



WORD OF THE DAY (Romans 13:14)

"But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts."

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Put on the Lord Jesus Christ



You have an enemy. The devil is the adversary to the Children of God. He does not sleep, and neither does he slumber! Like a soldier walking naked through a minefield in the heat of battle, many Christians conduct themselves in a manner that leaves them spiritually exposed and vulnerable to the intense spiritual warfare around them. Yet this is not a call of alarm to fear but a sober reminder that we are in a spiritual war every day. This war requires us to know our enemy and to know how to protect ourselves.

Your enemy is limited. Although the devil will be your enemy until the day of his eternal exile into the flames of hell, fear not, for this enemy is very limited in what he can do. We see a vivid example of this in the story of Job in which God set parameters and boundaries concerning what Satan could do as he tested Job. Similarly, in present times, we should remember that the devil remains limited in how much influence he can assert in our lives.

Unfortunately, many Christians forfeit much of their authority by opening spiritual doors to Satan. These spiritual doors that are opened when we engage in sin or make provisions(plans [thoughts,desires]) for sin allow Satan to gain access into our lives and hold us in bondage. Our verse of the day tells us to "*make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts*". Paul warns us about the dangers of giving into sin because when we do, the devil gains a foothold in our life. A clear example of this was Judas, who stole from the treasury of the disciples. This seemingly small act of theft opened up a spiritual door to greed. After Judas had made the choice to open the door to greed, Satan <u>entered</u> through this spiritual door of greed in Judas to betray Jesus. We see this vivid account in *Luke 22:3* which reads, "*Then Satan <u>entered</u> Judas, called Iscariot, one of the Twelve.*"

Put on the Lord Jesus Christ. The antidote to keeping away from fulfilling the lust of the flesh is to be clothed in the Lord Jesus Christ or to put on Christ. So what does it mean to "Put on the Lord Jesus Christ"? Ellicott's Commentary states that to put on Christ is to invest and identify ourselves with the Spirit of Christ in order to reproduce it in our outward walk and conduct. We put on Christ through starting the day in the WORD of God (Bible devotional). We put on Christ by praying without ceasing throughout the day. We put on Christ by having our minds thinking on things that are lovely, just, pure, and praiseworthy. We put on Christ by not entertaining bad company which will corrupt our character. We put on Christ by being filled with the Holy Spirit and repenting daily as we grow closer to Jesus.

Your brother in Christ, WNL

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Do not build doors of sin in your spiritual house unless you want the devil added as a coowner on the lease of your soul.

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Father God, this temple of the Lord is yours. Please help me to put on the Lord Jesus Christ each day and help me to not give the devil any access into my mind, my emotions, my spirit or my body. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

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