

ENGAGING IN SPIRITUAL WARFARE

What is Spiritual Warfare?

Spiritual warfare is the intersection between the kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan where Satan's control is broken and God reigns in power

Dealing with Spiritual Warfare

- We need to be equipped to deal with spiritual warfare and we need to know how to equip international believers to be victorious in spiritual battle
- The word of God clearly tells us that we have three enemies: our own flesh, the world system, and Satan
- A significant part of Jesus's ministry was freeing people oppressed by Satan, this was also an important part of His discipleship training with the twelve

What Is Demonization?

- Daimonizomai, means to be under the power or influence of demons in certain areas
- We should also recognize that there are different levels of demonization

How Does Demonization Occur in a Person's Life?

- Main access is through deception
- Through the influence of our ancestors
- If we have experienced some childhood wounding or trauma where someone has done something wrong to us, that can also lead to an opening to demonic activity
- If we continually practice sin, over a period of time
- If we are involved in occult activity or with objects related to the occult

How Can We Recognize If a Person Is Being Affected by Demonic Spirits?

- Restlessness (Mark 5:5, Luke 11:24)
- A tormented mind
- Driven to do things – compulsions
- An inability to concentrate on Scripture
- Intrusive thoughts coming into their mind

How Can We Help Internationals Get Free from Demonic Strongholds?

- Test it out, rather than assuming it is demonic activity
 - Study the life of Christ for His pattern of encountering the forces of darkness and overcoming them and also looking at how the disciples were trained by Jesus
 - Apply Scriptural truth to each one of the access areas of influence
 - We should always invite the Holy Spirit's presence and protection
 - We should use the authority of Christ to bind fear in a person's life
 - We want to ask the person to make sure they practice confession of their sins and the sins of their ancestors
 - We should also invite God's spirit to come and identify or make clear if there is any demonic spirits present in the person's life
 - Once sin is confessed and evil associations are renounced, we can order the evil spirits to leave a person's life.
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