

# **Eight “Ds” for Destroying the Devil**

1 Peter 5:7-10

## **1. Devil**

- a. The word “devil” means “slanderer, accuser, arch-enemy, opponent”.
- b. God calls this slanderer your “adversary”. “Adversity” comes from an “adversary”. Adversity does not come from God.
- c. Adversity - adverse or unfavorable fortune or fate; a condition marked by misfortune, calamity, or distress. distress; affliction; hardship

## **2. Deception**

- a. Revelation 12:9; John 8:44
- b. Satan’s primary deception is concerning the truth about God: His ways and characteristics. He of attempts to blind people to the truth about Him and paint a bad picture of Him (2 Cor. 4:4; Gen. 3:1-7).
- c. God’s Word is truth. A synonym for truth is reality. Satan deceives or rather attempts to distort reality.

## **3. Doubt**

- a. Satan knows that doubt and wavering hinders the work that God desires to do in our lives:
- b. Mark 11:22-24; James 1:5-7
- c. Like in his deception of Eve, Satan’s primary goal is to cause us to doubt what God has said, knowing that faith is only by God’s Word.
- d. Satan attempts to cast doubt concerning the freedom and privileges we have in Christ.

## **4. Death**

- a. Hebrews 2:14-15

- b. Once Satan is able to get you to doubt God and His Word then he is able to hold us under the power of death.
- c. Death is not merely the body no longer animated. It is anything adverse to living such as sickness, disease, poverty, defeat – Deut. 30:15, 19, 20

## **5. Defeated**

- a. Hebrews 2:14; 1 John 3:8; Colossians 2:13-15
- b. Jesus has defeated Satan on our behalf. He no longer has the authority to work in your life, apart from your permission.
- c. One should never be afraid of a defeated enemy.

## **6. Decision**

- a. You must make a decision to stand in faith on God's Word against the devil.
- b. James 4:7; Ephesians 6:10-12; 1 Peter 5:8-9
- c. Since Jesus has already defeated the devil and demons then you must decide to walk in the light of that victory.

## **7. Declare**

- a. Once you have decided to stand on God's Word you must declare it authoritatively with your mouth.
- b. Luke 10:17-20
- c. Our authority is exercised by verbal commands. You cannot rout the enemy using "mental telepathy". You must issue commands that are consistent with God's Word.
- d. Matt. 4:11 says, "*Then Jesus **said** unto him....*" Jesus had to use against Satan what I like to call His "saying power".
- e. Luke 4:35-36 – Notice

- f. A rebuke is a command or an order. It is a stern verbal expression of disapproval that can actually be an attack or a defense.

## **8. Deliverance**

- a. Hebrews 2:14-15; Colossians 1:13-14; Psalm 91:1-4
- b. If you accept what God's Word says about Satan's defeat as the truth (the reality) and you have made a decision to stand in faith on that Word then the only outcome you are guaranteed is deliverance.
- c. Trust God to deliver you from all of Satan's destructive devices (Psalm 107:6, 19, 20).

**Conclusion:** Keep these eight "Ds" in front of you as an easy way to remember who you are in Christ and the victory that belongs to you. Memorize them so that when you are confronted with adversity you will be armed and prepared.