

# HIGHER GROUND - REVIEW

Top Ten

# 25 HIGHER GROUND GOALS

|                     |                       |                   |                     |                            |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Christ-Centered     | Relationship Emphasis | Soul Winning      | Liberal Giving      | Hospitality & Entertaining |
| Holy Spirit         | Personal Holiness     | Place for Revival | Self-Examination    | Doctrinal Steadfastness    |
| More Prayer         | Personal Devotions    | Reverent Worship  | Right Relationships | Expository Preaching       |
| Spiritually Minded  | Spiritual Warfare     | Church Attendance | Forgiveness & Mercy | Help your Pastor           |
| Eternal Perspective | Fruit of the Spirit   | Grow in Service   | Peace & Unity       | Love is the Greatest       |

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# WHY HIGHER GROUND?

The Reason for the Study

# MORE AND MORE

## 1 Thessalonians 4:1

<sup>1</sup> Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound **more and more**.

# REASONS FROM SCRIPTURE

- Not dull of hearing, needing milk
- Not a babe, unskillful in word
- Strong meat is for mature Christians
- Full age, by reason of use, exercised
- Discern good and evil
- Growing up to perfection
- Stable, not tossed to and fro
- Established with Grace
- Be well-pleasing to God
  - Offer sacrifice of praise
  - Do good and communicate
  - Through Jesus Christ
- Exceeding Magnifical
- Jehovah is a Great King!
- Jesus is a Great King!

# MORE REASONS FROM SCRIPTURE

- Forget Past Accomplishments
- Do It With Your Might!
- Christ is Coming, are you ready to meet Him?

## **1 John 3:3**

<sup>3</sup> And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

## **Matthew 5:48**

<sup>48</sup> Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.

# MORE ON HIGHER GROUND

1. [Exceeding Magnifical](#)
2. [Running Your Race](#)
3. [Remove Not the Ancient Landmarks](#)
4. [What is a Church?](#)
5. [What is a Great Church?](#)
6. [Scriptural Priorities](#)
7. [Every Joint](#)
8. [One Another Duties](#)



**CHRIST-CENTERED**

Higher Ground #1

# GOD EXALTED JESUS CHRIST

## Angels Worship Him

### Hebrews 1:6

<sup>6</sup> And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

### Revelation 5:11-12

<sup>11</sup> And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; <sup>12</sup> Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

## Judgment for Neglecting Jesus

### John 5:23

<sup>23</sup> That all *men* should honour the Son, even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him.

### Luke 19:43-44

<sup>43</sup> For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, <sup>44</sup> And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

# APOSTOLIC PRIORITIES AND WARNINGS

## Jesus Christ Crucified & Gloried In

### 1 Corinthians 2:2

<sup>2</sup> For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

### Galatians 6:14

<sup>14</sup> But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

## Add only Pure Doctrine

### 1 Corinthians 3:10-17

<sup>10</sup> According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon.

<sup>11</sup> For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ. <sup>12</sup> Now if any man build upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble; <sup>13</sup> Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. <sup>14</sup> If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. <sup>15</sup> If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire.

<sup>16</sup> Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and *that* the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? <sup>17</sup> If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which *temple* ye are.

# HEBREWS SHOWS CHRIST'S PREMINENCE!

## Measure Christ vs. Old Testament aspects of God's chosen religion:

- ✓ Prophets and their words
- ✓ Angels, greater in power and glory than man
- ✓ Moses, the greatest leader of the OT Church
- ✓ Joshua, who led Israel to rest in Canaan
- ✓ Levitical Priests compared to Melchisedec
- ✓ Faithful elders of Hebrews 11
- ✓ Kingdom and Jerusalem vs. them above

# HOW TO EMPHASIZE JESUS CHRIST

1. All subjects include or point to Him
2. Choose songs speaking of Him
3. Experiential over intellectual
4. Pray for greater revelation of Him
5. Jesus Christ over talk of heaven
6. Name Jesus frequently, spite freaks
7. Speak of Christ, not just "God"
8. Person over Proprietary Doctrine
9. Embrace Rev 3:20 invitation
10. Mock freewill mission folly, share Him
11. Him & Salvation public & private
12. Daily sing or hear songs about Christ
13. Pray to give glory to & know Christ
14. Admit wretchedness, max His Grace
15. Choose Christ as topic/focus of Bible
16. Think, speak, examine, maintain 1<sup>st</sup> love

# MORE WAYS TO EMPHASIZE JESUS CHRIST

17. Each family member's personal time
18. Choose favorite songs about Christ
19. Choose favorite sermons about Christ
20. Quietly meditate with Christ
21. Research His Names, choose favorites
22. Vigorously oppose false preach/ers
23. Reject WWJD junk as phylacteries
24. Should we increase Lord's Supper?
25. Jesus reigns, so don't fret over gov't
26. Exalt Gospel over Proverbs
27. Be Bible Christian vs. Baptists
28. Change Heart/Mind>Home>Church
29. Hate Baalmas, appreciate virgin birth
30. Obedience act of love not fear for more revelation

# MORE ON CHRIST-CENTERED

1. [A Name above every Name](#)
2. [Unsearchable Riches of Christ](#)
3. [He is Altogether Lovely](#)
4. [Christ](#) Outline
5. [Christ](#) Web Page

# HOLY SPIRIT EMPHASIS

Higher Ground #2



# REJECT FEAR, SHAME, EMBARRASSMENT

- Forget Pentecostals
- Reject Charismatics
- Abominate the effeminate, weak, cheap falsehoods
- Hate anointing, barking revivals, slain in spirit as devil worship

# HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD

## Attributes

- Creator
- Regenerator
- Presence of God with us
- Comforter
- Relates to your spirit
- Prayer Intercessor
- Person of God in us

## Powerfully Present Everywhere

- Moved on Waters
- Men did great things by the Spirit
  - Moses, Joshua, Gideon, Samson, Saul, David...
- Men had great gifts by the Spirit
  - Jesus, Stephen, Peter, Philip, Paul, Churches...
- Christ's return prompted by the Spirit

# WHY EMPHASIZE THE HOLY SPIRIT?

- Great Prophecies Fulfilled  
OT/NT
- Jesus emphasized Comforter
- Cannot do anything without Him
- Can do all things by the Spirit
- His work reveals and glorifies Jesus
- He is the candlestick (life, light, vitality)
- He is the holy God of Heaven
- Your enemy if you resist Him
- Given to baptized believers
- He fills and empowers by degrees

# MEN AND BRETHREN, WHAT SHALL WE THEN DO?

1. Pray for more of the Spirit to fill
2. Ask boldly for a double portion
3. Be filled (imperative)
4. Don't abuse spirits, but Spirit!
5. Alter countenance by faith
6. Holy lives avoid vex, grieve, quench
7. Confess our sins to stay holy
8. Pray for divine power for victorious living in Christ's strength daily
9. Pray for Spirit revelation of Bible
10. Love & honor the church He inhabits
11. Fulfill your role in church
12. Treat His body carefully
13. Perfect holiness in fear in our temples
14. Love the Bible, His work/authorship
15. Be in Spirit on Lord's Day
16. Mortify the flesh, walk in the Spirit

# MORE ON HOLY SPIRIT EMPHASIS

[The Holy Spirit](#)

[I Thessalonians 5:19 Outline](#)

[Charismatic Religion](#) Slides

[Fruit of the Spirit](#)

[Building Up Yourselfs](#)

[Are Ghosts Real?](#) Slides

# MORE PRAYER

Higher Ground # 3

# MORE PRAYER IN PUBLIC AND PRIVATE

- ❖ We pray more when needs are greater
- ❖ We pray more when we are closer to the Lord
- ❖ Barometer of a soul
- ❖ Barometer of a church
- ❖ Prayer shows a soul close to God and His word
  - ❖ By Activity
  - ❖ By Exercise
  - ❖ By Fellowship
- ❖ Powerful activity for soul of self/church
- ❖ Remember “Power of Prayer” Sermon
- ❖ Remember War Room Film

# HOW CAN WE INCREASE IN PRAYER?

1. Review sermons, outlines & slides
2. Join men's prayer
3. Rekindle Pray for all each month
4. Host your own prayer meeting
5. Attend the pastor's prayer meeting
6. Pray at the end of meals, too
7. Pray at the end of services, too
8. Pray at get-togethers
9. Thanks or Petition for family occurrences
10. Pray by email, text, phone, etc.
11. Make it the first resort, not last
12. Pursue greater
  1. Effectiveness
  2. Fervency
  3. Righteousness
  4. Spiritual Content
13. Lift hands (biblical) not close eyes



# HOW CAN WE INCREASE IN PRAYER? (2)

14. Jealously guard pastor's time to pray

15. Spontaneity – immediately when heard, anywhere here

16. Pray for Salvation, Conversion, Evangelism like Paul

17. De-emphasize natural things

1. Health, Jobs, Money, Houses, Cars
2. Spouse, Children, Family
3. Weather, Accidents, etc.

18. Kneel sometimes (biblical)

18. Emphasize Spiritual requests

1. Holy Spirit, Wisdom, Christ Revealed
2. More Faith, Incline heart, Make me to go
3. Quicken me, Forgive me, Conversions
4. Ministers, Open Scripture, Godly Nation
5. Will of God, Peace of Jerusalem

19. Jesus taught War Room Prayer Closet

20. Find a prayer partner (Matt 18:19)

21. Agree by shouting, "Amen!"

22. Make mention to pray for more

# MORE ON PRAYER

1. [Effectual Prayer](#)
2. [Power of Prayer Slides](#)
3. [Prayer is a Priority](#)
4. [Power of Prayer](#)
5. [Inspired Prayer Requests](#)

# SPIRITUALLY-MINDED

Higher Ground #4

# THE WAR FOR YOUR MIND

## Renew your Mind

### Romans 12:1-2

<sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a **living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God**, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but be ye **transformed** by the **renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

## Choose Mind of Christ

**Let** this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: (Philippians 2:5)

Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet **not the wisdom of this world**, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: (1 Corinthians 2:6)

Wherefore **gird up the loins of your mind**, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; (1 Peter 1:13)

# WHAT IS SPIRITUAL MINDEDNESS?

## Flesh vs. Spirit

### Romans 8:5-8

<sup>5</sup> For they that are after the flesh do **mind** the things of the **flesh**; but they that are after the **Spirit** the things of the Spirit. <sup>6</sup> For to be **carnally minded is death**; but to be **spiritually minded is life** and peace. <sup>7</sup> Because the carnal mind *is* enmity against God: for it is **not subject to the law of God**, neither indeed can be. <sup>8</sup> So then they that are in the flesh **cannot please God**.

## Loving Pleasure vs. God

### 2 Timothy 3:4-5

<sup>4</sup> Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of **pleasures** more than lovers of God; <sup>5</sup> Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

# HOW CAN WE INCREASE SPIRITUAL MINDEDNESS?

1. Direct conversations to spiritual
2. Have agenda to protect from folly
3. Put worldly things in spiritual light
4. Facebook Word Cloud?
5. Include scripture in correspondence
6. Fathers lead w/ parameters & goals
7. Guard, limit, correct worldly inputs
8. Can't do/serve both
9. Bodily Exercise of little profit/value

## Matthew 6:24

<sup>24</sup> No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

## James 4:4

<sup>4</sup> Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.

# MORE ON SPIRITUALLY-MINDED

1. [Running Your Race](#)
2. [Spiritually Minded](#)
3. [Spiritual Champions](#)

# ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

Higher Ground #5



# ETERNAL/HEAVENLY PERSPECTIVE

- Different than Spiritual Minded
- Future perspective of Heaven
- Adjusting our perspective to eternity
- Heaven is real! Do you think on it?
- Do we hate sinfulness of being here, and love holiness in heaven?
- Baptism reflects a shift in priorities for a resurrected life and future heaven

# WHERE ARE YOU HEADED?

- Do you think, dream and plan for your destination?
- Real Christians want to go to heaven, being far better than here!
- Too easy to get excited about this life, degrading eternity
  - Abundance of all things distracts
  - Freedom from bondage, and fear for our lives
  - Diligence in duties, not consumed thereby
- Heaven trumps all earthly admiration or desire
- Jesus Christ's coming and eternity in sinless heaven is worth a lot of thought!
- Remember Asaph's plight?

# HOW DO WE FOCUS UPWARD?

1. Include and emphasize heaven
2. Believe and encourage one another
3. Correct those exalting future neglecting duties here
4. Point out deficiencies rather than exalting good things of this life
5. Exalt funerals as great departures
6. Embrace New Bible Economics
7. Learn to number our days
8. Identify and remind each other of the deceitfulness of this life now

# MORE ON ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE

1. [Heavenly Lifestyle](#)
2. [Running Your Race](#)

# RELATIONSHIP EMPHASIS

Higher Ground #6

# RELATIONSHIP OVER RELIGION AND TRUTH

God saved you to know Him

"The LORD hath made all *things* for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil." [Proverbs 16:4 KJV]

- Your primary end is God's glory
- He gave you a family in heaven
- He wants you to know and delight in Him
- You are adopted, not merely pardoned!

Does this mean truth doesn't matter?

- No, it's an emphasis and priority
- Delight in Jehovah over the church
- Fellowship with God and Christ is better
- Loving Jesus, soul peace, or creative worship are not alternatives to doctrine

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death;" [Philippians 3:10 KJV]

# HOW TO IMPROVE FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

1. Reclaim Revelation 3:20
2. Delight, not just fear, love, know
3. *Knowing God* over Five Phases
4. *Altogether Lovely* over Seven Proofs
5. Don't honor, justify, or excuse truth believers
6. Sing exalting His attributes, rather than spiritual songs about dear old church
7. Meditate on His works, not just self-examination
8. HG#3 – More Prayer
9. HG#2 – Holy Spirit Emphasis
10. Schedule quiet time, or you will not do this

# MORE ON RELATIONSHIP EMPHASIS

1. Walking with God
2. Fellowship with Christ
3. Filled with God
4. Drawing Nigh to God



# PERSONAL HOLINESS

Higher Ground #7

# HOLINESS BEAUTIFIES GOD'S HOUSE

- Thy testimonies are very sure: **holiness becometh thine house**, O LORD, for ever. (Psalm 93:5)
- Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the **beauty of holiness**. (Psalm 29:2)
- O worship the LORD in the **beauty of holiness**: fear before him, all the earth. (Psalm 96:9)

## 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

<sup>1</sup> Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to **walk and to please God**, so ye would abound **more and more**. <sup>2</sup> For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus. <sup>3</sup> For this is the **will of God**, even your **sanctification**, that ye should abstain from fornication: <sup>4</sup> That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in **sanctification and honour**; <sup>5</sup> Not in the **lust** of concupiscence, even as the Gentiles which **know not God**: <sup>6</sup> That no *man* go beyond and defraud his brother in *any* matter: because that the Lord *is* the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified. <sup>7</sup> For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto **holiness**. <sup>8</sup> He therefore that despiseth, despiseth not man, but God, who hath also given unto us his holy Spirit.

# GOD IS HOLY, DEMANDS HOLINESS

**Sanctify** yourselves therefore, and be ye holy: for I *am* the LORD your God. (Leviticus 20:7)

## 1 Peter 1:15-17

<sup>15</sup> But as he which hath called you is holy, so **be ye holy** in all manner of conversation; <sup>16</sup> Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. <sup>17</sup> And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your **sojourning here in fear:**

"Then said I, Woe *is* me! for I am undone; because I *am* a man of **unclean lips**, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips: for **mine eyes have seen the King**, the LORD of hosts." [Isaiah 6:5 KJV]

"And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest **is holy ground.**" [Exodus 3:5 KJV]

"And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest **is holy.** And Joshua did so." [Joshua 5:15 KJV]

# HOW TO IMPROVE PERSONAL HOLINESS

1. Realize it requires sacrifice and makes us strange
2. Learn to hate sin, sinners, sinful lifestyle, entertainment and light preachers
3. At least daily confess all sins through self-examination
4. Be vigilant & severe against carnal, sinful inputs
5. Check every thought & activity - think "More Holiness"
6. Avoid indirect pleasure in sin
7. Television is unholy: Beware!
8. Purify affections and thoughts
9. Improve speech: reflects #8
10. Guard use of wine/strong drink
11. Preparation is consecration
12. Reject unholy family/friends
13. Desire, expect and accept preaching
14. Embrace strict discipline against compromise

# MORE WAYS TO IMPROVE PERSONAL HOLINESS

1. Keep your body, Holy Spirit temple, holy by avoiding sinful activities
2. Sexual thoughts, conversation, actions limited to God's standards
3. Women kill idleness, pride, debate, tattling, busybodies, folly and other sins
4. Holy women fear husband with meek, quiet spirit like Sarah
5. Highly esteem scripture (Ps 119:128)
6. Emphasize holiness of God over love

## Exodus 32:26-29

<sup>26</sup> Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who *is* on the LORD'S side? *let him* come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. <sup>27</sup> And he said unto them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Put every man his sword by his side, *and* go in and out from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his **brother**, and every man his **companion**, and every man his **neighbour**. <sup>28</sup> And the children of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. <sup>29</sup> For Moses had said, Consecrate yourselves to day to the LORD, even every man upon his **son**, and upon his **brother**; that he may bestow upon you a blessing this day.

# MORE ON PERSONAL HOLINESS

1. [Holiness Fringe](#)
2. [Techno Sins](#)
3. [Forgotten Sins](#)

# PERSONAL DEVOTIONS

Higher Ground #8

# WHY PERSONAL DEVOTIONS?

## Church is made up of individuals

- Congregation of consecrated Saints
- An Organism/Body tied to Christ
- God's Temple of Individual Stones
- Previous seven must be @ home, too
- How can we be a church if some are not doing this one basic activity?

## Bible teaches personal devotions

- Private time to commune, fellowship, draw nigh, invite in, read Bible, pray, confess, meditate, self-examine, review sermons, sing, study, etc.
- Mentioned in NT? Neither is spanking!
- Patriarchs individual as well as family worship
- Joshua, Job, David, Daniel, Jesus, John, Peter, James, Laodicea supping, Bereans...



# WHAT ARE PERSONAL DEVOTIONS?

- Meditating on God, word & works
- Musing on things of God – absorbed
- Pondering your way, examining
- Considering God and your life
- Searching your spirit about relationship
- Examining if in the faith
- Thinking on your ways, turning to Lord
- Remembering God, word & works
- Communing with heart in God
- Delighting in the Lord
- Glorifying in Him
- Exulting joyfully in Him
- Taking pleasure in God and His great works
- See [Delight in the Lord](#) sermon
- See [Heart of David](#) sermon

# HOW TO IMPROVE PERSONAL DEVOTIONS

1. Test yourself with these verses: Gen 15:1; Ps 27:8; 37:4; 42:1-2; 63:1; 73:25-26; 130:6; 143:6; Isaiah 26:8-9; Jer 9:23-24; Lam 3:24-26
2. God is not impressed with words without your heart
3. God is jealous and wants you to love Him only, above all else, always
4. Set a time or times and ruthlessly follow your plan
5. Morning is usually easier
6. No need for lengthy, tiring time
7. Focused, personal, intimate, transparent, supplicating
8. Eager, impressionable, vulnerable, receptive, expressive, thankful
9. Humble w/ broken spirit
10. Goal to meet God & Jesus first, feed heart and mind second
11. Not study to be bible expert
12. Start by begging His blessing

# HOW TO IMPROVE PERSONAL DEVOTIONS (2)

- 13. Confess all sins, or no fellowship
- 14. Seek a goal: His face, assurance, works, will, words, holiness, love of you, etc.
- 15. Use one of the many tools
- 16. Not mere reading; Pondering
- 17. Read to know, hear, love God
- 18. Redeem the time (1,440 min/day)
- 19. Study is not key, ministers do that
- 20. Review sermons, trusting God for message/messenger
- 21. Reduce cares to make time
- 22. Keep yourself loving God
- 23. Keep praying in Holy Ghost
- 24. Upon your bed, night watches

# MORE ON PERSONAL DEVOTIONS

1. [Messianic Psalms](#)
2. [Altogether Lovely](#)
3. [Knowing God](#)
4. [Reducing Weights](#) — *Running Your Race*
5. [Psalm 119 Prayer](#)
6. [The Heart of David](#)
7. [Delight in the Lord](#)

# SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Higher Ground #9

# WHY FIGHT A SPIRITUAL BATTLE?

- Satan (the devil) is great enemy
  - We walk by faith, not sight
  - Paul feared Satan could deceive Corinth
  - He accused us before Jesus defeated him
  - He was cast out of Heaven
  - Remember Abaddon & Apollyon
  - Remember The Power of Darkness
- Christian life is very serious
  - Be sober, vigilant, and resist!
  - You are at war with a deadly enemy!
  - You are flesh, blood, & foolish
- Satan is a creature, under God's control
  - Much greater in power and intelligence
  - He knows you better than you
- Timeline of position, activities, history
  - Created before Adam, holy
  - High and Mighty angel, maybe highest
  - Sinned by pride and cast down (Luke 10:18)
  - Returned to heaven; accuse saints (Job 1:6-11)
  - Jesus confronted and defeated (Luke 10:17-20)
  - Jesus paid; Satan confined to earth
  - Bound from deceiving until near end
  - Cast into the lake of fire for eternal torment

# EXAMPLES OF DIABOLICAL DEEDS & INTENTS

- Quickly corrupted our first parents
- Damned all men by three deaths
- Ruined first family, Cain killed Abel
- Provoked David to number Israel
- Overthrew Job's life & health
- With his angels manipulate gov'ts
- Resisted Joshua during Temple rebuild
- Filled the Gadarene, Lunatic and Pigs
- Bowed a woman w/ infirmity 18 years
- Sifted Peter, who fell far and fast
- Moved Judas to conspire and betray
- Overtaken Ananias & wife to steal/lie
- Paul's thorn in the flesh, used by God
- Power of air affects men against God
- Bible calls it wrestling to describe fight
- Devil's captive oppose selves vs. truth

# HOW TO RESIST THE DEVIL?

1. Do not do what he wants you to do!
2. Resist with scripture like Jesus
3. Put on the whole armor of God
4. Give no place; reject lying & anger
5. Know he uses lack of forgiveness
6. Lust of eyes, flesh, and pride of life
7. Be strong in the word against sin
8. Hear well, not snatched/persecuted
9. Hate envy/strife; Love peace/gentle
10. Gentle spirit or another like Joab?
11. Deny by cutting and plucking
12. Flee and mortify lusts
13. Pray with fasting as for lunatic
14. Devils know hypocrite imposters
15. Be better than Lot, Achan, Samson, Saul, David, Amnon, Solomon, Ahab



# MORE ON SPIRITUAL WARFARE

1. [The Power of Darkness](#)
2. [Give no Place to the Devil](#)
3. [Jesus, the Stronger Man](#)
4. [Abaddon & Apollyon](#)
5. [The Armour of God](#)

# FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Higher Ground #10

# WHAT IS THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT?

- Different than More Holy Spirit
  - Trait of the person and ministry of the Spirit
  - Fruit inspired by lists, effects, results, and works of Holy Spirit
- If we say we live in Spirit, walk in Him
- Fruit of anything is produced, effects results and consequences
  - Judge men by fruits like trees
  - More about [Fruit Bearing](#)
- Paul and Peter provide lists for us
  - Review them – memorize them – live them!
  - Fruit vs. Fruits – Show them all, not cherry-picked
- Saved to please God, bear much fruit
  - John Baptist blasted Jews without fruit
  - God took Kingdom from them for no fruit
  - Jesus damned fruitless fig tree + parable
  - Paul's gospel bore fruit, does it for you?
  - Lacking fruit is hatred of salvation; reprobate?
  - [Cut It Down!](#)
- Fruit is obvious on Christians like trees
  - See your good works and glorify God
  - Adorn the gospel and silence enemies
  - Belly worship is obvious – listen, watch, count, measure.

# WHAT ARE THE FRUITS OF THE SPIRIT?

1. Love — unselfish care of others
2. Joy — heartfelt glad knowing God
3. Peace — sweet content, trusting
4. Longsuffering — patiently enduring
5. Gentleness — easygoing and tender
6. Goodness — moral purity; benevolent
7. Faith — confidence in God & promises
8. Meekness — avoid personal attention
9. Temperance — self-discipline of passions
10. Righteous — do what is right by God
11. Truth — love honesty/hate hypocrisy
12. Virtue — noble strength to do right
13. Knowledge — know God's will for life
14. Godliness — soberly conform to God
15. Purity — Innocence of attitude/ambition
16. Easy Entreat — open to advice/correction
17. Mercy — forgive offenders
18. Praise — verbal thanks to God, publicly

# HOW TO INCREASE FRUIT TO PLEASE GOD

1. Remember Holy Spirit presence is by fruit, not feelings or gifts
2. Fruit trumps feelings, thoughts, words
3. Don't confuse self awaiting feelings
4. Fiery dart that you cannot do it
5. Christian only by measured fruit
6. Learn and do, not wait for Spirit
7. The Gospel teaches fruit in believers
8. New man loves fruit, old hates it
9. Confess sins quickly, thoroughly
10. Seek to live for Jesus Christ daily
11. Love the Bible and feast on it
12. Beauty by fruit, not words or looks
13. Singular fruit, lest distort or deceive
14. Trust your pastor lead by Spirit
15. Commend and encourage in others
16. Warn unruly and meekly restore
17. Review, remember, practice all

# MORE ON FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

1. Fruit of the Spirit
2. What God Calls Fruit
3. Things Becoming Sound Doctrine
4. Actions Speak Louder than Words
5. Living Epistles
6. Cut it Down!
7. Parable of the Sower

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| Christ-Centered     | Relationship Emphasis |
| Holy Spirit         | Personal Holiness     |
| More Prayer         | Personal Devotions    |
| Spiritually Minded  | Spiritual Warfare     |
| Eternal Perspective | Fruit of the Spirit   |

**HIGHER GROUND**

Top Ten Reviewed