

Resisting Evil and Finding Intimacy with God / COB / 07.27.14

1. Resist attacks of evil.

- † Resist Temptation: Romans 13.14; James 4.7
 - Flee: 1 Corinthians 6.18; 10.14
 - Call a friend for encouragement and accountability: Hebrews 3.13; 1 Thessalonians 5.11
 - Pray and Resist: James 5.13; 1 Corinthians 10.13
 - Subcategory: Distraction: Luke 10.38-40 [example]
- † Resist Deception: 1 Corinthians 15.33
 - From self: James 1.26; Galatians 5.16
 - From others: 1 John 2.26; 2 John 1.7;
 - From demons: Ephesians 6.10-18; Revelation 12.9
 - Subcategory: Accusation [negative, wrong thoughts]: John 13.2 [example]
 - Take thoughts captive! [2 Corinthians 10.5]
- † Sources of attack
 - Cultural influence / love of the world: 1 John 2.15-17; James 1.27
 - Flesh: Galatians 5.16-17
 - Demons: 1 Peter 5.8-9
- † Resist to fullest extent possible, as Christ did: Hebrews 12.1-4

2. Confess all sins immediately.

- † Confess to God for restoration of your relationship, forgiveness, cleansing: 1 John 1.9
 - Realize conviction to repent is from God, but lasting guilt is a demonic deception: Romans 8.1
- † Confess to spiritual friends for healing and experiencing God's grace through the body: James 5.16

3. Obey [which includes resisting evil and confessing sins]

- † Obedience is integral to Christian life
 - Shows love for God and Christ: 1 John 5.3; John 14.15
 - Is evidence of our saving relationship with God: 1 John 2.3-5
 - Allows us to be used by God for good: 2 Timothy 2.21
 - Prevents us grieving God: Ephesians 4.17-30
 - Prevents repercussions of sin: 1 Timothy 5.20; Hebrews 12.5-6; John 5.14; Romans 13.5; Hebrews 3.13; John 8.34; Romans 6.16-18; Galatians 5.19-25; Matthew 6.20; 2 Corinthians 5.10; 1 Peter 3.8-12; James 1.25
- † Obedience is seeking to do God's will
 - We should not tolerate sin: Romans 6.15
 - We should not fall into legalism: Galatians 5.1
 - We should learn to live under the New Covenant [Luke 22.20; Romans 8.1-2; 1 Corinthians 9.21; 11.25; 2 Corinthians 3.6; Hebrews 9.15; James 1.25; 2.8]

4. Commitment to obedience will lead to intimacy with God

- † Obedience is necessary for fellowship with God: 1 John 1.5b-6
- † Our obedience will lead to a loving relationship with Christ and Christ revealing himself to us: John 14.21

