Resist The Devil

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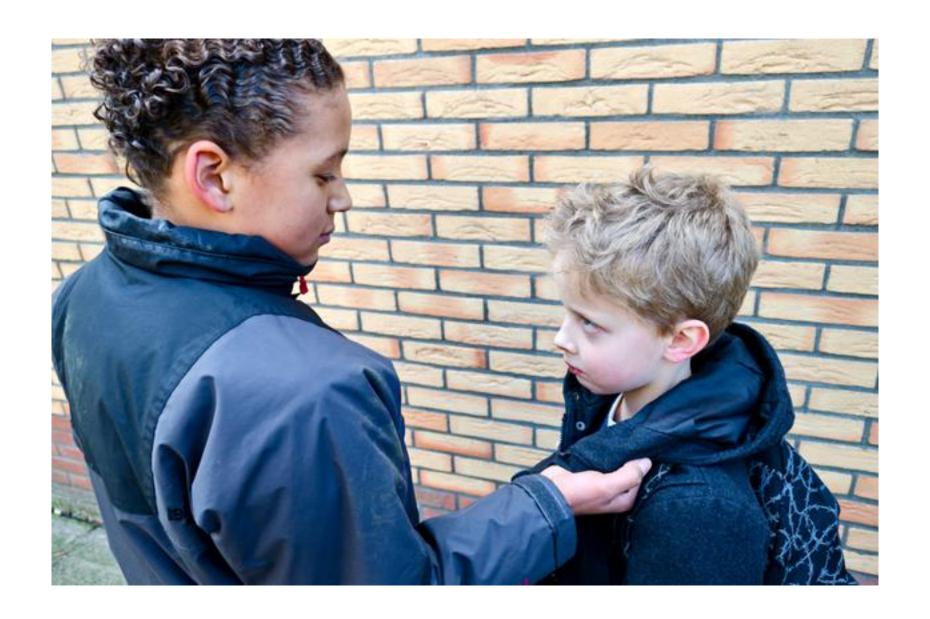
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TYPES OF RESISTANCE

pugnacious

passive

preventative



SUCCESS

a) awareness – Satan is my enemy

b) faith – Satan is a <u>mortally wounded</u> enemy

c) caution – Satan remains <u>deceptive</u> and <u>dangerous</u>

Do not be afraid of those who kill the body, but cannot kill the soul. Rather, be afraid of the ONE who can destroy both body and soul in hell. (Mt. 10:28)

I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions, and to overcome ALL the power of the enemy. Nothing will harm you. (*Lk.* 10:19)

So be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes... take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one. (Eph. 6)

RESIST using every available aid

"When a strong man, fully armed, guards his own house, his possessions are safe." (Lk. 11:21)

RESIST using knowledge of your weakness and Satan's methods.

RESIST by filling your heart with **God's abundant life**.

When an evil spirit leaves a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest, but does not find it. Then it says, "I will return to the house I left." When it arrives it finds the house UNOCCUPIED, swept clean, and put in order. Then it takes 7 other unclean spirits, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than its beginning. (Mt. 12:43-45)