

## AGAPE HOUSE OF WORSHIP

### MIDWEEK SERVICE BIBLE STUDY

**Topic:** The Foothold-The Way to Defeat. Part 2.

**Date:** Wednesday, November 27, 2024

**Main Text:** Ephesians 4:17-32; 5:1-20.

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#### Introduction

How do you defeat someone who has been made more than a conqueror? How do you effect a curse on someone who has been blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ Jesus? How do you get an evil spirit to have influence in the life of a believer? Why do we Christians seem to have certain unholy habits we cannot seem to shake? Could it be that our adversary has figured out that if he can get us give him a foothold in our lives, it can be his launchpad to making certain that God's will for our lives is not done here on earth as it is in heaven?

**Ephesians 4:27(NIV)**- and do not give the devil a foothold.

**Ephesians 4:27(NCV)**- Do not give the devil a way to defeat you.

#### What is a Foothold

A place or support for the feet; a place where a person may stand or walk securely. A secure position, especially a firm basis for further progress or development.

**John 14:30(AMPC)**- I will not talk with you much more, for the prince (evil genius, ruler) of the world is coming. And he has no claim on Me. [He has nothing in common with Me; there is nothing in Me that belongs to him, and he has no power over Me.]

#### How we give the devil a foothold

**Living as the world does.** Ephesians 4:17-18(NLT). 1 John 2:15-17. 1 Corinthians 2:12.

**Habitual/Unrepented Sin.** Ephesians 4:19. Ephesians 5:3. James 1:21. Hebrews 12:16-17.

**Telling lies. Falsehoods.** Ephesians 4:25(NLT). John 8:44. 1 John 4:6

**Resentment/Anger.** Ephesians 4:26. James 1:19-20.

**Stealing.** John 10:10. John 12:4-6.

**Foul, profane, vulgar speech.** Ephesians 4:29. Matthew 5:21-22. Ephesians 5:4

**Unforgiveness/Bitterness-** Ephesians 5:31-32. Matthew 18:32-35. Hebrews 12:15.

**Fruitless deeds of darkness-** Ephesians 5:11-14. The occult, witchcraft, idolatry, psychics, mediums, horoscopes etc. Acts 16:16-19. Acts 19:11-20.

**Question:** Is it possible for the devil to get a foothold without the active cooperation of the individual?

### **Other Access Points**

**Generational line.** Generational consequences of sin. John 9:2. Exodus 20:5. Lamentations 5:7-8.

**Trauma/Irrational Fear.** 2 Timothy 1:7(NKJV)

**Abuse/Rejection.** Matthew 18:6-9.

### **How to Remove the devil's foothold**

**Be saved.** Romans 10:9-13. Without salvation, you have no legal authority or ability to remove his foothold. Matthew 15:21-28.

**Repentance.** 1 John 1:9

**Forgiveness** of others who have wronged you. Forgiveness of yourself. Matthew 6:14-15. Mark 11:24-25

**Renunciation.** Renounce(audibly) all agreements with devil/kingdom of darkness.

**Cast out** unclean spirits in Jesus name! Mark 16:17

**Be filled with the Holy Spirit.** Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you to overflow. Ephesians 5:18-20. Luke 11:24-26.