

INTRODUCTION

1. If you're a Christian, the following will be some of the most important information you'll ever be exposed to.
2. As human beings we function in three levels of competency. The three levels of competence are:
 - **Concious Competence** – you know what you know something.
 - **Concious Incompetence** – you know what you don't know.
 - **Unconscious Incompetence** – you don't know what you don't know.
3. All people on earth live in a daily struggle with unseen forces that have tremendous advantages over the average person. The fact that you identify as a Christian doesn't make you any less vulnerable to demonic attacks than the unsaved person, because most Christians don't really believe this invisible enemy exists or can hurt them!
4. When it comes to Spiritual Warfare, the vast majority of Christians are operating in a state of **Unconscious Incompetence**.
5. This course is going to take you step by step through a "Spiritual Warfare Training Camp" if you will, where you will not only discover the invisible driving force behind most of the negative things that have happened in your life, but you'll also learn what to do about changing your future.
6. The goal of this course is to share biblical knowledge and real life experiences, in order to help you TAKE YOUR LIFE BACK from an

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enemy who has probably captured parts of your mind, will, and emotions while you never even knew it was happening.

7. Satan captures parts of your mind, will and emotions through the following things that happen in your life:

- Past Hurts Trauma Heartbreak
- Disappointments Criticism
- Illicit Sexual Relationships or thoughts Pride
- Anger Jealousy Bad Choices
- Plus - way too many more for me to list here

8. **Precautionary notice for teaching this in groups:** Sometimes when the subject of spiritual warfare is taught in a group setting, demonic spirits will begin to manifest through people in the crowd. Most of the time the demonically harassed person is oblivious to the fact that they have any demonic influence in their life and will try to resist this, but encourage the people not to fight to hide and keep the demons from being discovered.

Remember - THIS IS A WAR FOR YOUR WELL BEING!!

9. As you will see as we move through this course, demonic harassment is fairly common, even in Christians. Satan usually gains access to certain parts of people's lives through a multitude of "doorways" that we are going to expose and discuss.

Is Satan Real? The answer is YES!!

1. Satan was the first character in the bible to interact with humans besides God.
2. The bible says Satan was created by God to be a very high ranking angel, and was actually the one in charge of all the music in heaven.
3. Satan lost his position in heaven when he became puffed up with a sin called pride, and he wanted to overthrow the kingdom of heaven.
4. He led a revolt among the other angels and recruited a gang of followers that the bible tells us numbered 1/3 of the angels of heaven.
5. Satan and the gang of rebellious angels was thrown out of heaven and cast down to earth.

Here are a few facts about Satan:

1. The entire book of Job is about Satan attacking a man named Job.
2. Satan has access to heaven – **Job 2:1**
3. Satan's job is to accuse us – **Job 2:4-5**
4. Satan roams the earth looking for people to destroy – **1 Pet 5:8**
 - a. We will learn how to keep him from destroying us
5. Satan hates God's blessings on people and seeks to ruin them.
6. Satan can steal your health, your wealth, and your joy.
7. Satan can cause natural disasters and control weather - **Job 1:18-19**
8. Satan is solely responsible for sickness and disease in people – **Gen 2:17**

Satan has 3 jobs:

1. To steal,
2. To kill, and
3. To destroy.
4. He goes to work every day, and does 24 hour shifts, 7 days a week. –

John 10:10

¹⁰The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.

Are demons real? The answer once again is YES!!

The prime purpose of Jesus's earthly ministry was to overcome the power of Satan and his demonic forces on the earth.

1. Jesus's very first ministry act in Mark was to be confronted by a demon possessed man in **Mark 1:23**

²³Now there was a man in their synagogue with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴saying, "Let us alone! What have we to do with You, Jesus of Nazareth? Did You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

*²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "**Be quiet, and come out of him!**" ²⁶And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him. ²⁷Then they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, "What is this? What new [£]doctrine is this? For with*

authority He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him.”²⁸ And immediately His fame spread throughout the entire region around Galilee.

Demons operate in a structured military like hierarchy according to scriptures.

1. Demons are apparently earth bound entities that answer to and operate under Satan.
2. The 4 gospels are filled with encounters with demons, as well as most of the New Testament.
3. In fact, the great commission given by Jesus to His disciples is found in **Mark 16:17** *¹⁷These miraculous signs will accompany those who believe: They will cast out demons in my name, and they will speak in new languages.*[£]

Demons are referred to in the bible by different names, titles, or functions:

1. Evil Spirits
2. Unclean Spirits
3. Deceiving Spirits
4. Spirits of error
5. Spirits of divination, and many other specific names.

Are demons still active in the world and in our lives today?

Absolutely; Evidence of demonic activity is more visible in our world today than at any other time in history.

1. Nearly every day you see heinous murders and acts of unspeakable cruelty that just a few years ago were never imagined.
2. There are over a dozen different television shows about ghosts and the paranormal, and no one would have a motive to fabricate these stories and bring ridicule and embarrassment on themselves and their families.
3. The bible never said that Satan would cease or diminish his efforts to steal, kill, and destroy on the earth when the last apostle died.
4. Satan's attack on the human race will only be stopped by the return of our Lord Jesus. Until then, we must learn to stand and fight, and help others do the same.

Demons have identities and specific assignments.

1. With military structure, there are certain unique jobs, duties, and specialties the soldiers have. Demons operate the same way.
2. One soldier may be a demolitions expert while the next one may be a communications specialist, while another may be a medic.
3. The same is true in the military of the unseen demonic world.
4. Some demonic spirits specialize in greed, with assignments to cause people to never be satisfied with what they have.
5. Another demon may be a demon of anger, whose purpose is to keep a person locked in a vicious cycle of lifelong anger.
6. Or a demon that specializes is lust, causing people to do things they will regret for the rest of their lives.

How to recognize demons and demonic activity at work:

1. The bible teaches us that we will know what species a tree is by the fruit that it bears.
2. An apple tree will not produce oranges, and a pear tree will not produce pecans.
3. There is certain “Good” fruit spoken of in the bible that we should produce if we are a “good tree”. This fruit is called the “*Fruit of the Holy Spirit*”.

The fruit the **Holy Spirit** produces in our lives is listed in Galatians chapter 5. There is also fruit produced of the satanic spirit, and it is the opposite:

Gal 5:22

1. **Love** – Opposite: Spirits of **Hate**
2. **Joy** - Opposite: Spirits of **Depression**
3. **Peace** – Opposite: Spirits of **Fighting** and **Strife**
4. **Patience** – Opposite: Spirits of **Anger** **Impatience** and **Impulsivity**
5. **Kindness** - Opposite: **Mean** spirited
6. **Goodness** - Opposite: **Evil** spirits
7. **Faithfulness** - Opposite: **Untrustworthy** spirits
8. **Gentleness** - Opposite: a **Violent** spirit
9. **Self-Control** – Opposite: Driven by spirits of **Lust**

How do demons gain access into our lives?

1. God's universe is orderly and legal.
2. In order to keep Satan from totally destroying us at will, God put in place legal boundaries that Satan has to obey and operate within. We must give Satan permission and legal right to breach these boundaries, and we do that through sin and other doorways we spoke of earlier where he gains access to us.
3. These legal boundaries are enforced by a heavenly police force known as angels.
4. When we need assistance from the police for help and protection, we call 911 and they show up.
5. By the same token, when we need heavenly assistance, we PRAY and angels are dispatched to help us.
6. Just as demons are Satan's servants dedicated to stealing, killing and destroying, angels are God's servants dedicated to protecting us.

So if Satan is bound by a heavenly legal system that keeps him from destroying us, how does he have the right to attack my life like he does?

1. The answer is: you give him access and legal authority to attack you by your willful decisions to break God's laws. It's called sin.
2. When you sin you "align" yourself with Satan and you "serve" him.
3. When you serve Satan he has legal rights to you in certain areas of your life, and he will most certainly claim those areas 100% of the time.

Protecting your spiritual house:

1. Think of it as if you are a home owner and you live in a crime ridden neighborhood where your neighbors are criminals who STEAL, KILL, and DESTROY.
2. What would happen if you went to work every day and left your front door and all your windows wide open, with a sign in your front yard that read “Burglars have my permission to rob my house”.
3. How long would it take for them to clean you out?
4. The worst thing is, when you called the police they would inform you that there is nothing they can legally do until you secure your house and remove the sign giving burglars permission to rob you.

I didn't even know my house was unlocked and wide open!

1. The sad thing is, many times you honestly don't even know you've unlocked your spiritual house and put a sign in your spiritual yard that gives demons access to your life through sin!
2. Most people have no idea what the bible says about sin, or what it says about anything for that matter, and Satan loves that because he can have legal access to us when we are disobedient to God!

Sin is the doorway for the demonic.

Think of your spirit as being a fortified house with only three ways to get in. Just like a house has three main entry points in the front door, the back door, and the garage, we have three entry points to our spirit:

1. **Our Eyes. Psalms 101:3**

a. I will set no wicked thing before my eyes

Proverbs 17:24

²⁴ *Sensible people keep their eyes glued on wisdom,
but a fool's eyes wander to the ends of the earth.*

2. **Our Ears. Philippians 4:8**

⁸*Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. ⁹The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.*

3. **Our Thoughts. 2 Corinthians 10:5**

a. Take every thought captive

⁵*casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,*

If you would like help getting demons out of your life, your first step is to become *Knowledgeable* about how the demonic world operates and what you are doing to open doors for them. I have found that knowledge of the demons you struggle with is one of the most powerful weapons you will have to defeat them.

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