

Kingdom Living
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Week 5
Little Bitty Devil! Great Big God!

I. Our Fight is Not with People!

- The enemy of our soul wants us to join his agenda by getting angry, upset, and offended by people. He wants us to accuse and condemn people. He is the author of lies, division and hate.
- We must realize it's not people that are the problem, but rather the anti-christ spirit that is influencing their minds and hearts

2 Corinthians 4:3-4: ³ Even if our gospel message is veiled, it is only veiled to those who are perishing, TPT ⁴ For the god of this world has blinded the unbelievers' minds [that they should not discern the truth], preventing them from seeing the illuminating light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ (the Messiah), Who is the Image *and* Likeness of God. AMPC

Ephesians 2:1-2: And you [He made alive], when you were dead (slain) by [your] trespasses and sins ² In which at one time you walked [habitually]. You were following the course *and* fashion of this world [were under the sway of the tendency of this present age], following the prince of the power of the air. [You were obedient to and under the control of] the [demon] spirit that still constantly works in the sons of disobedience [the careless, the rebellious, and the unbelieving, who go against the purposes of God]. AMP

1 John 5:19: "We know that we are God's children and that the whole world lies under the misery and influence of the Evil One." TPT

II. We are seated in Heavenly places in Christ.

- When we recognize that someone is being influenced by the enemy, we respond with the authority that has been given to us in Christ, just like Jesus did.

Ephesians 2:6: He raised us up with Christ the exalted One, and we ascended with him into the glorious perfection and authority of the heavenly realm, for we are now co-seated as one with Christ!" TPT

Luke 10:18-19: ¹⁸ Jesus replied, "While you were ministering, I watched Satan topple until he fell suddenly from heaven like lightning to the ground. ¹⁹ Now you understand that I have imparted to you all my authority to trample over his kingdom. You will trample upon every demon before you and overcome every power Satan possesses. Absolutely nothing will be able to harm you as you walk in this authority. TPT

- Jesus gave us all His authority to trample the kingdom of darkness and advance the Kingdom of God in the earth.

Ephesians 6:10-18: ¹⁰ A final word: Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. ¹⁴ Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. ¹⁵ For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. ¹⁶ In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil. ¹⁷ Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

- Our enemy has been defeated and we enforce the victory by praying our Father's will over others and declaring what He says in the earth!
- Putting on the armor of God is seeing ourselves in Christ Jesus. Remember who you are and use the authority you've been given to stop his evil schemes and influence in people's lives

Matthew 10:7-8: ⁷ And as you go, preach this message: 'Heaven's kingdom realm is accessible, close enough to touch.'⁸ You must continually bring healing to lepers and to those who are sick, and make it your habit to break off the demonic presence from people, and raise the dead back to life. Freely you have received *the power of the kingdom*, so freely release it to others.

- Make it a habit to release to the power of the kingdom within you to break off the demonic presence from people.

III. The power of the Kingdom is within us and becomes available to change people's hearts and lives when we use our authority and pray the Father's will.

1 John 4:4: "Little children, you are of God [you belong to Him] and have [already] defeated and overcome them [the agents of the antichrist], because He Who lives in you is greater (mightier) than he who is in the world." AMPC

- Greater is He that is in us than he that's influencing the minds of people in the world.

Matthew 6:9-10: 9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.

⁹ Pray like this: 'Our Father, dwelling in the heavenly realms, may the glory of your name be the center on which our lives turn. ¹⁰ Manifest your kingdom realm, and cause your every purpose to be fulfilled on earth, just as it is fulfilled in heaven. TPT

What is the Father's will?

1 Timothy 2:1-4: "Most of all, I'm writing to encourage you to pray with gratitude to God. Pray for all men with all forms of prayers and requests as you intercede with intense passion. 2 And pray for every political leader and representative, so that we would be able to live tranquil, undisturbed

lives, as we worship the awe-inspiring God with pure hearts. 3 It is pleasing to our Savior-God to pray for them. 4 He longs for everyone to embrace his life and return to the full knowledge of the truth." TPT

- The Father's will is that everyone will embrace His life and come to the knowledge of the truth.
- When we pray this for all men and political leaders, we can be confident that we are praying the Father's will.
- We will live undisturbed lives when we pray for our leaders and put our trust in Jesus and the promise we have in Him that our prayers are powerful and effective.

James 5:16: "The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]." AMPC

What Power becomes available when we pray?

2 Corinthians 1:11-12: "While you also cooperate by your prayers for us [helping and laboring together with us]. Thus [the lips of] many persons [turned toward God will eventually] give thanks on our behalf for the grace (the blessing of deliverance) granted us at the request of the many who have prayed. 12...the grace of God (the unmerited favor and merciful kindness by which God, exerting His holy influence upon souls, turns them to Christ, and keeps, strengthens, and increases them in Christian virtues). AMPC

- When we pray, the power of God's grace becomes available to open eyes and influence hearts by the power of the Holy Spirit.
- The power and influence of grace upon a person's heart is so much greater and powerful than the influence of the enemy.

1 Timothy 1: 13-16: "13 Mercy kissed me, even though I used to be a blasphemer, a persecutor of believers, and a scorner of what turned out to be true. I was ignorant and didn't know what I was doing. 14 I was flooded with such incredible grace, like a river overflowing its banks, until I was full of faith and love for Jesus, the Anointed One! 15 I can testify that the Word is true and deserves to be received by all, for Jesus Christ came into the world to bring sinners back to life—even me, the worst sinner of all! 16 Yet I was captured by grace, so that Jesus Christ could display through me the outpouring of his Spirit as a pattern to be seen for all those who would believe in him for eternal life." TPT

The Apostle Paul is a beautiful example of the power of prayer to change the hearts and lives of those we pray for. When we remember who we are in Christ and that we are seated in heavenly places in Christ, we will recognize when a person is being influenced by the enemy and use the authority we have in Christ to pray for them.

When must always remember: Little bitty devil! Great Big God! We win because of Jesus!