

Daily Devil
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[Mat 13:24-30 NASB95] 24 Jesus presented another parable to them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. 25 "But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away. 26 "But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also. 27 "The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, 'Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?' 28 "And he said to them, 'An enemy has done this!' The slaves said to him, 'Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?' 29 "But he said, 'No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them. 30 'Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, "First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

[Eph 6:10-13 NASB95] 10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual [forces] of wickedness in the heavenly [places.] 13 Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

[1Pe 5:8-10 NASB95] 8 Be of sober [spirit,] be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 But resist him, firm in [your] faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world. 10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen [and] establish you.

- Majority of Western people believe that the devil and demons exist yet act as though they are not present daily.
- God has faced opposition from spirit agents as God seeks to establish God's Will on earth as it is in heaven. Satan's existence is why nature fails to consistently reflect the loving and kind character of God. ~ Gregory Boyd (All Creation Groans)
- CS Lewis – the problem exists when we pay too little or too much attention to the devil.
- He, the devil, is real and active in our daily lives.

What should Christians know about the daily work of the devil?

There are 5 facts that Christians need to know about the work of the devil.

I. Five facts from these scriptures that Christians need to know.

- a. The devil is real.
- b. The devil is powerful but not equal to God.
- c. The devil corrupts what God does.
- d. The devil has a will of his own.
- e. The world is influenced by the devil.

II. Five responses Christians need to know about the daily work of the devil.

- a. Christians need to live like the devil is real.
 - i. [Mat 4:10 NASB95] 10 Then Jesus said to him, "Go, Satan! For it is written, 'YOU SHALL WORSHIP THE LORD YOUR GOD, AND SERVE HIM ONLY.'"
 - ii. "Be sober... alert" I Peter 5
 - iii. [Pro 26:13 NASB95] 13 The sluggard says, "There is a lion in the road! A lion is in the open square!"

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- b. Christians need exercise authority over the devil.
 - i. “Resist...” I Peter 5
 - ii. [Luk 10:19 NASB95] 19 "Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing will injure you.
- c. Christians need to not be ignorant of the works of the devil.
 - i. “Prowls around...” I Peter 5
 - ii. “Schemes...” Ephesians 6
 - iii. “Sows tares...” Matthew 13:25
- d. Christians need to resist the devil in faith.
 - i. “But resist him, firm in your faith...” I Peter 5
 - ii. [Jas 4:7 NASB95] 7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- e. Christians need to release the influence of God to this world.
 - i. Jesus came to destroy the works of the devil. [1Jo 3:8 NASB95] 8 the one who practices sin is of the devil; for the devil has sinned from the beginning. The Son of God appeared for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.
 - ii. We are to pray against the evil (evil one.) [Mat 6:10, 13 NASB95] 10 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. ... 13 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]

- **Cowardice never wins against the devil, only courage.**
- **God wants Christians to understand the devil is at work to destroy the work of God and we need to respond in faith and submission to God as we resist the devil.**