

DISAGREE WITH THE DEVIL!

God's people are taught, preached to, and mentored in this truth—agree with God—agree with God—agree with God, but we must also learn to work at *disagreeing with the devil*. Why? Because Satan is constantly whispering lies into our ears and trying to discourage, tempt, and destroy us. If we are to be victorious people of God, we must have an understanding of the words we speak, and learn to use them properly, so good fruit will manifest in our lives. Agree with God and disagree with the devil is a must for a positive, powerful and healthy attitude in the believer's life.

Okay then, what do we do? Let's make it personal—bring it down to the first person. How can YOU truly walk with God, unless you agree with God AND disagree with the devil? You must agree with God that you are who God says you are: His heaven-born child; bought with the price of the Lord's life and shed blood. You must agree with God that you are more than a conqueror through Christ, and not listen to nor declare the lies of the devil that you are a “no-good” failure, weakling, and that you will never succeed in anything, so therefore, why should you even try? You must agree with God and His truth in order to live the life God has planned out for you, and to accomplish moving into your ordained destiny. Acknowledge what you must do—it is personal; bring it down to a daily inventory and declare this truth—*I know and speak it forth that God and I are the masters of each situation that touches my life!*

We must speak like Paul did—*I know whom I have believed*. He confessed the Word with joy and a steadfast conviction of knowing who he was in Christ. When Paul stood on the deck of that ship in the midst of the awful storm, what did he say? Words of faith—*I believe God!* Beloved, only a heart that is nourished on the Word of God can stand in hard places during difficult times. We must guard against letting doubt sneak into our hearts and rob us of the joy and peace of God. We must protect against a doubting heart and a confused mind. The Bible warns us against being double minded. God is our focus and He will never lead us into wrong doing or thinking.

Beloved, why are we told to study the Word of God? Why are we encouraged to declare the Word of God over our finances, our family, our health, our jobs, and our fellowship with God? Why are we told to read and study the Word, and to hide it in our hearts? Why are we told to walk by faith and not to seek experiences that are dictated by the senses? These are just a few “WHYS”; the list is endless. Bottom line is this—that we dare to act on the Word in the face of these “whys” and to rise above them. We chose to declare that it is God who is at work with us, in us and for us. Let us believe for the impossible to happen, and to hold fast to our confession of faith as we see the Word is made good. And yes, at times the battles are dangerous and hard, but we do not fight alone—never—the Lord is ever present; he often dispatches

angels to aid His children. Fear is not a word that a Christian should ever be ruled by. Faith is the Christian's operative word we stand upon and live by in Christ.

Way's translation of Philippians 1:27-28 hits the nail on the head. *Let your life as members of one communion be worthy of the glad tidings of the Messiah so that, whether I do come and see you, or whether I must still be afar and only hear news of you, I may know that with united soul you are working strenuously shoulder to shoulder for the faith of the glad tidings; may know that you are not cowed one whit by your adversaries. Their failure to daunt you is clear evidence—an actual sign from God—for them that their destruction is imminent; but for you, that salvation is yours.* And another solid piece of truth is seen in Colossians 5:2 (Weymouth) – *Yet in spirit I am present with you, and am delighted to witness your good discipline and the solid front presented by your faith in Christ.* This faith is the solid front presented to your enemy.

You must always be on guard against the *whispers* of the enemy as he tries to cause doubt, disbelief; confusion, anger and etc. to come in like a flood against you. If he can overwhelm you in one situation, then before you can catch your breath, create another situation while bombarding you with more flaming darts; he has an open door and he will pursue his advantage to take you down. You must be knowledgeable in the ways of the devil and his powers of darkness; it is called spiritual warfare. The Holy Spirit will keep you aware of his plans, traps and devices that are devised for your destruction—keep tuned in to the spiritual realm and learn to tune out the world—and whatever the devil tells you—*disagree with him*. Read the Bible—John 8:44 shows Satan for what he is—a liar and the father of lies.

Proverbs 6:2 tells us that *You are snared with the words of your mouth*. Realize that your words dominate you. What you speak is what you will believe and move in, so choose your words carefully and let them be words of faith. If you talk failure, then failure will hold you in bondage. When you say you can't do something, the devil rushes in and his trap is set. I have heard people say that they only speak their minds. Well, that's fine and dandy if they have the mind of Christ, but if your mind is dominated by worldly thoughts, then few people care to hear your mind. Pray daily for the mind of Christ and walk therein.

Jesus' confession led Him straight to Calvary. Let our confession lead us straight to a victorious life as we walk our journey in faith. Realize the power of His Word on your lips. Remember child of God that the Word in your lips will change lives as they listen and the Word upon your lips as spoken forth will set you and others free. Speak the Word in love, in power, in authority and see what God will do. We are a blessed people, so let's use the Word wisely, speak it openly and believe for lives to change as you speak the Word of God over them.

Hold fast to Romans 8:37; it is our strength and truth—*Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us* and we will hold fast to the confession that God's Word can never fail. Say over and over and say it out loud—*God loves me and He is bigger than any of my trouble! I am a success in Him and I know in whom I have put my trust. I know He is able, with exceeding ability to make me a success because I have the awesome ability of God within me; we are partners and there is nothing that we can't do together. I declare that I am a positive person in my Lord Jesus and when negatives lies try to accost me, I will quickly toss them away, and receive God's joy as I raise my hands to the heavens and praise the One who reigns and rules in my life—JESUS!*