

## FACTSHEET

**Submit to God - Resist Satan**

Could it be that there are actually things that we can't see that are holding us back, things under the surface, clutter that is holding us back? We can't see the devil, but that doesn't mean that he's not real. What it does mean is that so often we look to the surface; we look to blame ourselves and then try really hard to move forward in life. We may be putting so much of the blame on ourselves that we're not putting any on the devil. When we have many footholds, we get to a point where there's so much weighing us down, that we eventually collapse. Can you overcome these footholds?

**James 4:7 Submit to God, resist the devil and he will flee from you.**

Submit to God, resist the devil. It sounds pretty easy, doesn't it? It doesn't sound too complicated at all. If there are things under the surface that are holding you back, that you're not aware of, that you can't see, then there's a very real danger that you're not going to be able to deal with. You'll feel held back and you could be held back forever. There's nothing more terrifying to a demon than a Christian who is living a righteous life and who knows who they are. *Being a Christian doesn't remove us from the battle, but it puts us on the front line.*

**Satan's Deception**

Satan works really hard to promote spiritual deception. Do you know how bank staff are trained to spot forged money? It's not by studying loads of forgeries, it's by becoming so intimately acquainted with the real thing that they instantly spot the forgery.

Disciple aims to help you become so intimately acquainted with the truth of who you are and who God is, that those lies of the enemy stick out instantly for the fakes they really are.

The reality is we are all deceived in some way because it's a lifelong journey to renewing our minds with Truth by the Holy Spirit, who's the Spirit of Truth.

***Satan only has one platform to work with - our mind.***

***His only real influence - through our thoughts.***

*When we bring Satan's lies to the light of God's truth, His power, it gets broken and it's a truth encounter, not a power encounter.*

**The Armor of God—Ephesians 6:10-17**

Put on the armor of God and stand firm:

- The **belt of truth** stands against the devil's deception. *Ephesians 6:14*
- The **breastplate of righteousness** stands against Satan's accusations. *Ephesians 6:14*
- The **shield of faith** stands against Satan's assaults on our mind. *Ephesians 6:16*
- The **shield of faith** extinguishes all the flaming arrows of the evil one. *Ephesians 6:16*

**Your Takeaway**

Satan prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. However, we don't need to worry. Paul tells us to put on the armor of God and to stand firm. The devil is present, but he's not powerful. He makes noises, he bothers us, but he has no control over our life. You are a child of God and the devil cannot harm you. You have the power of Jesus Christ to face the devil.