

Not Today

A Lord's Flock General Assembly Topic

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We Christians face different battles. The devil attacks us through our minds, heart, and soul by using tactics of lies, deceit, hurts, and false accusations to our peril. The devil may be strong, but God is stronger, and He is on our side. We can face the devil, armed with God's word, and say, "**not today!**"

Here are some important reminders in our daily battles as a Christian:

1. Our battle is spiritual.

- The devil attacks us spiritually. The battleground is within our soul. He aims to destroy everything good, especially in our relationship with God.
- We need to know our daily spiritual battle. Our conflicts in the physical world are used by the devil to gain ground in the spiritual battle. *"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms"* (Eph 6:12).

2. How do we win the battle?

- We must know the devil. He is known to be the father of lies and a murderer from the beginning (John 8:44). He doesn't want us to trust God and His word. In Genesis, the devil cast seeds of doubting God's laws in our first parents in the garden (Genesis 3). Today, he still put doubts in our minds about God's laws and words affecting our life.
- We must know the Word of God. The greatest offensive weapon against the devil is the Bible, which contains the word of God. "For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword" (Heb 4:12). The word of God is the sword of the Spirit (Eph. 6:17), and we use it to fight back the devil. Our Lord Jesus

Christ used the word of God to ward off the devil (Matt. 4). Therefore, we use the word of God to keep the devil away from us forever.

3. Always prepare for battle.

- Studying the word of God is like practicing for battle, and continuous study is a personal goal.
- Pray to God and meditate on His word. We are reminded that prayers are not only for a petition, request, and complaint.
- The word of God equips and guides us in our daily battle. It contains different verses that protect us against fear, depression, anxiety, financial problems, and family issues. The word of God gives healing, strength, and abundance.

Conclusion: Our spiritual battles are present every day; thus, the word of God is needed daily. God is ever-present, and His word became flesh and dwelt among us, and His name is Jesus Christ. The powerful name of Jesus wards off evil and protects the people whom He loves. We are on the winning side, and we dare to say to the devil, "**Not today, tomorrow and forever.**"

Reflection:

1. What are your plans in studying the Bible?
2. How are you doing in your prayer life?
3. What personal battles are you facing that need God's word?

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