

RECOGNIZING THE DEMONIC

Proverbs 3:5 / 1 Samuel 16:7 / 2 Corinthians 5:16 / Matthew 7:15-20

Five ways:

1. Spirits have names that indicate their function.
2. Behind every sin there are corresponding spirits.
3. Negative emotions have corresponding spirits.
4. Areas of personal conflict.
5. Word of Knowledge / Discerning of Spirits

How do they get access?

1. Pre-natal influences: a) generational b) traumas
2. Emotional crisis
3. Trauma
4. Areas of sin a) voluntary b) involuntary
5. Occultism
6. False religion
7. Time of death

Possible consequences of being demonized:

In these days we encounter many Christians who struggle with various bondages and afflictions in different areas of their life. Regardless of how much they apply their spiritual resources (praying in the Spirit, fasting, self-discipline, prayer, standing on the Word) or how much counsel they receive, victory often seems to be so far off. Many times a demonic spirit is in control of / or influencing that area of their life, and therefore, deliverance is needed and the bondage broken.

As we look at the following symptoms which might occur as a result of the enemy's work, the list does not automatically indicate that a person has an evil spirit. The discerning of spirits is necessary to arrive at such a conclusion.

Addictions	Appetites out of balance	Behavioral extremes	Bitterness
Unforgiveness	Compulsive behavior patterns	Deceitful personality	Depression
Emotional disturbances/mental problems	Escapism	Hearing voices	Nightmares
Irrational fears and phobias	Occultic attraction	Out of control tongue	Vomiting
Outbursts of irrational behavior	Recurring sickness	Overwhelming guilt / condemnation	
Self-centeredness	Sexual aberrations	Suicidal tendencies	Religious error/heresies
Hideous laughing/mockery	Foul smells/odors	Uncontrollable obscene body motions	
Screams and vocal changes	Yawning / Sighing	Profuse perspiration	