



Biblical Counseling and Demons

Introduction

- 1) Current beliefs and practices

- 2) Doctrine of Satan and Demons
 - a) Satan

 - b) Demons

- 3) Spiritual warfare
 - a) The _____ of the Spiritual battle
 - i. Gen 3 – at the Fall
 - ii. Rom 8:12, cf. James 1:13-15
 - iii. Rom 12:2
 - iv. 2 Cor 4:3-4
 - v. 2 Cor 10:3-6
 - vi. 2 Cor 11:1-3
 - vii. 2 Cor 12:7-10
 - viii. Gal 5:16-26
 - ix. Eph 6:10-20
 - x. 1 Pt 5:8-11



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- xi. Rev 12:1-17 (esp. vs 17 “her offspring”)
- xii. Etc.

- II. The Christian’s Three-fold Enemy
 - a. The Devil
 - b. The World (Satan is the god of it)
 - c. The Flesh (Satan uses it)

* Don’t be ignorant of this fact: Ultimately, the Spiritual War has been won!
Though, practically we are still in battle, victory is _____ and _____!

- III. The Enemy’s Targets
 - a. The Head of the Church (Jesus Christ)
 - b. The Message of the Church (The Gospel)
 - c. The Mission of the Church (Making Disciples)
 - Evangelism
 - Edification
 - d. The Body of the Church (Christians)
 - Corporately
 - Individually
 - Christian Leaders
 - e. The _____

- IV. Misleading & Erroneous Beliefs (among believers in the home)
 - a. Ignorance is _____
 - b. The Christian is an army of one – we don’t need other Christians
 - c. The Christian home is a safe place – “off limits” to the enemy
(Spiritual warfare is only _____ the home trying to move in)
 - d. Christians in Christian homes cannot be imprisoned by the evil one
 - e. There is no friendly fire (unintentional and intentional)
 - f. The Saints have no clear & applicable instructions (therefore the Christian must rely on his own ideas or other’s ideas on the spiritual war)
 - g. Christian Parents by having children can increase the Lord’s Army
 - h. Christians can be enemy possessed
 - i. The Christian’s heart is out of the enemy’s range
 - j. The Enemy doesn’t really know you nor your weaknesses
 - k. The Christian doesn’t have to take sin seriously in his life or in the home
 - l. The secret to the battle is just pray a prayer, take a prayer walk or “bind” Satan



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- m. God will _____ protect us and give us spiritual grace & strength
- n. Etc.
- V. Satan's Strategies
 - a. Discord & Division
 - b. Doubt & _____ (in God's Sovereignty, Wisdom and Goodness)
 - c. Distractions
 - d. Distance with God and others
 - e. Discouragement
 - f. Deceptions
 - g. _____
 - h. Etc.
- VI. Our Warfare Strategy: BI. SE. CF. ER. D.T.W. (Biblically-informed, Spirit-empowered, Christ-focused, Ecclesiastically-reinforced Daily Tactical Warfare)
 - a. Personally (Satan attacks the home through individuals in it)
 - Loving, moment by moment communion with Jesus (our Commander & Chief). This includes rehearsing the truths of the Gospel, our position in Christ and our holy walk in light of it (Rom 5-8).
 - _____: Not living in a cease-fire or R & R mode (there is no leave of absence nor is there a boot camp – 6 months of not engaging the enemy) – 1 Cor 15:58. This is not Heaven!
 - Never ceasing Prayer – Eph 6:18-20; 1 Thess 5:17
 - Pursuing _____ – 1 Tim 1:18-19; 2 Tim 2:19-21
 - Diligently applying God's Word – 2 Tim 3: 12-17
 - Continuing in constant fellowship with other saints
 - Keeping one's mind on the eternal not the temporal (Mt 6:33; 2 Cor 4:16-18; Col 3:1-4; 1 Tim 4:10-11)
 - Keeping the Priority Mandate (not two but one with two aspects) – 2 Tim 2:4
 - a. Evangelism
 - b. Edification
 - b. Our Strategy within the Family
 - Pray together with any other believers in the home (Eph 6:18-20)
 - _____ caring relationships (not isolation) – intentionally be with each other



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- Encourage each other as much as possible (1 Thess 5:11)
- Be involved with each other (informed)
- Seek to maintain a humble mindset (Phil 2:1-11)
- Deal with and resolve matters quickly and thoroughly according to God's Word (Eph 4:26-27, cf Rom 12:18)
- Purpose to communicate biblically – not giving the devil a foothold (Eph 4:27)
- Realize it was God's perfect design to place you where He did and with the people he deemed best
- Have faithful & regular intimacy within marriage (1 Cor 7:5)
- Guard the Truth in a very _____ way (correct doctrine is essential for correct living – 1 Tim 1:3-7; 3:15; 6:20; 2 Tim 1:13-14). Discern and address unbiblical/worldly philosophies.

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