

# How to Put The Devil on The Run

## Submitting and Resisting

*KJV James 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*

**Submission** is **giving in, placing ourselves under another's authority!**

**Resistance** is “**standing against, opposing another and not giving in.**”

**Resistance is the exact opposite of submission!**

The key to putting the devil on the run is **submission** (giving in to God, surrendering totally to Him and placing ourselves under His authority and protection) and **resisting** (taking a stand against) the devil.

- **Devil** means “opposer, accuser & slanderer”

**Slander** is a false tale, an accusation, a lie told to cause harm and ruin a person by weakening their reputation!

In the United States, the **punishment for slander** is a civil lawsuit and financial damages.

*KJV James 3:16 For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work.*

Where people are jealous, envious and try to out do one another there is also lies, gossip and slander that produces confusion and every evil work

*KJV Numbers 14:36 And the men, which Moses sent to search the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up a slander upon the land,  
37 Even those men that did bring up the evil report upon the land, died by the plague before the LORD.*

**In the Kingdom slander is punishable by expulsion from The Kingdom!**

*Psa 101:5 Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, him I will destroy; No one who has a haughty look and an arrogant heart will I endure.*

This is how the devil operates through **slander** influencing people to make false statements about other people, thereby ruining their good name and hindering their advancement!

*Proverbs 22:1 A good reputation is more desirable than great riches; to be respected is better than silver or gold.*

James says “*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.*”

James is saying resist lies, gossiping and repeating accusations about people we don't know are true!

People whose name and character have been attacked understand this much better than people who haven't gone through it!

As a Christian if you don't care what people say about you then you don't value God's Name. Because He gave us His name it matters to me what **some** people say about me.

Jesus cared He asked His disciples:

*KJV Matthew 16:13* When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, *Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?*

*14* And they said, *Some say that thou art John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.*

*15* He saith unto them, ***But whom say ye that I am?***

It's crucial we know **who** God is so we can accurately represent Him!

If we don't know who He is, we can't tell others, who He really is!

Since Satan has always imitated God, how will we know the difference when God is speaking or Satan.

And if we don't know the difference, we don't know who to **resist** and who to **submit** to!

Dare I say there are people **submitting** to the devil and **resisting** God!

*KJV Acts 7:51* *Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye.*

Because of **free-will** no spirit can force us to do anything, especially if we **resist** it!

God influences us through His Word, hoping people will see the value in serving Him by understanding His Word!

Satan uses lies, deception and worldly pleasures to influence people to follow him.

When we **resist** the devil he **flees**, he takes flight, he turns and goes the other way and **avoids** us!

People who **resist** The Holy Spirits' leading, instructing, anointing and gifting must deal with life, the world and the devil on their own!

**Holy Spirit** does the same thing if we **resist** Him, He turns and goes the other way and avoids us, but there are other more serious consequences.

*Isa 63:10* But they rebelled And grieved His Holy Spirit; Therefore, He turned Himself to become their enemy, He fought against them.

*Mar 3:29* but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin"

*Act 5:3* But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to keep back some of the price of the land?"

*ESV Ephesians 4:30* And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

Paul tells us in the previous verse what grieves Him; corrupt communication (slander, flattery, lies, deceit and perverse language)!

Could this be why when The Holy Spirit enters the earth He shows up as tongues of fire and alters peoples speech?

Proof of our **submission** to God is yielding our tongues to Him!

Proof of our **resisting** the devil **is not** yielding our tongues to him!

*KJV James 3:2* For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body.

The ability to control what we say is the sign of spiritual maturity and the way we control our flesh.