

Message 1: Transition Our Position For Contentment In 2013

Message 2: Transition Our Position To Contend & Win in 2013

Launching Text: Jude v3 Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, & exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Text: 1-Timothy 1:18-19 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; ¹⁹ Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck:

Intro: We are in a war----good verses evil----righteous & unrighteous and the devil and the flesh is our enemy.

ALL OF OUR WARS ARE ALWAYS WINNABLE! JESUS HAS ALREADY PROVIDED THE VICTORY!

1-Tim 6:12 Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art called and hast professed a good profession.

2-Tim 2:3-4 Thou therefore endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life that he may please him that hath chosen him to be a soldier.

1-peter 5:8-9 Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil is as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour; Whom resist stedfast in the faith.....

Eph 6:11-12 Put on the whole armor of God that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil 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.

THE DEVIL WOULD LOVE NOTHING MORE THAN FOR US TO MAKE SHIPWRECK OF OUR FAITH!

1. TRANSITION OUR POSITION TO CONTEND & WIN THROUGH PREPARATION

(READY YOURSELF)

Luke 14:31 Or what king, going to make war against another king, sitteth not down first, and consulteth whether he be able with ten thousand to meet him that cometh against him with twenty thousand?

1. Transition Our Position And Arm Ourselves with the name of Jesus

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

2. Transition Our Position And Arm Ourselves With Prayer

Luke 18:1 Men ought always to pray and not to faint.

Mark 11:24 Therefore I (Jesus) say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that you receive them and ye shall have them.

3. Transition Our Position And Arm Ourselves With The Word

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

Ps 119:89 Forever, O Lord, thy Word is settled in heaven.

Heb 4:12 For the Word of God is quick and powerful and sharper than any two-edge 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 heart.

4. Transition Our Position And Arm Ourselves With The Blood of the Lamb

1-Pet 1:18 For as much as you know you were not redeemed with corruptible things such as silver and gold from your vain conversation received by the tradition of your fathers, but with the precious blood of Jesus. *(THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD)*

Rev 12:11and they overcame him (the devil) with the blood of the Lamb.....

5. Transition Our Position And Arm Ourselves With The Word Of Our Testimony

Rev 12:11...they overcame him (the devil)with the word of their testimony.

Ps 107:2 Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.

Prov 18:21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.

Mark 11:23 For verily I (Jesus) say unto you, that whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed and be thou cast in 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.

6. Transition Our Position And Arm Ourselves With the Shield of Faith

Eph 6:16 Above all taking the shield of faith wherewith you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one.

7. Transition Our Position And Arm Ourselves With The Holy Ghost

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon thee.....

Eph 5:18 And be not drunk with wine wherein is excess but be filled with the Spirit.

Zec 4:6This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel say, Not by power nor by might but by my Spirit saith the Lord of hosts.

1-Sam 10:6 And the Spirit of the Lord will come upon thee, and thou shall prophesy with them, and thou shall be turned into another man.

2. TRANSITION OUR POSITION TO CONTEND & WIN THROUGH IDENTIFICATION

(IDENTIFY THE ENEMIES AND FOLLOW GOD'S STRATEGY TO WIN)

(IT'S NOT PEOPLE, FLESH AND BLOOD----IT'S THE DEVIL---HE WILL USE ANYTHING AGAINST YOU)

1. Spirits 1-John 4:1 Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world.

2. Traditions Mark 7:13 teaches that man's tradition will make the word of God of none effect.

3. Religion Col 2:8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men and not after Christ.

4. Situations *(Righteous Reigning)*---Isa 54:17 No weapon formed against you shall prosper and every Tongue that shall rise in judgment against thee, thou shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants Of the Lord and their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord.

3. TRANSITION OUR POSITION TO CONTEND & WIN THROUGH DEMONSTRATION

Col 3:17 And whatsoever you do in word or deed do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him

Phil 1:10 That ye may approve things that are excellent, that ye may be without offense till the day of Christ being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ unto the glory and praise of God.

1. Transition Our Position To Take Charge of Self**1. Our Actions**

Rom 6:12 Let not sin reign in our mortal bodies to obey the lust thereof.

13 Neither yield your members as instruments of unrighteousness but yield yourselves to God

2. Our Associations

James 4:4 Ye adulterers and adulteresses know ye not that friendship with the world is enmity with God. Whosoever is a friend of the world is an enemy of God.

Eph 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather reprove them.

3. Our Affections

1-Tim 5:22 ...keep thyself pure.

1-John 2:15-17 Love not the world neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world (its ways) the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father but of the world. And the world passeth away and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of the Father shall abide forever.

4. Our Ability (It's by our faith—God empowers through our faith) Mark 11:22 have faith in God

Mat 17:20 (why could we not cast the devil out) ...if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.

2. Transition Our Position To Take Charge of Satan

Eph 4:27 Give no place to the devil.

1. Conquer Satan's Will

John 10:10 The thief cometh not but to steal, to kill and to destroy

2. Control Satan's Weapons

2-Cor 10:4-6 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty thru God to the pulling down of strongholds. Casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself again the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ and having a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

3. Cancel Satan's Work**1. So things behind won't conquer us**

Phil 3:13-14 Brethren I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things that are behind, and reaching forth unto those things that are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

2. So things within won't control us

Luke 9:23 If any come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me

Phil 2:5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus.....

3. So things without won't confine us

Acts 20:22-24 And now, behold I go in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: Save the Holy Ghost witnesseth in ever city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me. But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus to testify the gospel of the grace of God.

3. Transition Our Position To Take Charge of Situations (Prophecy to the situation)**1. Embarrass The Devil Through God's Plan**

Romans 12:21 Be not overcome with evil, but overcome evil with good. (Change bad to good)

2. Embarrass the Devil Through Our Pain

Rom 8:18 For I reckon the sufferings of this present world are not worthy to be compared to the glory that shall be revealed in us.

John 14:18 I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you.

3. Embarrass the Devil Through Our Persecution

1-Peter 4:16 If any suffer as a Christian let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God on this behalf.

Luke 6:22 Blessed are ye when men shall hate you and when they shall separate you from their

Company and shall reproach you and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of Man's sake.

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy for behold your reward is great in heaven for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

4. Embarrass the Devil Through Our Plenty

Phil 4:19 but my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus

Ps 84:11 No good thing will he withhold from them who walk uprightly.

2-Pet 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness thru the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue.

Ps 37:19 They (the upright) shall not be ashamed in the evil time: and in the days of famine they shall be satisfied. Ps 112 wealth and riches shall be in their house.