

24/7 PRAYER RESOURCES

Notes

seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith...' (1 Peter 5:8-9).

- E. We must use our authority against satan, who seeks to steal, kill, and destroy God's blessing in our life (by fear, addictions, emotional oppression, division, sickness, financial oppression etc.).

Jesus gives insight into satan's nature and tactics against us whenever he is involved in our life.

'The thief [satan] does not come except to steal and to kill and to destroy' (John 10:10).

- F. The principalities and powers speak of the invisible demonic hierarchy in the spirit realm.

Our primary problems are not of human origin, but are invisible enemies. To stand is to refuse to accept satan's attacks. God's word is our weapon. We resist satan's attacks by speaking the Word. Heightened strife or negative emotions often involve satan's flaming missiles striking us.

We do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers...in the heavenly places. Take up the whole armour of God...having done all, to stand...taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one...Take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God... (Ephesians 6:12-17).

- G. Our problems are often the result of several factors working together including psychological issues (our mindset, belief systems and life choices), physiological issues (diet, alcohol, chemicals etc.), sociological issues (what others do to us), and spiritual (demonic attack). By using our authority, we can remove the added pressure that demons bring to our problems. This makes it easier to solve physiological, psychological, and sociological problems. Exercising authority against satan's attack does not automatically cancel all the consequences of our wrong choices or the effects of what others do to us. There are varying degrees of demonic oppression.

- H. Fear, rejection and addictive urges are a form of demonic oppression that must be rebuked.

If they are allowed to gain dominance in our thinking, they will dominate our life with despair.

We must take authority over the spirit of fear. It must not be accepted or allowed to grow.

'God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind' (2 Timothy 1:7).

Our spiritual authority is based on Jesus' victory and exaltation

- A. Our spiritual authority is based on our union with Jesus. The authority that Jesus received as an 'exalted man' is given to his people. God gave Jesus to the church as our head and made us his body or the vehicle through which he expresses his power on earth (Ephesians 1:22-23).

The father of glory may give to you...revelation in the knowledge of him...that you may know... the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe...which he [the Father] worked in Christ when he raised him...and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places... he put all things under his [Jesus'] feet and gave him to be head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him... (Ephesians 1:17-23).

We have the same category of power within us that God used when he raised Jesus from the dead.

Money can't buy it. Threats can't make it happen. Military power/natural weapons can't compare to this power.

In 1 Corinthians 12 the emphasis is on the people of God, the body of Christ connected to each other. But in Ephesians 1, the emphasis is on the body connected to Jesus, the head -forever and ever.

