

Current Interest in Deliverance

Deliverance Ministry Training

Session 2

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- d. (Pastor Bob) Priestly Prayer to cast off – Stronghold of Bondage - page 48 of Training Manual
- e. (Pastor Bob) Priestly Blessing over group members – page 64 of manual

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Current Interest in Deliverance:

1. **James 3:1 (AMP)** NOT MANY [of you] should become teachers (self-constituted censors and reprovers of others), my brethren, for you know that we [teachers] will be judged by a higher standard *and* with greater severity [than other people; thus we assume the greater accountability and the more condemnation].
2. **Parable of the talents**
3. Ministry needs to be taken seriously.
4. To be effective in Deliverance Ministry need to know what it is and not be afraid of it. We should strive to be proficient in it.
5. Deliverance the neglected ministry:
 - a. Francis MacNutt book Deliverance from Evil Spirits – A practical Manual
 - i. He was one of the pioneers in the 1960's of deliverance ministry.
 - ii. In his book he compares the ministry of deliverance with taking out the trash.
 - iii. He says: "Putting out the garbage is only a small part my life. I don't like to do it but I have to take it out to the curb once a week." "We need people in our town to collect it and in the spiritual life deliverance is much like that. Someone needs to do it and they need to know what they are doing. In some ways I think the Church today has come on hard times because for a long time no one has put out the garbage."
6. Since deliverance has been neglected for so long it explains why our Churches (as well as our society) are in such hurt today.
7. Many in the Church are wounded, injured & even demonized.
8. Francis MacNutt goes on to say: "A lot of mistakes were made in the ministry of deliverance and are still made." "We need to learn how to pray for deliverance without repeating the old mistakes, so that the oppressed will be freed in increasing numbers. But refusing to help hurting people by restricting or even forbidding exorcism is far worse than the mistakes that have been made. For it abandons multitudes of the oppressed to suffer for the rest of their lives, or worse yet, to commit suicide when they see no hope of ever getting better." "What do you do when you have a prayer line and a woman on your prayer line starts screaming and falls to the floor in convulsions. ...We are supposed to learn what to do"
 - i. Do you send her home the way she came, or do you leave her there? We need to be able to help that woman.
9. The purpose of this training is to assist us in knowing what to do.

- a. **Hosea 4:6 (AMP)** My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you [the priestly nation] have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you that you shall be no priest to Me; seeing you have forgotten the law of your God, I will also forget your children.
- b. Our hope is to impart to you knowledge that will enable you to minister more effectively.

10. A lot of truth but also a lot of junk:

- a. **Cops: Mom drowns girl, 4, in exorcism New York Post Nov. 15 2001**

“November 14,2001 – A Washington Heights woman drowned her 4-year-old daughter in a bathtub because she thought the girl was possessed, police said yesterday.

Sabrina Wright told police she heard her own mother’s voice coming out of her daughter’s body – and held Signifagance down in a tub of water, authorities said.

“She was trying to exorcise some demons,” said Administration for Children’s Service spokeswoman Jennifer Falk.”

- b. **“Pastor Fined for Forced Prayer**

A Nebraskan pastor and his wife were each fined \$100 after being found guilty of false imprisonment for holding a teenage visitor to their church against his will while they and members of the congregation prayed for him.

Sixteen-year-old Chris Haines alleged that he was forcibly detained when he attended a youth group activity at Dwight Sandoz’ Assembly of God church in Minatare in February, “The (Scottsbluff) Star-Herald” reported. Haines told a court this week that when he tried to leave he was forced to stay while members of the church prayed in tongues around him.

Sandoz and his wife, Nadine, denied the charge. Their attorney, James Worden, said the pair acted reasonably and were only trying to keep Haines from hurting himself and others. A similar charge against the Sandozes’ son, Joshua, was dropped for lack of evidence.”

- i. According to court reports they actually locked the door until this young man was terrified. And potentially further demonized.
- ii. This fine could have been much worse, it is by God’s grace that the fine was not more.

- c. **“Exorcism Pastor Sentenced One News (New Zealand), Dec. 20, 2001**

The final chapter in the bizarre exorcism death of a young woman has come to a close with Pastor Luke Lee, beginning a six-year prison sentence.

The convicted killer and charismatic pastor appeared composed in court despite being told he is going to prison for six years for strangling Joanna Lee during an exorcism.

“The particular concern I have Mr. Lee, is that your charisma and the cult-like sway you hold on your followers, suggest that when you are released from prison, you will continue to be a risk to the public,” said High Court Judge Justice Paterson.”

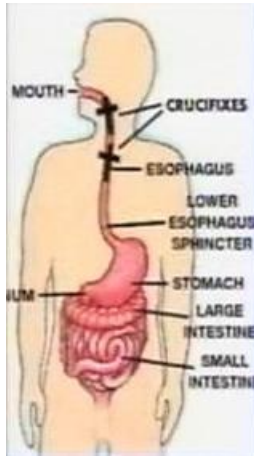
- i. This is the part that the world sees.
- ii. Satan uses things such as these to discredit deliverance ministry.

d. **“Esophagus Exorcism!**

By D. Trull

Enigma Editor

Following an exorcism in which the whole family in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, lent a hand. Garcia



ended up in jail on charges of puncturing his mother-in-law’s esophagus with a pair of crucifixes.

As part of his exorcism, Garcia shoved two 8-inch steel crucifixes into his mother-in-law’s mouth. The crosses went deep enough down her throat to pierce her esophagus. Garcia was arrested for assault with a dangerous weapon and taken under psychiatric observation. The woman was hospitalized in critical condition. Police are in agreement with Garcia’s family that he did not act with intent to harm. Prior to the incident, the mother-in-law, whose name has not been released, had been hospitalized following a display of erratic behavior. The hospital suggested further psychiatric treatment for both.”

- i. All of these examples are junk ministry and are not acceptable before God.
- ii. We want to ensure we train people in the authority in Jesus Christ and the declaration of the Word in prayer.

11. In the name of Jesus...

- a. The name Jesus means: Savior and Deliverer.
- b. Jesus came to save us from the devil and hell, but he also came to deliver us from evil.
- c. **1 John 3:8 (AMP)** [But] he who commits sin [who practices evildoing] is of the devil [takes his character from the evil one], for the devil has sinned (violated the divine law) from the beginning. The reason the Son of God was made manifest (visible) was to undo (destroy, loosen, and dissolve) the works the devil [has done].
- d. Doris Wagner wrote about Learning the Ministry of Deliverance.
 - i. She said: “ Much of the general ministry of deliverance can be learned, I would even say it could be an acquired skill and that with experience and the help of the Holy Spirit, it can become a valuable ministry tool. Some do seem more gifted more than others but it is hard to get away from the fact that Jesus told his followers to do it. So every Christian should have the basic ability to cast out a demon.”

12. Currently there is a high level of interest in the area of deliverance.

- a. New ministries popping up and new books and materials coming out in record numbers.
- b. Conferences, magazines, crusades etc.
- c. Several reasons for this flurry of interest:
 - i. God is bringing it back to the forefront
 - ii. There is a spiritual hunger in the land
 - iii. All people are fascinated by the demonic
- d. What happened before was so much flesh in the ministry when it was coming to the forefront in late 60's to early 80's that it fell by wayside.
- e. Christians often fall into rituals, etc. and this can be the death of a ministry.
- f. God wants us to do it right this time around.
- g. All over people are hungry for the supernatural. With this hunger many are serving demons unknowingly and thus there is more and more need for truth and deliverance. Christians are falling prey to many deceptive doctrines.
- h. The Church needs to begin to meet the need that people are looking for and the power of God needs to work among us.
- i. Christians and heathens both are drawn to evil, just in different degree. Leaven is in the Church more now than ever.
- j. There is a tremendous need for deliverance ministers inside the Church.

13. An example from Bill Sudduth

- a. While sitting in his office one day in Brownsville God spoke to him very clearly and said "The Church needs ministers much more than it needs preachers."
 - i. Preaching is a valuable and necessary part of overall ministry, but it alone does not do much to set a person free.
 - ii. We need ministers in the Church to rise up in support of the Pastor to minister one-on-one with those in need.
- b. Ministers in deliverance are in such shortage that when it is known that a Church offers this type of ministry they will get calls for help and prayer from all over the country and the world.
- c. Bill speaks about a call he got from a 60-year-old woman who gave her heart to Christ at 24-years-old and has been tormented by demons since that time. She related that no one had ever

been able to help her.

- d. A man in Indonesia called Bill and told him that he had his deliverance manual and his pastor told him to call Bill for prayer.

14. A Charisma Magazine that was dedicated to deliverance.

- a. Doris Wagner was quoted in this article, one quote: “Many pastors fail to get involved in deliverance ministry primarily because they are afraid of it and they have received no training at Seminary or Bible School and thus they feel unprepared and inadequate. The other reason is they are concerned about being sued.”

15. Law suits are a genuine concern.

- a. **“Woman gets \$300,000 in exorcism suit**

By Darren Barbee

Star-Telegram Staff Writer Posted on Sat, Mar. 23, 2002

Fort Worth – Six years after Laura Schubert sued members of Colleyville church for trying to cast demons out of her, a Tarrant County jury’s award of \$300,000 filled her with joy. Because of an earlier court ruling, jurors made their decision without hearing any religious aspects of the case, including Schubert’s accounts of two exorcism attempts in 1996.”

- b. **“Jury Rejects “Cult” Claim Against Alaska Church But Awards Damages**

Charisma News Service

May 18, 2000

An Alaskan Pentecostal church accused of breaking up a family with claims of demon possession has been ordered to pay \$23,450 damages at the end of a 10-week trial. But the jury ruled that Wasilla Ministries was not a destructive cult, as claimed by Daniel and Lisbeth Hejl. their daughter, Jodi, ran away from home with the help of members of the church who said the church the family attended was influenced by demons, the Hejls said. Now reconciled with their daughter, the Hejls were seeking \$3 million in damages and compensation for counseling, travel and other expenses.”

- i. This youth claimed to this church that she was being abused at home. Instead of reporting it to authorities they hid the girl.

- c. **“‘Demonized’ Law Student Settles Suit**

Charisma News Service

Jan. 3, 2003

A former law student who accused a Christian college of ordering him to undergo counseling after he was told he “had a demon” has settled his lawsuit against the school... Regent officials have denied that its employee defamed Chadbourne or violated his rights. Chadbourne sought \$1.3 million, but he said the settlement amount wasn’t much higher than

regent's initial offer of \$2,500..."

- d. We must put in safety measures before we work with serious level of deliverance, especially when it is with people we do not know.
- e. We use a signed release form before deliverance other than basic prayer.
- f. The release needs to identify that you are a biblical prayer ministry, they are seeking prayer voluntarily for them self, that we are not licensed medical professionals and that we are led by the Holy Spirit in our gifting. It is not secular treatment it is spiritual treatment. There is no guarantee of results.

16. In the Charisma Magazine article mentioned above, Doris Wagner went on to say: "Some of the pastors are operating under cessationous theology, they do not believe that the gifts of the Spirit are for today."

- a. This is still wide spread today.
- b. Some within the Pentecostal & Charismatic churches do not believe in deliverance even though they believe in tongues and praying for others.
- c. We need to accept the whole Bible or none of it.
- d. **Acts 2:21 (AMP)** And it shall be that whoever shall call upon the name of the Lord [invoking, adoring, and worshiping the Lord—Christ] shall be saved.
 - i. Saved in Greek is Sozo and it means: Salvation, to be healed, to be delivered, to be set free, to escape the snare of the enemy. Etc.
 - ii. Jesus paid the price for it all.

17. More about Current Interest:

- a. TV & Radio programs that have aired actual deliverance sessions.
- b. It is reported in the secular news as well.
- c. Many new programs about supernatural that is showing exorcism even from non-Christian circles or a mixture of secular and Christian ministry.
- d. "60 Minutes the Exorcists
Jan 30, 2002
(CBS) Why would a church in New Mexico end the year 2001 by burning Harry Potter books? Because they believe young readers might be attracted by the witchcraft and the work of the

devil.

It's not such an uncommon belief that real devils, actual demons, are present as never before. The catholic Church, the biggest church in the Western world, has set out to take action by increasing its emphasis on the ancient rite used to beat the devil: exorcism."

e. **"TV Investigation Primetime Spotlight On Exorcism**

Charisma News Service

April 11, 2001

Bt Andy Butcher

Program says deliverance ministry can "bring great comfort"

Lori Anchondo, a 32-year-old mother from E; Paso, Texas, told "MSNBC Investigates" that she felt much more peaceful after being prayed for by her pastor, Tom Brown. She had been fighting crippling depression that had left her unable to enjoy spending time with her children, she said. But Anchondo stopped taking her medication after prayer.

Anchondo was filmed weeping and doubling over as she was prayed for during a service at Word of Life Church. She fell down, rocking and writhing, as Brown laid hands on her and commanded the evil spirits to leave her. "And then that was it," she said later. "I was calm." Seigenthaler reported that while many Americans turn to self-help books for healing in their lives-spending \$563 million on such titles-a growing number are looking for spiritual help. There has been a "big jump" in the number of exorcisms being carried out, he said, with 600 Christian ministries performing them."

18. Deliverance Crusades

a. Carlos Annacondia, author of Listen to Me Satan

b. " 'New Day' For French Church After Argentine Crusade

Charisma News Service

Church leaders in France, where evangelicals comprise less than 1 percent of the population are heading a major spiritual breakthrough following a nine-day crusade by Argentine evangelist Carlos Annacondia April 22-29.

Attendance for the meeting and a combined Easter service in Paris' famous Bois de Boulogne park totaled more than 20,000, with 800 people making commitments to Christ.

Eighty churches supported the event, which featured Annacondia's emphasis on evangelism and deliverance.

the crusade marked "a new day for Christians in France" because it was the first time churches had united "to reach the lost in the power of the Holy Spirit."

"Spiritually, France is ready to explode," he said.

"A whole generation of young people is looking for something to believe in and an experience that will give them meaning."

- i. Before his conferences he sends in a team to train local teams for 2 weeks in deliverance.
- c. Interesting Statistic: In this nation it is estimated that only 5% of the people who pray the prayer of Salvation become assimilated into the church.
At Carlos Annacondia's meetings 85% of those who make a decision for Christ stick, only 15% fall away!
 - i. In U.S. churches 95% pray out of emotion or something else and it was simply a confession without turning.
 - ii. The difference is deliverance after confession. They need to experience the changing power of Jesus Christ.
- d. Deliverance makes the difference
 - i. People get their junk dealt with the very night they get saved!
 - ii. Even if they don't get free of something, they get a reality of the spirit realm they probably didn't have before, because they see others being set free.

19. Catholic Church even moving back to deliverance.

- a. **"Vatican issues first new exorcism ritual since 1614
Rite seeks to bring church up to date with science
January 26, 1999
Web Posted at 8:39 pm EST (0139 GMT)
VATICAN CITY (CNN) – Blaming Satan for many of today's ills, the Vatican on Tuesday unveiled updated exorcism rules, along with a caution not to mistake psychiatric problems for diabolic possession.
The Vatican's first updated ritual for exorcism since 1614 tries to bring the church up to date with modern science and, for the first time, urges church-approved exorcists to consult modern medicine where needed. However, officials made clear at a news conference that the traditional belief in the devil was not optional for today's Roman Catholics."**
- b. The new exorcism rite indicates that signs that a individual is under the influence of a devil include:
 - i. Speaking in unknown languages
 - ii. Having physical strength disproportionate to the persons' age or body.
- c. Comment about use of formulas & rituals: They do not set people free. It is the delivering power of Jesus Christ, His shed blood and the work of the Holy Spirit.
- d. However, God will often set people free in spite of us. With our limited knowledge of deliverance. It is not you or I – it is Gods' grace.

20. An example from Bill Sudduth' ministry:

- a. They were dealing with Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD) in three different women.
 - i. [Note: In the Psychiatric community MPD has been replaced with Dissociative Personality Disorder (DID)]
- b. The administration felt that they may be crossing a line of medical problem versus spiritual problems. The concern then came that they could be charged with "Practicing medicine without a license". Because the world consider this a psychological issue.
- c. They had dealt with one woman for 17 months 2-3 times per weeks and although they had seen much freedom she was not totally free.
- d. They looked for another ministry to refer them to and found one that had many results in this area and the results were seem in weeks not months and years.
- e. This particular minister had wrote a book in which he had a section on how to determine if you were dealing with a personality or a demon.
 - i. Personalities will have names like death, murder, rage and etc. - demon names
 - ii. Demons on the other hand would have names like Bobbie, Susie, Johnny and etc.
- f. As he read this he said, "Lord, this is totally backwards. How can this be? How can he be getting people set free? The Lord clearly spoke to him and told him "I use you too William."
- g. He will use you in spite of you. He uses those who are available.
- h. "God does not care about or ability or our inability – He is concerned about or availability."

21. **"Archdiocese gets exorcist**

Chicago Sun Times, Sep. 19, 2000

For the first time in its 160-year history, the Archdiocese of Chicago has appointed a full-time exorcist, who said his task is:

"to heal those afflicted by the Evil One."

- a. The priest described an exorcism as "a specific ritual for which exorcist are trained"
- b. He further said:
 - i. "I believe training is an absolute must in these last days."
 - ii. "There is no fixed duration of time for the healing, nor any guarantee for success."

22. **"CNN.com**

The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago has appointed a full-time exorcist

... James LeBar, a priest who is and exorcist for the Archdiocese of New York, said there has been a "large explosion" of exorcisms over the last decade, from none in 1990 to 300, according to the

Tribune. “As people lose their respect and reverence for life, spirituality, and human beings, the devil can move in,” LeBar said. “He can attack them by possessing them, and rendering them helpless.”

- a. In 1990 they had no exorcisms and in 2000 they had 300
- b. The priest began traveling around the nation from Archdiocese to Archdiocese training deliverance teams.

23. “Jubilee 2000: Pope Prays Over Possessed Girl After Wednesday Audience

Date: Mon. 11 Sep 2000 08:07:54 – 0500

From father Richard Gant

John Paul II Helps Possessed Woman in Vatican

19 Year-Old Girl of Superhuman Strength

Vatican City, Sept 10,2000 (ZENIT.org)”

- a. [Note: We discussed this event last session]
- b. Note: Difference between a Christian who is oppressed and an unbeliever who is possessed can be super human strength.

24. Last session we talked about an exorcism on Mother Teresa. Here is some more on that event.

- a. The mission did not have separate bedrooms, everyone sleep in a hallway with beds one after another. After the lights went out Mother Teresa would begin to manifest and keep many others awake. The Priest over the mission asked another priest to perform the exorcism.
- b. This other priest initially indicated that he was afraid to perform the exorcism in case the devil came upon him. The Priest in charge of the mission told him that if he cast the demon out in the “Name of the Church” that it would go. The exorcism was a success and Mother Teresa was freed.
- c. Why did this work when the priest was initially afraid and he cast it in the “name of the Church”? Could it be that God loved her and the Priest was operating in the best faith in god that they understood?
- d. It was definitely due to Gods’ graced and His love for His child.

25. “Mother Teresa’s letters reveal doubts

September 7, 2001 Posted: 4:17 pm EDT (2017 GMT)

From Satinder Bindra

CNN New Delhi Bureau

(NCC) – Mother Teresa, the late Roman Catholic nun whose aid for the poor put her on the path to sainthood, at times felt abandoned by God, according to her recently released letters.

The letters, written by Mother Teresa in the 1950s and 1960s to her church spiritual guides, also reveal

the troubling and, at times, painful conflicts she sometimes had with her faith.

“I am told God lives in me – and yet the reality of darkness and coldness and emptiness is so great that nothing touches my soul,” she wrote in one of the letters.

- a. As much service she did in Gods’ name and for His kingdom she has the same issues in life that plague us all.
- b. Yet God used her incredibly.

26. The interest in the supernatural is moving in secular circles as well.

- i. The movie “The Exorcist” was rereleased in 2000 that was originally released in 1973 right in the middle of the rise of the Charismatic movement and the rise in interest in deliverance within the church. The devil used this counterfeit to discredit the church and ministry.
- ii. As time went on we had Exorcist 2 & 3, then we had the release of “The Exorcism of Emily Rose” in hopes of demonizing unsuspecting Christians who attend the movie.
- iii. We need to be careful what we feed our spirits with.

27. We are in a spiritual war across this country and around this world.

- a. We need to wake up that there is a number of Christians who are wounded and damaged by the effects of this war.
- b. The devils troops work in unison and his kingdom of hell is advancing.
- c. The Church is fragmented in s many denominations and sects. We need to get back in unison.
- d. **Revelation 12:12 (AMP)** Therefore be glad (exult), O heavens and you that dwell in them! But woe to you, O earth and sea, for the devil has come down to you in fierce anger (fury), because he knows that he has [only] a short time [left]!
- e. Bill Sudduth’ relates a dream he had:
 - i. He was standing in a square on a chessboard and as he looked around there were larger-than-life chess pieces surrounding him.
 - ii. He realized he was a pawn on this board.
 - iii. The remaining objects were innate
 - iv. As he looked around he realized it was a Chess game – a game of strategy.

- v. He realized that he knew who was playing the game, he looked back and saw the “ancient of days” that looked like the “Thinker” statue, and he knew it was the Lord. The Lord was pondering the game.
- vi. He then looked another direction, knowing who the adversary was and he saw another individual, an ancient one, pondering the game as well. He knew this was the devil.
- vii. As he looked back and forth between the two, he said “Why doesn’t somebody move?” He wondered: What are they waiting for?
- viii. He then realized they were both staring at him, both pondering him, and waiting for his next move. If he did what was right and Godly, then God got the move. But if he did what was evil and what was wrong, that which was against Gods’ will then the devil got the move.
- ix. He realized in the dream that he could determine the next move.
- x. He then thought about the 6 billion people in the world and wondered how God could be playing 6 Billion games. Then he woke.
- xi. Months later while Christmas shopping he saw a Plexiglas three-tiered chess board. The Lord then spoke clearly to him and said “That is how I do it.”
- xii. What you do, where you go, what you smoke, what you take, what you drink, what you _____. All these things determine who gets the move.
- xiii. “Everything we do in the natural has a spiritual consequence.”

Can a Christian be “Possessed”

1. Controversy Within Christian Circles:
 - a. As interest in deliverance raises so does the controversy.
 - b. Many churches and Pastors have a bad taste in their mouth because of past botched and inappropriate deliverance.
 - c. The American Church is divided over this issue.
2. Satan is working to discredit
 - a. Through discord between ministries and denominations
 - b. Subverting through extremes and abuses
 - i. People seem to fall into extremes too easily
 - c. Entertainment portraying wrong methods for exorcism
 - d. Glamorization in entertainment of good evil verses bad evil
 - e. We as humans have a hard time staying centered in Biblical truth
 - i. Example “the Faith Movement”:
 1. God brought us a great truth about the relationship of answered prayer and faith.
 2. Abuses took this to the extreme of wealth and prosperity
 3. Result many are afraid to preach about prosperity and money
 4. Many equate Christianity to prosperity and when it does not come they are disillusioned.
3. The extremes:
 - a. One Side: Satan is not behind every rock
 - i. This drives many to fight a war continually and get wore out
 - b. Other Side: Denies demonic activity altogether. Everything is result of a product of flesh
 - i. This give rise to judgment of other Christians as not even being saved or that they lack faith
 - c. Both of these extremes are incorrect
 - d. If you think about it, if it is to an extreme than it most likely is not balanced truth from God

4. Balance:

- a. Born-again believers who walk in a given area of their life in the flesh, opposite of Gods' will, and not in the spirit, as guided by the Word of God, then they open doors, often times unknowingly, for the enemy to attack them. The enemy attacks then by afflicting their soul (mind) or body.
- b. Author Graham Cooke :The enemy doesn't have the time or manpower (demon power) to afflict every Christian personally. He mostly uses the flesh world to keep us out of God's will." ¹
- c. **Galatians 5:19-21 (AMP)** ¹⁹ Now the doings (practices) of the flesh are clear (obvious): they are immorality, impurity, indecency, ²⁰ Idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger (ill temper), selfishness, divisions (dissensions), party spirit (factions, sects with peculiar opinions, heresies), ²¹ Envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you beforehand, just as I did previously, that those who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.
 1. These works of the flesh act as "Open Doors" for the enemy to bring oppression and affliction
- d. **Ephesians 4:25-27 (AMP)** ²⁵ Therefore, rejecting all falsity *and* being done now with it, let everyone express the truth with his neighbor, for we are all parts of one body *and* members one of another. ²⁶ When angry, do not sin; do not ever let your wrath (your exasperation, your fury or indignation) last until the sun goes down. ²⁷ Leave no [such] room *or* foothold for the devil [give no opportunity to him].
 - i. Paul specifically stated "give no place to the devil"
 - ii. The Greek word for "place" is "topos" from which we get the English word topography (the study of mapping land).
 - iii. So this scripture says: " Do not give the devil a piece of ground in your life." If we give him a foothold he can develop a stronghold if the foothold goes unchecked.
 - iv. Think about it this way:
 1. A large walled and gated estate. One day an attendant leaves one of the gates open and a passerby goes into the back 40 and pitches a tent and resides there unseen to the owner. Therefore, no one challenges him and he remains.
 2. Does this passerby own the property? Of course not. Does he have a legal right? Possibly – Squatters rights vary from area to area.
 3. Whether he has a "legal right" or not, he did have an open door, an invitation of sorts.
 4. And it is possible, depending on how long he goes unchecked and what the laws of the land are, he can turn this foothold into a stronghold.

5. Possession versus Control:

¹ Cooke, G. (1994). *Developing Your Prophetic*. Kent, England: Renew Publishing.

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 - i. World English Dictionary
 1. the act of possessing or state of being possessed: in possession of the crown
 2. anything that is owned or possessed
 3. (plural) wealth or property
 4. the state of being controlled or dominated by or as if by evil spirits
 5. the physical control or occupancy of land, property, etc, whether or not accompanied by ownership: to take possession of a house
 6. a territory subject to a foreign state or to a sovereign prince: colonial possessions
 7. sport control of the ball, puck, etc, as exercised by a player or team: he lost possession in his own half ²
 - ii. In his book *So Free* Bill Sudduth explains “possession indicates total control or ownership”
- b. Christians are owned by God – redeemed by Christ and are no longer our own.
 - i. **1 Corinthians 6:20 (AMP)** You were bought with a price [purchased with a preciousness and paid for, made His own]. So then, honor God *and* bring glory to Him in your body.
 - ii. **1 Corinthians 7:23 (AMP)** You were bought with a price [purchased with a preciousness and paid for by Christ]; then do not yield yourselves up to become [in your own estimation] slaves to men [but consider yourselves slaves to Christ].
 - iii. **Ephesians 1:14 (AMP)** That [Spirit] is the guarantee of our inheritance [the firstfruits, the pledge and foretaste, the down payment on our heritage], in anticipation of its full redemption *and* our acquiring [complete] possession of it—to the praise of His glory.
 - iv. Because God owns us Satan cannot own us, therefore when we think of possession as ownership and complete control we know that this cannot be within a Christian.
- c. Most likely Satan has no desire to own us, he wants to control areas of our life, he wants to keep us under some bondage of hell to keep us from being all we can be in Christ and, maybe more importantly, destroy our witness of Christ.
- d. Consider another example, If someone takes your car out for a joy ride, they may have temporary possession, may damage it, scratch it and dent it. But they do not have legal title to

² Collins English Dictionary - Complete & Unabridged 10th Edition 2009 © William Collins Sons & Co. Ltd. 1979, 1986 © HarperCollins Publishers 2009 <http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/possession> accessed 5/9/2011

it. They cannot legally sell it and sign the title over to another. If they are found, the car is returned to you and they are punished for their crime.

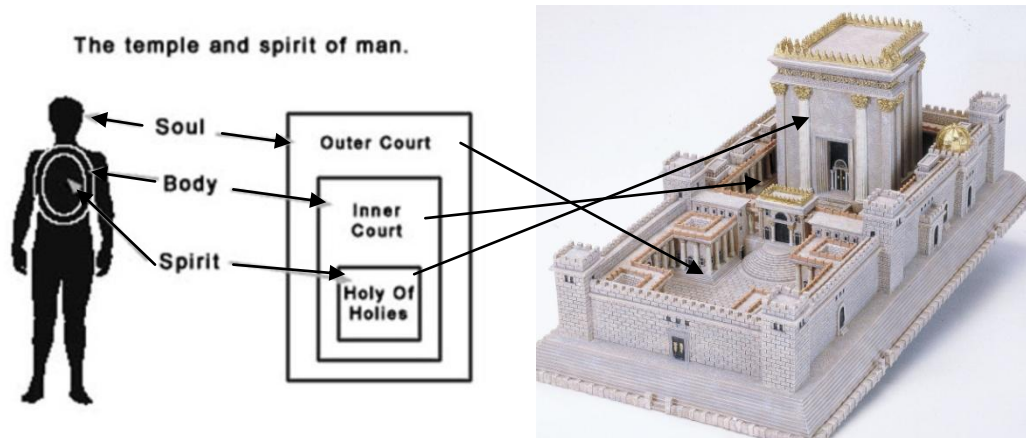
- i. Satan really desires to cause us damage as long as he can remain and go unnoticed and unchallenged.
 - ii. As a result there are many Christians running around with flat tires and broken down.
- e. Acts tells of Simon the Sorcerer.
- i. Simon believed and was baptized
 - ii. **Acts 8:13 (AMP)** Even Simon himself believed [he adhered to, trusted in, and relied on the teaching of Philip], and after being baptized, devoted himself constantly to him. And seeing signs *and* miracles of great power which were being performed, he was utterly amazed.
 - iii. The debate: Was Simon a believer with bondage or a man with an false conversion?
 - 1. Christian means to be Christ like – how many really fit this definition?
- f. Reality
- i. Christians have a lot of junk and need sanctification
 - ii. Many Christians, no matter how much they try, cannot get free
 - iii. Even though Christians cannot be possessed (be owned by Satan) they can be oppressed by the enemy in varying ways.
 - iv. **Acts 10:38 (AMP)** How God anointed *and* consecrated Jesus of Nazareth with the [Holy] Spirit and with strength *and* ability *and* power; how He went about doing good and, in particular, curing all who were harassed *and* oppressed by [the power of] the devil, for God was with Him.
- g. Greek word translated in KJV as possessed is "*daimonizoma*"
- i. A better translation is "*to have a demon*" or "*to be under the influence of a demon*" or "*to be demonized*"
 - ii. Demonized "*Satan, through his demons, can exercise direct partial control in an area or areas of a Christian's life.*"

6. Demon Oppression in a Christian

- a. An example Bill Sudduth gives that God used to show him truth.
 - i. In his tackle box he had a large cork. On one end he had pinned all of his long-shanked hooks on one end, all the short hooks in the other end and the odd-shaped hooks in the middle. He relates that one day the Lord said to him "This is what My people look like!"
 - ii. We have spiritual hooks of: Anger, jealousy, lust, greed, pride, perversion, etc.
 - iii. **2 Corinthians 10:4 (AMP)** For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are mighty before God for the overthrow *and* destruction of

strongholds, (or strongholds and pulling out hooks)

b. My example:



- i. In the Old Testament we have the temple that consist of:
 1. The Outer Court
 2. The Inner Court
 3. The Holy of Holies
- ii. The New Testament tells us that we are the temple of the Holy Spirit
 1. The Outer Court – our Body
 2. The Inner Court – our Soul
 3. The Holy of Holies – The inner place where the Holy Spirit & our spirit resides
- iii. In the OT Temple:
 1. Only the High Priest who had been sanctified for the task could enter the presence of God in the Holy of Holies.
 2. If sin entered in with him the High Priest was struck dead
 3. Sin cannot dwell in the Holy place of God.
- iv. Using this as our example.
 1. We are purchased with a price and God now dwells within this fleshly, earthly temple in a secret place – the Holy of Holies.
 2. Satan cannot dwell there.
 3. This is our redeemed spirit that is eternal and righteous. Satan cannot own us.
 4. Satan can however afflict us, or control us to a degree in our soul and body.

7. Following Jesus

a. 1/3 of Jesus' earthly ministry was deliverance based

- i. **Matthew 4:23-24 (AMP)** ²³ And He went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the good news (Gospel) of the kingdom, and healing every disease and every weakness *and* infirmity among the people. ²⁴ So the report of Him spread throughout all Syria, and they brought Him all who were sick, those afflicted with various diseases and torments, those under the power of demons, and epileptics, and

paralyzed people, and He healed them.

- ii. **Matthew 8:16 (AMP)** When evening came, they brought to Him many who were under the power of demons, and He drove out the spirits with a word and restored to health all who were sick.
- b. Jesus had the religious elite oppose his deliverance ministry. They claimed he did so under the power of the devil himself and that he himself was possessed.
- i. **Matthew 9:34 (AMP)** But the Pharisees said, He drives out demons through *and* with the help of the prince of demons.
 - ii. **Mark 3:22 (AMP)** And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, He is possessed by Beelzebub, and, By [the help of] the prince of demons He is casting out demons.
- c. We need to understand that people always attack what they do not understand.