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Introduction:

Beloved, today we gather to explore a powerful truth rooted in our faith: “Don’t let the devil ride, for if you let him ride, he will want to drive.” This saying serves as a vital reminder of the spiritual battles we face daily. The enemy is cunning and seeks every opportunity to infiltrate our lives. We must be vigilant and proactive in our walk with God, guarding our hearts and minds against the schemes of the adversary. Let us delve deeper into how we can prevent the devil from taking a seat in our lives and, ultimately, from taking control.

I. Understanding the Enemy

1. The Nature of the Devil:

- In John 10:10, Jesus tells us, “The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.” The devil is not our friend; he is an adversary whose sole purpose is to lead us away from God and into destruction.
- 1 Peter 5:8 warns us, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” We must recognize that the enemy is actively seeking opportunities to infiltrate our lives.

2. The Tactics of the Enemy:

- The devil often starts small. He may begin with a thought or a temptation that seems harmless. But if we

allow him even a small space in our lives, he will seek to take control.

- Ephesians 4:27 instructs us, “Neither give place to the devil.” We must guard our hearts and minds, ensuring that we do not allow the enemy to take root.

II. The Consequences of Letting the Devil Ride

1. Loss of Control:

- When we allow the devil to “ride” with us, we are giving him permission to influence our decisions and actions. Just as a passenger can eventually take the wheel, the devil will seek to steer our lives away from God’s purpose.

- James 1:14-15 states, “But every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.” Sin leads to spiritual death and separation from God.

2. Spiritual Decline:

- Allowing the devil to ride can lead to a gradual decline in our spiritual lives. We may find ourselves compromising our values, neglecting prayer, and distancing ourselves from the Word of God.

- Revelation 2:4-5 reminds us of the importance of returning to our first love. We must repent and turn back to God before it is too late.

III. How to Keep the Devil from Riding

1. Stay Rooted in the Word:

- Psalm 119:11 says, “Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.” The Word of God is our weapon against the enemy. When we fill our hearts with Scripture, we are better equipped to resist temptation.

- Jesus Himself used Scripture to combat the devil during His temptation in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11). If He relied on the Word, how much more should we?

2. Prayer and Vigilance:

- We must be diligent in prayer. Ephesians 6:18 encourages us to pray always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit. Prayer keeps us connected to God and strengthens our resolve against the enemy.

- Matthew 26:41 reminds us, “Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.” We must remain alert and aware of the enemy’s tactics.

3. Surround Yourself with Believers:

- Hebrews 10:24-25 encourages us to provoke one another to love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together. Fellowship with other believers strengthens our faith and provides accountability.

- Together, we can support one another in resisting the enemy and staying true to our calling in Christ.

4. Practice Discernment:

- We must sharpen our discernment to recognize the devil's tactics. In 1 John 4:1, we are instructed to "believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God." This means testing our thoughts, influences, and even the messages we hear against the Word of God.
- When faced with decisions or temptations, ask yourself: "Is this leading me closer to God or further away?" This simple question can help you discern whether to allow something into your life.

5. Establish Boundaries:

- Setting boundaries is essential in our spiritual walk. Just as we wouldn't allow a stranger to enter our homes uninvited, we must not allow the devil access to our hearts and minds. This includes no social media we consume—be it no televisions in WHPC Tuttle, or movies, secular music, or online content, video, Facebook, TikTok, Instagram, or YouTube videos. No TV on cell phones or Netflix or HBO - Cinema Max - we don't watch movies or TV in our houses or homes or videos. Or on cell phones cartoons for kids.
- Identify areas in your life where you may be vulnerable and establish clear Apostolic Pentecostal Holiness within and without boundaries. This could

mean avoiding certain conversations, media, or environments that lead you away from God.

6. Confession and Accountability:

- James 5:16 tells us, “Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed.” Accountability is vital in our walk with Christ. Share your struggles with trusted brothers and sisters in the faith who can pray for you and encourage you.
- When we confess our struggles, we expose the enemy’s lies to the light, diminishing his power over us.

IV. The Victory in The Lord Jesus Christ

1. The Power of the Blood:

- Revelation 12:11 tells us, “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony.” The blood of Jesus gives us victory over the enemy. We must declare that victory in our lives daily.
- When the devil tries to ride with us, we can remind him of the power of the cross and the victory we have in Christ.

2. Living in Freedom:

- Galatians 5:1 declares, “Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.” We are

called to live in the freedom that Christ provides, free from the chains of sin and the influence of the enemy.

- Let us embrace our identity as children of God and walk in the freedom He has given us.

3. Declare Your Apostolic Pentecostal Authority:

- As believers, we have authority over the enemy. Luke 10:19 states, “Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.” We must walk in that authority, declaring victory over our lives and circumstances.

- When faced with temptation, speak Scripture aloud and remind the enemy of his defeat. Use your words to affirm your faith and your position in Christ.

Conclusion:

Beloved, let us take this message to heart. Don't let the devil ride in your life. Be vigilant, stay rooted in the Word, pray without ceasing, and surround yourself with fellow believers. Remember that we have the victory through Christ Jesus. As we resist the enemy, we will find strength, freedom, and purpose in our walk with the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us declare today that we will not allow the devil to take the wheel, for our lives are in the hands of the Almighty God!

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Read and Obey Acts 2:38