

Unstoppable pt9 – Submission Equals Greater Dominion

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[Jas 4:7 NASB95] 7 Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.

- If we rebel against God, we might as well set up an altar to Satan. [1Sa 15:23 NASB95] 23 "For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from [being] king."
- Any hope of your resistance against the enemy being effective is related to your submission to God.

What is the connection between submission and dominion, and how do I get it to work for me?

When we submit to God, we walk in greater dominion over Satan.

I. Submission to God is the first step to stopping Satan.

- a. Hupotasso (transliterated) A Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader."
- b. Jesus' commission in Mark speaks to these signs following believers. They have committed themselves to Him. The signs work for those who are committed to Jesus.
- c. What areas does submission to God look like? Here are four that God says to submit.
 - i. The Word of God. [2Ti 3:16-17 NASB95] 16 All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; 17 so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.
 - ii. Relationships.
 1. [1Pe 2:18-20 NASB95] 18 Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. 19 For this [finds] favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. 20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer [for it] you patiently endure it, this [finds] favor with God.
 2. [1Pe 3:1, 7 NASB95] 1 In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any [of them] are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives, ... 7 You husbands in the same way, live with [your wives] in an understanding way, as with someone weaker, since she is a woman; and show her honor as a fellow heir of the grace of life, so that your prayers will not be hindered.
 3. [Eph 6:1-3 NASB95] 1 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. 2 HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER (which is the first commandment with a promise), 3 SO THAT IT MAY BE WELL WITH YOU, AND THAT YOU MAY LIVE LONG ON THE EARTH.
 - iii. Spiritual leadership. [Heb 13:7, 17 NASB95] 7 Remember those who led you, who spoke the word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith. ... 17 Obey your leaders and submit [to them,] for they keep watch over your souls as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.
 - iv. Governing authorities. [1Pe 2:13-17 NASB95] 13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, 14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise

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of those who do right. 15 For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. 16 [Act] as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but [use it] as bondslaves of God. 17 Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

- d. Submission to God involves submitting to everything/one He has commanded.

II. Resisting Satan requires us to walk in our dominion.

- a. [Psa 76:6 NASB95] 6 At Your rebuke, O God of Jacob, Both rider and horse were cast into a dead sleep.
- b. It is time to "censure, admonish, forbid and charge (command)" some stuff in our lives. If you want to use the word rebuke, resist, cast out or whatever, fine. We need to take charge of the things the enemy is throwing at us instead of just accepting his garbage.
- c. Jude 1:9 But Michael the archangel, when he disputed with the devil and argued about the body of Moses, did not dare pronounce against him a railing judgment, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!"
- d. Matthew 16:19 I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you bind on earth shall have been bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall have been loosed in heaven."
- e. Mark 3:26 If Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but [a]he is finished! 27 But no one can enter the strong man's house and plunder his property unless he first binds the strong man, and then he will plunder his house.
- f. Matthew 12:28 But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. 29 Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.
- g. Luke 10:17-19 – 17 The [i]seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." 18 And He said to them, "I was watching Satan fall from heaven like lightning. 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. 20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are recorded in heaven."
- h. James 4:7 – Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- i. [Psa 8:3-6 NASB95] 3 When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; 4 What is man that You take thought of him, And the son of man that You care for him? 5 Yet You have made him a little lower than God, And You crown him with glory and majesty! 6 You make him to rule over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet,
- j. [Mal 3:10 NASB95] 10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.

III. How to resist Satan?

- a. From the Scriptures above, the primary way is to speak.
- b. God uses the faith-filled words of a believer to overcome the enemy.
- c. [Pro 18:21 NASB95] 21 Death and life are in the power of the tongue, And those who love it will eat its fruit.
- d. [Isa 55:10-11 NASB95] 10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, And do not return there without watering the earth And making it bear and sprout, And furnishing seed to the sower and bread to the eater; 11 So will My word be which goes forth from My mouth; It will not return to Me empty, Without accomplishing what I desire, And without succeeding [in the matter] for which I sent it.

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- e. [Eze 37:4-8 NASB95] 4 Again He said to me, "Prophesy over these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD.' 5 "Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones, 'Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life. 6 'I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the LORD.'" 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold, a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 And I looked, and behold, sinews were on them, and flesh grew and skin covered them; but there was no breath in them.
 - f. Your rebuke is powerful.
- **Say, "In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I censure, admonish, forbid, and take command of every evil spirit that is warring against my family, my church, and me. I declare that God's power is delivering me and defeating my enemies. Satan, his demons, and their work are stopped now. Every spirit must be quiet! I speak peace, be still to every adversarial situation in my life. I stand over every sickness, and at my rebuke, in the Name of Jesus Christ, it has to leave. I command every spirit that is hindering me to go! As a tither, every devourer that has come against my finances must leave now! By the power of the Holy Spirit, I am delivered and walking in victory in every area of my life."**