



Resist the devil and pray

- 1 - Satan is still your fierce enemy
- 2 - You need help with your unbelief
- 3 - Prayer causes things to happen that don't happen if the prayers don't happen

#1 :

Ephesians 2:1

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

#2 :

Acts 10:38

...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.

#3:

Exodus 5:21-6:1

...(The Israelites said to Moses) “You have made us stink in the sight of Pharaoh and his servants, and have put a sword in their hand to kill us.” Then Moses turned to the LORD and said, “O Lord, why have you done evil to this people? Why did you ever send me? For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has done evil to this people, and you have not delivered your people at all.” But the LORD said to Moses, “Now you shall see what I will do to Pharaoh; for with a strong hand he will send them out, and with a strong hand he will drive them out of his land.”

#4:

“The English Anglican writer CS Lewis wrote an ingenious little book entitled *The Screwtape Letters*, a remarkable commentary on spiritual warfare from the point of view of our Enemy. In it there is one letter from the senior devil, Screwtape, to his

nephew Wormwood in which Screwtape rejoices over the fact that ‘in modern Christian writings’ there is to be found ‘few of the old warnings about worldly vanities, the choice of friends, and the value of time.’ Now, whether or not Lewis is right with regard to a scarcity of Christian literature about ‘worldly vanities’ and ‘the value of time’ in the modern world, he is undoubtedly correct when it comes to the topic of friendship.”

Michael Haykin
8 Women of Faith

#5:

“When we wake up in the morning, what do we expect our day to be like? This is important because our idea of normality will govern whether we end up delighted or disappointed at the end of the day. The book of Job ought to shape our expectation of the normal Christian life. Every morning we ought to wake up and say to ourselves, ‘There is a vicious, dark spiritual battle being waged over me today.’ Satan is very busy wherever on earth there is a believer walking with God. So here is one inescapable element of the normal Christian life: warfare.”

Christopher Ash
Job: The Wisdom of the Cross

#6:

“We must become alert to Satan’s influence and devices...Suffering is no time to sleep. It is a time to identify Satan’s strategies and pray...(He) still lies in wait, watching for hardships in our lives that just might leave us vulnerable to his lies...Prayer will be an essential way to stand firm.”

Dr. Ed Welch

#7:

“Resist him” - to cower before the devil is to invite sure defeat; resistance in faith procures his flight. Resist means to stand against (and gives the idea of) a military metaphor. As a definite act, Christians should take a solid stand in opposition to the devil as their true enemy. Scripture urges believers to flee from various evils but nowhere are they advised to flee from the devil.

Bill Kittrell
A Failed Battle
Mark 9:14-29

Sermon Quotes
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James in giving the same command to resist the devil, adds the assuring promise, 'and he will flee from you'. Christians should stand firm and unyielding like granite in resisting Satan.

Edmund Hiebert
1 Peter