

ADVICE FOR BEING A BELIEVER

When you make a commitment to serve YAH there should be something that people properly teach you to help set the proper expectations for what it is you are engaging in.

When you are choosing to submit to YAHUAH especially today, you are choosing to be on the opposite side of this world. Pretty much everyone else in this world will be against you if you truly stand for what YAHUAH says in His word without compromise. If your expectations are not properly set and you do not truly understand what you are up against and what it is you must do, you can fall to the enemy.

For anyone choosing to put YAHUAH first and endure to the end to come into the Kingdom, there are steps and mindsets that you must have and as we prepare for YAH and as many of you truly desire to submit to Him I want to make sure that there are proper expectations and understandings that are had for all who have chosen YAHUAH as their priority.

Satan does not want us to do is to fight against him in the spirit and he has worked diligently to suppress the power in the spirit of believers.
We are called to be soldiers.

**“You therefore must endure hardship as a good soldier of Yahusha the Messiah.
No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life,
that he may please him who enlisted him as a soldier.”
2nd Timothy 2:3-4**

Many will attack and persecute you

Always remember what Yahusha said:

**“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you,
and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake.
Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven,
for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”
Matthew 5:10-12**

**You are in a spiritual battle and you must understand it from this perspective.
Anyone who chooses to put YAHUAH first must be prepared to fight more than
one area but remember you do not control how or where you fight.
Only our Master controls that.
We simply make ourselves available to Him to use us as He chooses.**

9 points that should be understood by anyone deciding to choose to serve & obey YAHUAH

#1) You must accept total mastership of YAHUAH in every area of your life

When you say you submit to YAHUAH, actually mean it. Don't hide things from Him or say, "I'm gonna keep Him out of this area because I don't want to give this up. When you don't submit totally, the devil knows this, and that warfare you are engaging on Him will backfire on you, because He will enter through the part of your life you have kept off limits of our Father. You must accept total mastership of YAHUAH in every area of your life.

You must know the difference and understand who truly is in control in your life. Our Father would never put something in your life that takes away your focus on Him. You must accept YAHUAH as who is in charge and take your hands off the steering wheel. Give Him room and trust to work in your life, and you will limit the manipulations of satan.

#2) You must decide that you are going to trust YAH completely

When you are choosing to serve YAHUAH, you are deciding to walk contrary to this world. When you are doing this, you are going to come against opposition.

Don't say that you love Him & trust Him, but don't truly mean it because the devil is going to test this immediately. There are too many people that say they love Him, but soon as adversity comes, they go to everyone else but Him. The devil knows when you are lying about your trust in Him. Many people say, I put my life in your hands YAHUAH and then soon as trouble comes, you remove your life from His hands and go to everyone else for answers. You go to friends, doctors, teachers, parents, etc. But YAHUAH is right there waiting for you to consult Him and trust in Him, but you make Him your last option, when He should be the first. You cannot say you trust in YAH and will submit to Him, but not truly do so.

"Always focus on what YAH is doing for you despite your challenges and focus on the blessings and praise YAH always while you are dealing with the struggles."

The more you trust YAH the more you will anger the devil and eventually he will flee from you. You have to prove that your faith is real and rebuke him at the same time and eventually he will leave. But if you only focus on the negative, you will continue to give him access to you and he will beat you down until you walk out of the covering YAH has on you.

Always keep this on your mind

“Trust in YAHUAH with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

If while you are going through storms you say this out loud and mean it,
it will reinforce your conviction to remain steadfast in this faith.

Praise YAH while you deal with these issues

“But as for me, I trust in You, O YAHUAH;
I say, “You are my Elohim.”
My times are in Your hand;
Deliver me from the hand of my enemies,
And from those who persecute me.
Make Your face shine upon Your servant;
Save me for Your mercies’ sake.”

Psalms 31:14-16

Also say “YAHUAH is my strength and my shield;
My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped;
Therefore my heart greatly rejoices,
And with my song I will praise Him.
YAHUAH is their strength,
And He is the saving refuge of His anointed.
Save Your people,
And bless Your inheritance;
Shepherd them also,
And bear them up forever.”

Psalms 28:7-9

Say these out loud and praise YAH while you are going through your trials and let Him know you trust Him. This will be the difference in how long your trials will be. If you allow satan to beat you down, you will deal with them longer until either you walk away from your faith or you learn to have the trust you need. If you know this going in it will help you.

#3) You must be willing for a TOTAL dealing of the cross in your life. You must bear your cross

In the beginning of your walk with YAHUAH you must understand that bearing your cross can be difficult and that cross will be heavy in the beginning. You must understand that bearing your cross must be an ongoing day by day experience.

Yahusha said

**“If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself,
and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.”**

Luke 9:23

“And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.”

Matthew 10:38

Don't be a believer that does not expect tribulation or suffering. You are an enemy of this world. You cannot engage in spiritual warfare and not expect the enemy to try to fight back against you.

Yahusha said

**“For whoever desires to save his life will lose it,
but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it.”**

Luke 9:24

**If you expect hardships and struggles and you expect to come against adversity,
it will be easier to deal with once it comes.**

Early in your walk, the enemy is going to come at you hard to get your focus off YAH. If the devil can beat you down and you aren't willing to deal with it and fight against him, he will slowly but surely draw you back to him and his world, and you will find that this is often because your expectations weren't set to deal with the adversity of what comes with submitting to YAHUAH. Be ready to bear your cross once you submit to YAH and be willing to deal with the immediate struggles that will come once you do.

#4) You must learn to hear YAHUAH speak to you in your spirit and then listen to His voice

This does not mean you will hear an audible voice which you hear with your physical ears. This is like when YAHUAH says something to your spirit and then suddenly it is flashed into your mind in the form of a thought.

The Ruach Hakodesh, the Holy Spirit will put thoughts into our minds. That is how He speaks to us and is a witness to us. Satan can also flash thoughts into our minds. You must remember that the Holy Spirit will confirm to your heart and spirit what is from satan and what is not. This is another reason why it is so important to know scripture.

YAHUAH will never tell you anything that is not consistent with His Word.

**Satan always will.
Satan speaks through doubt and emotions.**

You need to learn to understand His voice versus the enemy. If what you are hearing does not lead you to peace or conviction it is mostly likely not from YAH. It is easier to identify the enemies voice in the beginning and know to tune that voice out when you hear it.

**WHEN IT PROVOKES YOU TO FEAR, DOUBT, EMOTIONS OF SADNESS, DISCOURAGEMENT,
THINGS THAT DO NOT BUILD YOU UP AND LEADS YOU TO MOVE THROUGH EMOTION,
IT DID NOT COME FROM OUR FATHER!!!**

#5) You must learn to control your mind

This will probably be one of the hardest things you will ever do. The mind is a major battlefield. Satan attacks everyone in their mind more than any other way. This battle is unceasing, unrelenting, and will continue as long as we live here on earth. We cannot lazily allow thoughts to run through our mind.

Do not allow distractions to take hold of you. When you do this, you are being a tool. Your phone, some of your music, your social media feed, your chat groups, the news, sports, entertainment of all kinds, etc. etc., they all are intended to grab portions of your mind, so that you do not always control your mind and your thoughts. When we know satan is working to limit and distract us, but we still give him authority to do so, we are only to blame when we are not producing the right fruit in our lives. We are responsible before YAH to stop and scrutinize every thought that goes through our minds to decide if it is obedient to Messiah or not. We can't just be believers and then give satan free control of our minds without check. That's the reason why satan loves using entertainment to program us, because we often turn off our brains and then allow him to send whatever thoughts and suggestions, he wants to reprogram us with.

Satan will put thoughts into your mind starting with the word “I” to make you think the thought was originated by you.

For instance, a thought may come such as

“I sure would like to do _____”

Something you know is sin. As soon as you realize such a thought is in your mind, you need to attack the real source.

Out loud say something like:

**“Satan and you demons, I rebuke you in the name of Yahusha.
I will not accept that thought. Go away”.**

Then force yourself to think about scripture, recite a scripture out loud if necessary, to get control of your mind. We must literally retrain and renew our minds.

“And do not be conformed to this world,
but be transformed by the renewing of your mind,
that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of Elohim.”

Romans 12:2

Learn to control your mind

#6) Scripture memory is important.

“Your word I have hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin against You.”

Psalms 119:11

The way to hide YAH’s word in your heart is read it often and memorize verses. This can’t be emphasized enough. Memorizing certain scripture is helpful especially for spiritual warfare. I memorize scripture by reading the same things continuously, but you can always pick scriptures and say them aloud every day until they are in your memory. You need scripture on hand when you are going against the enemy. Scripture is your sword. If you do not have any scripture ready when you are going against the enemy, you are weaponless. Imagine going to fight in a war without a weapon.

Memorize scripture

#7) You are under YAH's authority

Unless we learn to obey YAHUAH's direct authority, we will lose many battles because we will neither hear nor obey our King, Yahusha. The Most High joins His children together through the authority given to Yahusha. If any one of His children is independent and self-reliant, not subject to YAH's authority, then that one can never accomplish the work of YAHUAH on earth.

Remember you are not operating in spiritual warfare on your own power & authority. You must submit to YAH's authority. You are to be a vessel for YAH to use and this requires obedience and heeding to His voice. You are under His authority so you must subject yourself to Him and follow Him as He leads you.

#8) Never underestimate satan's power

Never forget that the battle is real. So many people feel like they can ignore satan and he will just go away. They believe that soon as they accept Messiah, they don't have to worry about the devil. Ironically and by no surprise, it's normally those that hold this mindset, that are usually the most deceived and influenced by satan. He is your adversary, your opponent. Scripture does not say, ignore him. It says resist him and he will flee from you. We cannot outwit satan. We will not figure out all his deceptions. Don't give him too much focus. Know he's there. Understand the games he's playing but don't give him your focus after you see his influence and his game.

#9) Don't resist YAH's chastening

This is a very big thing to understand. Here's the thing you need to process right now.

For most of our life, while we lived in falsehoods and lies, you have to understand that most of what we were doing was outside of YAH's will. Our lives and most of our decisions were not about Him and they were not directed by Him. We were in the world and got ourselves spotted and dirty. Now that we are coming to YAH our expectations are messed up. It's like we believe that we went into the world got dirty and nasty and now that we decided to serve YAH, we think He is just going to keep us in that same wicked nonsense that had nothing to do with Him.

As you submit to YAH you need to understand that He will change your life. What you were doing before may not fit in His plan for you. Beware of the hypocrisy, because many people say that they want our Father, but it's always based on a selfish condition that you stay comfortable and serving Him doesn't affect you too much. It does not work this way. Please understand:

You were filthy and dirty before you came to Him. Now that you are submitting yourself to Him. He says you are filthy, you cannot stand before me like this and so He is going to clean you up and this cleaning up can be very difficult.

Please know:

It's not always the devil attacking you, but you are being chastened by YAHUAH in order for Him to be able to use you.

“My son, do not despise the chastening of YAHUAH,
Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;
For whom YAHUAH loves He chastens,
And scourges every son whom He receives.””

Hebrews 12:5-6

This happens to us all. The important thing is that when these things start happening, make sure you do not run into the arms of the enemy. Make sure you don't let him direct you to feelings of sadness or despair. You don't let him tell you you are doing things wrong.

If you submit to YAH please know that your life will change and you will face challenges. Sometimes it the enemy and other times it's YAH moving things out of the way and cleansing you. It's hard to know who is doing what and what is happening. When it's dealing with people, that's a little easy to see. Don't let people draw you into your flesh and feelings of emotion that leads you in the arms of the enemy. Always know these people are being used by the enemy to get you off the track and path that you are going so that you do not come to YAH, you can't allow that.

It may be hard to know if:

1. It is a spiritual attack or
2. If YAH is moving things out the way

But the thing is that the answer to both is still the same

So if you handle all things the same you will be able to get through either.

The answer is trust and submission

If you trust YAH even though the enemy is attacking you, He will provide you peace and security if you give it to Him. So give it to Him and let Him protect you. If it is YAH moving to cleanse you, if you trust Him He will again provide the same peace. If the enemy is attacking you, if you learn to trust YAH and depend on His guidance, as the attacks come He will show you when to respond or when to just get out of the way. **This is all about trust and dependency.** If you learn to just give YAHUAH the steering wheel and let Him navigate your life, when you get to where He is taking you, you will be strong, enemies under your feet, and in completeness and peace. But this is a process and you must be willing to walk through it. You have to understand that if you spent decades in rebellion and sin, sometimes it takes a lot to unpeel the layers and get you where you need to be. **You have to learn to trust in Him.**