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*“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”*

7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Grieve, mourn and wail. Change your laughter to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up. --James 4:6-10

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. --1 Peter 5

In pondering on how one would resist the devil, two things came to mind. It says first off, submit yourself to God. Make sure that the decisions you are making are in line with God’s will. Ask Him about the important decisions you make, and wait on the answer.

The other thing that came to mind was how Jesus resisted the devil when He was tempted in the wilderness. With each temptation that the devil threw at Him, Jesus would counter with the word of God, as written for us. Each temptation was blown apart by scripture.

I had an odd experience, seeing this in action. A pastor was doing a series on the lies in the Word of Faith movement. He would read quotes from the Word of Faith teachers. As he did so, I could feel the power behind the lies, compelling me. But then the preacher would read the scripture refuting the lies. It was like a bubble was popped. The compelling lies were revealed and dissolved in the light of scripture.

Day 6 Prayer

Father, please help me to gird up my loins with the truth. Your truth is written there for our edification. Help me to bring that truth to bear each time I am tempted. Help me to wield that truth, sharper than any two edged sword. Please help me counter each attack with your truth.

Lord, help me to put on the breastplate of righteousness. Help me to remember my righteousness comes only through submission to you. Please forgive any sins I may have committed. Help me to always do your will and not to sin.

Father please clothe my feet with the preparation of the Gospel of Peace. Part of being submitted to your will is to do what you have commanded, and you have command we love one another. Help me to remember I cannot love someone without speaking the truth of the Gospel. Help me to remember I cannot be silent while others are in danger of the lake of fire.

Father, please help me take up the shield of faith. It is faith that will help us to resist the devil. Help me rely on you for my protection. Help me to rely on the truth of your word. Help me to remember that faith is not only believing but acting on the belief.

Lord, help me to put on the helmet of salvation. Thank you for what Jesus did for me and all mankind on the cross. Help me to rely only on you for my salvation.

Father, please help me to take up the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Help me to use this weapon and protection as you see fit. Help me please to stay immersed in your word, each day letting it convict me and mold me.