

# The Book of 1 Peter

## Biblical Victory Plan Part 3

1 Peter 5:6-11

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### Bottom Line:

Anxiety can often occur when we encounter and engage in the spiritual battles around us. A solid biblical strategy in our struggles is to draw near to God and resist the work of Satan as we stand for Christ in our culture!

*1. Following God with humility will result in powerful inner peace. 1 Peter 5:6-7; Phil. 4:6-7*

### **Humbling yourself means...**

1. God and His agenda control are your priorities.
2. Pleasing God is your passion...not pleasing or placating the world.
3. When attacks come, you trust God, refusing to compromise

*2. Spiritual warfare is real...and we're in it!!  
1 Peter 5:8-11; Ephesians 6:10-18*

*A. Be aware and discerning to things going on around you. v. 8; 1 Corinthians 16:13*

*Remember: The battle is unseen: It is a conflict of good vs. evil, involving an invisible battle for the thoughts and hearts of every person on this planet. Fight from a position of victory already won by Christ!*

*B. Know who ultimately your enemy is...the devil/kingdom. Ephesians 6:10-18; Luke 4*

## A Few of Today's Battle Lines:

### God's Truth

1. Gospel – one way Jesus=God in flesh
2. Bible – God's authoritative Word
3. God is Creator; People in God's image.
4. Human life is valuable-womb to tomb
5. Family instituted by God; Gender fearfully and wonderfully made by God!

### Satan's Lies

1. Saved as long as your sincere. "many roads"
2. Bible – corrupted; No moral authority
3. Atheistic evolution led to everything; God must be excluded.
4. Life can be destroyed before and after birth.
5. Family is a human construct; Gov't control is needed. Gender is anything you want/desire

### *Key Understanding:*

*Two words that have been:*

1. Wrongly applied by the world.
2. And used to silence many pastors/Christians

*Those two words are:*

1. that's "judgmental"
2. that's "political"

### 1. "judgmental"

- Bible speaks against "condemning judgment" as in Matthew 7:1.
- Bible tells us over and over again to use "discerning judgment" as in
- 1 Corinthians 5:3 "passed judgment"
- 1 Cor. 15:33 "bad company corrupts"

### 2. "political"

- Church is not invading politics!!
- Politics is invading the church...invading/attacking the theological truths of God's Word!!
- Our prayerful goal is that everyone of you will be a biblical values voter!
- Romans 13 "Obey your government" - Vote!!!

### *C. The strategy is:*

- 1) Confront the evil with God's truth. 1 Pet. 5:9
- 2) Stand firm in your faith. 1 John 5:4-5
- 3) Draw near to God. James 4:7