Spiritual Warfare: Freedom From Demonic Influence Part 12 Casting out Demons

Important Truths Concerning Casting out Demons:

- 1. Casting out of demons is an important part of spiritual warfare and freedom from demonic influence. It should be an important part of every single born-again Christian's life, in order to keep our own house clean and fulfill our commission to help others keep their house clean.
 - Everyone comes under demonic influence and attack
 - We all have given demons legal rights in one way or another, before salvation and possibly even after salvation.
- 2. Deliverance ministry is not for unbelievers. It's not even for Christians that are not serious about their relationship with Jesus. Without belonging to him we have no basis for freedom. Our freedom from Satan is based on our faith in the blood of Jesus. It would be like trying to kick a renter out of his apartment if his rent was paid.
 - We can cast them out of unbelievers that want them out but the demons will just come back and bring more with them if we continue on in our rebellion.
 - When the unclean spirit has gone out of a man, he walks through dry places seeking rest, and finds none. Then he said, I will return into my house from where I came out. And when he has come, he finds it empty, swept, and decorated. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and live there. And the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so it also shall be to this evil generation. But while He yet talked with the people, behold, His mother and His brothers stood outside, desiring to speak with Him. (Mat 12:43-46 MKJV)
 - Some say we should cast them out of unbelievers then the person would receive Christ. Maybe, maybe not. Would we want to hold that over their heads that they can either accept Jesus or probably end up in a mental institution because many demons will come back and possible be strong enough to overtake their mind? No.
 - You would only cast demons out of a non-believer if God specifically told you to.
 - If a person is totally possessed (controlled, taken over) by demons then I would be willing to try and help them, because their condition cannot get any worse. It can only get better and who knows may they will accept Christ.
- 3. Demons battles our mind from the outside and they incite people against us but they always seek to indwell humans to gain a stronger hold on us. Their ultimate desire is to

take over a humans will.

- 4. Demons are governed by spiritual laws that God has set into place. They cannot indwell a human without a legal grounds. Not many people would purposefully invite them in to their body but they trick people into giving them a legal right.
- 5. Legal grounds or door openers are habitual sin, unforgiveness, trauma, generational curses, occult activity, coming into agreement with them, words curses spoken to us or about us especially by those in authority over us. Even if the door is not immediately opened they begin to work to gain entry.
 - Habitual sin which is rebellion. Habitual, willful sin actually chooses Satan's lordship over Jesus' Lordship. Our Lord is the one we willingly, knowingly choose to obey. Choosing to obey demons is an open invitation.
 - Refusing to forgive others as Christ forgives us looses tormenters and gives them the right to stay.
 - Trauma Sins committed against us like rape, abuse, coming into agreement with them with our words. These things cause all kind of soul wounds like anger, hatred and fear that opens the doors for demons to indwell.
 - Generational demons have an assignment against you (your family) but they cannot enter you unless you open the door to them. They will be the ones speaking in your ear the most.
 - All occult activity or cult activity opens the doors wide. It gives demons legal rights to indwell you.
 - Coming into agreement with them with our mouth can be an invitation. Especially when this is combined with fear. For example. A demon of heart disease has an assignment against your family. Family members for generation have died early due to heart disease. Demons begin to sow fear into your heart by torturing your mind with the dread of heart disease. Then in fear you begin to believe that you already have it and you begin to say that you do or will.
 - Negative words spoken over children by their parents is a curse. It gives demons legal rights to work because that parent is their authority. Remember we can break curses and speak blessings.
- 6. Demons do not inhabit the <u>born-again</u> spirit but rather the flesh to weaken the spirit. They torment the mind and the body. They work different assignments on us like sickness, mental illness, fear, pain, lust, unholy desires, pride, anger and many other kinds of bondages.

See appendix D and G, bondages and demon groupings on our website.

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- 7. Not every problem that we have is caused by an indwelling demon or demons at all. For example demons work many diseases. But diseases are caused by other things like eating unhealthy food or not getting enough of certain nutrients or exposure to contaminants, etc. Another example is anger. Maybe there are just things in your life right now that are causing you anger and you just need to know how to resolve these issues better and how to trust the Lord and receive your peace and joy from Him regardless of your situations. That is a matter of spiritual growth through discipleship and intimacy with God.
- 8. Most people do not know that demons are indwelling them or even that their problems may be a demonic attack at all. They just know they have issues that they cannot overcome no matter how bad they want to or how hard they try. They think it is just them, they feel like a failure when they cannot overcome, and they may feel that God doesn't love them or isn't helping them. The demons tell them all kinds of lies to keep them defeated. Or they just get used to dealing with the issues and accept it as part of their personality or just a fact of life. So they just live with it.
 - Really if they knew the truth, they could easily be free by kicking out the intruder. Jesus has provided everything we need.
 - Truth sets free
 - Knowledge is power. Hosea 4:6 says "my people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge." He was rebuking the priests for rejecting His knowledge.
 - The reason that God's people are in the shape that they are in is because of this lack of knowledge. God will hold the leaders of the church responsible.
 - The church as a whole sets a pitiful example of what it means to be a child of God.
 - We are an army that don't know who we are, we don't know our enemy, and we don't know anything about our weapons.
 - We cannot even help ourselves much less anyone else.
 - The church is like a bunch of little babies sucking our thumbs and it is the leaders fault. No training, No equipping, no real leadership...
 - The church spends more of our time fighting each other than the real enemy!!
 - Few pastors or 5 fold ministry leaders are trained and equipped in this area! Few have even been through deliverance ministry themselves!
 - All Christian leaders should go through deliverance ministry as part of their qualifying for ministry.
 - Every Christian should be taught spiritual warfare, including casting out demons; their own and other peoples. Especially our own and our children's!!

- Most Christians don't even know how to lead their children to Christ!!
- Deliverance ministry should be normal Christianity. It is desperately needed discipleship.
- Every true church of Jesus should teach and practice deliverance.
- 9. How can you tell if you have an indwelling demon? If you have things such as diseases, mental illnesses, unholy desires, sin strongholds, mental torment, sexual or other confusion, false operations of spiritual gifts (divination), depression, anger, guilt, shame, phobias, fear of rejection, fear of man, obsessions among many other things, and you cannot manage to get free from them by prayer, inner healing, spiritual warfare or spiritual growth you probably have an indwelling demon. Go ahead and do self-deliverance or get someone to help you if you feel you may have many. You can still try but if you feel like you are losing control. Stop and seek help with it.
 - It is nothing to be ashamed of.
 - Most if not all people have spiritual oppression to one degree or another.
 Most have indwelling demons.
 - Demons want us to be in denial so that they can stay and continue their slow work of tearing us down. They prefer to stay under the radar.
 - It is better to just acknowledge and kick them out.
 - What do you have to lose? Some torment maybe.
- 10. The more demons that inhabit a human the stronger their control of the person and the more power they have in their victim's life. If you have lived a pretty clean life and have not had a lot of trauma you probably do not have many and they have little control.
- 11. Even indwelling demons have less and less control as we grow in the Lord and resist them and submit to God more. They lose their ability to influence us. But they still usually will not go unless they are cast out.
 - They will lie dormant and wait on an opportune time of weakness to strike you.
 - They will work as a web or team to wear you down. For example spirits of depression, suicide, loneliness and self-hatred may work as a team to bring suicide.
 - Discipleship, spiritual growth, surrender to God and inner healing lessens demons ability to affect and influence you.
 - They will stay as long as they can because they do not want to fail their assignment by leaving their assigned place. If they do they are punished.
 - Command they go in Jesus name.
- 12. Having an indwelling demon is not the same as being what people think of as being possessed. Possession is when the demons take over a person, his will and his spirit to

the point of controlling them. Possession is their goal. I don't believe that a Christian can be totally possessed or controlled by demons but I do know that Christians can have so many that the demons can and will take full control of their victim for a short period of time if the demons feel threatened. I have only seen this happen when the Christian has been involved in occult things before they were saved and they have many indwelling demons.

- The way that they took control was to use the voice of the one being delivered to speak to me during the deliverance ministry.
- Demons can take over if they feel very threatened for example if the person is in a much anointed church service. They may take control and begin to act out because they are so uncomfortable in that setting and feel threatened. Demons are comfortable in most churches.
- 13. The demonic army is very much like a military. They are very organized and strategic. There are demons (fallen angels) that answer to their commander and chief, Satan. They work to fulfill his evil objectives. They are ranked like a military. Stronger, more effective demons work closely underneath Satan. He has set them over nations, regions and cities to weaken them and help bring about Satan's plans. He has many set over industries to guide them in his satanic agenda. There are lesser demons that He has set over churches, families and individuals. They work to try to stop God's plan from being fulfilled in the earth. They work together as teams or units to weaken, kill, steal and destroy. Then there is Satan's human army. Many of them know who they are and many are clueless. They think they serve another deity or their selves but really they serve Satan quite well.
 - God's army is the same. He is the commander and chief. He has angelic armies and a human army.
 - The truth is though that God is really in control of all things. Satan is not. He is a puppet.
 - God gave humans dominion in the earth, so we give demons control in our lives through the door openers. God has given us everything to put Satan under our feet. That is up to us. It is not God's will that Satan lords over us in any way.
 - God's army is mighty when we know and exercise truth.
- 14. Demons do have names, like Legion (Mark 5:9), Leviathan (psalm 73:13), Lucifer, Orion, Jezebel, Defiance and Pharaoh but they will answer by their assignment against you like witchcraft, fear, hatred, cancer, jealousy and depression.
- 15. Most people should be able to do self-deliverance. If you have been through much trauma or if you have been deeply involved in the occult like Satanism or witchcraft you

probably will need an experienced deliverance minister to take you so far, then you can finish the job and continue to keep your own house clean.

- If you have associative disorder, also called multiple personality disorder you probably will need assistance, though God is the healer of this type of emotional woundedness and of all woundedness.
- 16. Deliverance is an ongoing process. It will take more than one time, maybe many times depending on how many you have and where you are in your spiritual walk. But some should be expelled each time you do deliverance.
 - God is in control of your deliverance.
 - He will work with you each time. He is with you. His kingdom will be evident. Demons are driven out by His finger. (It will be you exercising your rights with your mouth.)
 - He may not make them all leave at once. Especially when there are many, we need spiritual growth to hold that ground or we may need more inner healing to hold that ground. Trust God in this. Let God guide it. An example is that if you cast out a demon of rejection but you have not had your heart healed from the words or events that opened that door those demons can easily just come back.

And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite before you. I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become a waste, and the beast of the field multiply against you. By little and little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased, and inherit the land. (Exo 23:28-30 MKJV)

- Sometimes they hide, so you won't know they are there and call them out. Therefore it might be 5 years down the road before that demon shows out and causes you problems. He has lain formant. You don't say, I had deliverance 5 years ago so it can't be a demon. You cast it out. Demons are patient, they will wait a life time to work their evil if they have to.
- 17. If a person has many, with deliverance things may get worse before they get better. It will stir them up, you will cast some out but the ones that remain will go into panic mode. So the attacks may become more. For example if you were dealing with pain, you may have more pain, if you were dealing with depression you may no longer feel depressed but now you may feel anger. (anger was already there but not cast out)
 - It is like spring cleaning a house, it will get messier before it gets cleaner. But it will be sparkling clean if you continue till the job is finished.

- If you understand what is going on and that it is a process, this is very good because when they show themselves, you know exactly what to cast out.
- It is well worth the effort.
- 18. We should never fear casting out demons but we should pray and trust the Lord. He will always work with us. Take the precautions that I will tell you to take through prayer. However it should be taken seriously and only done by born-again believers with faith in Jesus.