

FIVE KEYS TO VICTORY

PART 1

James 4:7-8

7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

8 Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

**1. The first key to victory is learning of the benefits of
“SUBMISSION”**

A. Def Submit

1. To obey, to be under obedience, to place underneath

a. To walk in biblical submission means to:

(1) obey the truths and principles of the Word of God

(2) be under obedience of the guidance of the Holy Spirit

(3) place your will underneath the will of God for your life

B. When we live a life of biblical submission, we find ourselves fulfilling:

1. Gal 5:16 I say then: **Walk in the Spirit**, and you shall not fulfill

The Lust of the flesh.

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also **walk in the Spirit**.

a. When walking in biblical submission you are saying no to the wants, desires of our **flesh**

b. biblical submission is saying no to our **soulish realm**:

(1) the mind, will, intellect and emotions

c. Biblical submissions is saying yes to our Born Again **spirit man**, who Has been regenerated by the power of God (Titus 3:5)

(1) Our spirit man that has been regenerated, born again takes control

Over our flesh & soul thru the development of the Fruit of The Holy Spirit in our life

(2) enables us to Walk in The Spirit / Holy Spirit

2. We cannot walk in biblical submission if:

a. our **flesh** still dominates our Born Again spirit man

b. or if our **soul** dominates our Born Again spirit man

3. We must develop **The Fruit of The Holy Spirit** in our spirit man, in order to walk in biblical submission and walk in the Spirit:

a. Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,

23 gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

24 And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its Passions and desires

25 if we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

4. The Fruit of the Holy Spirit is simply the **divine nature of God** which We are to partake of manifesting in our life:

a. 2 Peter 1:4 that through these (promises of God's Word) you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

C. Example of walking in biblical submission:

1. **Jesus:**

Luke 22:41 And He was withdrawn from them about a stone's throw, and He knelt down and prayed,

42 saying, "Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless **not My will, but Yours, be done.**"

2. **David:**

Acts 13:26 He raised up for them David as king, to whom also He gave testimony and said, 'I have found David the son of Jesse, **a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.**'

a. When walking in biblical submission like David, we are able to **conquer Our fears and slay our Goliaths**

(1) 2 Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.

(a) we cannot have the Heart of God when our heart is filled with fear

(b) we will not do all of God's will when our heart is full of fear

(1) Your fears will stop you from stepping out in faith & obedience

b. when we **conquer our flesh** and **soul** and say yes to the will of God and leading of The Holy Spirit

(1) Gal 5:24 And those who are Christ's have **crucified the flesh** with its passions and desires.

3. If you learn what God is looking for in an individual you will walk in Biblical submission:
- a. 1 Sam 13:14 The Lord has sought for Himself a **man after His own heart**,
 - b. Acts 13:22 I have found David the son of Jesse, **a man after My own heart, who will do all My will.**
 - (2) Having God's heart & yielded to God's will is walking in Biblical submission and will enable you to do all of God's will
4. When you have the Heart of your Heavenly Father, and submitted to His will, you receive the same powerful revelation Paul had & tap into The Grace of God, above what you have ever known:
- a. 2 Cor 12:9 And He said to me, "**My grace is sufficient for you**, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.
 - (1) Can you imagine the victory that manifest when you flow in GRACE, instead of moving in the flesh?
 - (a) The Mountains you face in life are conquered when you flow in GRACE
 - (1) Zech 4:7 'Who are you, **O great mountain**? Before Zerubbabel you shall become a plain! And he shall bring forth the capstone With **shouts of "Grace, grace to it!"**'
 - (2) When we are walking in biblical submission, no matter what we face a GRACE manifests on our behalf, that taps into the **super-Natural realm of God's power**:
 - (a) Zech 4:6 Not by might nor by power, **but by My Spirit**,' Says the Lord of hosts.
 - (1) The Power of God
 - (2) The Victory of Our Lord Jesus Christ
 - (3) The Grace of God
 - (4) The Anointing
 - (5) The Miraculous
 - (6) God's Provision
 - (7) Authority over the devil and powers of darkness
 - (a) Biblical Submission releases **SPIRITUAL AUTHORITY** into the life of the Born Again, Spirit Filled Believer

- (1) Luke 7:8 For I also am a **man placed under authority**, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."
- (a) What empowered this soldiers words with spiritual authority, to the point that when he spoke others obeyed?
 - (1) **“FOR I AM A MAN PLACED UNDER AUTHORITY”**
 - (a) we must choose to place ourselves under authority both spiritually and naturally in order to tap into the pwer of spiritual authority,
 - (1) so that when we speak the word of God: THE DEVIL TAKES HEED
 - (2) Remember: **NO SUBMISSION MEANS NO RESISTING**

II. Second key to victory: **RESIST**

James 4:7 **Resist the devil** and he will flee from you.

A. Allow me to clarify this is where many believers miss God:

- 1. They attempt to resist the devil
 - a. when they have not first chosen to be **“Submitted unto God”**
 - (1) Biblical submission is the key to unlocking the power of **effectively RESISTING THE DEVIL**

B. **Understanding how RESISTING the devil works:**

1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

1. **“BE SOBER”**

- a. This word deals with: not drinking wine....or being drunk
 - (1) You cannot be drunk on: wine, drugs, sin, cares of this life, worries Workaholic, unforgiveness, bitterness, whatever.....
And effectively resist the devil
 - (a) We must be sober:
 - (b) Amp Trans: 1 Peter 5:8
 - (c) Amp Trans1 Pet 5:8 Be well **balanced** (temperate, sober of mind)

2. 1 Pet 5:8 “**BE VIGILANT**”:

a..to watch, to be awake, to be in training

(1) speaking of being built up spiritually, alert

(2) it is actually speaking against putting forth a half hearted and serving God according to:

(a) Mark 12:30 And you shall love the Lord your God with **all your heart**, with **all your soul**, with **all your mind**, and **with all your strength**.

3. **Why we must be sober and vigilant:**

a. 1 Peter 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; **because** your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

(1) Note: “**whom he may devour**”

(a) the devil walks about in the spirit realm looking for people, especially Believers who are not sober/ but drunk: & and not vigilant / but slothful & half hearted in serving The Lord & about The Lord’s business

4. But: When we are SOBER, when we are VIGILANT, then we can Effectively Resist the devil:

a. 1 Peter 5:9 Resist him, steadfast in the faith,

C. **Def RESIST #1: to oppose, to stand against**

1. THE **Whole Armor of God** is the spiritual weapon we use to oppose & Stand against the devil:

a. Eph 6:11-18

11 **Put on the whole armor of God**, that you may be able to stand against The wiles of the devil.

12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to Withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness,

15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is

The word of God;

18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints —

D. Def RESIST #2: the middle voice, to confess in turn

1. Every time the devil attempts to devour you thru his lies & accusations
 - a. **do as Jesus did & confess the in turn back to him:**
 - (1) Matt 4:7 Jesus said to him, "It is written
 - (2) Matt 4:10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written,
2. When we stedfastly resist the devil & confess the word of God, the devil fleas and angelic ministry is released on our behalf:
 - a. Matt 4:11 11 Then the devil left Him, and behold, angels came and ministered to Him.

E. Def. RESIST #3: to respond in praise

1. when the devil attacks, don't start complaining, whining, giving up, or laying down in defeat:
 - a. Rather: **release the power of praise**
2. Example of the power of praise:
 - a. Acts 16:24-26
 - 24 Having received such a charge, he put them into the inner prison and fastened their feet in the stocks. The Philippian Jailer Saved
 - 25 But at midnight Paul and Silas were **praying and singing hymns to God**, and the prisoners were listening to them.
 - 26 Suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the Prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were loosed.
3. I does not matter what type of prison the devil may be holding you in:
If you will resist the devil thru the power of praise:
 - a. The Holy Spirit's presence will come and fill your prison cell
 - b. And shake the powers of darkness until your prison doors have opened
 - (1) Ps 124:7 Our soul has escaped as a bird from the snare of the fowlers;
The snare is broken, and we have escaped.
 - 8 Our help is in the name of the Lord, Who made heaven and earth

F. **Def RESIST #4: to give thanks**

1. **Learn to give God thanks for the victory before it manifests**

a. 1 Thess 5:18 **in everything give thanks**; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

(1) no matter how impossible your situation may seem:

(a) it is the will of God that IN / not FOR but “**IN EVERYTHING** give thanks”

2. When we give God thanks before the victory manifests, FAITH will arise in In our heart

a. we will go from an attitude of defeat & despair to faith in God

(1) 1 Cor 15:57 But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

III. The end result of living a life in biblical submission, which in turn

Releases spiritual authority into our life, that enables us to effectively Resist the devil is seen in:

A. James 4:7 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he the devil / the powers of darkness) will **FLEE FROM YOU**.

1. Many translation say: “he will **run away from you**”

a. Instead of Christians running from the devil

b. The devil should be running away from us: The Key

(1) walking in **biblical submission**, which releases spiritual authority into our life, as we speak and do the Word of God

(2) Thus releasing the second Key: **RESIST**

B. Have you been attempting t resist the devil, yet not living a life of biblical Submission:

1. and as you speak the Word of God you find no one is listening:

a. the devil and the powers of darkness are not listening

b. circumstances you are speaking to, pay no attention to your confession

c. even people in your life, who are under your spiritual authority, do not take heed to what you say:

(d) you praise, but God’s presence does not manifest

(1) Be it in the home

(2) On the job

(3) Even in the church & in your ministry

2. It may be due to the fact that, you got all the scriptures memorized for Resisting
 - a. But, you have not lived a life of biblical submission
 - (1) Not surrendered to the will of God
 - (2) Not obeying the leading of The Holy Spirit
 - (3) unyielding to spiritual authority
 - (4) unyielding to the natural authority set in place in this world
3. No living a life of biblical submission violates spiritual principles that stop The devil from stealing, killing, and destroying in our life:
 - a. Eph 4:27 **nor give place to the devil.**
5. At the same time, if you are living a life of biblical submission:
 - a. you need to rest assured in the fact that you have been given spiritual authority thru Our Lord Jesus Christ
 - b. and as you exercise your spiritual authority and resist the devil
 - (1) you will see the devil flee away from you