

# How to resist evil?







The **world** is the enemy around us,  
**flesh** is enemy within us,  
the **devil** the enemy above.

# **Why believe in his existence?**

**1. Bible**

**2. Tradition**

**3. Experience**

**4. Common Sense**

‘There are two equal and opposite errors into which we can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence; the other is to believe and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors.’

C. S. Lewis

**What are the devil's  
tactics?**

## Devil's Aim:

“The thief comes to steal, to  
kill, and to destroy”

John 10:10a



## Jesus's Aim:

“I came that you might have life and life in all its fullness.”

John 10:10b

# Devil's Tactics:

- Temptation
  - Doubt
- Deception
- Discourage

*The reason the Son of  
God appeared was to  
destroy the works of the  
devil.*

1 John 3:8

“He delivered us from the  
power of darkness and  
**transferred us** to the  
kingdom of his beloved Son”

Colossians 1:14

**How to resist the  
evil one?**

Finally, draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power. Put on the armor of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the [...](#) So stand fast with your loins girded in truth, clothed with righteousness as a breastplate, and your feet shod in readiness for the gospel of peace. In all circumstances, hold faith as a shield, to quench all [the] flaming arrows of the evil one. And take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Ephesians 6

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So submit yourselves to  
God. **Resist the devil, and  
he will flee from you.** Draw  
near to God, and he will  
draw near to you.

James 4:7-8



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Do not be conquered by evil but  
**conquer evil with good.**

Romans 12:21

# Questions?

- What ideas stood out from this talk?
- What things are helpful for you to overcome temptation?
- Have you experience in your life moments where you overcame a temptation, bad inclination, or defect of character?
- What are you working on during this Lent?