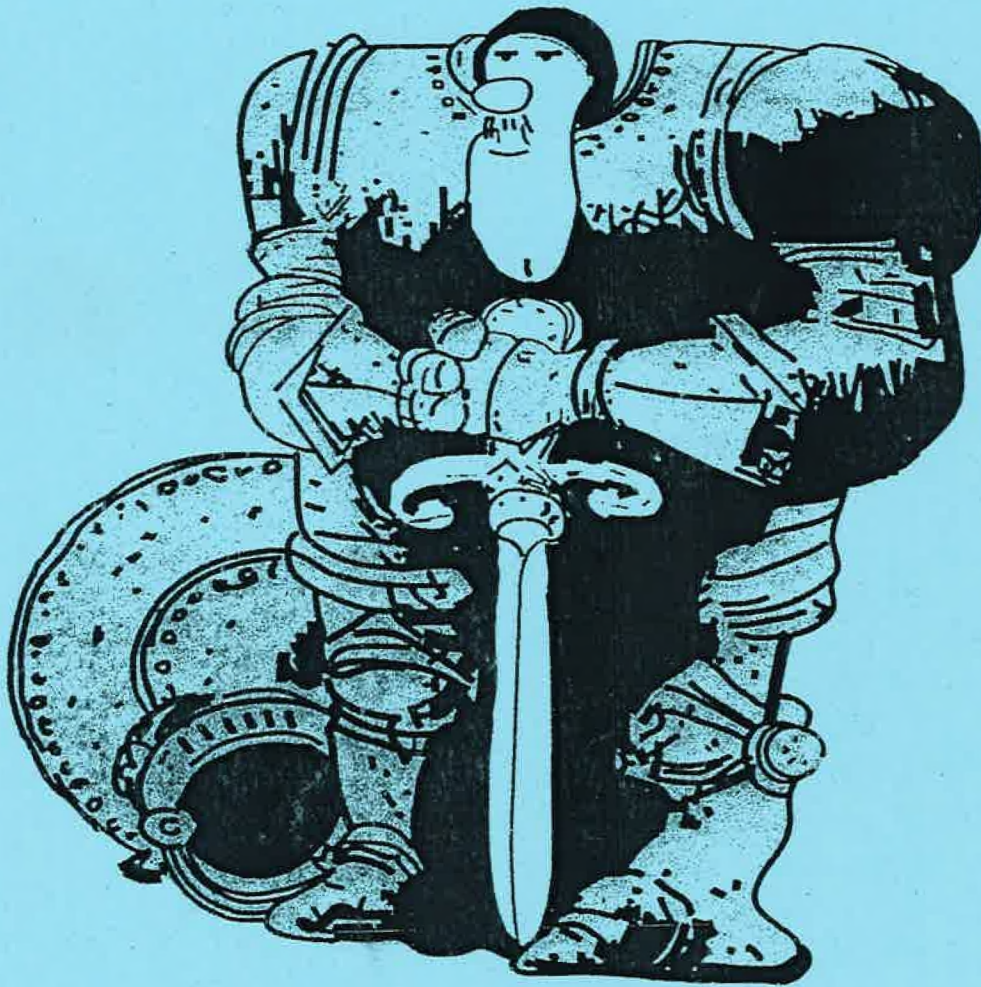


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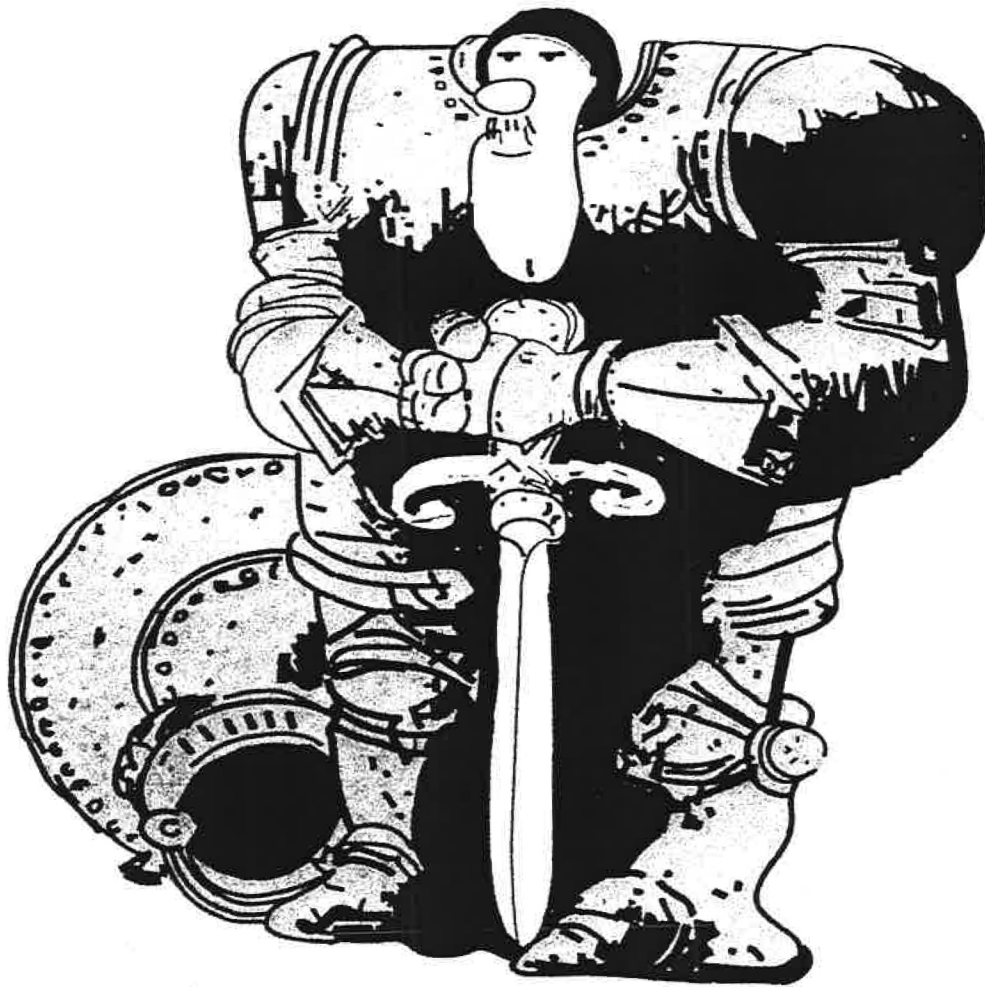


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Being raised in a "religious" background involving many denominations as a child, God called him to a deliverance ministry at the age of 21 (1971). It was then that he began praying deliverance for people as the Lord brought them to him. Except for a 10-year hiatus when he traveled the spiritual wilderness like his mentor Moses, Ken has continued to pray balanced deliverance for those who suffer from oppression brought about by spiritual forces in their lives.

During his walk with the Lord, he has grown in gifting and anointing as the Lord has continually stretched him, a walk which forced Ken to take God out of the box he had Him in from his early church training. His desire is to run the race set before him in the fullness of abundant life, being obedient by giving the Lord Jesus Christ all of him and leaving no spiritual old nature resident in his fleshly body.

His heart has compassion for the hurting (including those who have been "left for dead" by the church), for his country and its slide into collectivism and moral depravity, and for an ethical and dynamic business community which honors the Lord in all aspects of the free market system. Because of his varied background, Ken desires to teach, train, multiply and send out those who can, in turn, take biblical concepts and turn the world inside out with God's love and power.

Ken graduated from Seattle Pacific College in 1971 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics and Business Administration and began his post-college career in accounting and credit management in Seattle. From then he worked for a political party in Spokane, Washington and later went into sales in the same region.

What followed was fifteen years as Executive Director of the Better Business Bureau of Treasure Valley in Boise, Idaho, an organization dedicated toward helping business regulate itself through voluntary ethical business practices. He took the organization from a point of bankruptcy to the status of Better Business Bureau of the Year, along with many additional awards within the organization.

Ken's avocation was politics for 25 years until the Lord called him to full-time ministry in October of 1991.

The ministry of Freedom Encounters evolved from that commitment and now Ken and his wife Sylvia travel throughout the United States and overseas, wherever the Spirit of the Lord takes them.

He and his wife Sylvia were married in May of 1995 and reside in Boise, Idaho, in the northwest part of the United States. They stand shoulder to shoulder in a powerful team ministry as they travel wherever the Lord directs, to bring deliverance and healing to those who are captive and oppressed by demonic forces. The power and grace of God sets His people free and enables them to be restored through anointed prayer, prophecy, inspired preaching, teaching and counseling.

SYLVIA THORNBURG

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Sylvia finally committed her life totally to the Lord on America's celebration of Independence Day, July 4, 1988. She spent many years studying the Word of God and gradually began ministering to His people under the gifts of prophetic teaching, intercession, healing and giving financially to support ministers of the gospel. While her background in business management and sales developed many God-given skills, Sylvia's life is now dedicated to knowing and reflecting the Father's loving heart. Her heart's desire is to walk by faith and obedience to Him. Sylvia resigned her business career in 1995 when she married Ken and joined him in the ministry on a full-time basis.

FREEDOM ENCOUNTERS MINISTRY

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To obtain a current and complete list of their ministry offerings, please visit the ministry website at www.freedomencounters.com. The website describes the contents of each seminar/teaching under the link "Ministry Offerings." Also located within the website are links to scheduled trips, ministry needs, articles which can be read and/or downloaded, testimonies of those who have received healing through the deliverance ministry, "Frequently Asked Questions" on issues related to deliverance, and other topics. Many reports have been translated into other languages as well and there are links to those sites.

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SEMINAR INTRODUCTION

The study of spiritual warfare and our subsequent walk with God in the supernatural realm requires balance based upon the Word of God and enlightenment from the voice of the Holy Spirit. Our universe is engaged in a cosmic spiritual battle in which all of us participate. It is a supernatural realm that Satan, God's arch enemy, would have us ignore altogether so that he is not resisted and overthrown. In fact, as Dr. Ed Murphy has stated, "This cosmic battle actually centers around man; we pray and operate in the cosmic sphere as members of the body of Christ."

As we study our part in overcoming the influences of evil in this realm over ourselves, our families, our local churches, our cities and towns, and our nation, we must be careful to (1) avoid preoccupation with evil, (blaming all problems on demonic influences), (2) remain fully aware of the enemy's character and proper role, while (3) exposing his schemes and tearing down his strongholds. This can be done only with the overpowering sufficiency, supremacy and authority of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit.

Underestimating our enemy is a tactical error in battle that can lead to a crushing defeat, because he is crafty, vicious, formidable, and wicked (Ephesians 6:11,12). However... it is a comfort to know that the Most High God has provided impenetrable armor by which the believer/warrior may have not only full safety, but ultimate victory (Ephesians 6:13).

"There are two equal and opposite errors into which our race can fall about the devils. One is to disbelieve in their existence. The other is to believe, and to feel an excessive and unhealthy interest in them. They themselves are equally pleased by both errors and hail a materialist or a magician with the same delight."

C. S. Lewis, *Screwtape Letters* Preface

Traditional studies on spiritual warfare have a common teaching on Ephesians 6:10-18 in relation to the spiritual armor each is given upon salvation. We understand that this is the foundational layer for gleaning what is given to each believer for the battle. As critical a component as it is, we are not going to teach a section on it because most believers have already studied it numerous times. Therefore, we have included a section on it in the Appendix to this manual and we will be bridging our teaching from its truths. The armor, in its fullness and power and carried to its ultimate utilization, provides everything we need to conquer a "defeated" foe.

May the Lord Jesus Christ be fully glorified throughout our sessions!

"For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light ... and find out what pleases the Lord. Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them." Ephesians 5:8-11

"The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light ... clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature. Romans 13:12-14

PERSPECTIVES

The following are some summary points from longer statements from these authors. The full texts for each one is in the Appendix.

"I was chagrined by the lack of preparation I had received through my academic training...Pastoral leadership in our country is equally lacking in training and understanding of the believer's warfare."

Mark Bubeck, Foreword to "*Demon Possession and the Christian*", Dickason, Moody Press, 1987

"There is no doubt that Satan and demons attack Christians. They seem to be special targets of the enemies of God because they are the children of God and hated as God is hated. Some do not recognize the full range of activities leveled against the children of God because they think that salvation automatically protects us from all sorts of evil ... This simply is not so."

C. Fred Dickason "*Demon Possession and the Christian*", op cit, pp. 105-106

"High among the list of traditional Christian doctrines that have fallen into disrepute is belief in Satan. The theologian in his study and the ordinary churchman in his pew are — for once — agreed. It is ridiculous to believe in the devil in this enlightened age ... Despite our progressed sophistication, there is today in the West a greater interest in a practice of magic than for three centuries."

Michael Green, "*I Believe in Satan's Downfall*", Erdmans, 1981, pp. 9-10

"There is, in fact, a strong tendency among many Christians to be naive concerning their arch foe, Satan, and his demon assistants ... to be ignorant or misinformed on this subject is weighted with dire risks...Yet believers sometimes display an obvious disinterest in what the Bible reveals about such a study. This apathy or dread is almost as perilous as the opposite extreme of fanatical occupation with evil ... these aberrations are a delight to Satan. They prove the subtlety of his stratagems by which he outwits his opponents and gains advantage over them."

Dr. Merrill F. Unger "*What Demons Can Do to Saints*", p. 17
[This is one book we recommend for believers to read - KT]

PRIMARY THESIS

- The Holy Scriptures (the Bible) is our theological foundation and the Spirit of Truth (the Holy Spirit) is our source of enlightenment.
- We can fully accept the supremacy and adequacy of the authority, power, might, victory, and precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Since the victory already has been won

(I John 3:8 and Hebrews 2:14,15), we must not overestimate the power of the enemy, recognizing that we have been given divinely empowered weapons to overcome him.

- You will be challenged to look at the practical ways in which the enemy has "pushed your buttons" in order to oppress and control you. Be open to the voice of the Holy Spirit as He guides you into all truth, for the Lord Jesus Christ desires to give you full victory and freedom. You may need to question some traditions you have blindly accepted. (John 8:32).
- We must keep balance in our outlook, for there is not a demon behind every bush, creating every problem we encounter. Conversely, neither is a demon nor Satan a creation of one's imagination.
- The Lord will offer you His power and weapons to become an overcomer in ways to which you may not have been accustomed in the past.
- As His sons and daughters, use the authority He makes available to tear down the strongholds He has given you the ability to discern.
- Come to understand the enemy's schemes, the reality of the supernatural realm, and how he has influenced your life.

GOALS OF THE SEMINAR

1. To establish the reality of the battle in the spiritual realm.
2. To expose the enemy's schemes that work to keep people captive.
3. To understand the world system, the flesh & evil channels of supernatural influences that impact all people.
4. To wake up and mobilize God's Army for end-time battle.
5. To help you effectively discern how you may have been influenced by the enemy's schemes.
6. To provide practical tools to resist and overcome Satan and his Kingdom of Darkness.

SECTION ONE



UNDERSTANDING OUR FOE

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As Christians, we are engaged in a continuous conflict for the Kingdom of God to be re-established in heaven and earth as it was before the fall, but few people give this conflict much thought in their day-to-day lives. Few understand the eternal consequences of Lucifer's transgression and rebellion that impacted every aspect of God's righteous kingdom. Perfection became violated by the introduction of Lucifer's pride ("I will"), rebellion, disobedience, iniquity, violence and evil destruction. God's sovereign authority, His righteous name and righteous will were challenged. Antagonistic conflict was birthed, war ensued in heaven, and two kingdoms emerged: the Kingdom of Darkness (evil) vs. the Kingdom of Light (good).

Thus, our first step is to recognize the nature and evil works of Satan, the leader of darkness who "comes disguised as an angel of light." However, in our discussion of the kingdom of darkness, we want to be sure that we view the darkness from the position of the true Light of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth and His precious Holy Spirit - the Spirit of Truth. We are called to focus our minds and hearts upon the King of Kings, not His arch enemy! Nonetheless, a major first step in every war is to understand the enemy and develop a battle plan which has the elements to overcome each of his schemes.

I. SATAN

A. Origin and Transgression

1. Isaiah 14:12-15

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

2. Ezekiel 28:11-17a

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

3. Matthew 25:41; Revelation 12:7-9; II Peter 2:4; John 12:31

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

4. Revelation 12:3-12; Luke 10:18

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

To understand the character of Satan means to completely reverse ordinary thinking. Our own Christ-influenced character has trouble comprehending how any created being could be so purely evil and hate so completely. Consider a time in your life when you were in a rage; recall the intense energy it took, even for a few seconds. Then think of maintaining that level of rage and hatred every moment over thousands of years, and you will have a finite view of the character of Satan.

5. Genesis 3:15

- a. _____
- b. _____
- c. _____

B. Satan's Attitude Toward and Recognition of Man

- 1 Romans 16:20; Revelation 12:11; Ephesians 1:20-23 _____

- 2 Luke 10:18,19; Colossians 2:15 _____

- 3 1 Timothy 4:1; James 4:7 _____

- 4 1 Peter 5:8 _____

C. Satan's Characteristics and Work

- 1 John 8:44; 10:10; Matt. 13:19, Mark 4:15 _____

- 2 2 Corinthians 4:4 _____

- 3 1 Thessalonians 3:5 _____

- 4 1 John 5:19 _____

- 5 Revelation 12:10 _____

- 6 John 12:31; John 10:10 _____

- 7 1 Peter 5:8 _____

8. Job 2:7 _____
9. 2 Cor. 4:4 _____
10. 2 Thess. 2:9 _____

II. SATAN'S ARMY

A. Demons' Origin

1. Revelation 12:4, 9; Ezekiel 28:18 Psalm 82:6 - Demons were children of Most High God
They were fallen angels, created by God. Deception of Satan changed some part of their being.

B. Demons' Destiny

1. 2 Peter 2:4; Jude 6; Revelation 9:1-11 Some are in Hell, utter darkness, some already sent to dungeons, some in Abyss waiting judgement some in lake of fire.
2. Matthew 25:41, 13:39 Demons hate satan because he deceived them. There is no unity among demons. At the close of the age, the remaining demons are delivered to the lake of fire.

C. Demonic Characteristics

1. Daniel 10:10-14 Supernatural spirits - Job is to hinder God & nations. Michael was fighting a demon of Persian Empire of Persia.
2. Matthew 8:28, 29, 31 Very violent - wonder authority of God. There is an appointed time for demons to be tormented (Luke 13:31).
3. Matthew 9:32, 33; Mark 1:23, 9:25; Luke 13:11 Demons can afflict physically and even control a body. Slavery.
4. Mark 5:1-15 They are busy in a house & a tomb.
- ✓ 1-2 A. Singular vs. Plural They are busy in a house & a tomb.
- ✓ 3-5 B. Enjoying Destruction/Isolation They are busy in a house & a tomb.
- ✓ 6-7 C. Lying vs. Truth in Scripture They are busy in a house & a tomb.
- ✓ 8-10 D. Names Demons have names - they want their names & renewed properly. Every name means something.
- ✓ E. Speaking to Demons They have certain names & purposes.
- ✓ F. Torment of demons Timing is big. There is a time for them to receive their punishment at the end.
- ✓ 10 G. Territorial Nature Demons were bound to a land - they were assigned there. Legion said don't send us out of our country.

when you are humans go on to next incarnation
they know who that
angels

- V 11-12 H. Inhabiting Flesh Demons begging Jesus. Demons can destroy man's reason when in flesh. They inhabit a body. Not spirit or soul.
- V 12-13 I. Recognition of Jesus as Most Powerful Jesus wanted a sign to demons because if wasn't the time to send them anywhere else.
- Luc 8:29 J. Cannot Overcome Jesus' Love Jesus said more for the man than the pigs (or the loss of industry)
- V 14-15
- 5 / 11. Ephesians 6:12 contending against principalities of this world
millions of the present darkness spirit forces of wickedness
- 6 / 12. 1 Timothy 4:1-3 blinding & seducing spirits and doctrines that
demons teach. Hypocrisy & perversions of liars deceive, confuse &
legitimate
- 7 / 13. James 2:19 Demons believe in Jesus to lead from the emotions of
fear. They have emotions. When we have demons on our flesh we
are not able to overcome
- 8 / 14. Luke 4:33-35, 41 Demons are intelligent, they are deceived. They
recognize Jesus' authority. Was they wanted to hurt him but could not.
- 9 / 15. Colossians 1:16 Demons are spirit beings who travel at the
speed of light but are spirits of demons (demons have spirits)
- 10 / 16. Luke 4:34 Demons can be bound but not extinguished.
Therefore of the demons that are extinguished but
their spirit goes to the lake of fire.

D. Demonic Activities

- 1 Luke 8:29 alienate & isolate people
- 2 Luke 13:11 create physical & mental disorders. They can
help create mental illness.
- 3 Mark 9:22; Psalms 78:49 They kill & destroy. Can create
heart attacks, aneurisms, confusion
- 4 Timothy 4:1, 2; 1 John 4:6 Demons deceive and lie - False prophet
spirits
They teach & fool gods elect. Promote legalism,
Rules & regulations, traditions
- 5 II Timothy 1:7 seek to destroy spiritual power through
fear.
- 6 James 1:14; Revelation 2:12-14 tempt man to do evil the hit
you with guilt & regret
- 7 1 John 4:18; Romans 8:15 Putting fear into man for the
fear of man.
- 8 Ephesians 4:26, 27 Demons can feed anger & rage.

9. II Corinthians 2:10, 11 They want to promote unforgiveness and give us false excuses for holding on.
10. II Thessalonians 2:8, 9; Revelation 16:14 They can create deceptive miracles or counterfeit gifts
11. Ephesians 2:1-3 Demons seek to control mankind by leading them into humanism
12. Daniel 10:13, 20 Demons seek to control governments
13. Isaiah 14:14; Genesis 3:1-5 Demons slander God to thwart His purposes. They do it in subtle ways.
14. Exodus 12:12; Psalms 106:36-38 Demons want to drive men to idolatry. (Time, power, another God)
15. I Corinthians 7:2, 5 Demons promote lust, pornography,
16. James 3:14-16; I Corinthians 3:1-4 want to promote jealousy, arrogance & pride, confusion, personality cults (worship a star)

E. Hierarchal Rankings

The kingdom of darkness is ruled over by Satan and has a system of authority like that of a corporation or government.

- 1 Satan (Mark 3:27; John 14:30; Ephesians 2:2); aka Lucifer, Devil, Prince of Demons (Beelzebub-Matt. 12:24), god of this world.
2. Rulers/Principalities/Authorities/Powers (Colossians 1:16; Daniel 10:13, 20; Ephesians 1:21, 6:12)

These are now traditionally referred to as "territorial spirits." Their roles can include ruling over geographical areas (such as nations, cities, and towns), over demographic areas (such as people and religious groups, races, tribes, and ancestries), or over specific areas of sin (such as drugs, alcohol, films, television, Web/computer, etc.)

Extensive personal experience in our ministry of dealing with the demonic realm has revealed a very complex, pervasive system of control from territories as large as continents to those as small as city blocks. Scripture mentions types of territorial spirits, but nowhere does it make clear what their responsibilities are and how they differ from one another. Opinions expressed on the issue are purely subjective in nature.

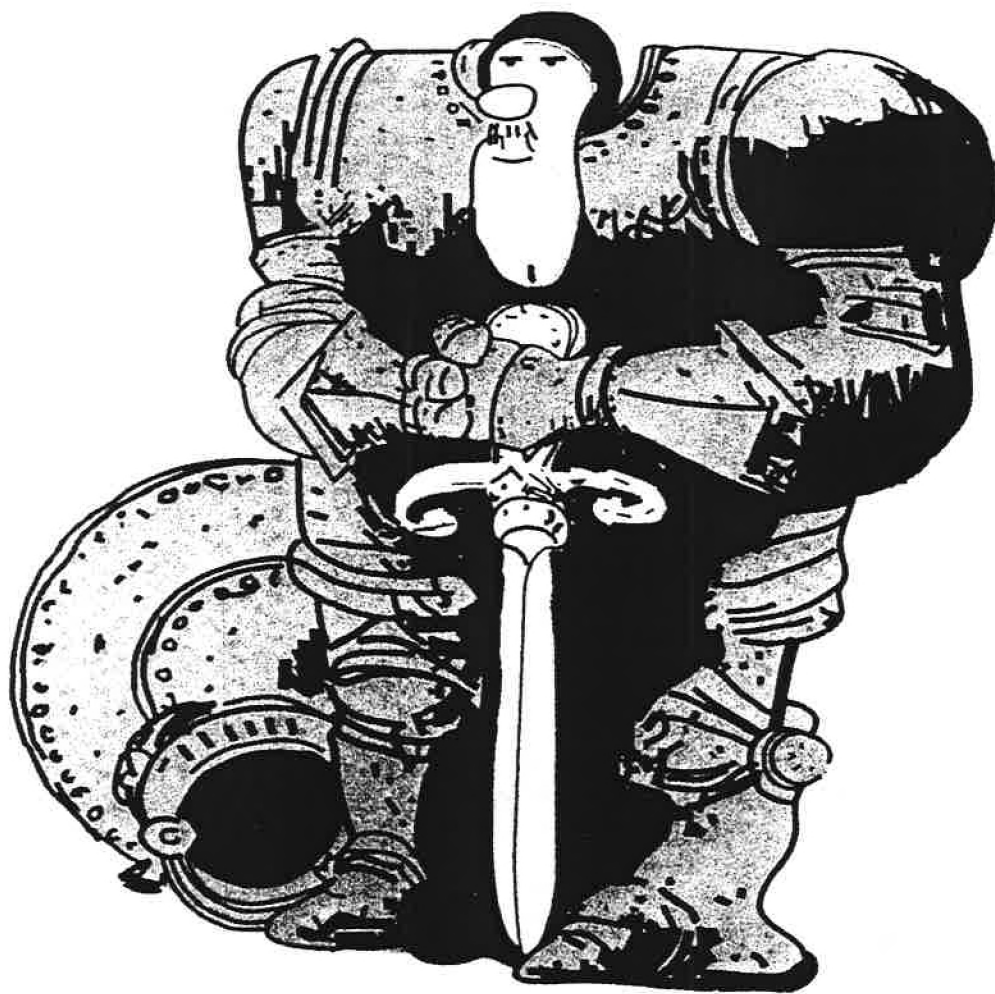
For people who are demonized or possessed, there is always one demon in charge of the generational cadre within the body. Within the structure of the cadre, there are various levels and/or systems of demons under the Head Demon's control. This truth applies to both external and internal (see later Section) cadres of demons.

3. Demonic Forces of Evil (Ephesians 6:12)

Scripture speaks of demonic forces as not only demons or evil spirits, but also as spirits dealing with specific intents, such as unclean, anti-Christ, divining, infirmity, rebellion, fear, and deception. These are mentioned in the following Scriptures, as well as others: Mark 1:23, 3:15, 6:7; Matthew 12:43; Luke 13:12; Ephesians 2:2; 1 Timothy 4:1; 2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 4:3; Acts 16:17. These references do not refer to the demons' names, but purely to their functions, duties, and assignments.

Satan's kingdom is definitely very organized; his legalism would allow nothing less. He leaves no stone unturned in seeking ways to enslave mankind and he is always seeking some new deception in attempting to thwart God's purposes. However, God's kingdom not only is equally organized, but infinitely more powerful, with the last chapter already written.

SECTION TWO



OUR BATTLEFRONTS OF CONFLICT

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A key to knowing your enemy in warfare is to know the source of the sin and oppression. We must avoid becoming "devil-phobic," i.e., centering our attention on Satan. Even without his help, we still would find plenty of opportunities to sin. A biblical world view includes a careful understanding of our enemies, yet focuses on the surpassing greatness of the Most High God.

Satan's ultimate goal is to destroy as many people as possible and hinder the advancement of the Kingdom of God and its complete restoration. His arch enemies are the Lord Jesus Christ and His body of believers, who have made Jesus Christ their Savior and Lord. Prov. 29:7 says: "An unjust man is an abomination to the just, and he that is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked."

We have three battlefronts (James 4:1-10):

- The flesh (vv. 1-3)
- The world (vv. 4-7)
- Satan and his kingdom (vv 7-10)

Let's look at these in depth.

I. THE FLESH

A. What is it?

Our flesh generates self-centered thoughts and ideas. Since the fall of man, our flesh has been trained to live apart from God until we became Christians. It is inherent within every human and had easy access to our soul (heart, emotions, senses - Romans 3:10-18; Ephesians 4:17-19). The flesh wars against God (Galatians 5:16-19). The flesh, representing our self-will, is called our "old man" or "sinful nature" which was crucified with Christ (Romans 6:6; Ephesians 4:22). We are told to be dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:11).

B. Issues of the Flesh

1. Proverbs 8:7 and 12:22 Lying lips
2. Proverbs 11:20 crooked perverse heart
3. Proverbs 15:8,9,26 the way & the thoughts of wicked
4. Proverbs 16:5 froward in heart

5. Proverbs 17:15 flesh justifies wickedness and condemns the just.
6. Summary: Proverbs 6:16 The six things the Lord hates:

C. Functions of the Flesh

1. Romans 7:14-25 Struggles between right and wrong battle on the inside.
 2. Romans 8:6-8 The flesh cannot please God.
 3. Galatians 5:19-21 (15 separate products of the flesh) Produce momentary satisfaction.
4. Mark Bubeck, in "The Adversary", p. 34, correctly defines the role of the flesh in the Christian's life:

"He gives place — literally claim or practical ground — to Satan's activity in his life. Giving way willfully to practice sins of the flesh gives occasion for Satan to have his way in a believer's life. Although all legal claim of Satan against us was canceled at the cross, a believer's willful indulgence in fleshly sins gives the enemy a place or a claim against us which he will be quick to exploit."

Once demons are gone it is much easier to overcome flesh.

D. Slaying the flesh

1. Romans 6:1-14; Ephesians 1:13,14 New creature in Christ
2. Hebrews 4:16 Come boldly before him he is always available - Come when flesh causes you troubles.
3. Jeremiah 17:9,10; Psalms 139:23,24 God wants a repentant heart and that we relinquish control.

4. His grace, we are told in Romans 6:14, always brings the victory!

II. THE WORLD

A. What is the "World?"

Satan is referred to as the "god of this world" (11 Corinthians 4:4) and "prince of this world" (John 12:31, 16:11)

The first term, *aion*, refers to a spirit of the age that rejects the true God and sets up a counterfeit life and substitute religion with man at its center. The second term, *kosmos*,

pictures an ordered system with Satan pulling the strings. It represents something very real to us, because we can touch, see, smell, and hear its outward temptations.

B. Functions of this world

1. Mark 4:19, 1 John 5:19; Ephesians 2:2 Bondage to Satan -

2. To get us to love the world by (1 John 2:15-17):
 - A. Materialism (Ps. 101:2-4) The lust of the eyes. Dressing inappropriately, reading wrong books etc.
 - B. Humanism Boasting of what man does - Ambition, constant striving - Never enough, workaholicism
 - C. Hedonism (Matthew 13:22; Proverbs 15:16-17; Eccles. 5:10) _____
3. Turns man against God through (James 3:13-4:6):
 - A. Secularism _____
 - B. Abortion/Euthanasia _____
 - C. John 12:42,43 _____
 - D. Satanic Ritual Abuse (see Section Five) _____
4. Direct attacks on:
 - A. Personal Weaknesses _____
 - B. Family _____
 - C. God's servants _____
 - D. Dismal Devotional Life _____
 - E. Intimacy with Jesus _____

5. The Devil's Convention

A. Non-essentials in life _____

B. Spend and Borrow _____

C. Over-stimulate the Mind _____

D. Media and Press Bombardment _____

E. Excessive Recreation _____

F. Gossip and Small Talk _____

G. Good vs. Mighty Works _____

6. Schools of Thought and Mind Manipulation

A. The Greek Mindset

1. Origins (Daniel 2:39, 10:20) _____

2. Staying Power _____

3. Worldly Elements _____

4. Relativism (1 Peter 1:16; 2 Peter 3:11) _____

5. Impact on the Church _____

B. The New Age Movement

1. Pantheistic - Everything is part of God,

2. Mystical experiences
3. Divine power in man through extra-sensory knowledge
4. Spirit guides are simply demons being deceptively used unknowingly
5. Eastern religion/occult _____
6. Altered consciousness and psychic powers bring enlightenment
7. Social/political activism is promoted to produce a one-world government with New-Agers as its leaders
8. Man is part of God and God is impersonal
9. Crystals, psychic phenomena, healings, magic, & holistic therapies are part of the enlightenment process
10. Satan is a man _____
11. Jesus is a "New Ager" _____
12. Heaven and hell _____
13. Feminist movement is totally controlled by New Agers and Wiccans

C. Islam

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

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D. Rejecting the world

- 1 John 12:31; 16:11, 33; Heb. 2:14-15 -- Christ has overcome the world through His cross and resurrection! _____

2. John 14:15; Luke 11:28 _____

3. 1 John 5:4 _____

4. 1 John 2:15, 17 _____
1 COR 3:18-20 _____
5. Relativism and Peer Pressure _____

6. Ephesians 4:22-24 _____

7. 1 Peter 1:3-4 _____

III. SATAN & HIS KINGDOM OF DARKNESS

A. What is Evil Supernaturalism?

Satan masks himself as "an angel of light" (2 Corinthians 11:14) or manifests himself as a "roaring lion looking for someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). John 10:10 tells us that Satan came to steal, kill, and destroy. Most believers are only aware of his attacks when he appears as the "roaring lion," but today believers must use divine wisdom to discern when he comes as the "angel of light."

The supernatural conflict of ages back has obviously broken into the observable dimension of human events in very dramatic ways. The church's ignorance of the supernatural realm can be compared to "shadow boxing" at best in some circumstances. Often believers in Jesus Christ do not know who their enemy is or how he attacks. It has become too easy for believers to engage in "friendly fire" at one another rather than recognizing that the enemy is the enemy.

It is also too easy for believers to say that Lucifer (Satan) does not exist. Ignorance opens the door for demons to be more active and successful, for they are never exposed, much less taken seriously.

B. Functions of Evil Supernaturalism

1. Chief purposes:

A. Towards Unbelievers 2 Cor. 4:4; 2 Thess. 2:11 _____

B. Towards God's Servants _____

2. 1 John 5:18b _____

3. 2 Corinthians 2:11; James 4:7 _____

4. Doctrinal Deviation & Deception _____

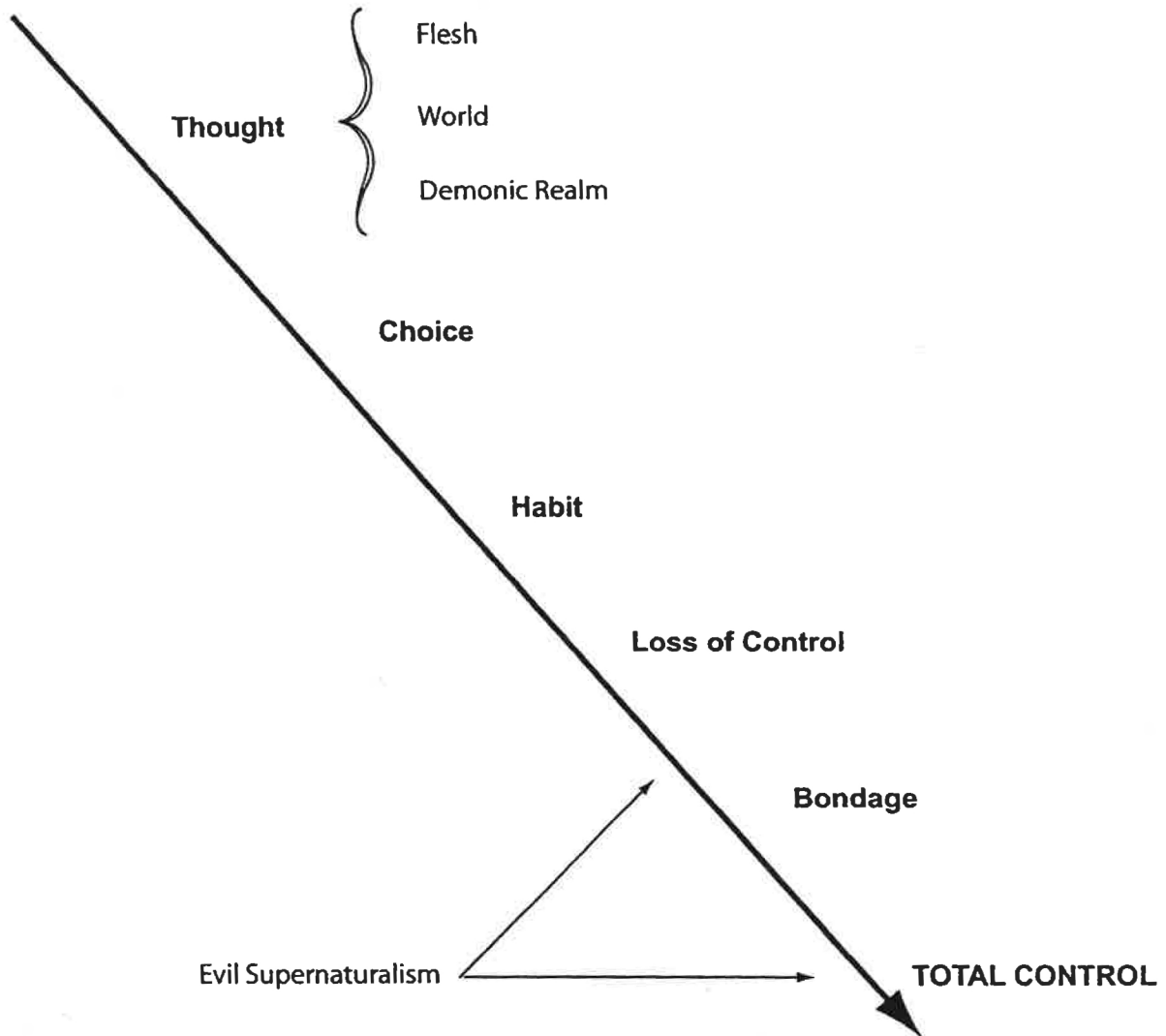
5. Curses, Spells, & Demons _____

6. Luke 8:12; 2 Corinthians 4:3; I Thessalonians 2:18 _____

Ignorance is neither bliss nor protection. A potential indictment of the church is that Satanists and coven members (a group of Satanists who meet regularly together) are more willing to respect and believe God's power, and accept the reality of the supernatural realm, than is the body of Christ. Ignorance is often fed by either fear of the devil, feelings of inadequacy in the fight, or skeptical rationalism.

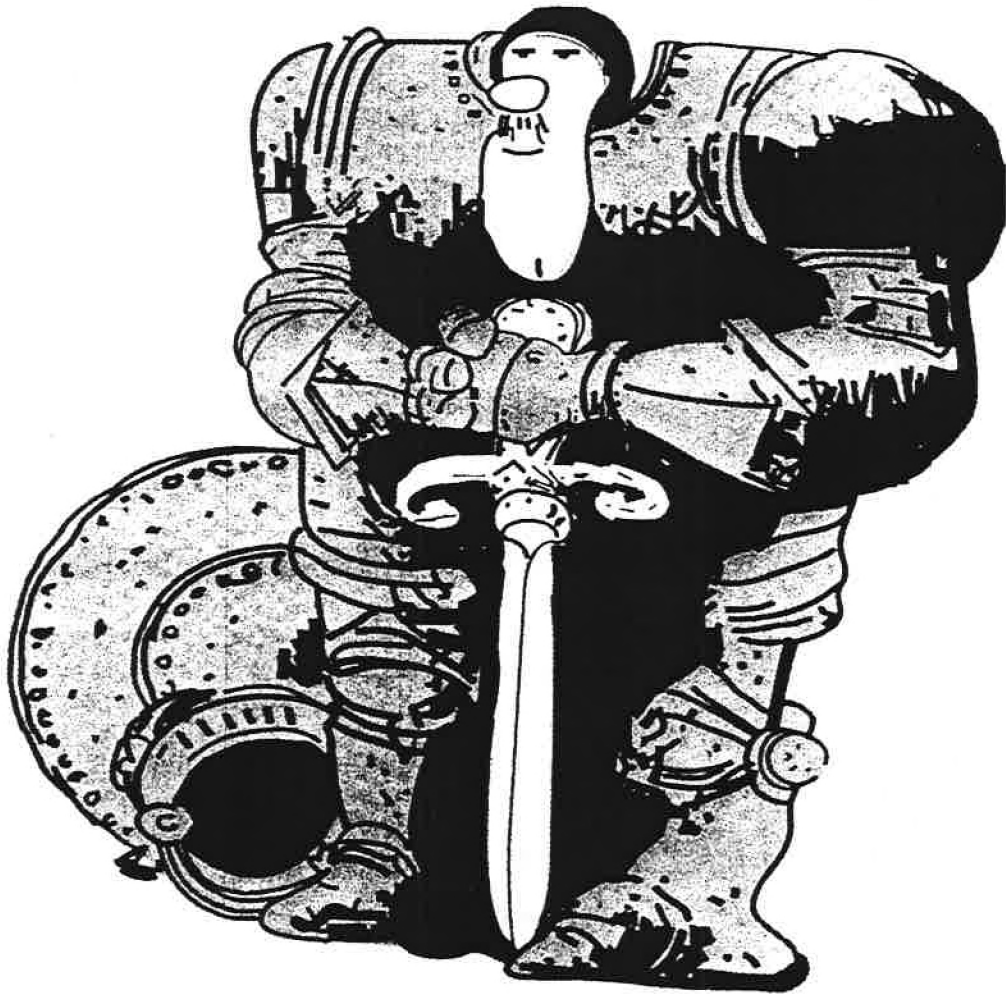
THE CONTINUUM OF SIN

(continuum: "an uninterrupted ordered sequence:" — Webster)



SOURCE: Dr. Ed Murphy, Overseas Crusades

SECTION THREE



DEMONIZATION

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Believers do not have a magic, impervious bubble around them which rebuffs satanic attack or demonic invasion, even though they are fully secure in Christ (Ephesians 2:8,9). Satan is the world's great legalist and desires to grab and possess all territory allowed him, whether by deliberation or by ignorance of believers.

The major question asked in this area of warfare is, "Can a believer's body be invaded by demons?" There are mature Christians of sound faith who take various positions on this issue, yet more and more of them are quickly moving toward affirmative answers on the question because many believers struggle with their Christian walk for no apparent reason. Instead of struggling to achieve intimacy with our Lord, each believer should be experiencing total freedom to grow into the mirror image of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are encouraged to:

EXPOSE EVIL
RESIST EVIL
OVERCOME EVIL

Ephesians 5:11
James 4:7
1 John 2:12-14

We need to remember that demonic activity is real and thus needs to be studied both theologically and experientially.

THE DEMONIZATION ISSUE: SOME HELPFUL CONCLUSIONS:

"...*daimonizomenos* does not mean owned by a demon, but simply "demonized." This basically describes the condition of a person who is inhabited by a demon or demons and is in various degrees under control with various effects. The idea of ownership is foreign to the New Testament word and its usage. Satan and demons own nothing. God owns them. They are creatures of God. He is in control of them and determines their limitations and their destiny. They are judged by the cross of Christ, defeated, and bankrupt."

C. Fred Dickason

"Demon Possession and the Christian", Moody, 1987, p. 130

"The burden of proof lies with those who deny that Christians can be demonized. They must adduce clinical evidence that clearly eliminates any possibility in any case, past or present, that a believer can have a demon. In the very nature of the case, this is impossible. Further, we must note that those who deny that Christians can be demonized generally are those who have not had counseling experience with the demonized. Their stance is largely theoretical."

C. Fred Dickason, op cit, pp. 175-176

"It must be stressed that demons cannot indwell a Christian in the same sense the Holy Spirit indwells. God's spirit enters a believer at salvation, permanently, never to leave (John 14:16). A demon, by contrast, enters

as a squatter and an intruder and is subject to momentary eviction. A demon never rightfully or permanently indwells a saint, as the Holy Spirit does, and no demon can ever have any influence over any part of a Christian's life that is yielded to the Holy Spirit."

Merrill Unger "What Demons Can Do to Saints", Moody, 1977, p. 61

"I believe without a shadow of a doubt that Christians can have demons indwelling them and tormenting them in various areas of their lives. We believe this both from our study of Scripture and from our experiences with hundreds of counselees . . . The word 'possessed' gives a wrong impression. Greek scholars tell us that the Greek word would be better translated 'demonized' or 'had a demon'. **A Christian is always God's possession.** (My emphasis) He has been born of the Holy Spirit and the Holy Spirit dwells in his spirit. The Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God (Romans 8:16). But man is a trichotomy: spirit, soul, and body. These may be areas which have not been surrendered to God."

George Birch "The Deliverance Ministry", p. 89-90
(Mr. Birch was Ken Thornberg's first mentor)

I. DEFINITIONS

The first thing we need to do is review the four terms in Scripture describing the demonized state.

- A. **echon**: one having a demon; under a demon's control as a cause of physical or mental suffering
- B. **en**: one with an unclean spirit; under domination or power of a demon
- C. **ochloamenous**: one vexed with an unclean spirit; one troubled or tormented by unclean spirits
- D. **daimonizomai**: one who is demonized

In this seminar, we will focus our discussion on the fourth definition. **Alex Konya**, in "Demons: - A Biblically Based Perspective", has pointed out that New Testament use of "demonized" has two key concepts:

- A. The demon can exercise control and dominion over the victim that apparently cannot be successfully resisted, and
- B. It indwells him.

"The New Testament speaks of degrees of demonic influence **short of control** ... [a demon] worked his will through the use of his victim ... The elements of indwelling and the inability to resist the demon's will are what make demonization distinct from lesser forms of demonic influence" [Emphasis added]. An example could be oppression from outside one's body.

Konya quotes Fred Dickason's conclusion of the meaning of the three parts of the Greek word:

"Putting it all together, the participle in the root form means 'a demon caused passivity.' This indicates control other than that of a person who is demonized"

"Demon Possession and the Christian", p. 175.

Our personal experiences prove this observation to be accurate. Although a believer may live a victorious life most of the time, he may experience accentuated problems in certain areas which he works very hard to overcome . . . with little success. Demonic influence has turned out to be the answer to their question, "Why do I work for years to overcome this (these) sin(s) and never seem to make any progress?" The demon — who often has been a "third parent" to the person — has exercised outright control, or at least accentuated influence, for all of that person's life (if it was transferred at conception).

Thus, the term to which we are referring here is that of a demonized state of a believer. Some writers use the term "possessed" in the same way we use "demonized", but semantic differences aside, we prefer the latter, since the Word makes it clear that we are eternally God's possession. Most leaders in spiritual warfare have adopted the same uses of these terms today.

II. SCRIPTURAL EXAMPLES

We believe most theologians would agree that the following Scriptures point out instances where believers were demonized:

1. 2 Corinthians 11:3,4

In this verse, "different spirit" literally means to receive a spirit "not of God," one different from the Holy Spirit whom the Corinthian believers already had received.

2. 1 Corinthians 5:1-13

This man is treated as a believer, judged as one, and restored to fellowship in 2 Corinthians 2:5-11. In the meantime, God employed satanic influences to restore him.

3. 1 Samuel 16:14; 18:10,11; 19:9,10

King Saul was controlled or terrorized by a demon while he was the anointed king.

4. Luke 13:10-17

This woman had a spirit of illness indwelling her for 18 years and was a "daughter of Abraham:"

5. 2 Corinthians 12:7-8

The apostle Paul received a messenger of Satan (demon), a thorn in his flesh, to assist him in remaining humble.

6. Acts 5:1-3

Ananias and Sapphira's hearts were "filled" by Satan to "lie to the Holy Spirit." The same word used of the believer who is "filled with the Spirit," *pleroo*, is employed here of Ananias, whom the power of darkness "filled" (Ephesians 5:18).

7. **Note:** In these cases, demons ***inhabit the body***, which one day will turn to dust. They do not inhabit a person's soul or spirit. Dr. Merrill Unger has added strength to this point:

"The claim that the Holy Spirit could not dwell in the same body with an evil spirit overlooks an important theological observation. It might with equal cogency be asked how the Holy Spirit can dwell in our bodies, which are still possessed of the old nature and therefore subject to sin. Yet He does...."

Unger, "What Demons Can Do to Saints", op. cit.

III. OPENING THE DOORS TO INVASION

There are spiritual laws that govern God's creation. The powers of darkness cannot haphazardly or coincidentally choose to oppress the child of God. We do not pick up demons like the Chicken Pox or some other childhood disease! Spiritual oppression always traces back to a causative source, point of contact, or open door. A careful case history will reveal where and how the enemy has gained a lingering "foothold" in the life of the believer.

A. **Worldliness (James 4:4)**

Compromising God's value system. See Section 2 for a comprehensive list of issues.

B. **Generations of Iniquity, Idolatry & Rebellion**

- 1 Generational Sin (Exodus 20:5; 34:7- also Leviticus 26:39-43; Jeremiah 32:18; Lamentations 5:7; Deut. 5:9; Numbers 14:18) _____

Note: Ezekiel 18 removes the eternal death penalty from a generational line for the sins of one's father.

2. Ancestral Vows _____

3. Pre-Conversion Sin (Ephesians 4:20-28; Acts 19:18,19, 26:17,18; Romans 1:21-32; Matthew 23:32-36) _____

4. Savior vs. Lordship Issue _____

5. Post-Conversion Sin (Ephesians 4:27; James 4:7)
 - A. Addictions (Ephesians 5:18) _____
 - B. Backsliding (Hebrews 10:29; 1 Timothy 1:20) _____
 - C. Occult Involvement (Isaiah 8:19; Matthew 7:21-23; Deuteronomy 18:10,11; Levit. 19) _____
 - D. False Doctrine/Legalism (Colossians 2:18; Galatians 3:1; I Timothy 1:20, 4:1; I John 4:1-4) _____
 - E. Rebellion (Romans 13:2) _____
 - F. Sexual Immorality (I Corinthians 6:13; Romans 6:13) _____

 - G. Unforgiveness (II Corinthians 2:10,11) _____

 - H. Hatred (Proverbs 10:12) _____
 - I. Envy (Deuteronomy 7:25,26; James 3:13-16) _____

 - J. Fear (Isaiah 51:12; John 12:42; Proverbs 29:25; I John 4:18) _____

 - K. Unbelief (Matthew 14:31) _____
 - L. Disobedience (I Samuel 16:14, Eph. 2:1-3) _____

 - M. Deceit (Jeremiah 9:5, 17:9; Acts 5:1-11) _____

 - N. Pride (Revelation 3:17; I Timothy 3:6,7; Proverbs 11:2, 21:4, 16:18) _____

 - O. Gossip/Busybody (2 Thess. 3:11; 1 Tim. 5:13; 1 Peter 3:15-17, 4:15; 2 Cor. 12:20; Eph. 4:21+; Ps. 34:12-15, 101:5; Prov. 12:18; James 3:17-18) _____

WARNING: When a Christian commits willful, repetitive sin, and fails to respond to God's chastening in confession, he opens himself to oppression — first from the outside and finally, to invasion within.

C. Victims of Traumatic & Violating Abuse

Emotional, physical, sexual and satanic ritual abuse open the doors to added demonic invasion. In these cases, the person is usually a helpless victim, without control or choice. Please see "**Section Five - Healing for the Heart and Soul**" for a discussion on this subject.

D. Occult Preoccupation (Acts 13:4-12)

Fascination with occult objects (such as ouija boards, tarot cards, or crystal balls) or Indian artifacts, for example, can open one to invasion, as can involvement in martial arts or becoming attached to an obviously possessed person. Other potentially dangerous objects: unicorns, Italian horns in jewelry, tattoos, Black Hills Gold jewelry, Stars of David and "peace" symbols, owls, American or Turkish turquoise, crystals, eastern religious statues/images/jewelry, native arrowheads or feathers, dream catchers, Masonic paraphernalia of any kind, or ankhs. Of course there are more and we have a fairly complete list in our "Checklist for Housecleaning" in our office (in numerous languages). Only very few of these listed can be cleansed and safely used; others must be discarded due to their occultic significance. For those interested, the Star of David has been the strongest symbol in Satanism for an extended period of time before it was ever added to the flag of the country of Israel and it is not considered by orthodox Jews to be their symbol. The menorah (candlestick) is. Again, our office has an article on this subject if one is interested.

IV. THE GOOD NEWS

The good news is the believer does not need to lose heart just because the never-sleeping enemy is able to exploit the carnal aspects of our humanity. Jesus Christ came to set the captives free! (Isaiah 61; Psalm 91) And truly, the One Who indwells you is greater than he who is in the world! (1 John 4:4) Christ's crucifixion and resurrection brought complete and total positional triumph over satanic principalities (Colossians 2:14,15). Then upon His ascension, He gave us power in His name over all the enemy (Mark 16:15-18; Luke 10:19,20; Acts 1:8).

There is no need for paranoia about being jumped on by an evil spirit when you stumble and fall. Also, since demons have individuals as their assignments, they will not just "hop onto you" because you are in the vicinity. Contrary to popular belief, they will not transfer from one spouse to another!

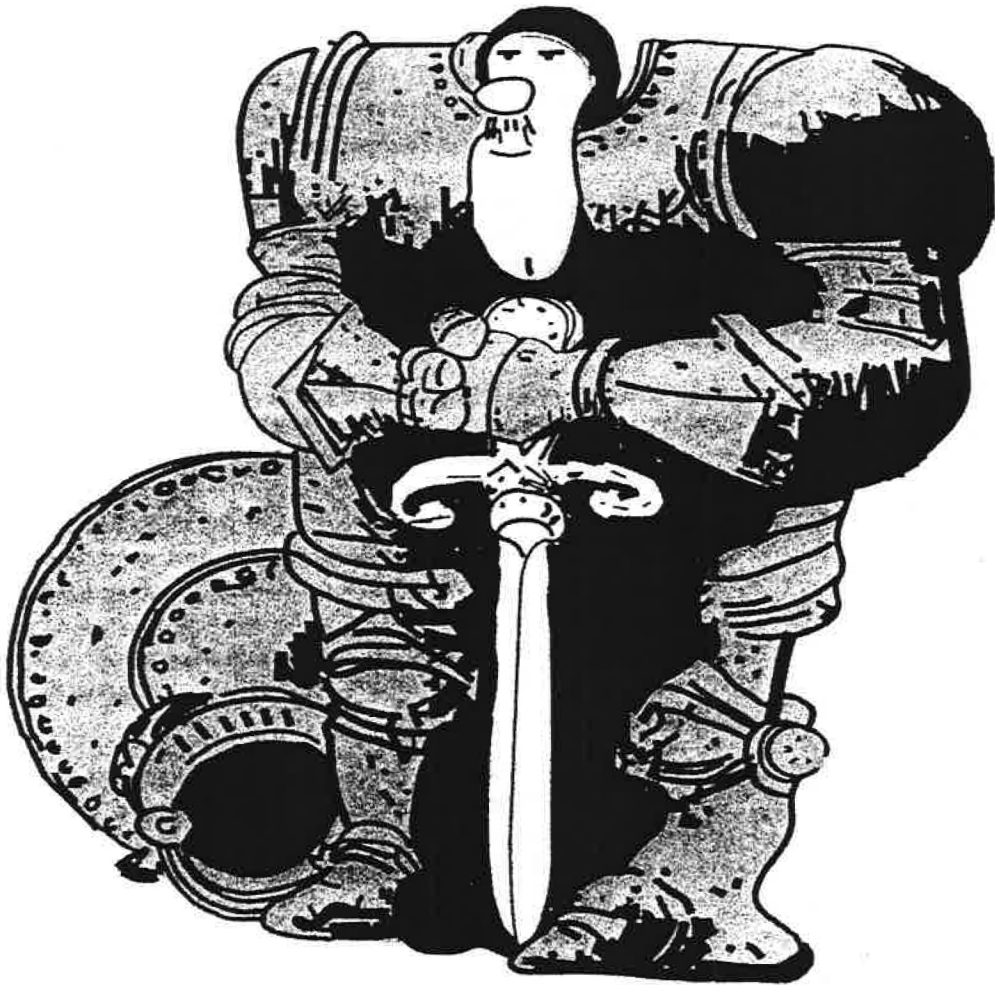
God's grace covers a multitude of sins and He looks upon your heart. Our Father wants you to understand your foe and that Satan is the great legalist in the universe . . . his cadre clings tenaciously to areas of your life which have not been surrendered. His demons also listen intently to your words, hoping that you will speak words of doubt, unbelief, fear, etc. and give them legal rights to oppress you. So our Father wants you to be serious about your relationship with Him and do warfare on your own behalf daily. Since your body and soul still are subject to sin, God wants you to be aware fully of how Satan's cadre can gain

footholds. You may have to face courageously your patterns of compulsive behavior and/or emotional damage, or perhaps make legal restitution; Satan will seek to maintain ground which you have not renounced or taken back by the authority of Jesus Christ. Be strong and of good courage!

Our Lord will guide you to work out your own salvation (Phil. 2:12) by exercising an even greater measure of the faith He gave you at conversion. At your point of salvation, He gave you the resources to submit to Him, to resist the devil, and to watch Him drop-kick our adversary to the pit!

"Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." I Peter 5:8 (NIV)

SECTION FOUR



DELIVERANCE!

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1. INTRODUCTION

~~Part 1~~ **M**any people are afraid of going through deliverance prayer, having heard all kinds of scary stories. Unfortunately, some of those stories could be true. During the past few decades, the Lord Jesus has given us tools to remove the fearful parts of deliverance. As you study the "Guidelines for a Deliverance Minister," you will see that those parts which made it unattractive as a ministry in the past have been removed for this day and hour.

One of Satan's common deceptions is that we need some sort of "magic formula" to break the holds he and his demons have on us. If that were true, all of us would need theological degrees to become free. Proof of that falsehood is the fact that many of our clients are in full-time Christian service and another "degree" has never helped set them free. "The key is not wisdom, but the One who is wisdom!" as Victor Matthews so aptly put it.

"The truth is, the conditions for freedom are relatively simple: faith in the awesome power of the Lord Jesus Christ over the enemy, trust in the power of His redeeming blood, boldness in battle, a willingness to use Christ's authority, and belief in your true identity in Christ and what that relationship provides."

The ingredient that makes this work is your **WILL** and **FAITH** in the power of Jesus Christ!! Your decision to surrender your will depends upon how you have responded to what has preceded this section. You must be willing to acknowledge the supernatural and the fact that your real essence is spirit. It means to stop "God-boxing!". . . to take Him out of any "box" in which you have restrained or limited Him, and let Him do miracles on your behalf. Allow the truth of God's Word to change your heart and mind; that is supernatural also. Many can accept the unseen realm of radio and television waves, radioactivity, and other unseen phenomena, yet have difficulty accepting the reality of angels and the **personal presence** of God in the world. In fact, we have observed that Satanists and coven members are much more willing than the body of Christ to respect and believe God's power and accept the reality of the supernatural realm.

To be delivered from demonization, we must desire to be serious about who our God is and who we are in Him. Our will must be strong enough to allow Him to love us into His likeness, which is His major goal for each of us. We must be willing to stand our ground in the spirit and fight the enemy, who is always attempting to steal, kill and destroy.

2. REASONS FOR WANTING DELIVERANCE

What reasons do we have for even wanting deliverance prayer? Consider this partial list:

1. Remove the Enemy (Eph. 4:22-24) _____

2. Mirroring the call of Christ (Isa.. 61:1, Ps. 91:3) _____

3. Principle of Reversal (Eph. 4:1) _____

4. Children _____

5. Physical and Inner Healing _____

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3, Two Approaches:

There are various ways to obtain different degrees of freedom. An excellent aid is modeled after Neil Anderson's "Steps to Freedom in Christ," (from his book, *The Bondage Breaker*) which he refers to as a "truth encounter" approach. Later we will discuss an "authority" or "power" encounter approach that involves identifying and casting out demons along with their inner sources of power and control. Both can be employed as an effective unit to help bring freedom.

That each believer has all the authority he needs to gain his own freedom is a doctrinal certainty (I Peter 5:6-11; James 4:1-10; 1 John 4:1-6; Colossians 1:9-23). The Lord says He will instruct you. (Psalms 32:8)

I. TRUTH ENCOUNTER

CLARIFICATIONS

First, let us review Anderson's "truth encounter" approach. The following outline, many of the comments, and the prayers are from his book. I recommend you read another of Anderson's books entitled *Victory Over the Darkness*, after you have had an authority encounter deliverance. It is an excellent means of replacing the lies of the enemy with the truth of God's Word.

This approach can be used as a preparatory step to "authority encounter" deliverance, or parts can also be used as a positive tool after the "authority encounter" approach. Be led by the Holy Spirit. (Note: the Seven Steps to Freedom are used with written permission from the author.) There are other fine programs of course, but with this one we have found great success when people have prayed through it seriously. Christ has set you free, but if you have lost a measure of your freedom because you have failed to stand firm in the faith or you have disobeyed God, your daily victory will be tenuous at best.

Remember: You are not the helpless victim of a tug-of-war between two nearly equal heavenly superpowers. Satan's power is limited and miniscule in comparison with our God's. Satan is a defeated foe. The following steps will give you some freedom and victory which have been purchased for you on the cross. If you have lost your freedom, it is because of what you have chosen to believe and do. Your freedom will be the result of what you now choose to believe, confess, forgive, renounce, and forsake. No one can believe for you. God empowers confessed weakness.

Remember: Demons cannot read minds, so they are under no obligation to obey your thoughts. Satan is too busy to bother you, so please do not yell at him in these prayers. He is not around to listen! The demons need to be confronted verbally whenever you are involved in

warfare, so the following prayers need to be read aloud. And even if your problems stem from a source other than those covered in these seven steps, you have nothing to lose by going through them.

Remember: Put on and take up your armor before you begin!

STEP 1 - Acquiescence vs. Renunciation In order to walk free from past influences, pray the following prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I come to You as Your child, purchased by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. I here and now reject and disown all the sins of my ancestors. As one who has been delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son, I cancel out all demonic working that has been passed on to me from my ancestors, including all generational curses, vows, ties, spells, and seals. I ask the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh to remove all of these by the cleansing power of His blood. As one who has been crucified and raised with Christ and who sits with Him in heavenly places, I reject any and every way in which Satan may claim ownership of me. I declare myself to be eternally and completely signed over and committed to the Lord Jesus Christ. I now command every familiar spirit and every enemy of the Lord Jesus Christ that is in or around me to flee my presence and never to return. I now ask You, Heavenly Father, to fill me with Your Holy Spirit. I submit my body as an instrument of righteousness, a living sacrifice, that I may glorify You in my body. All this I do in the name and authority of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh. Amen.

NOTE: We have inserted additional language in the above prayer of renunciation. In addition, we have used a more comprehensive name and title for our Lord throughout all the prayers. This is because we have encountered numerous demons who use the names "Jesus;" "Jesus Christ," "Lord Jesus Christ;" and even "Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth". But, as we are told in I John 4:1-3, through the means of testing, there is only one "Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh." Whenever you are involved in spiritual warfare, we strongly urge you to use His full name. When in personal prayer with the Father, it is unnecessary.

Also, it is very important for you to know that you can expect opposition through oppression after going through deliverance, either by the truth encounter or authority encounter method. The enemy will seek — for a "season" — to entice you to doubt the reality of God's power in doing just what you have asked Him to do, but believe it — He did it! The spirits also will seek to "push your old buttons", from which you have just sought and received release. When that happens, tell the spirits to leave you with their curses and ties and go to the abyss, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh. If it is said believing and with authority, they will leave!

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STEP 2 - Counterfeit vs. Real - Before a prayer of renunciation, pray in the following way:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I ask you to reveal to me all the occult practices, false religions, and false teachers with which I have knowingly or unknowingly been involved.

Then pray the following for each practice, religion, and teacher: Lord, I confess that I have participated in _____. I ask Your forgiveness, and I renounce _____ as a counterfeit to true Christianity.

Even if it was someone in your family who was involved, you may want to put it on your list of activities to renounce, just in case you unknowingly gave Satan a foothold, or in case you may have received some of their spirits at conception.

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STEP 3-Deception vs. Truth - Express aloud the following prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I know that You desire truth in the inner self and that facing this truth is the way of liberation (John 8:32). I acknowledge that I have been deceived by the father of lies and that I have deceived myself (1John 1:8). I pray in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh that You, Heavenly Father, will destroy all deceiving spirits by virtue of the shed blood and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. And since by faith I have received You into my life and am now seated with Christ in the heavenlies, I command all deceiving spirits to depart from me. I now ask the Holy Spirit to guide me into all truth. I ask You to "search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there by any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way" (Psalms 139:23,24). In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh, I pray. Amen.

To renew your mind and take a stand for truth, read a daily doctrinal affirmation of the major tenets of the Christian faith. Following are some "short versions" of what you might consider:

- A. I recognize that there is only one true and living God. (Exodus 20:2,3)
- B. I recognize Jesus Christ as the Messiah. (John 1:1,14)

- C. I believe that God has proven His love for me, because when I was still a sinner, Christ died for me. (Romans 5:8)
- D. I believe that I am now a child of God and that I am seated with Christ in the heavenlies. (I John 3:1-3; Ephesians 2:6)
- E. I choose to be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. (Ephesians 6:10)
- F. I believe that Jesus Christ has all authority in heaven and on earth. (Matthew 28:18)
- G. I believe that apart from Christ I can do nothing, so I declare my dependence upon Him. (John 15:5)
- H. I believe that the truth will set me free; therefore, I stand against Satan's deception by taking every thought captive in obedience to Christ. (John 8:32; I John 1:7; II Corinthians 10:5)
- I. I choose to present my body as an instrument of righteousness. (Romans 6:13)
- J. I ask my Heavenly Father to fill me with His Holy Spirit, to lead me into all truth. (Ephesians 5:18; John 16:13)
- K. I renounce all selfish goals and choose the ultimate goal of love. (I Timothy 1:5)

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STEP 4 - Bitterness vs. Forgiveness - Pray the following:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I thank You for the riches of Your kindness, forbearance, and patience, and knowing that Your kindness has led me to repentance. I confess that I have not extended that same patience and kindness toward others who have offended me, but instead I have harbored bitterness and resentment. I pray that during the time of self-examination, You would bring to mind only those people whom I have not forgiven in order that I may do so (Matthew 18:35). I also pray that if I have offended others, You would bring to mind only those people from whom I need to seek forgiveness and the extent to which I need to seek it. I ask this in the precious name of Jesus. Amen.

Most invariably, this will include the names of parents, God, and yourself. Why yourself? Because when you discovered that you can't blame God for your problems, you blamed yourself. Little did you realize that you may have had a lifetime of help from your "third parent", those demons inside of you. By forgiving, it does not mean that you tolerate their sin. Yet, you must agree not to use their sin against them any longer. And don't wait to forgive until you feel like forgiving. If you do, you'll never get there.

As you forgive, say: "Lord, I forgive _____ [insert name] for _____ [insert offenses]." Do not say, "Lord, please help me to forgive;" or "Lord, I want to forgive." Face the need to forgive head on and do it. Don't try to rationalize or explain the offender's behavior. Forgiveness deals with your pain, not another's behavior.

Remember: Positive feelings will follow in time; freeing yourself from the past is the critical issue. Ask the Holy Spirit to fill your heart with love to replace what you have released. Then ask God to bless them (Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:28). If appropriate, seek restoration of the relationship.

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STEP 5 - Rebellion vs. Submission - After you've confessed any willful rebellion to God, pray the following prayer aloud:

Dear Heavenly Father,

You have said that rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft and insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry (1 Samuel 15:23). I know that in action and attitude I have sinned against You

with a rebellious heart. I ask Your forgiveness for my rebellion and pray that by the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, all ground gained by evil spirits because of my rebelliousness would be canceled. I pray that You will shed light on all my ways that I may know the full extent of my rebelliousness and choose to adopt a submissive spirit and a servant's heart. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh, I pray. Amen.

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STEP 6 - Pride vs. Humility

Use the following prayer to express your commitment to live humbly before God and leave everyone else in God's hands:

Dear Heavenly Father,

You have said that pride goes before destruction and an arrogant spirit before stumbling (Proverbs 16:18). I confess that I have not denied myself, picked up my cross daily and followed You. In so doing, I have given ground to the enemy in my life. I have believed that I could be successful and live victoriously by my own strength and resources. I now confess that I have sinned against You by placing my will before Yours and by centering my life around "self" instead of You. I now renounce the self-life and by so doing cancel all the ground that has been gained in my members by the enemies of the Lord Jesus Christ. I pray that You will guide me so that I will do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but that with humility of mind I will regard others as more important than myself. Enable me through love to serve others and in honor prefer others. I ask this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh. Amen.

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STEP 7 - Bondage vs. Freedom - Pray the following:

Dear Heavenly Father:

You have told us to put on the Lord Jesus Christ and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts (Romans 13:14). I acknowledge that I have given in to fleshly lusts which wage war against my soul. I thank You that in Christ my sins are forgiven, but I have transgressed Your holy law and given the enemy opportunity to wage war in my members. I come before Your presence to acknowledge these sins and to seek Your cleansing, that I may be freed from the bondage of sin. I now ask You to reveal to my mind the ways that I have transgressed Your moral law and grieved the Holy Spirit.

(After you have confessed all known sin, pray:)

I now confess these sins to You and claim through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ my forgiveness and in the wonderful name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh. Amen.

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II. AUTHORITY ENCOUNTER

We have learned by literally decades of hands-on experience that a "truth encounter" approach to deliverance from demonization will not provide a complete work. Confrontation against the powers controlling demonized people has valid biblical precedent (Acts 16:16-40, 19:8-20; Mark 5:1-20).

The reason we say this with such confidence is because several critical satanic elements are not eliminated or completed in a "truth encounter" approach. These critical elements involve all ancestral and other types of vows, possible satanic ritual abuse programming, multiple personalities, demonic devices/curses/spells/ties, unknown ground given to the enemy from unremembered events in one's past, among other things. Every person we know would fit into at least one of these categories.

In the "authority encounter" approach, the Holy Spirit leads the deliverance minister to confront a demon (or demons) so that critical information that keeps the client captive can be revealed and removed.

A. The Authority Encounter Process Involves:

1. Establishing ground rules for protection of the deliverance client and rules for the head demon and his cadre, what they can do and cannot do.
2. Removing all legal ground held in an individual from generational and other sources, such as all types of vows.
3. Sending the entire cadre of demons to the abyss with their curses, spells, ties, and devices. ("Devices/Instruments" is a catch-all term for their spiritual tools of manipulation inside the body)
4. Integrating any alters present
5. Cleansing the client's children/grandchildren.

Most sessions require only a few hours total time and do not involve numerous dramatic events of any type. The prayer sessions are quiet, controlled and give glory to the Lord Jesus Christ. The movies "The Exorcist" and "Three Faces of Eve" have done a masterful

job of making individuals fear such a work, but these and other movies are just pure "Hollywood."

B. Guidelines for a Deliverance Minister

The following suggestions are for both pastors of churches who are seeking a deliverance minister to serve their church members and for those seeking prayer.

1. The only goal should be to glorify Jesus; to draw attention to the minister is dangerous and ungodly.
2. No "devil-phobia" - Do not blame all problems on demons or demand that everything in one's home be discarded. In other words, is the deliverance minister balanced?
3. Spiritual pride is the No. 1 enemy of every deliverance ministry. It's also #2 and #3, while #4 is way down the list! The key is that there should be no sign that the deliverance minister feels it is by their might and power that a demon is cast out.
4. Knowledge and experience - Adequate training and knowledge is required. For example, do they have some knowledge of satanic ritual abuse? Multiple Personality Disorder? Mental diseases? Can they tell when a session is complete? Severe cases should not be attempted by novices in the ministry.
5. Physical manifestations are absolutely unnecessary. It shows a lack of experience or training if it is allowed. Also, the minister does not need to shout, as demons are not deaf! A whisper in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth who came in the flesh is more powerful than a screaming match.
6. Accountability - A minister should have someone he or she is accountable to, not just "to God."
7. No advertising - God should choose the ones to be set free, not some placard, sign, or business card! God should be the one to put it on someone's heart about needing prayer.
8. Payments for prayer - this is a touchy issue. Even though freedom should be free, it is wisdom to ask a person to give something for the time, experience, and investment the deliverance minister or team has given. The client will be much more willing to work on their aftercare if they have invested something. We recommend that a person give an amount equal to their hourly wage times the number of hours taken to minister to them. If the person simply does not have that, fine. If they have more, they should be prepared to bless the person or team with more. We feel it is acceptable for a therapist, for example, to charge their hourly rate if that is their practice to do so. Ultimately, it is always the Holy Sprit who has the last say in what policy is followed. Just remember that a laborer is worthy of his hire, and the church has been woefully "cheap" in blessing laborers in the church! This can be a good lesson to help break that unscriptural mindset.
9. Length of sessions - Long sessions often come as a result of an insatiable desire for extraneous, irrelevant information to feed the curiosity of the client. Idle chat with demons is unacceptable.
10. No instant panacea! - Anyone who says that deliverance will solve all of a person's problems is either deluded or a liar.

11. Prayer Preparation & Follow-up - It is as important to have established who is actually ready for the prayer time as it is to do the prayer itself. Many are truly not prepared and quietly hope it will cast out their "flesh," whether that is a "pipe dream" or not. Many are not willing to fight to sustain their freedom; either they want everyone else to do their fighting for them, which is of course totally contrary to the Word, or they will hold a pity party, which cannot be allowed. Most behavior patterns were not created overnight and thus many of them will not disappear overnight either. What deliverance does is assist the person in overcoming the old flesh patterns — it is much easier after prayer!

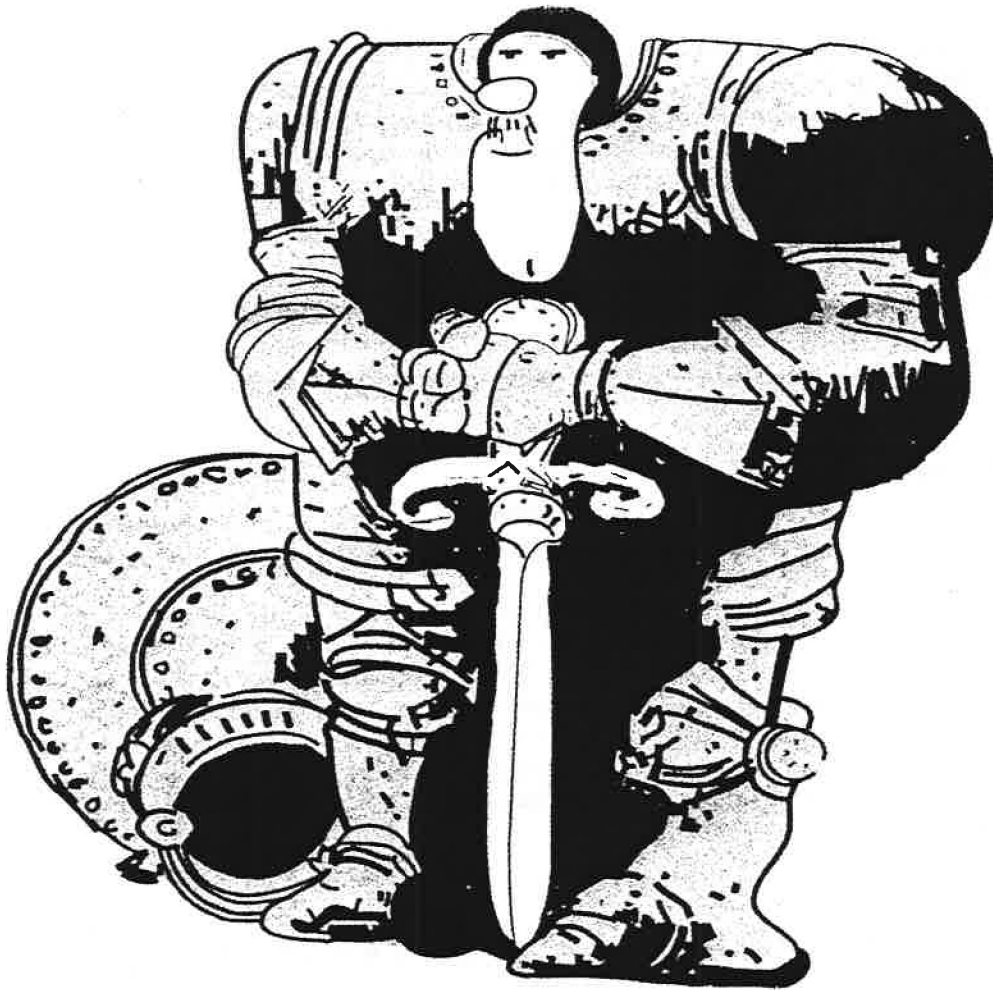
Special Note: Aftercare is absolutely, unmistakably needed following a deliverance session. It is like tipping a hornet's nest in the spirit. The enemy is never happy losing his control over an individual. Tribulation is guaranteed for a season and the deliverance minister should have suggestions as to how to build an aftercare team and a pre-deliverance team, for that matter. Gifted persons should be drawn on to help these people with the "wave warfare" that will surely follow. This could mean help from counselors, family and loved ones, pastoral staff, support groups, groups to disciple, etc.

Hold on to your freedom by faith and overcoming by the power of the Holy Spirit!

Our website has many testimonial letters from people all over the world who have experienced freedom of all types. We encourage you to visit that link at www.freedomencounters.com and be encouraged! The deliverance ministry makes both the spiritual and supernatural realm and dominion come alive before one's eyes, and we can rejoice to see the power and victory of Christ over all the power of the enemy in action.

Apart from Him, we can do nothing. To Him be all the glory.

SECTION FIVE



HEALING THE HEART AND SOUL

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I. SEVERE AND VIOLATING ABUSE

Years of progressive spiritual revelation from the Lord, as well as direct experience in ministering deliverance to numerous people, have taught us that the greatest degree of suffering and also, the greatest degree of demonization, affect those who have endured serious physical, emotional and mental abuse in their past. These are usually people who have received repetitive sexual and violent physical and emotional abuse, often at the hands of people most close to them, including evil infiltrators in the church. The difficult part for many is that they are plagued by a frightening sense in their spirit that something terrible happened to them, but there is either an incomplete or no memory of it. However, we have learned too well that the demons remember everything about the person's past, even if the "victim" does not.

Once deliverance prayer has been administered to those who have been abused, there is a tremendous need for on-going aftercare to help heal the soul and heart of abuse victims. The church must be awakened to the truth of what is happening to people who have been victimized against their will. Here are several types of abuse that should be explored.

A. Sexual Abuse

Even mild forms of molestation can open doors to demonic invasion and serious emotional affliction. Incest and rape causes great emotional damage — which demons can exacerbate later in life — leading to frigidity, fear, and lack of emotion. It is anticipated that at least one-third of the population has been a victim of sexual abuse. Our experience in counseling and praying with Christians is that at least double that number have experienced some form of sexual abuse. We believe that the number of those abused is climbing at alarming rates, and church leaders seem to be overwhelmed by the need for continuous counseling of these victims of violating sexual trauma. On the other hand, many churches have chosen to ignore the problem altogether, or give religious platitudes and simple solutions to these heart problems, which often leads to false guilt being carried by the victims.

B. Physical Abuse

This is often continuous abuse by a parent or spouse that leads to obvious inordinate fear and gives wide openings for demonic invasion and emotional and mental brokenness.

C. Emotional Abuse

The most prolific examples are severe neglect, abandonment, and rejection by parents, friends, and spouse.

D. Satanic Ritual Abuse (SRA)

SRA is much more prevalent than many Christians wish to believe, and involves severe sexual, physical and emotional abuse. People who work in law enforcement know full well that these events occur, but most situations are hidden from the general public. Satan's greatest power comes from keeping his malevolence hidden, or enticing victims to think

they are fabricating events, so that people cannot receive care and freedom by the power of God. Common abusers of SRA victims are coven members, family members, babysitters, day-care center workers, or even infiltrators within the church. Since this traumatic abuse is done in secret, it is difficult to suspect, unless a child begins to show sudden inordinate fear and erratic behavior. Another key is to realize that it can happen to anyone, no matter how sheltered and protected the home life might have been!

Memories begin to surface usually between the ages of 25 and 45. These "flashes" surface in the form of nightmares and memories that mirror the actual ritual events. This traumatic abuse causes such tremendous wounding that it consistently brings forth what we now understand to be the God-given "grace" of (MPD) Multiple Personality Disorder (also known as Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID) in certain professional circles). From our experience, all SRA memories are buried deeply in past events that occurred. When they surface to the conscious mind, they can cause much confusion and disarray.

Special Note About Memory Retrieval:

Because demons may be involved in both the abuser and the abused, memories of the event can be "stored" by demons in one's mind, totally blocking remembrance of the event. Thus, replaying of the memories in one's subconscious by the enemy may give the person constant emotional and/or physical pain in living out the results, without actually being in denial of past events or from deliberately burying the memory. (What some therapists have been trained to believe)

Our suggestion is that you ask our Heavenly Father to open whatever is storing the memory and bring it out to your conscious mind to be revealed for your redemptive health. First, we recommend that you have someone trustworthy with you who can be present to give comfort when the memory comes forth. Second, ask God's angels to obtain the key/keys to whatever or whoever is holding the memory/memories and ask the angels to release the memory/memories of the trauma to your conscious mind, in the name of the "Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh". Ask the Lord for His grace beforehand and be prepared and willing to accept whatever He reveals.

II. IMPACT OF ABUSE

A. Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD)

MPD is neither scary nor weird, as the media and press leads one to believe. When a traumatic event occurs, these "alters" are created by being separated in the brain to help a person cope and survive the pain of the trauma. Each alter is separate from the core person in the mind and carries the memories and sensory reminders of the evil events. They help the core person survive and are heroic in their suffering. Through the horrible and abusive events, they become demonized and very troubled in their heart and soul.

1 What does the Bible say?

A. Brokenhearted (Isaiah 61; Luke 4:18) _____

B. Oppressed (Acts 10:38) _____

C. Trinity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit

MPD describes the "brokenhearted" - the same word for "oppressed," which means crushed, and broken in pieces. The broken pieces are called "alters," or multiple personalities. They are "spiritual persons" inside the mind, referred to as "altered states" in the psychological realm. Alters are not demons and they are not a person's "inner child." They are a special creation of God, and His gift of grace to help victims survive the abuse. For the SRA, ultimately alters will either save their lives or keep them from becoming psychotic in the worst case scenarios.

2. Recognizing MPD

The following signs of Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD) may be strong indicators of traumatic experiences in one's past that point to MPD being present:

- A. Long periods of time in their childhood they can't remember, or they are forgetful and wonder if it is old age or something. Obviously this would include childhood trauma in one's past.
- B. Frequent and/or drastic mood swings. They can change from being angry to being pleasant very quickly or depressed to happy in a short time. Some stay in certain states for longer. They have times when they literally lose control of themselves and cannot regain it. They may say, "I get out of control with things like my anger and I don't even know why. It just happens so suddenly."
- C. They have a hard time following your train of thought and will say things such as, "I'm sorry, I missed what you said."
- D. They can tell about horrible and painful events that happened to them with no feelings.
- E. When you ask them a question, they do not answer immediately. You notice it is hard for them to decide how to answer. In fact, at times it seems as though a committee is meeting inside one's head trying to make a decision. Sometimes a person will literally hear voices arguing about a decision.
- F. Indecisiveness. When trying to come up with an idea of what restaurant to go to for dinner, one's mind keeps changing!
- G. Grooming changes, wearing two kinds of socks out the door to work, needing glasses at one time and having 20/20 eyesight another time, changing postures regularly, having different mannerisms, changes in penmanship, etc.
- H. They feel so immature at times and don't understand why.
- I. They are "spacey" and have short or long periods of time when they seem incoherent.
- J. They have frequent headaches for no obvious physical reason; or they may feel as if they are being pushed back into their subconscious.
- K. They have nightmares and dreams of sex perversions, violence, murder, demonic faces, or ritual events.
- L. They literally lose time without what appears to be a good reason.

- M. Suicide attempts
- N. Rapid eye blinking, rolling of one's eyes, followed by changes in behavior
- O. Speaking of ones self as "we" instead of "I" or making up other names for ones self.

Caution: The above are most of the things for which you should be observant. It would usually take a combination of several symptoms before you would suspect MPD. Notice that "lost time" is only one of the items listed; most people with MPD never lose a minute of time!! Some behaviors (some listed by acronym), are misdiagnosed for many who only have MPD: ADD, ADHD, PTSD, OCD, Bi-Polar Disorder, Manic depression, etc.

3. Steps to Integrating the alters (MPD)

We have met many faithful and caring ministers and professional counselors or psychiatrists who have spent years trying to help victims of abuse. Some actually believe that it is impossible for an SRA victim to be totally whole, but we know from experience that only the loving, healing power of the Lord Jesus Christ can cleanse, heal and restore the alters created from these violating events in order to become "one" (integrated) with the core person. This "binding up of the brokenhearted" is a work of redemption, healing and restoration that is truly miraculous! With deliverance and healing/integration of the alters, people can be restored to healthy and fulfilling work and relationships. Here are the usual steps for ministering to alters:

- A. Cleansing by the blood of Christ - 1 JOHN 1:7-9
- B. New, white clothes of righteousness - REV. 3:5, 19:8
- C. Making sure they have a proper name - ISA. 62:2
- D. Agreement with salvation in Christ - 1 JOHN 5:1
- E. Healing the heart & emotions (forgiveness and other issues) - LUKE 4:18
- F. Walking into the Light of the Holy Spirit (integration) - JOHN 1:4

B. Mental and Emotional Healing

- 1. Renew the spirit of the mind by the Word - EPH 4:1,2
- 2. Healing by knowing the truth of God's love - JOHN 8:31-32; ISA 53:3-5
- 3. Learning to trust - PROV. 3:5-6
1 JOHN 4:9-10
2 COR 1:9-10
- 4. Fellowship with healthy, stable people - ACTS 2:42; 1 COR 1:9; 2 COR 6:14
- 5. Many need professional Christian counselling after deliverance.

III. PHYSICAL HEALING

Consistently we find that many symptoms of sickness and disease are directly connected to spiritual issues, but of course, there are other contributing factors - such as eating well and taking care of the physical body. However, the Lord has first instructed us to deal with things in the spirit before we reach for a natural remedy.

Over the years, the Lord has revealed that abuse and the enemy's devices initiate symptomatic diseases that, when removed by the awesome power of the blood of Christ, completely disappear. However, we have also learned that if these devices have been in place for a lengthy period of time, even while demonically caused, they impact the physical body, establishing actual physical disability and infirmity that require a healing touch by the power of God. Therefore, at the end of every prayer of deliverance, we administer physical healing.

1. What does the Bible say about healing?

A. God's will: (Ex. 15:26, 23:25; Ps. 107:20, 103:3; Prov. 4:20-23; Is. 53:4-5; Matt. 8:16-17; I Pet. 2:24; Rom. 8:11). _____

B. God's way: (Mk. 16:18; James 5:14-15) _____

C. Believe you receive (Matt. 9:28-29; Mk. 9:23, 11:22-26;) _____

2. What hinders healing?

A. I'm too sinful and don't deserve it

B. It's up to me

C. It happens to everyone but me

D. Maybe it (prayer) didn't work

3. Receiving your healing

A. Feed on God's Word (Matt. 4:4)

B. Follow the "prescription" of God (Matt. 9:22)

C. Believe the truth (Jn. 8:32; I Cor. 2:5)

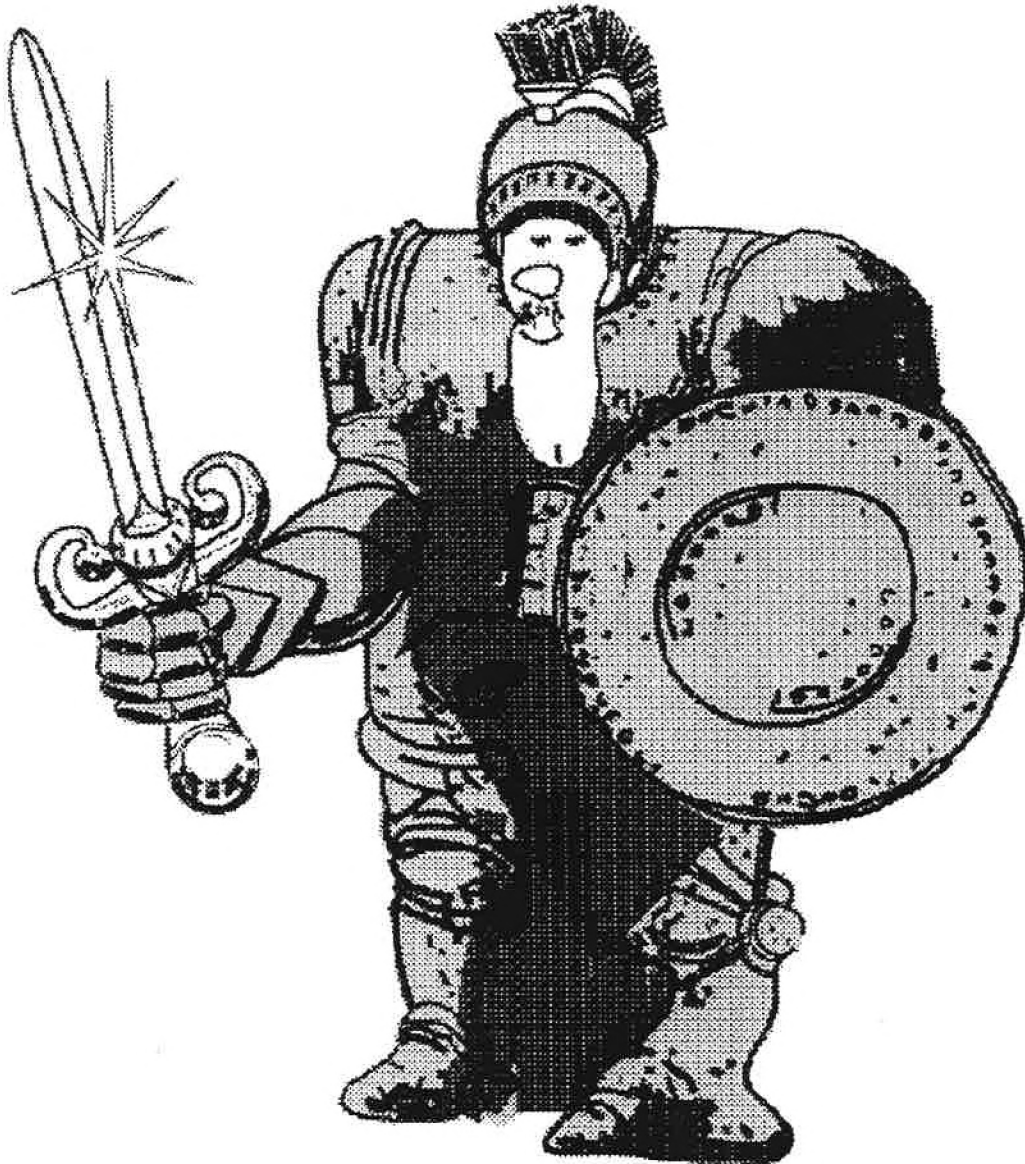
D. Stand in faith (Gal. 5:1, 7; Eph. 6:11-14)

E. Work with the doctors if needed

F. Take care of your "temple" (I Cor. 6:19): eat well (supplements too), rest, exercise

4. The #1 reason you receive it is because: _____ !

SECTION SIX



TOOLS TO WIN THE WAR

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God gave every man, woman, and child a free will -- we are not puppets who can be controlled by the enemy at his discretion. Neither does God sit on His throne pulling strings in order to force us to do His will or surrender our lives. This leaves man in a dilemma. Most human "beings" prefer living as human "doings," preferring to attempt changes from the outside in, not from changing one's heart and will. This means the dreaded term "denial" comes into play, with its guaranteed discomfort levels. God always seems to get to the bottom line in a hurry. Since He knows our hearts better than we do, we must face our denial, confess it as sin, and allow the Holy Spirit and others to help us identify areas we need to turn over to the Lord. Many of us have been content to drift through life without a motivating concern regarding our lack of depth in worship, spiritual growth, believing prayer, and awareness of the needs of those about us (including our family). We've been content warming pews and leading two lives — one at church and the other at home.

We believe that discernment of what our warfare entails and how to win these battles must begin within ourselves. Without an inner desire for holiness and seeking to give the Lord Jesus Christ true Lordship over the ground we have given the enemy, I believe it is impossible either to discern our weaknesses or to tell whether they are from an active sin nature or evil spirits within.

I. THE AUTHORITY OF EVERY BELIEVER IN JESUS CHRIST

- 1 Eph. 1:19-23 _____

- 2 Jn. 5:22-23 _____

- 3 Rev. 19:11 _____

- 4 Tim 2:3-4 _____

- 5 Rev. 1:6 & 5:10 _____

- 6 Ps. 149: 5-9 _____

- 7 1 Cor. 6:2-3 _____

- 8 Rev. 11:15 _____

There are some unique schemes of the enemy which have had great success in keeping the church from discerning truth from error. The following may sound simplistic, but it is not. If it were not a fact that it had been so successful, it would never have needed to be taught. We start this section with this short study because it helps set the stage for recognizing lies which interfere with the believers' discernment needed in the battle.

II. TRUTH UNMASKS DECEPTION - Ephesians 6:10-13

From a presentation by Dr. Timothy Warner, Trinity Seminary, Chicago, Illinois. We also discover the following deceptions prevalent in the body of Christ today that cause error:

1. False World View _____

2. God's Caricature _____

3. No Formulas _____

4. People Are Not the Enemy _____

5. Stand! _____

And also:

6. *Taking up the Armor vs. Putting it On!* (Ephesians 6) _____

7. The "Parable of the Sower" (Mark 4: 3-20)
 - A. Satan steals the Word _____

 - B. Tribulation for the Word _____

- C. Cares of this world _____

- D. Deceitfulness of riches _____

- E. Desire for other things _____

8. Satan's Favorites:

- A. Discouragement (Num. 32:7, 9; Deut. 31:6, 8; Gal. 6:9)

- B. Deception (Matt. 24: 4-5, 11, 24; Eph. 4:14; 2 Jn. 1:7; Rev. 12:9; 13:14)

- C. Division/Discord (Lk. 12: 52-53; Mk. 3:24-25; John 7: 40-43, 9:16)

- D. Disobedience (Rom. 1:30; 2 Tim. 3:2-5; Titus 1:16)

- E. Distraction (Mk. 4:19; Lk. 21:34; 1 Cor. 7:35)

- F. Defeat (Lk. 11:22; John 16:33; Rom. 12: 21; 2 Pet. 2: 19-20)

III. DISCERNMENT & GIFTS

1. Ingredients (Titus 3:4-7; Philippians 1:9-11; Psalms 119:125; Proverbs 3:21;
1 John 2:20-27

2. God-given Skills

3. Gifts of the Spirit used in Warfare

A. Discerning of Spirits (I Corinthians 12:10; Acts 13:4-12)

Discernment must include both outward observations and inward impressions, both carefully weighed so as not to be deceived by the enemy, and so that our own feelings do not interfere. It must be a Holy Spirit-guided conclusion, sharpened over time through bold use and development. Only with what appears to be "sensitive use and boldness" can one cultivate and sharpen the use of God's gifts "on loan" to us. Discernment is not suspicion, which can become presumption or assumption. It is not what you think is true that counts, for that can easily lead to division, a judgmental attitude, and eventually put you at a disadvantage in battles with the enemy. As with all gifts, a person must:

1. Be holy and seek to bring glory only to Christ.
2. Be teachable and humble while learning.
3. Be aware of the only and total source of his gift: God Himself.

B. Word of Knowledge (1 Cor. 12:8)

C. Word of Wisdom (James 1:5, 3:17; Luke 21:15; 1 Cor. 12:8)

D. Healing (1 Cor. 12:9)

E. Spiritual Sight

F. Faith

IV. PRACTICAL TOOLS FOR WARFARE

1. Expect Trouble

2. Stop Binding! LUKE 11:21; Psa 149: MATT 12:29-30; 18:18

3. Lose Your Reputation _____
4. Words - DEUT 30:15,19-20 ; ISAIAH 45:11
5. Holidays for the Darkness _____
6. Canopy _____
7. A Protective Hedge _____
8. Using the Blood to Seal _____
9. Cleansing in the spirit _____
10. Speaking Blessings to Rooms _____
11. Possess! _____
12. Use of Angels _____

V. GOD'S ANGELIC ALLIES

Angels are beings who possess powers of light and goodness and serve both the Most High God as well as His Body. We are told about them in the Word at least 300 times.

- MESSENGER* 1. They carry messages to us. - Luke 1:11,19,26-28, 2:9-12; Matt. 1:20-25; Acts 1:11
- PROTECTIVE* 2. They preserve God's people. - Hebrews 1:14; 1 Kings 19:5-9; Mark 1:13; Daniel 3:24-28, 6:20-23; Matt 4:11; Rev. 7:1-14; Luke 22:43
- GUARDIAN* 3. They harass our enemies and deliver us from evil situations. - Matthew 2:13, 18:10; Psalms 34:7, 35:4-6; Isaiah 63:9; Exodus 23:20; Psalms 9: 11-12; Acts 5:17-20, 12:5-10

4. *WARRING* They fulfill God's judgments by engaging in battle. Genesis 19:1,12,13; 2 Kings 6:13-17, 19:35; Psalms 78:49; I Chronicles 21:15-18; 2 Chronicles 20:22-24; Revelation 6:1, 8:1-6, 12:7-9, 14:17,18, 15:1, 16:1-21; Daniel 10; Ex. 12:13, 23
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5. The ministry of Angels to men are primarily external and physical by:

A. Revealing God's will and word to man. Acts 7:52,53; Galatians 3:19; Daniel 7:16, 8:13, 9:21,22; Rev. 1:1, 22:6, 8; Zech. 4:1+, 55+, 6:5+; Gal. 3:19; 1 Kings 19:5-7

B. Carrying out God's word and commands - Ps. 103: 19-21; Acts 8:26, 10:4-8, 11:13-14, 27:23-25; Matt. 25:31

C. Being agents in answering prayer Revelation 8:2-4; Acts 12:1-17; Daniel 9:21-24, 10:10-12

D. Angels also:

1. Speak to man - Judges 6:12-Gideon; Judges 13-Manoah and his wife; Zech. 2:3- -- speak *with* man; Gen. 21:17-19

2. Take on physical bodies when God assigns them special tasks - Luke 1:11-20,26; Hebrews 13:2; Genesis 32;

3. Do not marry - Mark 12:25; Matthew 22:30

4. Have a will of their own - Jude 6; Galatians 6:8

5. Think, feel, and show emotion

6. Are sexless, yet usually seen as "men" - Genesis 18; 19:1; Judges 13

7. Are usually wingless; Ezek. 1:4-14, 10:14; Isa. 6:2-3. Only cherubim and seraphim can have wings. Others appear as men.

8. Do not die - Luke 20:36

9. Are subject to Jesus - 1 Peter 3:22

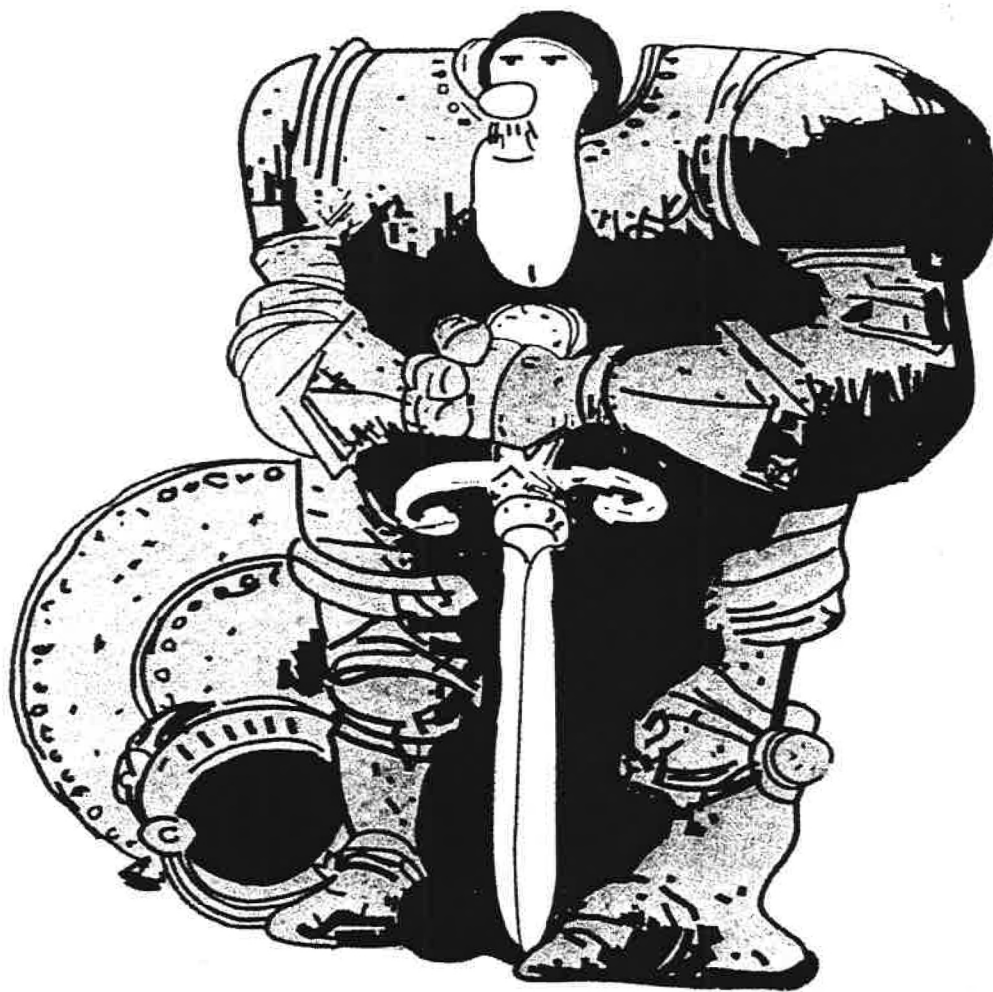
10. Outnumber the bad guys 2-1 - 2 Kings 6:16; Rev. 12:4

E. We are told:

1. Never to worship angels - Romans 1:24,25; Colossians 2:18; Revelation 22:8,9
2. Recognize their position below men - Psalms 8:4,5 ("angels" is actually translated "Elohim," one of God's names)

We can be encouraged that 2/3 of the angels stayed with God to be our allies in the battle against evil forces on earth!

SECTION SEVEN



POTENT PRAYER POWER

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The key to unlocking the door of God's power in spiritual warfare is prayer. It is awesome what can be accomplished by a command whispered in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh! It is not "luck" which makes things happen (the word "luck" means "to be blessed of Lucifer") It is the offensive game plan which God gives us in His strategy of making us overcomers. Having on the full armor of God, prayer spoken in boldness can tear down any defensive line that Satan can line up. When one's will has been reformed and commitment to change has been made, prayer becomes the key to freedom.

Effectual, fervent prayer of Christ-made-righteous believers can benefit from the following components to make an effective perfect prayer:

Praise and Power: Psalms 149:5,6-Praise centers our focus on the One empowering the weapon.

Endurance: Hebrews 10:36-When we are in His will first, we will receive the promises we pray until ... not just once!

Resistance and Rebuke: James 4:7

Faith: Mark 11:23,24; Romans 4:20,21

Empowerment in Jesus' Name: Mark 16:17; Luke 10:19-Over all the power of the enemy.

Communion: I Thessalonians 5:17

Thanksgiving: Philippians 4:6

To have the opportunity to talk, one on one, with the personal Creator of this universe is indeed a privilege. To be given the right to speak His name with authority over the enemy is awesome! By noting that His name carries the authority, coupled with our son-ship, is it no surprise, then, that the focus of our prayers should be Jesus Christ? Even our prayers should glorify Him, not be focused on ourselves. By focusing on Him, it should be easy to have a prayer fit into His will.

The following patterns of prayer are given as suggestions. As previously stated, there are no magic formulas. The promptings of the Holy Spirit to your heart, soul, spirit, and very person are of utmost importance, and you can speak boldly from the proddings of His voice. Pray with boldness and authority!!

I. FOR YOURSELF

A. PERSONAL OPPRESSION

Dear Heavenly Father,

You are my bulwark and hiding place. Under Your wings I am protected as Your son/daughter for eternity. In You I dwell and You dwell in me. I thank You that You can love me perfectly through the blood of Your Son. His righteousness covers me and in His name I have been given authority over all that the enemy can throw at me. I now take up my shield of faith and sword of the Spirit, given to me by the One who came to destroy the works of the devil. Demons, I ask Almighty God to send His warring angels to do battle for me against you in the area(s) of _____ (be specific as to areas of affliction of which the Holy Spirit brings awareness), and I command you to release me, and take your curses,

ties, and devices and go to the abyss, in the power of the name and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh. Depart! Thank You, Father, for the promise of authority over the enemy in Your Son's name. Amen.

B. GENERATIONAL TIES AND CURSES

This prayer can be modified to break these ties, curses, and spells as they relate to children (blood-related or adopted) or a home and property.

Lord Jesus Christ,

You are the Root of David and Lion of the Tribe of Judah, the Alpha and Omega. It is You and You only to whom I wish to be eternally wed and tied. I renounce, forsake, and sever, by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh, all of the following ties to my ancestors and others: blood, soul, spirit, physical, emotional, heart, sensorial, intellectual, hatred, and very person. I also cancel the power of and remove by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh, all of the following original, backup, replacement, and double portions of curses and spells: regular, special, generational, physical, spiritual, religious, perverted, voodoo, astral, satanic and demonic, time bomb, self-propagating, time, occult, unique, multiplicity, and witchcraft. I also sever, cancel, and remove every seal, mark, and ancestral and ritual vow put upon me by my ancestors, others and by those demons inhabiting my body, all by the power of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh. I claim total and complete ownership by the Lord Jesus Christ, and I now send all of those ties, curses, spells, seals, marks, and vows to the abyss. I ask You, Lord, to cleanse me with Your blood, and I ask the Holy Spirit of promise to purify and fill me with His light and fire. Amen.

NOTE 1: For an adopted, spiritually adopted, or foster child, cover them with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh and with the fire of the Holy Spirit at the end of the prayer. Ask the Lord to remove all ties from their ears and eyes so they may see and hear the truth and come to love and serve the Most High God, and add:

Standing as a surrogate on behalf of _____ [insert child's name], I dedicate this child to the Lord Jesus Christ as a prized possession of Yours for Your safekeeping and sovereign love. Amen.

This would make an appropriate close.

NOTE 2: Curses are like endless-loop tapes playing in your mind, while spells are like neon signs. Curses work best with those who are auditory learners, and spells work best with those who are visual learners. Spells only come through the working of witchcraft and occult practices however. Vows, marks, and seals are like curses written upon a person via contracts negotiated with Satan by ancestors who dedicated future generations in exchange for power, money, sex, etc. The special ties represent negative aspects of past generations kept alive through demonization.

II. FOR FAMILY

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The following may be prayed either over or in front of children, unless you feel it would stir up fear in them.

Loving Heavenly Father,

I come to You in the name of the Chief Shepherd, the Lamb of God, and our Advocate. How You love the little lambs with whom you have gifted us for protection and nurturing. I place before Your throne _____ [insert child's name] and ask You to shower Your grace, mercy, and protection over him/her. Please surround _____ [insert child's name] with Your loving presence and shield them today with a canopy of protection, covered and strengthened by the blood of Your Son and the fire of the Holy Spirit. Please surround the canopy with Your warring angels to do battle against the enemy and to thwart his plans. May Your angels minister to them throughout this day and evening. I thank You for Your unconditional love for him/her and promise of protection by the power and authority of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh. Amen.

If you wish to remove any ties of sin to yourself, a parent, add this to the prayer for children:

As the blood parent of _____ [insert child's name], I hereby renounce, sever, cancel the power of, and remove by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh, all blood ties, curses, spells, special ties, regular ties, and vows which have been transferred to _____ [insert child's name]. I claim the full and complete authority of the name and blood of the Lord Jesus Christ in destroying the works of the devil in _____'s [insert child's name] life, and I command that all of these, upon removal, be sent to the abyss in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh. Amen.

III. FOR OTHERS

A. FOR ANOTHER'S SALVATION

This can be modified to ask our Father to bring a backslidden person back to Him. The important thing is to not pray a manipulating, controlling prayer, as the Father will not violate our will.

Sovereign Heavenly Father,

I come to You in the name of Your Son, The Way, The Truth, and The Life, our Horn of Salvation. I bring before Your throne _____ [insert name of person]. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh and by the power of His blood, I bind all demons in him/her, both physically and verbally, and ask that Your Spirit of Truth bear witness of the Gospel of Truth to _____'s [insert name] spirit, mind, and heart, drawing them unto Yourself. I call upon Your angels to bind these spirits with the cords of the Holy Spirit. I ask, Father, that You would bring conviction of sin to _____ [insert name] and that You would bring someone into _____'s [insert name] life who can share Your gospel with his/her open heart. I thank You for reaching out with Your love to him/her in the fullness of Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Remember: God is not limited by either space or time!!! Your prayers for someone 1,000 miles/km away are as effective as though they were sitting in front of you.

B. PROTECTION OF OTHERS

Heavenly Father,

I come to You on behalf of _____ [insert name] in the name, power, might, authority, and adequacy of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the Resurrection and the Life, the Holy One. He has promised to protect us from the evil one, and He came to destroy the works of our adversary. Please send Your angels to minister to _____ [insert name] and set a shield around him/her. May Your angels destroy any demon, curse, spell, or tie which seeks to penetrate that shield and keep him/her from Your presence and peace. Please walk in front of and behind _____ [insert name] so that he/she may walk in Your light and fulfill Your purposes for him/her. Keep him/her from all danger this day and be his/her Morning Star and Dayspring. I pray this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh. Amen.

IV. PLACES AND OBJECTS

A. CLEANSING LOCATIONS

Blessed Heavenly Father,

I come to You in the name of Your Son, the Chief Cornerstone and Head of the Church. I dedicate this _____ [insert location, i.e., "home"; "church"; "business"; etc.] to You for Your glory to be filled with Your presence. Please seal every space in this _____ [insert location] with Your blood, Lord, and purify it with the fire of Your Holy Spirit. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh, I command all demons — with all resident curses, spells, and ties — to leave and go to the abyss. I ask the Lord Jesus Christ to set a canopy over this _____ [insert location] and have His angels stand guard to destroy any demon, curse, spell, or tie which seeks to penetrate that canopy, re-enter, and cause its occupants oppression. I claim this _____ [insert location] for the Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Father of Peace!! Amen.

Pray this room by room. You also may wish to anoint each room with oil, and in the power of the Holy Spirit, pray the above prayer, speaking blessings to the area anointed.

B. CLEANSING OBJECTS

You can do the same thing with objects which have uses, appearances, etc., which are not necessarily occultic, such as items with pictures of owls. If something, whether jewelry or an object, has an occultic, and thus demonic, origin and meaning, it is best to throw it away. This would include symbols (such as Italian horns, unicorns, Stars of David, or peace symbols [upside-down broken cross/witches' feet]), on rings, necklaces, pictures, paintings, etc. I see nothing wrong with taking items which could have had curses put on them and just cleansing them. Suggested:

I sever, cancel the power of, and remove, by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh, all curses, spells, and ties from _____ [insert item] and send them to the abyss. I also command any and all demons attached to _____ [insert item] to leave and go to the abyss in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth Who Came in the Flesh. I ask the Holy Spirit to purify _____ [insert item] with His fire to remove any residue left from any curses, spells, or ties.

Then consider speaking a blessing to/over the object and its proper intended use.

Territorial Prayers are included in our seminar, "Territorial Components of Satan's Realm." They should not be attempted by anyone who has not had training and they should never be done alone! Never! Territorial intercession is a very special call on one's life and has dangerous consequences if taken casually!

Instead of living like those mentioned in Isaiah 59:15,16, we should strive to model the believers of whom God speaks in Isaiah 62:6,

" . . . praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints." Ephesians 6:18 (NKJV)

"I WAS THE TAKER
HE WAS THE GIVER
THAT I MIGHT BE FREE"

APPENDIX

The Armament

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for the pulling down of strongholds." 2 Corinthians 10:3,4 (NKJV)

From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows, and armor. The officers posted themselves behind all the people of Judah who were building the wall. Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other, and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked." Nehemiah 4:16-18a (NIV)

The odds of winning a battle in the natural realm are 50/50 if one only knows themselves and not the enemy. Satan seeks to jumble up our perceptions, getting us to think unreal things are real. When the Word speaks of strongholds (2 Cor. 10:4), it is speaking of a power (false deception) that has been successful (perception) in getting you to believe things you once would not tolerate or believe in. We do not want to be like the man spoken of in Luke 11:21-23 who was overpowered by a stronger foe.

One of the greatest things we can do is to arm ourselves for war each day with the divine weapons given to us in Ephesians 6:10-18. Let us go over these weapons one by one and study their importance so our odds of winning increase to 100%.

- I. **BELT OF TRUTH** Verse 14 - This was a wide garment covering from the mid-thigh to the ribcage.
 - A. John 17:17, 18:38, 14:6: The foundation is truth.
 - B. John 8:32: We have freedom in truth.
 - C. Psalms 51:6; II Timothy 2:15: We receive truthful character by wearing the character and nature of Christ Jesus.
 - D. Matthew 4:1-11: Truth weakens the devil and destroys his hold on us.
 - E. 2 Corinthians 11:3: Know your enemy so he does not have an unfair or strategic advantage. Scripture nowhere says to ignore him!
- II. **BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** - The breastplate gave front and back coverage of the heart and bowels. The Jews believed that the bowels represented feelings and emotions. It was made of chains of copper pieces that moved so that they caused friction and made the plate shine. When it shone in the sun, the sun reflected off of it into the enemy's eyes.
 - A. Isaiah 59:17: It represents the Lord's protection. We are hanging onto the breast of the Lord and as we "rub off" on others, it purifies us.
 - B. Isaiah 64:6; Romans 3:10: We are covered with the righteousness of Christ; we cannot depend upon works, for they are as filthy rags.
 - C. Philippians 3:8,9; Romans 5:18,19, 3:21-26: Righteousness is from Christ. It means "not guilty." (Romans 5)
 - D. Romans 6:15,16; Philippians 4:6-8: It refers to the character of being right and just.

III. SHOES OF READINESS FROM THE GOSPEL OF PEACE - Verse 15 - The Roman army wore shoes with spikes in the bottom of the shoes so that when they fought, they were only allowed to move forward or they could be killed by another Roman soldier! This is one reason they were the most feared army in the world. They did not have armor on their backsides because they were not expected to run or retreat. Neither are we!

- A. Romans 5:1: We can have inner peace with God now.
- B. Matthew 28:19; Isaiah 30:21: We must be ready to go to the "Uttermost Parts."
- C. II Timothy 4:2; I Peter 3:15,16: We are always ready to share the gospel of peace.
- D. 1 John 1:7; Ephesians 5:8: Walk as children of light.

IV. SHIELD OF FAITH - Verse 16 - This provided head to foot protection, not just a tiny shield! It could stop streams of arrows.

- A. It protects us from the arrows of the evil one, not the person sending them!
- B. Hebrews 11:6: Have faith to trust God, "no matter what." Meditate on what this means.
- C. Matthew 9:29; John 14:12; Colossians 1:23; Romans 10:11: Faith heals and brings power.
- D. Romans 12:3; Ephesians 2:8,9; Hebrews 12:2: Faith is received by all in equal measure. Trust is based upon love; if we receive His love, we can then trust Him.
- E. I John 5:4; I Timothy 6:12: Faith is our source of victory.

V. HELMET OF SALVATION! - Verse 17 - The helmet protected one's head from the sword.

- A. Luke 4:18; 1 Thessalonians 5:8,9: Salvation sets us free for eternity.
- B. Psalms 34:18: It sets us free from real life afflictions and problems.
- C. Romans 8:2,5,6: It sets us free from sin's bondage.
- D. Galatians 5:1: Salvation sets us free from religion and "churchianity."

VI. SWORD OF THE SPIRIT - Verse 17

- A. Hebrews 4:12: The Word of God as a sword goes to the heart and judges attitudes.
- B. II Timothy 3:16: God teaches, corrects and trains us in righteousness and provides evidence through His Word.
- C. John 1:1,2,14: Jesus is the Word who became flesh!
- D. I Peter 3:15: Use the sword to speak to Satan where and when he tempts or accuses. Fight with it out front in an offensive manner, not defensively! No soldier fights with his sword behind his back!
- E. John 14:16,26, 16:7: We received the Holy Spirit as a Teacher and Comforter.

VII. PRAY IN THE SPIRIT - Verse 18 - This is what puts the power into motion, like putting a key in the ignition! Invisible warfare is reality! Full deliverance from oppression is not always guaranteed by weak prayers or "taught" platitudes. It takes discipline and serious battle preparation in order to survive. If it was dependent upon simple little spiritual cliches, we never would need to walk by faith, "no matter what!"

"I will no longer talk much longer with you, for the ruler of this world is coming and he has nothing in me" John 14:30

SHINY ARMOR ON THE WALL

(Editor's Note: Following is an article provided by a man who lost his only child, a daughter, to lesbianism. At the appropriate place in this story, understand that he and his wife came home from church to find their "perfect" 16-year old daughter with "perfect Sunday School attendance," etc. standing with a new girlfriend. They had never seen this girl before and they noticed that their daughter had a suitcase packed. The daughter caustically said, "Mom, dad, this is my lesbian lover and we are leaving now." She immediately walked out the door and that was the last this couple had seen of their daughter. It had been two years when I received this article.)

When I became a child of God, I was given a shiny armor. It came with all sorts of protection and promises. I learned them all and then hung them, with the armor, on the wall.

People I knew that came to see me heard many times about my shiny armor on the wall. I would tell them about the belt of truth and how it was able to keep me from being confused and from being afraid, along with how I could protect my family from the lies of Satan with it. It had the perfect place with the armor — at the right side of my breastplate.

They could see my breastplate with little plaques that I would place around it - it showed my deeds so that people would think I was okay and righteous. It looked so shiny there!

The armor also had neat protection for my feet and legs — it would let the legs move so freely and quick. If worn, I would be able to go out and give the good news and instruction. They would also keep me from worrying about falling if an enemy would try to undercut me. I kept them nice and polished so they would look great on that wall.

The shield looked the most fabulous of all — why, the stories I could tell! It was said that it could stop the hardest blows that the enemy could send! No matter what was thrown at you, this shield could keep you from being hurt, especially with its inscription of faith. My helmet of salvation was a perfect fit for me and I would put it on once in awhile to feel secure — usually it just hung there a little neglected and taken for granted.

My armor has an awesome sword which could defeat anyone; it had within it the very Spirit of God. It had all the answers to the battle plans of any foe if wielded properly and kept in shape through use. However, mine stayed on the wall, so utterly shiny and tall!

The entire armor looked so cool and awesome, but I wasn't at war at all, so it stayed hanging on the wall.

Then all at once it happened! It was so fast! The thief visited my home. I wasn't ready for him. My armor was just hanging on the wall, so I could not protect myself or my home. The thief stole one of my most precious possessions. I couldn't stop him! By the time I got my armor on, he had left!

Well, my armor no longer hangs on the wall. Now I put it on every waking moment because the thief left me so wounded. Without it I would surely die of grief over my lost possession. The armor no longer shines either, because it has been through so many battles. It's a little rusty now because it is stained by so many tears. But by the armor's power, I will stand.

When I got my armor, I was a child of God. Now, I am a man of God! A warning to other children of God reading or listening to this: do not put your armor on the wall! It was given to wear. If you don't wear it, what you value the most will be taken from you.

Yours in Christ,
Jim McNiece

PERSONAL INVENTORY CHECKLIST

PREPARING YOUR PERSONAL INVENTORY CHECKLIST BEFORE DELIVERANCE

I. BALANCE

Not all disease and human affliction is demonically caused, or even caused by the flesh and/or worldliness. There is a real world of mental illness and physical disease which believers may be tempted to over-spiritualize. In many cases, a person could benefit greatly from professional Christ-centered counseling that would not over-spiritualize. Medical attention may also be a necessity, recognizing that many emotional problems have physical causes. It is true that demons can exacerbate most physical problems and are at times fully responsible for them. But to attribute more credit to them initially than they are due is unjustified.

There are times when one could benefit from visiting with a psychologist or psychiatrist, a neurologist or other doctor, and still at other times, by attending a Twelve-Step program. What we have found is that the demonic is usually deeply involved in either emotional, spiritual, mental, or physical problems. They add what I refer to as the "turbo effect" to the issues of the flesh we inherit in the womb. Because the enemy has centuries of experience, he knows how to intensify these problems and still stay hidden. This is why discernment is so important in fighting the kingdom of darkness.

II. THE PERSONAL INVENTORY CHECKLIST

The following Personal Inventory Checklist is an example of what we ask clients to complete before we see them for an "Authority Encounter" deliverance. We believe this list, though not exhaustive, covers most areas where we struggle and those areas covered in the Bible where struggles occur. This checklist has been prepared for Americans, but we have separate copies for those from other nations which refer to special problems they face.

Filling out this list, marking a plus (+) next to recent problems (within the last six months) and a check (✓) for past problems, can help you discern your walk with Christ. Remember the phrase I often share with clients: "There is no dignity in deliverance." To assure this, you might have a spouse, parent, or close friend complete one for you honestly, then compare your results with theirs. With those areas marked with a check, you can praise God for what the two of you have overcome!

KEY # 1 -- The question to ask with each of these is: "Is this a normal flesh problem, a bondage to worldliness, or is it an accentuated problem which I've tried to turn over to God, but just keep failing, running into barriers that I just can't explain?" Ask the Lord Jesus Christ to help you be honest, come out of denial, and look at the root causes of your problems (James 1:5,6).

With the background you received from Section 2 and from this inventory, you should have a good set of clues as to whether your problems are physiological, emotional, psychological, spiritual, and/or demonic. Pursue the steps in Section Five after looking at possible physical causes of your issues.

KEY # 2 - If demons are all or part of the cause of problems, your struggles may be evident during attempts at Bible study, prayer, witnessing, worship, or exercise of your ministry. You may experience heightened lack of concentration, confusion, physical illness (such as headaches and a queasy stomach), doubt, fear, guilt, and internal voices of accusation. Look at all of the signs and symptoms in balance.

Personal Inventory Checklist

Date	Name	Phone	Church
Address	City	State	Zip Code
Age	# of years being a Christian	# of Children	# of Grandchildren

PLEASE READ INSTRUCTIONS!!!!

From this checklist, mark sins and issues which have been recent (last six months) with a (+) in the space next to them. Past sins and issues from as far back as you can remember, which are not problems now, should have a check (✓) next to them. If nothing applies to a listed issue or sin, please, leave it blank. You must be honest and open, bring everything into the light before **GOD** -- you want to be free!!!!

SEXUAL IMPURITY

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pornography | <input type="checkbox"/> Incest |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fornication | <input type="checkbox"/> Rape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adultery | <input type="checkbox"/> Lust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homosexuality | <input type="checkbox"/> Prostitution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exhibitionism | <input type="checkbox"/> Abortion |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Masturbation | <input type="checkbox"/> Venereal Disease |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbianism | <input type="checkbox"/> Molestation |

RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND

- ☐ Roman Catholicism
- ☐ Mormonistic Spirit
- ☐ Far Eastern Religions
- ☐ Native American
- ☐ New Age/Jehovah's Witness
- ☐ Christian Science/Unitarian
- ☐ Lodges (Religious/Masonic)
- ☐ Legalistic Protestant (Rules/Do's & Don'ts)
- ☐ Spiritual Abuse

ADDICTIONS, SUBSTANCE ABUSE/USE

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs | <input type="checkbox"/> Gluttony/Metabolism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol | <input type="checkbox"/> Rock Music/Rap |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco | <input type="checkbox"/> (Heavy Metal) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prescriptions (past/present) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Money/Greed | <input type="checkbox"/> TV/Video Games/ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gambling/Lottery | <input type="checkbox"/> Computer/Shopping |

SPIRITUAL PROBLEMS WITH

- ☐ Bible Reading
- ☐ Prayer
- ☐ Church Attendance
- ☐ Witnessing

OCCULT INVOLVEMENT

- ☐ Fortune Told
- ☐ Tarot Cards
- ☐ Palm Read
- ☐ Séance
- ☐ Astrology, Horoscopes
- ☐ Numerology
- ☐ Table Tipping
- ☐ Rune Stones
- ☐ White of Black Magic
- ☐ Role Playing Games/D&D
- ☐ Levitation
- ☐ Ouija Board
- ☐ Voodoo/Spell Casting
- ☐ Yoga
- ☐ Transcendental Meditation
- ☐ Automatic Writing
- ☐ Charms, Fetishes, Crystals
- ☐ Satan Worship/Witchcraft
- ☐ Martial Arts
- ☐ Hypnotism
- ☐ Auras
- ☐ Astral Projection/Out of Body Exp.
- ☐ Other

UNIQUE ISSUES

- ☐ Veteran
- ☐ Racism/Prejudice/Minority
- ☐ Slavery (Background)
- ☐ Abuse from Parents
- ☐ Financial

I HAVE DONE THE FOLLOWING

- ☐ I speak in Tongues
- ☐ I'm willing to test the spirit of the Tongue
(1 John 4: 1-4)
- ☐ I was slain in the spirit

RELATIONSHIP PROBLEMS

- ☐ Spiritual ☐ Frigidity ☐ In-Laws
- ☐ Emotional ☐ Impotence ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Sexual _____

BEHAVIORAL CHARACTERISTICS

- ☐ Bitterness or Resentment
- ☐ Hearing Voices In Mind
- ☐ Unforgiveness
- ☐ Anger or Rage
- ☐ Anxiety or Worry
- ☐ Fear or Doubt
- ☐ Depression/Grief
- ☐ Suicide Thoughts
- ☐ Lying, Deceit
- ☐ Cursing, Swearing
- ☐ Jealousy or Envy
- ☐ Pride or Self-Righteousness
- ☐ Rebellion or Disobedience
- ☐ Critical Spirit, Gossiping
- ☐ Daydreaming or Fantasizing
- ☐ Nightmares
- ☐ Coveting Other's Possessions
- ☐ Impatience or Irritability
- ☐ Stealing
- ☐ Laziness
- ☐ Discouragement
- ☐ Self Pity
- ☐ Arrogance
- ☐ Hatred
- ☐ Controlling or Manipulating
- ☐ Shame, Guilt, Regret
- ☐ Insecurity or Low Self-Esteem
- ☐ Distrust
- ☐ Backbiting, Belittling
- ☐ Fighting or Quarreling
- ☐ Rejection, Abandonment
- ☐ Isolation-Loneliness

OTHER PROBLEMS:

We want to bring everything into the light of God's presence. Call sin SIN, confess everything to God audibly. Now thank our heavenly Father for forgiveness and cleansing through the Blood of Christ. (1 JN 1 5:10) Come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need (Heb 4:16)

MENTAL PROBLEMS

- ☐ Confused State
- ☐ Concentration
- ☐ Procrastination
- ☐ Hallucinations
- ☐ Schizophrenia
- ☐ Paranoia
- ☐ Persecution Complex
- ☐ Accident Prone
- ☐ Inferiority
- ☐ Past Traumas
- ☐ Childbirth Trauma/Miscarriage
- ☐ Delusions
- ☐ Compulsive Behavior

PHYSICAL PROBLEMS

- ☐ Stress, Tension
- ☐ Tired, Exhaustion
- ☐ Hypoglycemia
- ☐ AIDS
- ☐ Allergies, Hay Fever
- ☐ Anorexia, Bulimia
- ☐ Dizziness, Black Outs
- ☐ Menstrual Problems, PMS
- ☐ Sudden Sleepiness
- ☐ Insomnia
- ☐ Nose, Sinus Trouble
- ☐ Eye Problems
- ☐ Seizures, Epilepsy
- ☐ Headaches
- ☐ Pain or Arthritis
- ☐ Throat Problems
- ☐ Infirmities
- ☐ Ear Problems
- ☐ Asthma
- ☐ Diabetes
- ☐ Chronic Back Trouble
- ☐ Memory Loss
- ☐ Hyperactivity/ADD or ADHD
- ☐ Forgetfulness

PERSPECTIVES

"When the Lord first led me into study of spiritual warfare, I was chagrined by the lack of preparation I had received through my academic training. Though having graduated from Bible college and seminary, my understanding of the believer's warfare with Satan's kingdom was almost nonexistent. I have discovered that I was not alone. In talking to numerous missionaries through the years, one discovers that most of them were sent out to the mission field with very little, if any, training in spiritual warfare. The resulting wounding has sometimes been disastrous. Pastoral leadership in our country is equally lacking in training and understanding of the believer's warfare. How often I hear telephone callers lament, 'My pastor has no understanding of the fearful struggle I am facing.' It ought not to be that way."

Mark Bubeck, Foreword to *"Demon Possession and the Christian"*, Dickason, Moody Press, 1987

"There is no doubt that Satan and demons attack Christians. They seem to be special targets of the enemies of God because they are the children of God and hated as God is hated. Some do not recognize the full range of activities leveled against the children of God because they think that salvation automatically protects us from all sorts of evil . . . This simply is not so. The Scriptures make it quite clear that God's children, upon entering their position in the heavenliness of Christ (Ephesians 2:5,6), also enter a battle royal with the forces of wickedness (Ephesians 6:10-12):"

C. Fred Dickason *"Demon Possession and the Christian"*, op cit, pp. 105-106

"High among the list of traditional Christian doctrines that have fallen into disrepute is belief in Satan. The theologian in his study and the ordinary churchman in his pew are — for once — agreed. It is ridiculous to believe in the devil in this enlightened age. Such credulity went out with the beginning of the scientific revolution . . . At the same time a remarkable thing has been happening. Satan worship, fascination with the occult, black and white magic, astrology and horoscopes, seances and tarot cards, have become the rage. Ouija boards and levitation are to be found in many schools. Despite our progressed sophistication, there is today in the West a greater interest in a practice of magic than for three centuries:"

Michael Green, *"I Believe in Satan's Downfall"*, Erdmans, 1981, pp. 9-10

"There is, in fact, a strong tendency among many Christians to be naive concerning their arch foe, Satan, and his demon assistants. This is especially so in relation to the questions of demonism as it may affect the saint. Such a situation is perilous, for to be ignorant or misinformed on this subject is weighted with dire risks. This becomes apparent when the Christian warrior realizes that he is the target of demonic strategy and attack . . . Without intelligence of the enemy's strength and position, the results of any military encounter would be highly dubious. Yet believers sometimes display an obvious disinterest in what the Bible reveals about such a study. This apathy or dread is almost as perilous as the opposite extreme of fanatical occupation with evil. Such extremists ride demonism as a hobby, seeing demons in everybody and everything. Obviously these aberrations are a delight to Satan. They prove the subtlety of his stratagems by which he outwits his opponents and gains advantage over them."

Dr. Merrill F. Unger *"What Demons Can Do to Saints"*, p. 17
(This is one book we recommend for believers to read - K'I)

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