

Demon Possession  
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Bruce has determined that he will try to share basic principles of ministry that he recommends to use in dealing with demonic possession.

Sin takes place before of 3 major areas:

1. Attraction of the world
2. Weakness of the flesh
3. And direct demonic activity

Demonized or have a demon.

Scripture says not demonized, not possessed necessarily.

Possession gives the idea that a person has no control at all, but most people have some control left.

How does demonization take place?

1. By invitation

A young lady on the softball team, felt powerless and went to the book store and read books on the occult.

She would concentrate and work on thoughts about a particular person and then bring down first string players so she could play.

Alexandria, VA—occult book store full of capes, daggers, etc.

North America has 1 million believers in America

Harry Potter, white witchcraft—D.Nelson got some negative reaction on preaching against witchcraft and Harry Potter.

- a) conscious invitations – invite spirit guides to give them directions in their lives

We talk about witch doctors in other areas, but a lot of experimentation in music, etc.

Doesn't matter if the people who make these invitations believe in them or not.

Those receiving invitations get demonized.

Types of conscious invitations

- Satanism
- New age movements
- Wicca

Pathway events

How about yoga?

Yoga at initial stages can be neutral, but can be a slippery slope.

Free masonry at the upper levels, a lot of secret rights dedicating self to Satan.

Martial arts – upper levels of this practice where there is dimension of witchcraft

These kind of activities can lead to danger with witchcraft

Charles Kraft, teaches anthropology at Fuller.

He basically teaches Christians who have dabbled in new age.

Others have wanted to speak in tongues so badly that they end up getting up wrong spirit.

Fortune teller, séance, table tilting, Ouija boards, tarot cards—using supernatural powers to put on a show for people.

Designed by the evil one to put on a show for attraction.

#### b) Unconscious invitations

If we wallow in sin, and enjoy it, it can become a pathway by the evil one.

For example, “Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: <sup>27</sup> Neither give place to the devil.” **Ephesians 4:26-27**

Get rid of every form of sin.

If we have these kind of sinful things in our lives, it can be a pathway for the evil one to come into our life.

Anger, bitterness, resentment, and unwillingness to forgive can cause folks to be physically sick.

Precursors to demonic pathways if people are habitually anger, bitter, etc.

In prayer for the sick, prepare in advance by talking about any anger, bitterness, etc. to be gotten rid of.

Evil spirits are like rats that feed on spiritual garbage.

You can have a deliverance session and kick the evil spirits out if you don't deal with the spiritual garbage in the life.

One of the best things we can do: help people to clean up their life and forsake the sin in their life. Help them to learn to pray, study the Bible, and share.

Sexual sins, misuse of power, and giving supreme allegiance to someone else—tends to lead to these problems.

Repeatedly giving in to pornography, or other addictive behavior can lead to this slippery slope.

Not saying that if you have lustful thoughts, you will be demonized—but you can become demonized if repeated use or addictive situations.

Ministry we need to give people is to help clean up sin in the life.

2. By the invitation of someone in authority over them.

If the witch doctor dedicates his son to take his place when he retires or dies, then you can end up with the son being demonized.

What we do on God's side, like child dedications, the wicca people dedicating their kids to spirits.

People in authority are dedicating their children to evil spirits.

Story in Berrien Springs here last summer (2005).

Young girl went and lived with her aunt who was a spiritual medium.

She actually took part in sacrificing a human baby with her aunt in South America.

Many of the families in wicca are like you, taking your kids to church, but they are introducing them to the wicca religion.

3. Demonization through inheritance

This is something Bruce finds hard to accept.

That someone can be involved in witchcraft and their kids can actually inherit evil spirits.

A pastor from Samoa, his father had been a witch doctor.

He was still being harassed by evil spirits.

Prayed that God would close any inherited evil spirits from the father or mother's side.

Another thing: the sins of the fathers—if you see that kind of pattern in the life, you may see an attachment from the inheritance of the fathers.

Free masonry: tendency to dedicate the whole family to Lucifer.

Seems like evil spirits are very legalistic—been given a right by someone in the bloodline because the grandfather dedicated themselves to an evil spirit.

Exodus 20:5 blessing that lives on to 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> generation as well as the sin of the fathers unto the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> generation.

Missionary in Cambodia: young boy at age 12 was seduced by the maid.

He said, “it's not so bad, my mother was into prostitution before she became a Christian.”

Is the same spirit that led his mother into prostitution, was the same spirit still working on her boy?

Not that far-fetched of a stretch, because satan knows our inherited weaknesses.

4. Demons can enter through curses.

This doesn't normally happen as the only thing in the life.

If someone just puts a curse on you and there is not a connection with the indwelling Holy Spirit, possible the curse could be the beginning of demonization.

Indian in Rwanda, his father cursed him in his religion.

Then, he had terrible things happening in his life all the times.

Don't laugh at folks who are experiencing demonization.

Pray for them: Dear Lord, in the place of that curse, bring a blessing upon Ravi. Amen.

Cursing is the opposite of intercession.

The devil is a legalist, so we can pray for that curse to be removed.

Take what they're saying seriously when they come to you.

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We're talking about people, not demons.

As people come to us in these conditions, it's not about having a big deliverance session, but dealing with the spiritual garbage in their life.

Kindest things you can do: get them involved in worship, deal Biblically with sin in their life, teach them to pray, and help them learn to study the bible.

I'm troubled when people do deliverance in 4-6 hour deliverance sessions.

Bruce Bauer and his daughter having nightmares due to a devil mask being on the wall of her daughter's bedroom.

Be cautious about collecting artifacts and bringing them into your home.

Power artifacts/objects on God's side?

Ark, Aaron's rod, 10 C's, etc.

Satan copies whatever the God and the Christian has as artifacts.

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How Do you know that Evil Spirits are Present?

The difference between mental distress and evil spirits?

The mental health profession has largely been under the tutelage of God-denying men and women.

They are out of business because they deny evil spirits.

Don't just refer to counselors—they need a spiritual presence to stay engaged.

How many counselors who are secular are going to assist the client to forsake and confess sin.

I believe that there are physical and biological and chemical imbalances that can cause spiritualistic problems.

There could be both—underlying situation with mental and spiritual.

Lady in Cambodia: nothing happened to the girl needing help with malaria.

A lot of nasty stuff happening in her life spiritually.

They prayed with her and then gave her medicine...then she was healed.

The lady bent over was first relieved from evil spirits.

Remember the story of the train accident with Ellen White.

Can the devil cause car accidents?

Lady in the church had a dream of the van flipping over a precipice, someone had placed a curse upon the pastor, but God took them out of the vehicle.

Mental health professionals have no options, being they don't believe in God.

Milwaukee, WI, Bruce's niece was teaching in a class where a boy in class would spue out foul language.

Because there was Teret's syndrome, medical folks accepted it.

Bruce: go to the classroom first thing in the morning, that God would keep the evil spirit out of the classroom.

She did that—first of all, he never had an outbreak at school any more.

She tried to talk discretely with the mother, but mom didn't want to have anything to do with spirituality.

1. The person who needs deliverance will usually tell you.

Pastor, I'm hearing voices.

What are the voices telling you?

If the voices are telling them to do destructive things, probably evil spirits.

Some hear voices to hit a tree, commit suicide, drive off a bridge.

The worse you can do is to laugh at them.

Some are having recurring nightmares, Pastor, believe that something is radically wrong with me.

Have you ever thought you are being harassed by evil spirits?

The fact that you ask something like that, gives the person enough faith in you, to open up and share with you what's happening in their spiritual life.

A lot of people being harassed know what is happening and the causes.

North America: only 42% believe in North America in a real devil.

A lot of people in our society don't believe in the Great controversy.

TV is full of evil spirit stuff, our kids are being set up for huge delusions.

Go into youth rooms and discuss what is happening.

Talk of the de-sensitizing.

### Bodily contortions

Mark 1:26 the evil spirit shook the man violently.

Mark 5:5 cutting themselves

Evil spirits freak out in the presence of God by shaking and other bodily contortions.

Person can grow rigid, arch their spine, jump up on the table and look like they are going to attack you—in the name of Jesus I command you to depart.

Evil spirits will do anything they can do to get you sidetracked from ministry.

For Bruce, evil spirits try to throw up all over him.

Rx: in the name of Jesus, I command you to stop or if sleeping, to wake up.

Voice: the content changes of the voices to horrible languages or the tone of voice will change to deep bass or squeaky voice. Another indication of evil spirits.

Face: don't pray with your eyes closed. Watch what is going on during the deliverance session.

Eyes: the eyes will look like someone else.

Or the eyes will roll back.

Realize that you are a Christian and you have been given the Holy Spirit.

If you really believe that the Holy Spirit is guiding you in ministry, Lord, give me wisdom to discern what is taking place.

Bruce: whenever I'm in the room with demoniac people, I get a pain in my side

Odor: stink when the devil is present

Cold: feel cold when the evil spirit is there.

Less common: contortion, throwing up, acting out, weird behaviors, shouting, etc.

Demons make a lot of mistakes...they freak out in the presence of Jesus and realize they are in the presence of someone that has authority over them.

Demons try to get us afraid.

I can't help anyone, but God will send His Spirit to work through me.

Let's say the spirits turn on you and say, "Bruce, I know you, four days ago, you committed sin in your life."

If they point out sin in your life, then confess it.

Use scripture to remind evil spirits who they are.

Read about the resurrection and remind them that Jesus died and rose again.

Let me talk about a few things...

Engage in demonization with others as a team.

Designate as one person as team leader.

If something comes along, write a post-it note and share with the team leader so as to not interrupt.

3-5 members on a team.

Start by saying, I speak in Jesus' name against any spirits that are here. I forbid any activity by any satanic being. Pray for the family of the team and the team members.

*Defeating Dark Angels* by Charles Kraft

*Victory on the Battlefield* by JR Hoffman (pseudonym)

*Deliverance from Evil Spirits* by Francis McNutt

Now, all three of these men it is appropriate in the deliverance session they feel it is right to dialogue with the evil spirits: What right do you have to be in this person?

Why can't you trust the Holy Spirit and ask God for removal.

Drawn a line where I'm not going to dialog with the evil spirits.

I will trust the Holy Spirit and will use a questionnaire.

Bruce Bauer offered a questionnaire from Norma Dearing

It's important for people to engage their will in becoming free from the evils spirits.