Since you are honored and I love you, I will give other men in your place and other peoples in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; ...

Zeph 3:16-17 In that day it will be said to Jerusalem: "Do not be afraid, O Zion; do not let your hands fall limp. The LORD your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult over you with joy, He will be quiet in His love, He will rejoice over you with shouts of joy.

## 2. Resist pride.

James 4:6 But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

1 Peter 5:5 ... clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for "God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

## 3. Resist anger.

Eph 4:26-27 Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity.

Ps 37:8 Cease from anger and forsake wrath; do not fret; it leads only to evildoing.

## 4. Resist busyness that keeps you from the presence of God.

James 4:7-8 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

1 Peter 5:6-9 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith,

### III. Principles for living in victory:

#### A. Give to God your battles and don't fight them in your own strength, for the battle belongs to the Lord (1 Sam 17:47).

1 Sam 17:47... that all this assembly may know that the Lord does not deliver by sword or by spear; for the battle is the Lord's and He will give you into our hands."

Ps 33:17-21 A horse is a false hope for victory; nor does it deliver anyone by its great strength. Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him, on those who hope for His lovingkindness, to deliver their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine. Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our shield. For our heart rejoices in Him, because we trust in His holy name.

1 Chron 29:11 " Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, indeed everything that is in the heavens and the earth; Yours is the dominion, O Lord, and You exalt Yourself as head over all.

Prov 21:31 The horse is prepared for the day of battle, but victory belongs to the Lord.

B. Be strong in the Lord and in His strength (Eph 6:10).

Eph 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

Ps 144:1 Blessed be the Lord, my rock, Who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle;

C. Don't fight people (Eph 6:12).

Eph 6:12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood,

D. Fight the good fight of faith.

1 Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith; take hold of the eternal life ...

1 John 5:4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.

E. Follow the example of Jesus; use Scriptures in your battle against the enemy (Eph 6:17).

Eph 6:17 And ...the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Luke 4:1- 12 three times Jesus used the Scriptures to defeat Satan

Jesus is led by the Holy Spirit to go into the wilderness for a 40 day fast; "He became hungry," at the end of the 40 days.

v. 3, 6, 9 "the devil said to Him," "If You ..."

v. 4, 8, 12 "it is written ..."

F. Praise and worship God.

Ps 149:5-9 Let the godly ones exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two-edged sword in their hand; to execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples; to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron. To execute on them the judgment written; this is an honor for all His godly ones. Praise the Lord!

Ps 98:1 O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done wonderful things, His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him.

Ps 55:18 He will redeem my soul in peace from the battle which is against me,

#### IV. Taking Your Possession

1. Canaan is promised to:

Abraham: Gen 12:7; 13:14-17; 17:8  
Isaac: Gen 26:3-4  
Jacob: Gen 28:12-14; 35:12  
Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: Gen 50:24  
Israel: Ex 3:8; 6:4; 23:23

2. They had to take possession by placing their foot on the land.

Ex 17:8-15; Deut 11:24-25

3. The battle of faith.

Num 13:25-33 the spies bad report of unbelief.

Num 14:5-9 the faith of Joshua and Caleb

4. Faith conquers with our feet.

Josh 3:14-17 the priest had to step into the Jordan river before it would part

Josh 1:3-9 God gives them every place where their foot treads.

Josh 10:24-26 Joshua has to leaders put their feet on the necks of the conquered kings.

Ps 8:6 You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,

Ps 110:1 The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at My right hand Until I make Your enemies a footstool for Your feet."

Rom 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet.

Luke 10:19 "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.