

Take Your Stand

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It is important to recognize that the source of whatever steals, kills, or destroys comes from the devil, and we are to stand our ground against him. Lynne Hammond said, “Too many Christians are ready to give up on what they’re believing for instead of recognizing that it is Satan who is trying to keep their prayers from coming to pass.” Satan will put up every hindrance possible to keep the blessings of God from happening in your life, but we are to stand our ground.

There is a man in the Bible named Shammah (2 Sam. 23:11-12) who stationed himself in the middle of a field and refused to let the enemy take it. Shammah was one of David’s mighty men and defended his acreage all by himself. The outcome was a great victory because the Lord intervened to help him. Shammah took a stand and refused to be moved. He was standing for truth and trusting in the Lord to defend him. As a result, the victory was ultimately his.

Kenneth E. Hagin said, “Yes, there is a crafty foe pitted against us – but, thank God, we can stand victorious against him.” Someone might say, “I’ve done all that I know to do. What am I to do now?” The scripture says in Eph. 6:13-14, “...Having done all, to stand. Stand, therefore...” The 20th Century Translation says, “And having fought to the end, still stand your ground.”

When you stand your ground, you must remember these things:

- 1) God wants to help you. The scripture says in Ps. 34:17 that “God delivers the righteous out of all their troubles.”
- 2) Resist fear. Fear is never liberating and it will hinder you. No matter how impossible your situation may seem, you never have to fear when God is on your side.
- 3) Maintain a good attitude. Too many people have a bad attitude. They cry and complain about the circumstances they are facing instead of doing something about it. But James 1:2 says, “My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into divers temptation.”
- 4) Walk in love. The only command Jesus gave to believers was the commandment of love in John 13:34, “Love one another as I have loved you.” The Message Bible defines love in 1 Cor. 13. It says that love “Puts up with anything, trusts God always, always looks for the best, never looks back, but keeps going to the end.”

- 5) Use your faith. You must believe in your heart that the Word is able to change any circumstance, regardless of the magnitude of the situation. Faith sees the victory in advance and acts accordingly.

If you want to walk in victory, recognize that the source of all opposition is Satan and learn to stand against him.