

God's Tools for Victory

We all find ourselves in testing, trials or under attack from satan and when we do we need to use successful methods to overcome. Let's look at two of these that God instructs us to use in this fight.

1. Jesus, when He was tested by satan in the wilderness. (Matthew 4:1-11)

Satan came to Jesus after He had endured 40 days alone and without food. This is when he spoke into Jesus' mind ½ truths and ½ Biblical principles. In this time of trial notice Jesus directly and only answered him with "It is written" with full Biblical truths that flowed right out of His heart.

John 7:38 ^(AMP)

³⁸ *He who believes in Me [who cleaves to and trusts in and relies on Me] as the Scripture has said, From his innermost being shall flow [continuously] springs and rivers of living water.*

What this example shows us is:

- Satan will come and will speak to us ½ truths which really are lies or traps
- Like Jesus we need to know the Word of God and His Principles to see these lies
- Jesus in doing battle only answered with the quoted "correct" Truth or Word of God
- Satan didn't leave after the first attack BUT didn't stay long when the Word was used

2. Joshua, when he was tasked with entering the Promised Land. (Joshua 1:1-9)

Joshua now 40 years older was about to enter the Promised Land with roughly 3 million Israelites. Remember the Promised Land? The land that was full of giants and walled cities. Joshua did and had all the thoughts any of us would when facing such a challenge. God knew the pressure on Joshua and gave him the keys of success that would make him succeed. All Joshua needed to do was to keep the word of God before his eyes and on his lips. Doesn't that sound just like what Jesus did during His testing by satan when He answered "It is written"? So if we desire to succeed we will need to do the same!

Joshua 1: 7-8 ^(AMP)

⁷ *Only you be strong and very courageous, that you may do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you. Turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that you may prosper wherever you go.*

⁸ *This Book of the Law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, that you may observe and do according to all that is written in it. For then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall deal wisely and have good success.*

Activation of these weapons against satan:

When you find yourself under the pressure of satan and his sickness, lack or fear you need to use these same methods to answer satan's thoughts or words.

- a. Let the Mind of Christ be in you and look to greater than yourself for the solution.

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Phi 2:5 ^(AMP)

Let this same attitude and purpose and [humble] mind be in you which was in Christ Jesus: [Let Him be your example in humility:]

- b. You are destroyed through a lack of knowledge so therefore, get knowledge of what the Word of God says about your situation.

Hosea 4:6 ^(AMP)

⁶ My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you [the priestly nation] have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you that you shall be no priest to Me; seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.

- c. Choose Life over death, Blessing over cursing. Do not forget what the Bible says in any test or trial and then submit to this Truth or “Let the Mind of Christ” be your highest reality.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 ^(AMP)

¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness this day against you that I have set before you life and death, the blessings and the curses; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live

²⁰ And may love the Lord your God, obey His voice, and cling to Him. For He is your life and the length of your days, that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to give to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

- d. Speak back to satan and his twisted truths only with the Word of God.

Life and death are in your tongue and what you say will either help or hinder your success.

Proverbs 18:21 ^(AMP)

²¹ Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and they who indulge in it shall eat the fruit of it [for death or life].

The wonderful design God has made us in includes the fact that we can't think about one thing and speak about something else at the same time. We have been designed to shut off the voice in our head to see what our mouth is saying. Therefore, when you have any thoughts that are not from God, you can always turn them off by speaking the Word of God to them. This is the Godly way we can “Take the Mind of Christ” over the strategies of any of satan's attacks!

Check List:

- What does the Word of God say about what I am thinking, feeling or pressured by?
- What am I going to say and think about that situation?
- Am I willing to resist satan's pressure to see the victory of the Promised Land?