

THE POWER OF GOD AGAINST THE POWER OF THE DEVIL.

- 1. We have to remember that we have a choice, to live our lives the way we want.**

Romans 8:9 *“You however, are controlled not by the flesh but by the Spirit, if the Spirit of God lives in you”.*

The devil has no control over our lives, but we can choose to be controlled by the flesh. The devil is a liar to tell you that you can not be free and choose to live by the Spirit of God.

What happens when we become a Christian? We have a new heart and a new Spirit in us.

Yes, the body did not change, sin did not die. We can still have the desires of the past, but we have the power to overcome sin.

We have the choice to stand against our own flesh desires.

- 2. We have the power to demolish strongholds.**

2 Corinthians 10:5 *“Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ”.*

All of us have mental strongholds, the devil the father of all liars wants us to believe in his power, and to hold in our minds thoughts that will keep us captive to him.

- 3. Our Environment:** We have to clear up everything that links us in anyways to the demonic world. When we live in a hostile environment to God we are opening the doors wide to the devil to play around with us.

- 4. Temptation.** The devil gets into our lives when we give into temptation or even a good desire. Let me give an example, some women` desire a baby, they will do anything in order to get a baby, even sleeping around with other men. They will be willing to go to witchcraft for help. The question is this, Are our needs going to be met by the devil or by Christ who promises to meet all our needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus: Philippians 4:19?

5. **The Battle is real;** Jesus said I came to destroy the devil's work (1John 3:8). The apostle Paul said the same; that our fighting is not against flesh and blood but the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly realms (Ephesians 6:10).
6. **We have to put Satan in his place.** Satan is not like God, he is not a creator and he can only be in one place at one time. We cannot compare his power and authority with that of God. Satan does not know everything.
7. **Satan works through an organised network of fallen angels, by putting thoughts into our minds**

1 Timothy 4:1 *"The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons"*.

THE ANSWERS:

1. **Understand our position in Christ.** Ephesians 2: And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.
2. **Resist the devil in Jesus name and he will flee from you.** James 4:7.
3. **Guard you mind.** 1 Peter 1:13: We are never told to direct our thoughts inwardly or passively but always outwardly and actively. God never bypasses our minds, He works through them. God wants us to focus in our minds to the promises we have in Him; the future and the position in Christ.
4. **Turn on the light.** Satan wins when we believe in him and his power and we fail to believe in the truth. Lean on the word of God and the devil has no way in. John17:16-17.