

**“When the enemy comes
in like a flood, the Spirit
of the Lord will lift up a
standard against him”
(Isaiah 59:19).**



SOMETIMES LIVING FOR THE LORD IS A REAL FIGHT, but the Devil can't prevail against you if you resist him with the Word of God. The Bible is God's standard, like a banner or flag that we can wave in front of the Devil's sharp pointed nose to make him flee (James 4:7). He can't take the Word.

When the Devil tempts you, what's the first thing you should do?—Ask the Lord for a Scripture to answer the Devil's lie. That's what Jesus did. He just quoted the Scriptures. Of course, the Devil also tried quoting Scripture to Jesus, but he twisted them and took them out of context. So Jesus just fired Scriptures back at him the way they *should* have been applied: “It is *written*” (Luke 4:1–13). And the Devil fled!

The best way to stop an attack is to counterattack. The best defense is an offense. Wage a militant warfare against the Devil. Pray. Memorize and quote God's promises to the Devil, as well as to yourself, to bolster your faith. Put the Devil out of action with the Word. Bury him in a flood of the truth!