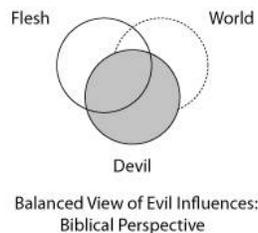


The World, The Flesh & The Devil *The evil triad opposing our sanctification*

The Christian's Three-Fold Enemy	
<i>Problem</i>	<i>Solution</i>
<u>The World: (1 John 2:15-17)</u> - Lust of the flesh - Lust of the eyes - Pride of life	<u>Flee! (1 Tim 6:11, 2 Tim 2:22)</u> - get physical, practical, emotional distance
<u>The Flesh: (Romans 7:18-24)</u>	<u>Deny! (Romans 6:12-13, 8:13)</u>
<u>The Devil: (1 Peter 5:8)</u>	<u>Resist! (1 Peter 5:9)</u>

1 Peter 5:5

All Christians, regardless of our age, should put on "humility" as a garment, (i.e., let it be what others see only as we serve; cf. 3:8). *The Greek word translated "clothe" is a rare one, that comes from a word referring to the apron that slaves put on over their regular clothes. This garment prepared them for service.*



In other words, believers should
not insist on having their way over others.

v 5:8 Peter advocated three responses to Satan in this passage:

*First, we should **respect him** ("be of sober spirit," v. 8). If Peter had respected Satan more, he might not have slept in the Garden of Gethsemane after Jesus had warned him to watch and pray, so that he would not have entered into temptation. (See Jude 9)*

*Second, Peter said we should **recognize Satan** ("be on the alert," v. 8). If Peter had been alert, he might not have denied Jesus three times in the courtyard of the high priest. Jesus recognized Satan! ("Get thee behind me, Satan!")*

*Third, we should **resist Satan** (v. 9). If Peter had resisted Satan, he might not have felt that he had to resist Malchus' advance in Gethsemane, and cut off his ear.*

*Before we can **stand** before Satan [vv. 8-9], we must **bow** before God [vv. 6-7].*

Peter resisted the Lord and ended up submitting to Satan!