

## Your Choice

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Dear Friend and Partner,

Deuteronomy 30:19 says, **I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:**

Jesus said in John 10:10: **The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.**

3 John 2: **Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.**

As believers, decisions are left up to us as to what we do in life. We can choose to accept life the way it comes, or, we can use the authority God gave us in Jesus' Name and refuse to accept sickness, pain, poverty and lack.

Ephesians 4:27: **Neither give place to the devil.**

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

1 Peter 5:8,9: **Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.**

We need to learn to yield to God and resist the devil. Resisting the devil is resisting anything that would come to you that would try to harm or do damage to you. You resist the devil with your mouth, just like Jesus did 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.**

- So, when you are tempted to be afraid, speak to fear; call it by name. Say, *"Fear, I rebuke you! I resist you. Go from me now, in Jesus' Name, for it is written: 'For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.'"* (2 Timothy 1:7)
- If pain tries to come on your body, the first thing you want to do is speak to the pain. Say, *"Pain, I resist you in Jesus' Name. It's written in Isaiah 53:4: 'Surely he hath borne our griefs (sicknesses), and carried our sorrows (pains): yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.'"*
- If doubt comes after you've prayed and asked God for something, and thoughts come and say you won't get what you prayed for, immediately speak to the doubt and tell it to leave you now, in Jesus' Name.

As believers, we are responsible for our thought life. **The weapons we fight with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.** (2 Corinthians 10:4,5) So, when any thought comes to any of us, we should immediately ask ourselves, *"What does the Word say about this?"* If the thought is contrary to the Word of God, resist it in Jesus' Name, because it is God's will that we walk in victory, good health, prosperity, and pain free. He wants us always living in joy, peace, and comfort. That's why you should resist any ill feelings that try to come to you. Speak to them immediately in the Name of Jesus!

You can say something like this: *“Ill feelings, discomfort and worry, I resist you, in Jesus’ Name, for it is written...”* and then quote John 14:27: **“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”**

It’s not enough for you and me to know God’s Word; we need to do God’s Word. So, when you are tempted to worry and doubt, don’t dwell on it, because if you do, you are going to open the door to the devil to come in and he’ll take you over with doubt and worry, and bring sickness and poverty, as well. As believers, we never want to give place to the devil by thinking his thoughts. ***We have the power of choice!***

We can choose to take life the way it comes, or we can choose to use our New Covenant benefits and accept them. This is why you should stay built up in God’s promises. The more promises you know from the Word, and the more time you meditate on those promises and recite and quote them to yourself, the quicker you will be at resisting anything that is not full of victory.

1 Corinthians 15:57: **But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

2 Corinthians 2:14: **Now thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest the savour of his knowledge by us in every place.**

Romans 8:37: **Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.**

1 John 4:4: **Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.**

1 John 5:4,5: **for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. Who is it that overcomes the world? Only the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God.**

As a believer, you are never a loser; you’re always a winner. You are always to live in peace and comfort and never in fear or torment. The way you will accomplish this is to immediately recognize anything that tries to come upon you mentally, emotionally, physically or financially that is not joy, victory, peace, prosperity or abundance. Anything other than these needs to be resisted and never accepted. Always be quick to resist any guilt, condemnation, shame, or sorrow. The quicker you resist negative thoughts and feelings by speaking out loud with your mouth words of faith and authority in the Name of Jesus, the stronger you will become. And the stronger you become in God’s Word, the easier your life is going to get!

God wants you to have joy and peace 24 hours a day, every day of your life. We’re told that in the midst of trials, count it all joy (James 1:2), so let’s just keep thanking God and praising Him for all our blessings and what the Word says about us. Tell God every day you appreciate all He’s done for you in and through Christ Jesus. Start now, and remember, you have the power to yield to fear and panic, or to faith and peace. It’s your choice.

Psalm 23:4: **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.**

Psalm 34:1-4: **I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make her boast in the LORD: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad. O magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together. I sought the LORD, and he heard me, and delivered me from all my fears.** Let’s not magnify the problem; let’s magnify the Lord.

Praise God and thank Him that we’ve got the victory, in Jesus’ Name. If depression is trying to take you over, talk to it, in Jesus’ Name. Speak to the depression out loud and tell it to leave you, in Jesus’ Name, because you have the mind of Christ and Jesus was never depressed. **For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.** 1 Corinthians 2:16

The devil will tempt you to be afraid, but don’t yield to it. Refuse it and don’t let it in you. Boldly say, *“I will fear no evil, in Jesus’ Name.”* Your attitude as a believer is, *“Nobody can make me afraid, because greater is he that is in me than he that is in the world.”*

God bless,

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