

Today's Theme

“Build A Proper View Of Evil”

Series Title

“Walking With God 2021” Part 6

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To Walk With God I Must Be Willing To:

1. Follow God's lead in my life.
2. Tell the truth about my failures & sin.
3. Apply God's wisdom in relationships.
4. Learn thankfulness to walk with God.
5. Stay connected to God's spirit in Life.
6. Have a plan in *dealing* with evil.

What Is Evil

- (1) Evil is the *enemy* of God.
- (2) Anything that is *immoral* or *wrong*.
- (3) Something *causing* great *harm* to others.
- (4) Anything *connected* to the *devil*.

Be Aware Of What God Says About Evil

- (1) God hates *evil* and what it *produces*.

Prov 6:16 There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: 17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, 18 a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, 19 a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community.

- (2) God wants us to *stand against* evil.

Romans 12:9 Hate what is Evil

Prov 9:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.
Prov 8:13 To fear the Lord is to hate evil; I hate pride and arrogance, evil behavior and perverse speech.

What Happens When/If We Have A Proper View Of Evil?

- (1) We can *live* with God's *perspective*.

Psalms 101:4 The perverse of heart shall be far from me; I will have nothing to do with what is evil.

Eph 6:11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes.

Psalms 97:10 Let those who love the Lord hate evil, for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

- (2) We can *refuse* to *participate* with evil.

Proverbs 3:7 Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and shun evil.

Proverbs 5:22 The evil deeds of the wicked ensnare them; the cords of their sins hold them fast.

James 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1 Thess 5:22 reject every kind of evil.

- (3) We gain the freedom to *love* & *flourish*.

Romans 12:21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Eph 5:11 Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.

- (4) We can celebrate *Jesus* & His *promises*.

1 John 5:4 for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith.

1 Cor 10:13 No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.