

## Give no place to the Devil (Ephesians 4:27).



**W**HEN WE LOVE THE LORD AND GIVE HIM OUR ALL, our entire lives are in His hands, under His loving care, and the Devil has nothing that he can lay claim to—nothing he can use to make us feel condemned and distant from God.

It's like the story of Huddersfield: There was once a rich landowner who decided to buy the entire village of Huddersfield, and over time he bought every piece of land in the area—every piece, that is, except one little plot. One stubborn old farmer refused to sell his tiny piece of land, and nothing would change his mind. The landowner even offered the farmer much more money than his property was actually worth, but the farmer was so fond of his land that he absolutely refused to sell. When the landowner finally gave up, he tried to encourage himself by saying, “What difference does just one little plot of land make? I've bought everything else, so Huddersfield is *mine*. It belongs to me!” But the stubborn old farmer overheard him and said, “Oh, no it doesn't! *We* own Huddersfield. It belongs to you and *me!*”

Don't let the Devil be able to say that of you to God! “Aha! Look, God! Even though he belongs mostly to You, a little bit still belongs to me!”