

The Combat-Ready Christian



“take unto you the whole armour of God”

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- ❧ This week a man invited an animal into his home
- ❧ The animal was smelly
- ❧ It was dirty
- ❧ The animal left the house in a stinking mess
- ❧ It distracted him from doing his usual work
- ❧ Others would no longer want to be around that home, I can assure you
- ❧ How many of you believe that this is a good practice to enter into, to entertain such an animal?
- ❧ This is what we do with **demons** we **entertain** in our lives!

Dealing with Demons



- ❧ Demons make us smelly. Whatever we say or do is tainted.
- ❧ Demons are dirty, placing added garbage in our lives
- ❧ Demons leave your life in a stinking mess
- ❧ Demons distracted him from doing the Lord's work
- ❧ Others no longer enjoy being around you, I can assure you
- ❧ How many of you believe that this is a good practice to enter into, as a Christian?
- ❧ This is what we do with **demons** we **entertain** in our lives!
- ❧ This is what happens when we do not get rid of their influence regularly, like dust off your boot.

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- ❧ Sin is not the only thing we should regularly rid ourselves of with forgiveness and reminders at communion
- ❧ We should also regularly get rid of any demon influence in our lives, attempting to dirty us up
- ❧ Most Demons are not typically hard to get rid of, especially the daily dirt type.
- ❧ Demons never tire of dirtying up the believer so we should never tire of cleansing ourselves. How do we do it?
- ❧ A fresh confession of faith and renouncing sin
- ❧ Commanding the Demons to leave
- ❧ Keeping our lives filled with the Spirit of God

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- ❧ How do Demons gain entrance to our lives?
 - ❧ Sneaky attachments at times of weakness
 - ❧ Self-pity, anger, unforgiveness, sickness and disease, etc
 - ❧ Sneaky attachments through deception
 - ❧ The occult, witchcraft, bad doctrine
 - ❧ Sneaky attachments through sin
 - ❧ Watching or practicing sin
- ❧ Most demon activity merely exaggerates human sins
 - ❧ Self-pity, rage, lust, stealing, sicknesses, etc
- ❧ Some are tempting us into occult themes
 - ❧ Occult, horoscopes, sorcery, Free Masonry, etc

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- ❧ What are some specific influences of demons, taken from Derek Prince
- ❧ **Six main forms of demon activity**
- ❧ Entice
- ❧ Enslave
- ❧ Torment
- ❧ Drive or compel
- ❧ Defile
- ❧ Harass

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❧ How to deal with demons

❧ *Luk 11:20 But if I cast out demons with the finger of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.*

❧ *Luk 11:21 When a **strong** man, fully armed, guards his own palace, his goods are in peace.*

❧ *Luk 11:22 But when a stronger than he comes upon him and **overcomes** him, he **takes from him all his armor in which he trusted**, and divides his spoils.*

❧ We must first take away the armour, kept by deception

❧ This makes the rest much easier

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- ❧ The armour is the attachment to sin and rebellion
- ❧ We take away the armour when we recognize the sin and ask forgiveness
 - ❧ Father, forgive me for my sin, known and unknown. I forgive others for sinning against me. I forgive you for the grievances I have held against you. I forgive myself. Forgive my ancestors for their family sin. I now repent of all sin and cast it from my life. I renounce all sin and the occult. I commit to removing from my home all attachments and representations of sin and the occult. In Jesus name, amen
- ❧ Satan now has no holds in our lives. We can thrust his demons out of our lives and off our backs

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- ❧ *Luk 10:19 Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over **all the power of the enemy**, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*
- ❧ *Luk 10:20 Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather **rejoice** because your names are written in heaven."*
- ❧ *Mar 16:17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name **they will cast out demons**; they will speak with new tongues;*
- ❧ Casting out demons is part of the Christian message
- ❧ It is done through vocal command

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- ❧ We may now practice with someone as we break into pairs
 - ❧ We have all prayed the prayer of forgiveness and renounced sin so we may now command demons to loose their holds and leave
 - ❧ I rebuke you demons of hell
 - ❧ I claim protection against you by the blood of Jesus
 - ❧ You have no more hold over this saint of God
 - ❧ This saint is forgiven and cleansed
 - ❧ I bind your efforts in their lives and I break your hold over them
 - ❧ I now command you to leave in Jesus name, leave, never to return

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 - ❧ *Luk 11:24 "When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.'*
 - ❧ *Luk 11:25 And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order.*
 - ❧ *Luk 11:26 Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first."*
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☞ Keeping your deliverance (Derek Prince)

- ☞ *Yield to the Lordship of Jesus in every area.*
- ☞ *Be continuously filled with the Holy Spirit (see Eph. 5:18).*
- ☞ *Live by the Word of God (see Luke 11:13; Acts 2:4; Matt. 4:4, 7, 11).*
- ☞ *Put on the whole armor of God (see Eph. 6:10–18). Especially the “helmet of hope” (see 1 Thess. 5:8; 1 Cor. 13:13; Rom. 8:28; Heb.6:18–20). Also the “garment of praise” (see Is. 61:3; 60:18; Luke 4:18; Heb 13:5).*
- ☞ *Cultivate right relationships.*
- ☞ *Cultivate right fellowship. Both faith and unbelief come through what we hear (see Rom. 10:17; Mark 4:24; Luke 8:18; Prov. 19:27).*
- ☞ *Make Jesus central (see John 12:31–32).*

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- ❧ When there is a sense of peace and victory, we praise and thank God for the victory
- ❧ We now focus on God and not demons
- ❧ We invite the Holy Spirit in to direct our lives as we have renewed ourselves under the Lordship of Christ
- ❧ You have now successfully executed a field exercise in spiritual warfare. This was basic training and there are more advanced ways to deal with demons, on another day.
- ❧ You are almost combat ready.
- ❧ Now you need some armour.
- ❧ After that, you will need some sword training