

Launching Text: Mark 11:22Have faith in God (and have faith in God's way of doing things).

Ephesians 6:12 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.

Proverbs 6:31 But if he (the thief including the devil) be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

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

Intro: In this series of messages we have looked at "Faith That Pleases God" and "Faith That Profits The Believer". In this message we will look at "Faith That Plunders Our Enemy" and that enemy is Satan. God does not want us overcome by the Devil but wants us overcoming him and in this message we will look at how this can be accomplished.

IF WE PLUNDER OUR ENEMY, THE FOLLOWING MUST TAKE PLACE:

1. WE MUST ENTER THE RIGHT POSITION (In Christ)

2-Corinthians 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

1. In Christ, A Place Of Trust

Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.⁶ In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

2. In Christ, A Place Of Tests

John 16:33 These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

3. In Christ, A Place Of Triumph

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

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

1-Corinthians 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

2. WE MUST BE EQUIPPED WITH THE RIGHT PARAPHENALIA (The Right Equipment)

Ephesians 6:13 Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

1. Stand In Truth

Ephesians 6:14a Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth,

John 14:6 Jesus said..., I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

2. Stand In Righteousness

Ephesians 6:14b and having on the breastplate of righteousness.

2-Corinthians 5:21 For He (the Father) hath made Him (Jesus) to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

3. Stand In & With The Gospel

Ephesians 6:15 And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

Romans 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

4. Stand & Take The Shield of Faith

Ephesians 6:16 Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

Mark 11:23 For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say (by faith) unto this mountain (that stands in the way), Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall

believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith.

5. Stand & Take The Helmet of Salvation

Ephesians 6:17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the hearts.

6. Stand Pray & Praise

Ephesians 6:18 Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

Luke 18:1 And Jesus spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint;

2-Timothy 2:3.³ Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.

Galatians 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Psalms 34:1 I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

3. WE MUST ENTERTAIN THE RIGHT POWER (Holy Ghost Power)

Zechariah 4:6 Then He (the Lord) answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto

Zerubbabel (and to all that will hear), saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts. Acts 1:8...ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost comes upon you.....

1. For This Power There Must Be A Craving John 7:27a Jesus stood & cried, if any man thirst

2. For This Power There Must Be A Coming John 7:37b let him come unto Me (Jesus)

3. For This Power There Must Be A Change John 7:37c and drink (become one with Christ)

4. For This Power There Must Be A Claiming John 7:38a He that believes on Me (Jesus)

5. For This Power There Will Be A Consequence John 7:38b as the Scripture has said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. John 7:39 But this spake He of the Spirit which they that believe on Him should receive.

4. WE MUST EXERCISE THE RIGHT PLAN *(God's Plan From The Word Of God)*

Psalms 119:1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way (that is in the way of the Lord), who walk in His law (that is by the Word) of the Lord.

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.

Proverbs 14:12 There is a way which seems right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.

1. The Right Plan Is Saturation With The Word

2-Timothy 2:15 Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2. The Right Plan Is Meditation On The Word

Joshua 1:8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.

3. The Right Plan Is Pronunciation Of The Word

Matthew 17:20 (The disciples had encountered a demon in the son of a man that had asked them to cast it out and they could not. The young man was brought to Jesus and Jesus cast the demon out. The disciples asked Jesus, Why could we not cast the demon out? Jesus said, because of your unbelief. He went on to say), If you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you shall say unto this mountain (or any other thing that is in your way), remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove: and nothing shall be impossible to you.

4. The Right Plan Is Glorification To God Because Of Who He Is & The Power Of His Word.

Psalms 29:1-2 Give unto the Lord, O ye mighty, give unto the Lord glory and strength. Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

5. WE WILL ENJOY THE RIGHT PROFIT *(The Believers Profit From God's Prosperity Program)*

2-Corinthians 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.

Proverbs 6:31 But if he (the thief including the devil) be found, he shall restore sevenfold; he shall give all the substance of his house.

Matthew 11:12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force.

1. We Profit From The Name Of Jesus

Philippians 2:9-11 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:¹⁰ That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;¹¹ And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

John 16:23 Verily, verily, I (Jesus) say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall ask the Father in my name, he will give it you.

2. We Profit From The Blood Of Jesus & The Word Of Our Testimony

Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him (the devil) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Psalms 107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy;

3. We Profit From The Word Of God

Psalms 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psalms 119:105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

4. We Profit From A Godly Life Style

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:² And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

(your place is blessed, your possessions is blessed, and your problems and battles turn to victory)

Deuteronomy 28:8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.

Closing: By Faith get violent against the devil.

Tell him what to do.

Command him to bring back all that he has stolen from you.

Give him no place in your space.

Command the blessings of God to come.

Plunder the devil and hell and populate heaven!