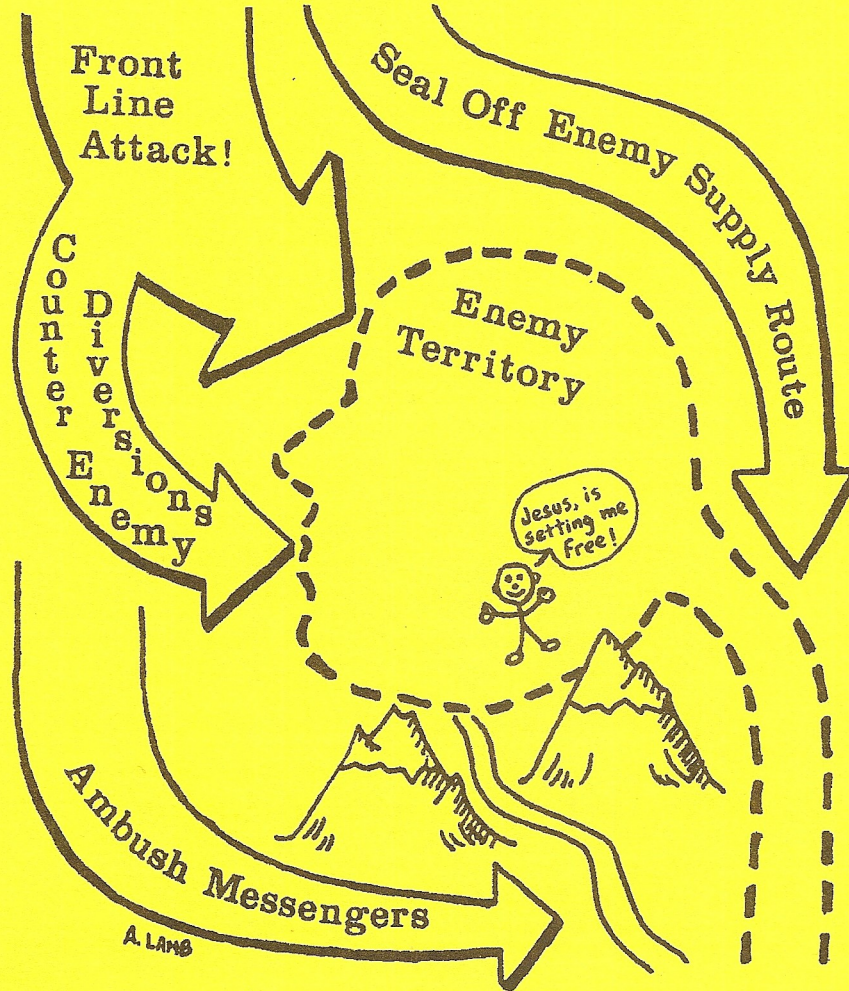


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And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

And his fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments; and those who were possessed with devils... and he healed them. (Matthew 4:23, 24)

Jesus preached the "*gospel of the kingdom*" and commissioned His disciples to do the same (**Luke 10:9, 17-20; Mark 16:15-18; Matthew 10:1, 7, 8**). It should be noted that the content of His charge is very similar, whether given before or after His resurrection. Modern disciples have His promise: "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, he that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father. And whatever you shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.*" (**John 14:12-14**)

As one moves into the shadowy realms of the demonic, there are few guideposts and even fewer friends to encourage you. The obstacles will mount higher than you ever dreamed possible. Few are able to tread this dark path without their hearts failing them for fear.

Although the Word of God spells out the broad outlines of the spiritual world, specific details are scarce and hard to find. This is probably understandable because of depraved man's insatiable curiosity after the dark and forbidden world of the demonic. Pushing eagerly past the safeguard God has given can lead into areas of terrible bondage and subjection.

Understanding this and acting upon it, are about as different as reading about a war is from actually fighting it. In the warfare itself, tactics must be adapted to the situation being confronted. The deceitful enemy is full of wiles and bitter hatred and fights viciously with every trick at his disposal.

The Bible describes our weapons and defensive armor. There is no advance detailed strategy given for situations involving hosts of demons of differing evil propensities. In His wisdom God has not catered to man's idle curiosity, but can and does meet his needs. What one needs to do the work given him by God will surely be provided.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all {men} liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. (James 1:5)

The gospel of the Lord Jesus provides a full ministry for man's needs. First and foundational is evangelism and winning people to Christ. Thank God for the thousands of dedicated witnesses who pass out tracts, preach and witness. These lead many to salvation through faith in Jesus Christ.

Moving farther into the promises of God, not nearly so many are engaged in the healing ministry and in exercising the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Yet these too are included in the Great Commission. When you move still farther, to deliverance from evil spirits, you are in almost unexplored territory.

As Donald Jacob emphasizes, *"The casting out of demons was an act which had crucial importance to the witness of Jesus Christ, for it proved without doubt that His power exceeded the power of the enemy."*¹

*"It was not as though Jesus ran across the phenomenon (of demons) here and there and finally decided He had to do something about it. On the contrary, casting out demons was a crucial, if not indispensable part of His ministry. His dialogue with the demons and His power over them laid bare the central facts of His incarnation victory over the enemy of men's souls. He could spoil the enemy's goods and did."*²

What a crushing realization it is when a pastor has to face this. Although it is embarrassing to discover that life does not go according to the neat theories in theology and psychology textbooks. One must learn to preach clever little arguments to get around the obvious emphasis on the supernatural and the miracles in the early church. There is a disconcerting absence of such signs in most churches today!

The problem is compounded when the Bible is examined closely. It becomes harder and harder to rationalize away what the text clearly states are the credentials of the believers. Terrible thoughts plague men, such as, *"Why were these facts so hidden from Paul and the others that they never preached plainly that these things were to cease?"*

Who then decides when and where? Why should Professor So and So or Doctor Blank Mind be studied in the effort to understand what God means in His Word? Above all, what about these ignorant upstarts (*without the benefit of your scholarly training and study*) who trot around the

country. They keep insisting that the same things are happening today as happened in New Testament. Surely they are lying hucksters, religious fakers after money or deceived zealots.

It is true there are many phonies and religious racketeers fleecing God's people (*and always have been*). However you will encounter disquieting evidence that not all of these things are fraudulent by any means. Some are genuine acts of faith and spiritual authority by *real* servants of God.

There is also the unsettling fact that the devil is a counterfeiter, so why would he continue to "*counterfeit*" that which God has dropped? His method is always to copy God, not to be different (**Isaiah 14**). The existence of false copies indicates a reality that is being duplicated. Perhaps we should drop our theological pretensions and freely admit our lack of power. Then we must seek the reality which is our birthright, in the one unimpeachable source, the Word of God.

Peter and John always troubled me a bit by their rash impulsiveness with the crippled man at the gate. They failed to use the standard prayer, "*Lord, if it be Thy will please heal this dear man, but if not give him grace to bear his affliction bravely and enable him to be a great witness and testimony through it all.*" Instead these men directly commanded him to be well in the mighty name of Jesus!

Of course, I "*knew*" that these poor ignorant fishermen needed the miracle to authenticate their ministry and cause people to listen to them. I and other trained preachers only need the Bible. Yet somehow I noticed, in spite of myself, that the miracles gathered a crowd. They pressed in, eager to hear the message, without promotion, letter, advertisement, buses, or any of the modern trappings "*necessary*" to lure in the reluctant throngs.

At times I even felt disloyal to my training and conditioning that I fervently wished for the miracles to flare again. I just wanted to see if it was not still better at getting the job done than all the visitation programs and the careful departmentalizing, etc. of the up-to-date modern church.

I and my church certainly do not claim to have all the answers. However we have learned that Bible principles still do work. Where there is faith in believers (**Romans 10:17**) the miraculous, *including power and authority over demons*, will still be manifested to the glory of the Lord Jesus. Believers can be set free today!

We have nothing of which to boast for we know nothing we were not taught of the Holy Spirit through the Word. Jesus has given the rule, "*Freely ye have received, freely give.*" We are green and still growing and I hope we will remain in this condition. Those who get "ripe," knowing everything, only hang on the tree and rot smelling up the orchard. May God grant that we never reach such a peak of "*maturity.*" This would mean that would be no more truths to grasp, no more heights to be scaled, no more wonders to be seen.

Again I stress that I am only setting down on paper what has actually happened. I have withheld the names of individuals involved to protect personal privacy, but the events reported are all exactly as they happened with no embellishments, literary or otherwise. The persons are real and the incidents are true although they may sometimes seem bizarre.

I include deductions and inferences which we have made on the basis of what we have seen, heard, and experienced. Always we have determined to stay within a scriptural framework. Readers may agree or disagree with these conclusions and interpretations, but at least do consider them.

Keep in mind that we are not dealing with the everyday world which we see and know, but catch brief glimpses into the sphere of the demonic. Here things not commonly imagined or fancied are definite realities. Spiritual laws also operate there just as surely as physical laws operate in our more familiar universe.

Please do not rashly discard and reject something merely because it lies beyond the pale of your understanding or experience. As Hobart Freeman says, an hour or so in a room with a demonized person who is manifesting demons will do a great deal to rearrange and cancel out many theological theories that have no basis in fact or Scripture.

I do not propose to debate or argue the subject matter presented, only to report what has happened and what it seems to teach from our vantage point as soldiers of Jesus Christ. Actually, it is pointless to argue with anyone who has no practical, but only theoretical knowledge of the battle.

An old military maxim states that the more you know of an enemy's tactics, his strengths and weaknesses, the more able you are to cope with him successfully on the battlefield. Most "armchair" tacticians would fare poorly in an actual encounter with the powers of darkness.

There is a desperate need now to throw the local churches of Jesus Christ onto a wartime

footing. Cancel all the extraneous leaves of absence, tea parties, social and programming events. Get on to the main business of giving basic training to soldiers, enabling them to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ (**II Timothy 2:3**) and to stand fast in this evil day (**Ephesians 6:13**).

By way of warning, Paul wrote: "*Lest Satan should get an advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices*" (**II Corinthians 2:11**) and "*If after the manner of men I have fought with beasts {demons} at Ephesus, what advantageth it me, if the dead rise not? Let us eat and drink; for tomorrow we die.*" (**I Corinthians 15:32**)

He spoke of battling with "*beasts at Ephesus*" but not after the manner of men (**I Corinthians 2:11**). We are involved in warfare and victims are falling by the thousands. Peacetime measures will not do. Jesus and the church He founded were rugged and strong. The apostles brought a flaming, relevant message of salvation for the soul and healing and freedom from severe demonic bondage.

Too many churches today are only a pale, anemic imitation of the real thing. Members often end up fighting each other instead of the deadly hosts of hell.

But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another. (**Galatians 5: 15**)

Organizations which began as a blessing have remained to perpetuate themselves and justify their existence by endless meetings, conferences and the like. Talent, effort and funds are expended in ever increasing quantities by efforts and organizations which yield little or no real spiritual profit.

We need believers who will throw all into the struggle to set people free of the awful bondage into which the world and even some Bible-believing churches have sunk. It is hellish. The Lord Jesus never intended that we should be occupied with such things when He comes. The call is loud and clear: Away with half measures! We must recover ourselves from the snare of the devil.

And {that} they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. (**II Timothy 2:26**)

If you are considering entering the deliverance ministry, you will be maligned by fellow Christians with a limited understanding of spiritual warfare. Accusations will fly, and there will

be sneers that you are "*finding demons behind every bush and in every person*," that you have "*gone overboard, off the deep end about demons*," that you have "*lost all perspective*" and that you are a "*demon chaser*" and so forth.

Well-meaning persons will attack you savagely as one who has departed from the faith and descended into the worst kind of heresy and apostasy. Spend time in prayer, count the cost, be sure of your Bible grounds, and then go ahead, regardless of criticism hurled against you.

Another empty tactic which has many promoters is one the devil must have thoroughly enjoyed concocting. It comes in several guises, but the basic idea is that *you should not talk about Satan* and the evil spirits. This is to avoid getting people's attention fastened on the devil and his power, thereby losing sight of Jesus and His work. Sometimes this comes in sweetness and light. Just present Jesus, praise and worship Him is the whole gospel. Do not mention the devil at all. According to this version, even talking about the devil and discussing the work of demons gives them power. Nothing could be further from the truth for such a rule gives them the concealment they desire. The need in this day of apostasy and fierce spiritual warfare is for men of God everywhere to arise and cry aloud. Once more God's people are being "*destroyed for a lack of knowledge*" (**Hosea 4:6**) not because they know too much.

I agree with Dr. Zollar, "*Demons fear exposure above all else. This explains the abuse, ridicule and hatred heaped upon the heads of the 'fanatics' who uncover them and expose them for what they are. Satan will leave no stone unturned to smear and vilify one who attacks his kingdom of darkness with the light of the truth and deliverance.*"³

The Second Corinthian letter was written to expose the methods and operation of Satan. These are: Blinding (**II Corinthians 4:3, 4**); Beguiling (**II Corinthians 11:3**); Buffeting (**II Corinthians 12:7**). Knowledge and truth always arm God's people for combat. They do not disarm or make them helpless (**II Corinthians 2:11**).

Jesus said: "*Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.*" (**John 8:32**) In this headlong clash with the evil forces of the spirit world, **what you don't know can and does hurt you**. Know the truth; in it alone are the keys to liberty and protection from the demonic threat.

Sanctify them through Thy truth, Thy Word is truth. (**John 17:17**)

How right Peterson is when he insists: "*The dangers in an excessive preoccupation with demonology are often exaggerated. Man's conquest of many preventable diseases is the*

*consequence of a highly organized campaign of public information... The Christian is able to defeat the foe because he is '... not ignorant of his devices.'"*⁴ The persons most frightened by demons seem to know the least about them.

There are valid reasons for caution in this area. However, the fact is that *in this world* only believers possess authority and power to rout and cast out Satan's evil spirits. Refusing to exercise this divinely-given prerogative has allowed the enemy to come in like a flood through the unseen world stealing, killing, and destroying (**John 10:10**).

These (things) ye ought to have done, and not to leave the other undone. (Matthew 23:23)

Thank God that when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will raise up a standard against him (**Isaiah 59:19**). Where sin abounds, there does grace much more abound (**Romans 5:20**).

Very, very few are working in this rich harvest field for the Lord Jesus. Even many who started out in this direction have forsaken the battle because of the heavy price. There is a toll in casualties and personal attacks on themselves, their families, and their churches. The reason Satan has stationed so much of his heavy artillery along this road of deliverance is because it threatens a vital area of his work and program. This has been long neglected by Christian workers.

Peter did not have to fight his way through an eager crowd of volunteers in order to climb over the side of the boat to walk on the water to Jesus. Also you will find little or no competition if you seek to enter the field of deliverance to minister for Jesus Christ. Definitely there will be a heavy and determined opposition from Satan, designed to force you into fear and retreat. Be forewarned and expect this.

Through church people, other Christians, your own flesh, physical and mental pressures (on the job, at home), and attacks on and through your family, Satan will attack with savage fury. It is only the Lord's mercies which prevent us from being consumed (**Lamentations 3:22**). If you fail to count the cost before plunging into the struggle, you will be gripped by spiritual fainting spells.

After being in the pastorate since 1947, I can truthfully state that the pressures and attacks triggered by the deliverance ministry are incredible. They are so much more severe than anything which went before. In spite of this, the years since 1970 in this ministry have been the

most blessed and profitable of all my time serving the Lord.

You will reap in due season if you faint not. (Galatians 6:9) How often I have come home in the wee hours of the morning after some bitter battle and fallen into bed claiming this promise. Under the pressures of opposition, so many have fainted and fallen away in defeat. Thanks be to God, I have seen far more move along, praising Jesus Christ Who always gives us the victory! The fighting is dangerous, dirty, and fierce beyond anything you could imagine. But the rewards are lasting and the joy of seeing persons set free from awful oppression and bondage is indeed a great reward. They joyfully plunge into witnessing, Bible study, and cleaning up their lives, radiating the peace and love of Jesus. This will cause you to ignore all the caustic comments of the gainsayers, legalists and pious theologians who bitterly oppose our obedience. . . As stated earlier, the go-into-all-the-world ministry of the New Testament church is to be at least three fold. We are to **evangelize** and win converts to Jesus Christ, to **cast out demons**, and to **heal the sick**. Essential to the fullest success is the baptism in the Holy Spirit and the charismatic gifts **(Mark 16:17, 18; II Corinthians 12:1, 8:11)**.

It seems to me that to be fair, we ought to at least try for a full fledged ministry in these areas where Jesus gave a specific command. In the average Bible-believing church, there are various walls of unbelief and misunderstanding. This prevents entering into and enjoying the blessings of the charismatic gifts. Even among those who have received the truth about the charismatic gifts and healing, there is a similar block against deliverance from demon spirits.

In His wisdom, God has given the gifts of the Holy Spirit to enable His children to defeat of the powers of darkness. To neglect anyone of these supernatural provisions is to be left with defenses down in vital area of spiritual conflict. In this way valuable offensive weapons are also lost.

This condition invites disaster in any encounter with the forces of evil. In His economy God included exactly what is necessary to cope with the devil. We dare not try to ignore any of these spiritual weapons. How dangerous it is that the foe has so slyly deceived believers into thinking that some or most of the gifts of the Holy Spirit have been discontinued permanently *because they are no longer necessary!*

It is little wonder that defeat and decay are so evident in so many fundamental Bible believing groups. People seem to have lost sight of the fact that *the letter killeth, (II Corinthians 3:6)*, and that it is *not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts (Zechariah 4:6)*.

Harper says that it is not surprising that deliverance and healings are both neglected, for they go together (**Matthew 8:16, 17**). *"In the gospels we are told that Jesus sometimes healed people by means of casting out an evil spirit. Thus He dealt with dumbness (**Matthew 9:32, 33**), blindness (**Matthew 12:22**), and deafness (**Mark 9:25**). It is surely significant that the senses seem particularly prone to attack in the gospel narrative. The explanation surely is that it is through the senses (speech, sight and hearing) that the gospel is largely communicated. No wonder that the enemy will particularly attack these vital organs of the body."*⁵

Physical blinding, with a concealed spiritual source, is one thing. Spiritual blinding is another, whether it be total, as in the unbeliever, or partial, as with some believers. Of people who claim to be champions of the Bible but who fight bitterly against the present-day work of the Holy Spirit, Pat Brooks writes, *"Spiritual cataracts blind their eyes as they read Scripture dealing with the third person of the Godhead (His powers and His gifts) and the many passages in the Word showing how Christ and His disciples dealt with Satan and the demons."*

As for the argument that today there is no need for such gifts, this writer suspects a demonic source and observes that *"it is futile to argue the point, for demons are irrational, their position irrevocable, and their final doom inevitable."*⁶

It is sadly true that in Jesus' day, many of those with the greatest knowledge of God's Word were the unrelenting enemies of God's work. Today as the Holy Spirit is restoring His gifts to the church, many who have solid Bible backgrounds have become determined enemies of the movement. They should be its most enthusiastic supporters. One is reminded of the elder son's jealousy and anger over the prodigal's return as God pours out His Spirit in the most unexpected places.

Once again, Jesus is bringing in the poor, the maimed, the halt, and the blind to His table because those who were first bidden have snubbed the gracious invitation. God has repeatedly by-passed large numbers of splendid, but unwilling vessels. Instead He has chosen unlikely people in whom He sees unlimited possibilities. The difference lies in their willingness to be used. God will not be thwarted by anyone, by the devil or even His own disobedient children.

Consider the unlikely people whom God has chosen in the past. **Peter**, the cursing fisherman became the preacher of Pentecost; the **harlot Samaritan women** at the well brought a whole town to Jesus' feet while His well-trained "seminarians" only brought a sack of sandwiches; **Zacchaeus**, as crooked as a barrel of fishhooks, became an honest man, dramatically demonstrating the change God makes in a life; **a shy but generous** lad donated his lunch and

fed a multitude; **Paul**, an arrogant, zealous, religious bigot became a chief apostle and an example of humility and self-sacrifice. The list is long.

Let those who systematically oppose anything and everything happening outside their theological framework examine God's Word more closely. In this book I attempt to detail how some of my own ideas were changed. Without going to extremes, there is truth in the maxim: "*The man with the experience is never at the mercy of the man with the argument.*" Attending our services convinced many doubters and skeptics of the reality of the spirit world and its manifestations. Audiovisual lessons backed by the Scriptures are very effective teaching methods!

As Christians, we must avoid ruts in our thinking for a rut is simply a grave which is open at both ends. At the same time we must not be "*children, carried about with every wind of doctrine*" (**Ephesians 14:14**). We should examine things thoroughly, to see if that which we or our churches have not previously experienced is found in God's Word. If so it belongs in God's plan for His people. .. Many of those who exclaim "*You must never base your doctrine on experience!*" have built their own doctrine on their *lack* of experience. They have a Bible full of "history" and "troublesome" passages. Yet, "*All Scripture ... is profitable for doctrine ...*" (**II Timothy 3:16**). Even **Acts** and **I Corinthians**! Abject fear of men, boards and councils enslave those who should be striking out boldly for the truth (**Psalms 29:25**).

Many who have come to our church have been convinced of the reality of spiritual warfare, both from the scriptures and from the evidence which they see and experience. In spite of this, some do not have the courage of their convictions. Because it is not customary and accepted in their circles, they walk away sadly. Like the young ruler, they are rich and have many possessions, their prestige, their place of leadership, their comfortable salary, and their standing in the community or among the "brethren." Unfortunately these mean more than following the Lord in a sacrificial walk.

Much is said today about sacrifice and suffering on the behalf of the Lord Jesus. Are we rendering lip service, or do we mean it? Do we really want to walk the path our Lord Jesus Christ blazed 2,000 years ago? Be sure to count the cost before answering. Many times in the Scriptures real trouble and persecution came when demons were cast out.

Ponder the questions raised by Pat Brooks: Are you willing to have the Holy Spirit turn the searchlight of conviction upon you and your family in a new and more penetrating fashion? Are you ready for Him to expose in you every demonic connection and accommodation?

If you are not read to surrender to the Lord to this extent, count the cost of *not* making this commitment. Maybe you are one who feels hatred and resistance toward teachings about the demons and their activities. Keep in mind that the enemy also hates exposure. The indwelling demons express their fear at being exposed and cast out by their hosts being repulsed!

As Mrs. Brooks so aptly puts it, "*Waiting on God with every pretense put aside, we can ask Him these hard, searching questions: Could it be that I have been wrong, all these years? Could it be that what I have thought to be sound teaching has been interwoven with a demonic thread of unbelief? Have I really obeyed your Word, Lord, or have I siphoned off that part which will make me despicable in man's eyes: Have I lost the fear of displeasing You through the awful fear of man which Your Word says brings a snare? (Proverbs 29:25)*

"Is it more worthwhile to keep my image--and the satanic bandages in me and my family--or to throw caution in the winds and be ridiculed as a tongue-speaker, a demon-driver, and a faith healer? Am I ready for that kind of honesty You really want in family relationships which demonic deception has conveniently hidden? What will happen to me if I resist Your perfecting work, Lord, as you get rid of the spots and blemishes in all of us? Can I risk facing Your return without the oil of Your Spirit brilliantly radiating light to all I meet?"

For a solution to the conflict between our theological "prejudices and the revealed will of God," the statement of Jesus in **John 7:17** is the great key:

"If any man is willing to do His will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or whether I speak from myself."⁷

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Tactics to Rout the Demons

A Way for the Deliverance Worker to Get Started

1. Brief converse about the reason the person needs prayer.
2. Bind powers over the area, break assignments from powers in the air to demons in the person. Ask for angelic protection (**Hebrews 1:14**).
3. Use specific prayers of renunciation, forgiveness, etc. (See *Battling the Hosts of Hell* and *Conquering the Hosts of Hell*.)
4. Ask for the gifts needed to minister in the deliverance session. (**I Corinthians 12, 13, 14**)
5. Share any discernment received. Supported by others, the leader should then begin to command the spirit by name, demanding that he leave the individual.
6. Leadership will emerge as the prayer session gets underway, and may change several times as God directs.

Leadership During Deliverance

1. Too many people commanding different spirits at the same time is confusing to all, especially the person receiving ministry.
2. Leadership will often shift as the Holy Spirit directs.
3. Pray that the anointing of the Holy Spirit and the authority of Jesus Christ will be manifested in this session, especially the leader.
4. Husbands are often the most effective in commanding spirits to leave their own wives and children, with the support of others.

5. God works through His chain of authority as outlined in the Scriptures (**Ephesians 5:23-24**).

Preparation Before and During Deliverance

1. Have pillows to muffle loud noises if the noise of manifesting demons might be a problem (for example, in an apartment).

2. Have paper:

a. Keep files to enable effective follow-up on those in your fellowship;

b. Write down Scriptures brought up during the session for memorization and meditation;

c. Write down spirits discerned which may not have been dealt with when discerned. These may be used in future deliverance sessions.

3. Have paper towels and tissues for times when the spirits leave through the mouth, nose or by tears.

4. Sit close together, often with one person on either side of the one receiving ministry.

5. Under most circumstances do not pray alone because one can never be sure there will not be a violent manifestation. Have a team of at least two workers praying since discernment is a body ministry and often shared between those ministering.

6. **Avoid** men ministering alone to a woman without another woman present (and vice versa).

Speaking to Demons

1. Address the spirit by name if known. If not, address by function. The Holy Spirit will give it or the demon may reveal himself. Be open to how the Holy Spirit is leading.

2. Repeatedly remind evil spirits that your authority is given to you by Jesus Christ, Who is far above all rule and authority (**Ephesians 1:21**). Bind the strong man (**Matthew 12:29**) and the spirits under him (**Matthew 16:17-19**).

3. Remind them of their fate (**Revelation 20:10; Job 30:38**). Use the statement, "*The Lord Jesus Christ rebuke you*" repeatedly as a battering ram to beat down their resistance.

4. Tell the spirits that you are commissioned by Jesus Christ to proclaim release to the captives (**Isaiah 61, Luke 4**). It can be helpful to harass the demons to confess verbally that Jesus Christ is their Lord.

Repeatedly remind them that you are attacking them from your position in Christ, in the third heaven, high above all principalities, powers, thrones, dominions, world rulers, kings, princes and every angelic rank (**Ephesians 1:18-22**).

Force them to acknowledge these things verbally and that you have authority over them. Each such confession wrung from the foe weakens him.

5. Ruler demons often can be badgered for more information.

6. At times you will command the ruler demon to leave and then clean out the lesser demons under him. If that he stalls, reverse the tactics.

7. Bind and separate interfering spirits as God leads.

8. Do not assume that all demons must be silent. Jesus only squelched them when they were revealing who He was *before* the time. {Incidentally they were speaking the truth (Luke 4:35)}.

9. Everything that the demons say is not a lie. Satan is the father of lies and also the deceiver. The nature of deception is to **mix** a lie with truth. Be on guard.

10. Sometimes stay with one spirit until you know he is gone; other times move on to one who may be entwined with it; return later to deal with the first one. Ask God to give you discernment as to how they operate.

Experience and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit will guide you in the specifics of each case.

11. It is pointless to shout at demons since the battle is not physical but spiritual (**II Corinthians 10:3**). Demons feed on the confusion created when workers begin to yell and make a commotion. In some cases it is hard to tell who is manifesting, the worker or the one in deliverance!

The One Receiving Prayer Should Be:

1. Committed to and confessing Jesus Christ as Lord of their life, thus, not walking in sin.

2. Preferably committed to a local church where Bible teaching and fellowship can strengthen his relationship with the Lord.
3. Evidence an attitude of submission to the group during the deliverance prayer time.
4. As far as he is able he must set his will on serving the Lord and hating Satanic activity in his life, for demons bind the human will whenever possible.
5. Try to cooperate with the workers completely. As each spirit is told to leave, the person should agree mentally repeating something such as: "*You get out now, in the name of Jesus,*" etc.
6. Not be praying in the Spirit or worshipping verbally. Pray and agree with the workers in your mind. When ambulances go through town, all the traffic is cleared ahead of them so they can move without delay. The word demon is the same as *spirit* or *breath*. Because most demons leave through the breathing passages, take all the "traffic" of the street. Again, *do not pray with your mouth, only in your mind*.
7. Be relaxed as possible and flow with whatever the workers are doing.

About Manifestations

1. Most of the time demons will manifest as they leave. Loud cries, screams, yawns, coughs, deep breaths, burps, etc. (mostly through the mouth and nose) are common. Occasionally vomiting occurs, although it is seldom food. Great quantities of fluids and mucous can sometimes be expelled from the nose. Because of this it might be wise to have some containers handy.
2. Before leaving spirits may manifest in other ways:
 - a. Face (especially eyes) - glaring, trances, distracted, anger, fury.
 - b. Hands - clenching, shaking, nervous fidgeting, etc.
 - c. Rest of body - shaking, tightness, rigidity, weeping. Sometimes thrashing about and attempting to leave. Restrain them.
 - d. Even though they manifest in this way, evil spirits may not be leaving the person.

3. Every person and every prayer session is different, even with the same worker.
4. Any disunity among the workers concerning the necessity for manifestations will be sensed by the demons and they will try to hide. In many cases they remained undetected for 30 or 40 years (some since birth) and must be badgered and harassed to force them out. It is a wrestling match (**Ephesians 6**). Do not become discouraged if sometimes it even takes an hour to make the demons to surface.
5. Demons customarily act out their own personalities through human beings.

Therefore, a "*passive*" spirit will probably not leave violently nor a violent one quietly.

6. There are times when demons leave without visible release. Encourage the person to take three or four slow, deep breathing exhaling as hard as they can. If necessary repeat several times, but avoid hyperventilation which produces dizziness. A moment or two of normal breathing will clear the head.
7. When the person has been a been violent as a child (*slamming doors, temper tantrums, screaming, etc.*) he will most likely exhibit definite manifestations before and as the demons leave.
8. Those who have been deeply involved in the occult will likely have violent manifestations. Occult and witchcraft spirits often lodge in the liver.
9. Witchcraft spirits often manifest in the hands (*fingers signs, wiggling, etc.*), perhaps because of the control represented in hands or palmistry. Often the demons will chatter in tongues and this may be an attempt to curse the workers.

Often we say "*Curses back on you*" to that spirit as he is attempting to curse us (**Psalm 109:17**). These and other Occult and Satanic spirits (under names of Satan, Lucifer, Lord of Flies, Angel of Light, Devil, Dragon, Serpent, Prince of Darkness, Beelzebub, Leviathan) resist having their palms anointed with oil or having them placed under the Blood of Jesus Christ.

The third (*evil*) eye often shows up in dealing with the occult. Located in the center of the forehead, put oil on the tips on the fingertips, anoint, and command that the third eye be blinded in the Name of Jesus Christ. Next ask the Heavenly Father for angels to pry open the blinded eye and pun out any spirits which entered through it.

10. Lust spirits are ruled by *Prince Asmodeus* and usually *Osmodeus (Prince of Destruction)* is also present. They come in through the eyes, ears, pornography, participation and inheritance. Masturbation spirits bring in Guilt, Shame and Condemnation. Numbness, tingling or drawing sensations in the hands and fingers are characteristic manifestations.

Lust spirits often manifest in the lower abdomen like a nest of writhing snakes. They also lodge in the sex organs, prostate gland, intestines, kidneys, liver, rectum, breasts, and buttocks. Some were even discovered in the roots of the public hairs. Oral sex demons lodge in the lips, tongue, taste buds, throat, and genitals.

11. Possibly the spirit of man is located at the base of the brain, at the junction of the central nervous system and the spinal cord. Certainly this area is a prime target for demon infestation. Although they cannot touch the spirit (safely sealed by the Holy Spirit - **II Corinthians 1:22; Ephesians 1:13, 4:30**), they do "layer" in around the spirit to choke off a free flowing of the person in spiritual life and charismatic gifts.

13. Although there are no set rules in the deliverance ministry, there are general principles which have worked in when followed. We learn more each time we study and pray.

Prior Preparation for Deliverance Workers

1. A void involvement in any known sin yourself and hold no bitterness or resentment in your heart (**I John 1:9; Matthew 18:18, 35**).

2. God uses imperfect vessels. Even though you still need personal deliverance, you can still pray for others. The Lord has a wonderful *on the job* training program!

3. Walk in the light God has revealed to you concerning the disciplines of prayer, fasting, scriptures study and church fellowship, etc.

4. The scripture, "*Some only come out with prayer and fasting*" (**Matthew 17:21**), refers to fasting as a regular part of our walk with the Lord. Jesus simply cast the spirit out, implying that fasting was a regular part of His relationship with His Father.

5. Often God will reveal strategy and battle plans before the deliverance time as we pray and study the Scripture. **Each case is different**. Consider General Joshua's strategy. Jericho took days of preparation (**Joshua 6**) and Ai (**Joshua 8**) was totally different.

6. Study the Old Testament to discover underlying warfare tactics and legal grounds for demons. Concentrate on **Deuteronomy, Joshua, Psalms and Proverbs** and other Books of Law. Keep notes on what God reveals.

7. Learn to operate as ministering team. There are no "stars" in deliverance except the Bright and Morning Star, Jesus Christ. Everyone else is a servant and a worker.

Spiritual Considerations

1. Demons may not torment at will but must have legal, biblical grounds.

2. Apart from *specific* legal grounds or legal holds, there are general grounds (reasons the demons believe give them the right to remain) -- the uncrucified flesh.

Pride and selfishness provide excellent feeding ground for Satan and his demons. The more *real* the appropriation of death to self is to us (in every area of our life), the less footing demons have.

It is not just the pride that says "*I'm better than everyone else,*" but the pride of being a *man* and believing life and God owe him something, even if it is just a fair deal on this earth. The man who still believes he has "*rights*" and does not recognize that he is a creature before a Creator. He will have a difficult time receiving lasting deliverance.

3. This subtle pride almost always manifests in selfishness. When situations evoke anger and frustration, it is a sign that we have *unyielded rights* on which demons feed. Dealing with this is a longer process that merely casting out a spirit; attitudes and mind sets must be altered.

a. Bind manifesting spirits which bind the will; then help the person to make a heartfelt yielding of those rights involved. It may take time to be worked into a person's life.

b. Encourage the person to stand in the specific area with scriptural advice. God often does not provide immediate deliverance in order that we can learn to stand and cope with the enemy within.

c. Cast out the spirits who now have no footing.

4. If spirits are cast out prematurely, (before the person has yielded his rights to God in each area) they may return stronger or not really leave at all (**Matthew 12:45**).

God remains faithful to deliver again as we call upon Him, "*He who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be delivered*" (Joel 2:32). In these cases the patience of those who minister is severely tested.

5. Rebellion to God's appointed authority exposes one to demonic attack, making it harder for him to stand and walk in freedom. Instruction to the person receiving prayer should include getting things into right order at home and at church.

God does not have spiritual "lone rangers." People without God's protection and plan may still receive deliverance because God's word will not return void. However, holding and occupying, living a life of freedom involves more than merely being set free in a deliverance session. This is only the first step.

Following deliverance there must be a steady strengthening of the *real* self, which knows Jesus and is filled with the Holy Spirit. The most efficient way of being strengthened (*edified*) is through the body of believers, mediating on the Word and praying. Deliverance will make the choice of God's way easier and more joyfully. There is still no substitute for instruction in righteousness and God's other provisions to live the Christian life.

6. Pray that the Lord will give the demonized person a vision of his "*new life*" (his goals, relationships, etc.).

Other Considerations

1. If one of the workers begins to react and manifest some demonic hold on his life during prayer, ask the Lord whether to bind it (it may be a diversion) or deal with it.

2. If someone close to you needs prayer but does not want it, do not attempt to force it upon him. Bind and loose and intercede, intercede, intercede!

3. If he agrees to come for prayer and then runs out, you might need to restrain him physically. However, the Holy Spirit can reveal his true heart's desire. If he is not ready to receive ministry and stand in it, let him go. People do not get delivered against their will. *Slaves who love their chains can never be free.*

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The Authority of the Believer

Two questions involving the authority of the believer are often asked: "*Can Christians command ruling spirits to cast out their underlings?*" and "*Can Christians command angels to assist in specific aspects of the work of deliverance?*" The answers lie in an understanding of the authority structure of the universe, immutable laws fixed by God.

For our protection from savage demonic attack Christ is revealed as the head (*covering*) for men (**I Corinthians 11:3**) and man is the head of woman, offering a shield or umbrella of protection to *obedient* wives and children (**Ephesians 5:23**). The woman is to wear a covering on her head while praying or prophesying to avoid provoking an attack on her by the evil angels (**I Corinthians 11:7-10**). *This is not a reference to her hair.*

Because prayer and prophecy are a direct affront to the powers of darkness, evil angels might be tempted to immediately attack any woman who violates God's rules. Her brashness in disregarding this could lead to clever demonic subversion because of the female tendency (inherited from Eve) to be deceived in spiritual matters (**1 Timothy 2:14**). It is not optional that she take advantage of God's compensation for this weakness (submission to male authority: father, husband, and/or men in a local church assembly).

Because all authority and power has been given to Jesus Christ (**Matthew 28:28**), He is the sole authority for **all** ministry in heaven and on earth. *{He} is gone into heaven and is on the right hand of God, angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto Him.* (**I Peter 3:22**)

In relation to this all encompassing authority, believers are positional in Christ (**Ephesians 1:1-16, 2:4-7**). Jesus explained this to His disciples as "*ye in Me and I in you*" (**John 14:20**). In Christ therefore, His righteousness becomes our righteousness (**Romans 4:22-25**); His life becomes our life (**John 11:25**).

His authority becomes our authority and we minister accordingly (**Ephesians 14:15, 16; I Peter 4:10, 11; II Corinthians 4:7**). Believers therefore, may **command** and **do** all that Christ did and commands to be done. The promise is: *Truly, truly I say unto you, He that believeth on Me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater {works} than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.* (**John 14:12**)

Does Jesus Christ have authority to command angels to various tasks? Is He capable of commanding demon spirits, even to the point that they are forced to order their own underlings

out at His command? Both questions are answered in **I Peter 3:22** (previously quoted).

All angels of all ranks are subject to command because of the blanket authority given in **Matthew 28:18**. Because of this, a believer, who recognizes his position and the Lordship of Christ in his own life (**Philippians 2:9-11**) may have an equal expectation. We shall judge angels in the future (**I Corinthians 6:3**) and in Christ, we may command them now.

Many have imagined that **Matthew 12:25, 26** teaches the impossibility of Satan casting out Satan, but *this is not what that passage says*. It states that a kingdom divided against itself will collapse and that *if Satan cast out Satan, his kingdom and power is undermined*. This is exactly what happens when believers set out to follow Jesus' example and "*destroy the works of the devil*" in the authority and power of the Savior.

Let me emphasize that knowing our position in Christ is the key issue. Merely using His name will never suffice (**Acts 19:13-16**). To those who know that name and call upon that name in faith as children and joint-heirs, all things are possible.

Deliverance Patterns in the Bible

Why is there so little information about casting out demons in the Scriptures? There is information about deliverance in the New Testament but it is seldom appropriated. I believe there is a reason for so many details to be lacking.

The bulk of instruction about the conduct of spiritual warfare is in the Old Testament. The Psalms are virtually a handbook of spiritual warfare. God's dealings with Israel about the land he promised to them reveals many of the best insights into this vital matter.

The Book of Revelation was written in a "code" which only those familiar with the symbolism of Ezekiel and Daniel would recognize. In like manner, the Old Testament and the record of God's dealings with Israel furnishes many views (by type) into the warfare with the enemy. The *land* represents the body and ground given over to the enemy "**squatters**" and "**trespassers**" (*the demons*). The people of God were armed with a divine fiat giving them title to the land. Nevertheless, they had to unseat the usurpers, who had been in place for hundreds of years. These had powerful armies and fortified cities.

It took *physical force* and *spiritual power* to overturn the inhabitants who held the land, contrary to God's will and purpose (**Deuteronomy 7:22-24; Exodus 23:27-30**). Those who go into

deliverance work will need to study closely the Old Testament dealings of God with His people and how they ridded the land of the invaders who held the territory.

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Notes from a Deliverance Session

After preliminary skirmishes with the enemy we managed to isolate a ruling prince whose name was Religious Simpleton. He said, "*I make everything simple, nothing complicated, just believe without question or study.*" This demon looked exactly like a grinning idiot. Under the prince were a number of lieutenants. They included: Religious Society, Jesus Rock (this one said, "*Anyone would have to be simpleminded to accept this*"), Confusion, Religious Self-Esteem, Worldly Religion, Deep Rooted Fear of God, Religious Pride, Rebellion to Authority,

Passivity (*who was the door to Slumber and had opened the way for Mind Control*), Slumber (*under him was Over-tiredness, Fatigue, and Weariness*), Hard of Hearing, Endless Circulatory Thoughts, Lack of Control of Thoughts, Tension, Worry, and Striving. Religious Error seemed to be the doorkeeper who opened him up to many spirits when he became overtired.

There were a number of curses on this man and evil spirits were brought in under them. These included curses from the prayers of a group of Roman Catholic nuns, Strained Thoughts, False Piety, False Religious Calling, Vain Philosophy, Eastern Worship, Unruliness in Self (*Drunkness opened the way for this one*), Unwelcome Love, a blood line curse and a curse of Perversion.

Under a ruling spirit of Mind Control were spirits of False Personality, Mimicking, Mocking, Mockery, Convincing Argument, Loss of True Personality, and Fear of True Personality. Under the Prince of Rebellion there were spirits caned Seething Hatred, Hatred for God, Hatred of Authority, Hatred of Christians, Hatred of the Pastor, and Self Hated. Under Hated of Self were two powerful spirits called Self-Prostitution and Despair.

Perhaps this sketch will give you some idea of the hierarchy system of demonic networks within a person and how they overlap and interlock in their work.

Misconceptions About Demons

Many have an abnormal fear of dealing with demons. If you never let the demons talk, you will fail to learn many things. In war, it is routine to interrogate captured enemy soldiers, particularly

officers, to gain any information they may have about enemy tactics, fortifications and weapons.

Of course, such information extracted from hostile sources must be checked and cross-checked for accuracy. To say that nothing of value can be learned from enemy sources because they lie is as fallacious as to say we should believe and learn everything from them.

The Word of God and the gift of discernment should be the arbitrator of such information wrung from the enemy. Our group has been and is successful in some areas of deliverance where others have failed. One of the reasons for this is utilization of information extracted from enemy sources.

When the Holy Spirit has evil spirits at bay in a person they will try desperately to hide information and secrets which could lead to their expulsion and undermining the demonic structure in the victim. Under sufficient pressure however, they can be forced to give information.

The Holy Spirit can alert workers to the misleading lies of the enemy. Also, as Mark Bubeck points out, you can pin an evil spirit with a direct question; "*Will that answer stand in the judgment?*" Although demons will try to evade the question, with sufficient prodding they can be forced to tell the truth.

First and foremost, workers must be taught by the Word and the Holy Spirit. However, do not overlook valuable bits of information which can be wrested from the enemy. This humiliating of the enemy and forcing him to cooperate in his own downfall is part of the Lord's revenge on Satan. We know that weak mortals, mere handfuls of dirt, bringing defeat to the mighty princes is sheer agony for them.

Because of the wily, dangerous foe we face, **a novice should proceed with extreme caution in this area.** However, the same caution and restraint must be exercised in the use of the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Believers may be deceived and led to depend upon visions and revelations *apart from the Word of God and unchecked by proper spiritual authority.* Great errors are found in many groups and particularly among the charismatics because of the lack of emphasis on sound Bible foundations. Certainly we must be on the alert for deviations from scriptural patterns or principles. **There is no substitute for being grounded in basic Bible knowledge.**

Some things may not be spelled out in Scripture so they may not be obvious to the casual observer or curiosity seekers. Nevertheless, God can and does give special wisdom and insight. Because He never wastes anything, *this information is given **only** to those who are locked in battle with the enemy.*

There is an interesting verse often quoted to "prove" that it is wrong to battle and converse with the enemy. "*When even was come, they brought unto Him many who were possessed with demons and He cast out the spirits with His word and healed all that were sick.*" The meaning of the Greek word translated "word" means discourse or conversation. All we need to know God has placed in the Bible.

Critics sometimes say that there is no need to actually come into combat with the foe. Their favorite statement is, "*You do not have to put up with that.*" In our warfare we have no hesitation to battle with evil spirits. Many times we succeed where others of the "*speak and it is done*" persuasion have failed. You will see results if you are willing to put in hours of effort and strength in deliverance to beat down the enemy and break his stubborn resistance.

There is no great mystery about getting results. It is just plain hard work combined with real spiritual warfare. Most believers want everything to be easy and cozy and if it is not, they want to call it quits. It took Paul an hour to remove the occult divination spirit from the girl in **Acts 16:18**. Certainly he was an experienced and qualified deliverance worker!

It cannot be denied and must not be overlooked that the Scriptures are full of references to *soldiers, warfare, armor, etc.* Paul **fought** with beasts at Ephesus. It is significant that he also wrote in the Ephesians letter about **wrestling** with powers and principalities in spiritual warfare. Wrestling requires close bodily contact and there are no "*cream puffs at ten paces*" in such a contest.

Interesting too is the term used in **Ephesians 6**, translated "*to stand.*" After winning in a gladiatorial contest, the victorious soldier would stand with the point of his sword at the throat of his defeated adversary. Then he would look to the ruler for the signal of when and how to dispatch the fallen enemy. Let no one be deceived, there is a *real war* going on here, and only those willing to give of themselves can qualify to fight in this battle. All are volunteers, there are no draftees.

Lest people misunderstand, I must repeat, *deliverance is **not** a cure for everything wrong in the Christian life.* It can never substitute for repentance, prayer, Bible study and faithfulness to walk

with the Lord. It is not a substitute for anything but stands firmly on Bible grounds as one third of the gospel ministry given in the Great Commission (**Matthew 28; Mark 16**). However, what deliverance does, nothing else can accomplish.

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John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

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