

Tell the Truth & Shame the Devil

Ephesians 4:23-27 (CEV) Let the Spirit change your way of thinking 24 and make you into a new person. You were created to be like God, and so you must please him and be truly holy. 25 We are part of the same body. Stop lying and start telling each other the truth.

What is lying?

pseudos - a falsehood: in a broad sense, whatever is not what it seems to be (smoke and mirrors)

Eph 4:26 (CEV) Don't get so angry that you sin. Don't go to bed angry 27 and don't give the devil a chance.

Ephesians 4:25-27 (GW) 25 So then, get rid of lies. Speak the truth to each other, because we are all members of the same body.

26 Be angry without sinning. Don't go to bed angry. 27 Don't give the devil any opportunity to work.

One of the problems is that people don't believe that there is a devil. Well, this settles the issue because if God is saying not to give him place:

1. There is a devil
2. It is possible to give him place

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.

Revelation:

1. There is a devil
2. He is a known liar & He is coming to devour

katapinō - to drink down & swallow up (a lion finishing the bloody remnants).

1 Peter 5:8 (CEV) 8 Be on your guard and stay awake. Your enemy, the devil, is like a roaring lion, sneaking around to find someone to attack.

1 Peter 5:9 Whom resist steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world.

Resist, Gr. anthistēmi -

Anit- against

histēmi- to stand, abide, established

To stand against or to stand in opposition

It is a word that demonstrates the attitude of one who is fiercely opposed to something and therefore determines the he will do everything within his power to resist, stand against it, and to defy its operation.

By using this word, James is plainly telling us that we must be aggressive against the devil.

Just hoping things will get better is a lie. You will have to get busy resisting.

1 Peter 5:10 But the God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you.

Who are you resisting?

A real being.

John 8:37-45

I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you. 38 I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. 39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. 41 Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. 42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. 45 And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not.

Revelation 12:9

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

“deceiveth the whole world” don’t take this lightly. The devil and his cohorts are masters at this. They don’t come in the front door ever! They always look for an open back door.

(Liars in prison)

These spirit have been at this for 6 millennia. In our own strength, we are powerless against them. But we are supposed to rely upon our own strength.

Ephesians 6:10-13

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

How do you know when he comes?

Wiles Gr. methodeia - cunning arts, deceit, craft, trickery, sophistry

Sophistry: subtle, deceptive reasoning or argumentation.

He will get you arguing about everything.

To major tools to overcome this:

1. Truth
2. Test everything (too many sway everything).

When it comes to the Word, be quick to trust it and act on it without question or understanding.

Everything else, you question, scrutinize and check it out. Doesn't matter what mouth-piece it come though.

12 For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. 13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand (anthistēmi) in the evil day, and having done all, to stand (histēmi).

histēmi- to stand, abide, established

There are 2 Truths that we need to overcome:

1. The Word of God
2. The Spirit of Truth

John 8:30-32

As he spake these words, many believed on him. 31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; 32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

John 16:13

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

1 John 2:20

But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

1 John 2:27

But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you of all things, and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him.

1 John 5:6

This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.