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• (James 4:7 NIV) Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

• Submit = to be under obedience to God, His will, etc. It requires surrender

• Resist = to take a stand against the devil, to exert energy and effort to oppose the devil
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• The Word Of God Teaches The Reality Of Satan
• Jesus Believed In The Reality Of Satan
• We Must Acknowledge Satan’s Attempts To Destroy Us

• “Satan Is Opposed To Our Maturity And Will Do Anything He Can To Keep Us From Realizing Who We Are And What We Have In Christ.”

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- We Don’t Have To Be Afraid Of Him

  We Can Resist Him

  He Will Flee From Us!
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Resist The Devil By Submitting To God

• We Overcome Pride – James 4:6
• We Submit In Desires – James 4:1
• We Submit In Motives – James 4:3
• We Submit In Choices – James 4:4
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- Some Of The Perceptions That People Have About Satan Are Wrong:
  - Satan Is Not In Charge Of Hell
  - Jesus Refers To Satan As The Prince “Of This World” Not Of Hell.
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Where Satan Must Be Resisted

• In Trials, Tests, Temptations – Jas 1:2-18
• In Listening And Not Doing – Jas 1:22-25
• In Showing Favoritism – Jas 2:1-13
• In Having Faith w/o Deeds – Jas 2:14-26
• In The Untamed Tongue – Jas 3:1-12
• In Harboring Envy & Ambition – Jas 3:13-14
• In Choosing World’s Wisdom Over God -- Jas 3:15-18
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What Satan Is Up To

- A Liar & A Murderer
- A Deceiver & A Tempter
- Initiates Sin
- Slanders Saints
- Inflicts Diseases
- Opposes The Righteous
- Ruins Souls And Bodies
- Preys Upon People
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The Arch-Enemy Of All Mankind

- Blinds Minds Of Unbelievers
- Removes God’s Good Seed -- Plants Weeds
- Contends w/ The Saints
- Deceives Through:
  - Lying Promises
  - Misused Scripture
  - Cunning Plans
  - False Appearances
  - Counterfeit Miracles
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Scripture Keys To Resisting Satan:

- Give No Foothold/ Keep Emotions In Check
- Put On Full Armor Of God
- Be Self-controlled & Alert
- Resist Him Standing Firm In The Faith
- Resist Him By Submitting To God