

## I. Resist

**James 4:7**, "Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

### A. Definition - [dictionary.com](http://dictionary.com)

to withstand, strive against, or oppose:

### B. Elements of resisting

1. **Stand** - do not move/back down
2. **Refuse/renounce** - do not agree with his suggestions
3. **Rebuke** - speak against him - authority of Word

## II. Stand

**Galatians 5:1 (NIV)**, *"It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery."*

**1 Corinthians 16:13**, *"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong."*

**Ephesians 6:10-11**, *"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. <sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil."*

**Ephesians 6:13 (NIV)**, *"Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand."*

**2 Thessalonians 2:15 (NIV)**, *"So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the teachings we passed on to you, whether by word of mouth or by letter."*

**James 5:8 (NIV)**, *“You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near.”*

**1 Peter 5:9 (NIV)** *“Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”*

## A. **How to stand firm**

### 1. **Stop being double-minded** - be single minded of purpose

**Matthew 12:25**, *“Knowing their thoughts, he said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself is laid waste, and no city or house divided against itself will stand.”*

**James 1:8**, *“he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”*

### 2. **By grace**

**Romans 5:2**, *“Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”*

**1 Peter 5:12 (NIV)**, *“With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it.”*

### 3. **By faith**

**Romans 11:20**, *“That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear.”*

**Romans 14:4 (NIV)**, *“Who are you to judge someone else’s servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand.”*

**2 Corinthians 1:21 (NIV)**, *“Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us”*

**2 Corinthians 1:24 (NIV)**, *“Not that we lord it over your faith, but we work with you for your joy, because it is by faith you stand firm.”*

**1 Peter 5:9 (NIV)**, *“Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.”*

### III. Refuse/Renounce

#### A. Refuse and renounce Satan’s lies

**Titus 1:9 (NIV)**, *“He must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine and refute those who oppose it.”*

**2 Corinthians 10:5** *“We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,”*

**John 8:44**, *“You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.”*

### IV. Rebuke

**Revelation 12:11**, *“They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.”*

#### A. Truths to remember and speak against the enemy

**John 16:33**, *“I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.”*

**Matthew 16:18**, *“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”*

**Luke 10:19**, *“I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.”*

**John 1:5**, *“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”*

**1 John 4:4**, *“You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.”*

B. One final thought on resisting - Do good

**Romans 12:21**, *“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.”*