

# FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH



**I Tim 6:12**

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**Fight the good fight of faith,  
lay hold on eternal life,  
to which you were also called  
and have confessed the good confession  
in the presence of many witnesses.**

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# PALM SUNDAY





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**This is Palm Sunday**

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**This was a Day of Celebration (short-lived)**

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**This was the Beginning of the Passion**

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**If There Was to Be Turning Back....**

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**..It Needed to Be Now**

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**But Jesus Fought the Good Fight...**

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**..He Laid Hold of Eternal Life for Us All!**



Get on the  
Offense

**Fight Against the Enemy**

**Don't Be Passive**

**Actively Attack Your Problems  
/ Struggles W- the Will to Win**

**What Steps Can You Take?**

# Close Doors of Opportunity for Satan

*“Be angry, and do not sin : do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27nor give place to the devil.” Eph 4:26-27*

*Go ahead and be angry. You do well to be angry— but don't use your anger as fuel for revenge. And don't stay angry. Don't go to bed angry. Don't give the Devil that kind of foothold in your life. Eph 4:26-26*

**Message**



Close Doors of  
Opportunity  
for Satan

Why Y'all Tryin  
TO TEST THE  
**JESUS**  
In Me?

Close Doors of  
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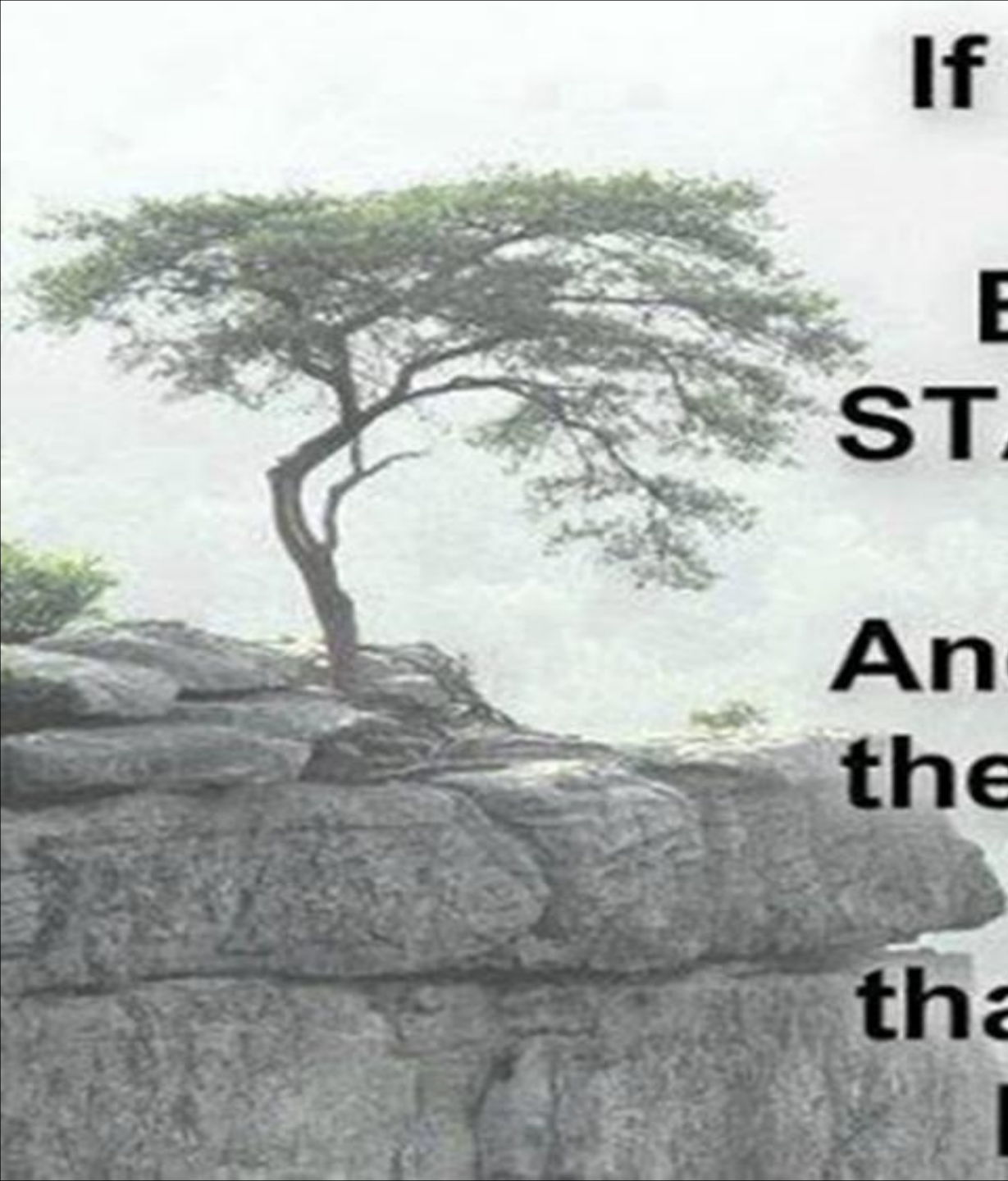
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***What is a door of opportunity for Satan to wreck havoc in our lives?***

- ***Unprocessed Anger***
- ***Unconfessed Sin***
- ***Unforgiveness / Grudges***
- ***Resentment / Grudges***

***Shut the Door On Anything in Your Life that Opens the Door for Spiritual Attack***





**If you stand for a  
REASON,  
Be prepared to  
STAND ALONE like  
a TREE,  
And if you FALL on  
the GROUND, FALL  
like a SEED  
that grows back to  
FIGHT AGAIN.**

# Remember the Reason

**If you stand for a  
REASON,  
Be prepared to  
STAND ALONE like  
a TREE.**

Therefore I do not run without a definite goal; I do not flail around like one beating the air [just shadow boxing]. **I Cor 9:26**

- **Lay Hold of Eternal Life**
- **Eternal Life is Free...**

**...But the Fight Here is Real**

**...and Costly**

**FIGHT AGAIN.**



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**OF  
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**1 TIMOTHY 6:12**

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# Maintain the Proper Attitude

*“which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.”*

**The way we communicate has a great deal to do...**

**...with our level of success**

- **We Can Talk...**
  - **Ourselves Into or Out of Success**
  - **Others In or Push Them Away**

***“Words Winners Never Say”***

I CAN'T

A black and white photograph showing a hand holding a piece of white paper with the words "I CAN'T" written in black marker. The paper is torn at the right edge, and the word "CAN'T" is written on a separate, smaller piece of paper that is being held up to the right of the main piece. The background is a light-colored, textured surface.



# ***“Words Winners Never Say”***

## ***“I Can’t”***

I can do all things [which He has called me to do] through Him who strengthens *and* empowers me [to fulfill His purpose—I am self-sufficient in Christ’s sufficiency; I am ready for anything and equal to anything through Him who infuses me with inner strength and confident peace.]

**Philippians 4:13 (AMP)**

- **Have Confidence in God and His Power to See You Through**
- **Make this Verse Your New Affirmation**

**"Do... or do not.  
There is no try."**



***"Words Winners Never Say"***



# “Words Winners Never Say”

- I Can't ...*I can do all things*

“I'll Try”

<sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, does not faint or grow weary; there is no searching of His understanding. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint *and* weary, and to him who has no might He increases strength [causing it to multiply and making it to abound]. <sup>30</sup> Even youths shall faint and be weary, and [selected] young men shall feebly stumble *and* fall exhausted; <sup>31</sup> But those who wait for the Lord [who expect, look for, and hope in Him] shall change *and* renew their strength *and* power; they shall lift their wings *and* mount up [close to God] as eagles [mount up to the sun]; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint *or* become tired. ...**Isaiah 40:28-31 (AMPC)**

- **Commit Your Self to Your Goals**



ENJOY LIFE

TODAY

BECAUSE YESTERDAY

IS GONE AND

TOMORROW IS

NEVER PROMISED



# **“Words Winners Never Say”**

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- I Can't – I can do all things
- I'll Try – I shall walk and not be weary(quit)

## **“I'll Do it Tomorrow”**

*Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof -Matt 6:34*

*“Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don't get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes” Matt 6:34 Message*

◦ **There is a Difference in Us Waiting on God...**

**...and God Waiting on Us!**



“In the middle of every

**difficulty**

lies

**opportunity.”**

~Einstein~

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# **“Words Winners Never Say”**

- **I Can't - *I can do all things***
- **I'll Try - *I shall walk and not be weary(quit)***
- **I'll Do it Tomorrow - *redeeming the time***

## **“I have a Problem”**

*Joseph replied, “Don't be afraid. Do I act for God? Don't you see, you planned evil against me but God used those same plans for my good, as you see all around you right now—life for many people. Easy now, you have nothing to fear; I'll take care of you and your children.” He reassured them, speaking with them heart-to-heart. Genesis 50:20-21 (MSG)*

**oLet God Turn Your Stumbling Blocks into Stepping Stones**

*~Einstein~*



***“Words Winners Never Say***

***IT'S NOT MY FAULT  
I NEVER LEARNED TO ACCEPT  
RESPONSIBILITY.***

# ***“Words Winners Never Say***

- ***I Can't - I can do all things***
- ***I'll Try - I shall walk and not be weary(quit)***
- ***I'll Do it Tomorrow - redeeming the time***
- ***I have a Problem – I have an opportunity***


## ***“It's Not my Fault”***

**Even if it's not your fault ask yourself “what part did I play”**

- **Winners Assume Responsibility and they don't blame others.**
- **Take Charge of Your Attitudes, Values, Beliefs and Behavior**


**Winning is a Matter of Choice... ...Not Chance**





Set a guard, O Lord,  
over my mouth;  
Keep watch over  
the door of my lips.

Psalm 141:3



Set a guard, O Lord,

**Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth;  
Keep watch over the door of my lips  
[to keep me from speaking thoughtlessly]  
Psalm 141:3 (AMP)**

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