

## **Understanding how to live free from Condemnation and Failure Handout # 4**

**You were designed by God to be a success in every realm of your life.**

**1. Ephesians 6:10-11—The Devil's Strategies**

**a.** NKJV: "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

**B.** Wiles (GK) METHODEIA = Methods, strategies, trickery, deceits

**c.** 2 Corinthians 2:11: "...We are not ignorant of his devices."

**D.** He keeps the pressure on us by being persistent and not letting up.

**E.** The devil's constant persistence is a major strategy designed to: Wear down our resistance to stand; Weaken our resolve to fight ; Keep us from fulfilling the plan of God for our lives

**f.** Persistence does not let go or give up until all resistance is broken and the desired result is attained.

**G.** Either you do this, or the devil does it.

**h.** This is a boxing match in the spirit. Who's going to win?

**i.** The last one standing is the one who wins

**2. The Devil Uses the "Pile Up" Technique (Luke 22:31-32)**

**a.** NKJV: "And the Lord said, 'Simon, Simon! Indeed, Satan has asked for you, that he may sift you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, that your faith should not fail; and when you have returned to Me, strengthen your brethren.'"

**b.** What has the devil been constantly saying to you?

**c.** What has the devil been constantly doing to you?

**d.** Persistence is a firm course of action, in spite of difficulty or opposition.

**e.** Persistence applies non-stop, steady, relentless pressure on a situation.

**f.** Persistence does not let go or give up until all resistance is broken and the desired result is attained.

**G.** There is no such thing as a faith vacation.

**H.** Standing is a constant thing; Standing becomes a way of life, a lifestyle to you.

**3. Persistence can come from the enemy, or it can come from us.**

**a.** Who is going to be the most persistent. We should be the ones exercising relentless persistence in order to wear down the enemy's resistance.

**B.** James 4:7 (NKJV): "Resist the devil and he will flee from you."

**c.** 1 Peter 5:8-9 (NKJV): "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith."

**d.** Luke 11:5-8 (AMPC) And He said to them, Which of you who has a friend will go to him at midnight and will say to him, Friend, lend me three loaves [of bread],

**6** For a friend of mine who is on a journey has just come, and I have nothing to put

before him;**7** And he from within will answer, Do not disturb me; the door is now closed, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and supply you [with anything?]**8** I tell you, although he will not get up and supply him anything because he is his friend, yet because of his shameless persistence and insistence he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

**E.**— “Resist the devil [stand firm against him], and he will flee from you.” James 4:7AMP)

**f.** “You’ve got to hand it to the devil—he is a persistent curse!”

**g.** The devil’s plan is to constantly persist in his maneuvers until he wears us down and we give up.

**H.** We can use the very same weapon of persistence on the devil.

#### **4. Our persistence in God’s Word will wear down the devil’s resistance**

**a.** Luke 4:1-14—Jesus Resisted the Devil’s Persistence

**b.** Verses 1-4 (NKJV): “Then Jesus, being filled with the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, being tempted for forty days by the devil. And in those days He ate nothing....And the devil said to Him, ‘If You are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.’ But Jesus answered him, saying, ‘It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.’”

**c.** Like Jesus We answer the temptation.

**d.** We answer the fear.

**e.** We declare out loud, speaking the Word of God.

**F.** Verses 5-8 (NKJV): “Then the devil, taking Him up on a high mountain, showed Him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. And the devil said to Him, ‘All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish. Therefore, if You will worship before me, all will be Yours.’ And Jesus answered and said to him, ‘Get behind Me, Satan! For it is written, You shall worship the LORD your God, and Him only you shall serve.’”

**g.** Speak the Word of God—that’s how the devil backs off.

**h.** The spoken Word of God contains the necessary dynamite—explosive power—to cause the devil to back away from you.

**i.** Praise pushes back the enemy and causes him to fall.

Now when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord set ambushes against the people of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, who had come against Judah; and they were defeated 2 Chronicles 20:22 (NKJ)—

**j.** Verses 9-12 (NKJV): “Then he brought Him to Jerusalem, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, ‘If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down from here. For it is written: He shall give His angels charge over you, to keep you,’ and, ‘In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.’ And Jesus answered and said to him, ‘It has been said, You shall not tempt the LORD your God.’”

**k.** My brethren, count it all joy when you fall into various trials, 3 knowing that the

testing of your faith produces patience. **4** But let patience have its perfect work, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing. (James 1:2-4 )

**I.** When the devil is pounding at you, it's an opportunity to stand strong in the Word. (NKJV):

**j** vs 13 "Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him until an opportune time."

**k.** TPT: "That finished the devil's harassment for the time being. So he stood off at a distance, retreating until the time came to return and tempt Jesus again."

**n.** Verse 14 (NKJV): "Then Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and news of Him went out through all the surrounding region."

**o.** TPT: "Then Jesus, armed with the Holy Spirit's power, returned to Galilee, and his fame spread throughout the region."

**P.** We must be more persistent with the truth of God's Word than the devil is with his lies.

**Q.** We don't need to run from the enemy—we need to run to the enemy with the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.

### **5. Never forget that the devil is a liar. He says that God is not honest. Don't agree with the devil.**

**A.** The devil wants to steal The WORD; he's a thief.

And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; and when they have heard, straightway cometh Satan, and taketh away the word which hath been sown in them. (Mark 4:15).

**B.** Hang onto God's WORD. Don't let the devil steal it, because if he does, he has your life, your family and your money.

**c.** The devil has no future. He will continue to try to defeat God Almighty and defeat God's WORD in you. Remind him that he must flee.

But resist him, be firm in your faith [against his attack—rooted, established, immovable], knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being experienced by your brothers and sisters throughout the world. [You do not suffer alone.] (1 Peter 5:9. (AMP)

**d.** Let the Scripture fight its own fight. The WORD of God is a sword, so let it work against the enemy.

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12).

**E.** To hurt the devil, don't do anything he says. The devil is fear personified. He's afraid of every born-again believer.

**F.** You have the power to defeat the devil's whole operation if you stay in The WORD of God and love His people. Walk in love and forgiveness. .

**g.** We are going to have to apply non-stop, constant, steady, relentless pressure on the Word, the Covenant and the devil—not letting go and not giving up until all

resistance is broken and the desired result is attained.

**H.** Begin to exercise a persistence in your faith with the words that you speak and shut it down!

**i.** We must....

Keep on saying by faith.

Keep on believing by faith.

Keep on receiving by faith.

Keep on pressing by faith

### **Persistent Faith Confession**

In the Name of Jesus, I have persistent, bulldog faith. I won't give up. I won't let go until my mission is accomplished. I apply pressure to my covenant.

I apply pressure to the devil. I will continue.....to stand on the Word....to live by love....to walk by faith and not by sight. I will keep doing this until all resistance is broken and I have the desired result. I am stubborn! I am tenacious! I am persistent! My bulldog persistence wears down the devil's resistance