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Introduction

Satan can only get you to sin if you accept what he suggests you to do. It is the acceptance of it that leads to sin not the actual act suggested by Satan. The decision to sin is entirely yours. Satan cannot make you sin. he can only suggest you sin. All the weapons of hell are ineffective if you do not accept what he offers you.

This is why it is important to know the Truths of God so you know what sin is. You need to be guided by The Holy Spirit so you can be shown the traps Satan has prepared for you as well as how you are to deal with them. This is a spiritual war and you need to be led in it by a spiritual being, The Holy Spirit who can see into the spirit world and advise us accordingly.

Let me repeat myself. You decide to sin by doing what Satan suggests you do that you know is the wrong thing to do.

Remember that the battle is for the mind. Your mind! Whoever controls your mind (God or Satan) controls you and your eternal destiny. Hence the importance of filling your mind and also meditating on God's Truths to counter the error and lies (deceits) Satan uses to try and control you.

If you focus on the things of Jesus, Satan will not be able to deceive or distract you from your Christian walk. It is when you take your eyes of Jesus and His things to those of Satan that you can be led astray by him (in other words sin). Whoever you focus on and follow (God or Satan) is your master. If Jesus is Lord, you have salvation. If Satan is lord, you have eternal damnation.

The choice is yours.

You alone will give an account for your choices in life and no one else. So, choose wisely in the things of life. A lot depends on it both now and in eternity.

A person is at war with the kingdom of darkness because they are a Christian (a citizen of God's Kingdom). You are born physically and live in enemy territory (the current world system), surrounded by workers of the enemy who are dedicated completely to one of three objectives:

Destroying you completely in any way they can

Making you an ineffective soldier for God, their adversary

Persuading you not to leave the kingdom of darkness

Although Satan (his name means adversary) walks around as a lion trying to destroy our Christian life or to make it ineffective, we are kept by our faith in God and protected by the Lordship relationship we have with Jesus because we are a citizen of His Kingdom. God limits what the enemy (Satan) can do to us, as we are citizens of Tye Kingdom of God and Satan has no right to control us unless we give him the right. God promises that Satan will never test us more than we can endure and that there will always be a way out of the trial or temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13). As a faithful citizen of The Kingdom of The Father, we are automatically under His divine protection. This coverage extends only to that which we place under His kingship. Anything we withhold from His Authority (Lordship) is easy prey for the enemy because it is not protected by Jesus as we have not placed it under His Authority.

Christians are either defending God's territory as stewards on behalf of God (for their own life, the lives for which God has made them responsible and property under their stewardship) or trying to obtain new territory (new people for the Kingdom of their Father). If a Christian is not doing any of these things, they had better examine their faith as it may not be a saving faith. There are no fence sitters in the Kingdom of God. Even in a period of rest between battles, there are always minor skirmishes. In this battle on earth, there is no such thing as neutral ground or a truce.

At any given time, you will be used in one or more of the following capacities as a citizen of the kingdom:

An Ambassador, representing the Kingdom and explaining it to others

A Soldier, defending the Kingdom, the King's Name, and honour, and rescuing people from the kingdom of darkness

A Citizen (servant) of The Kingdom of God, doing the Will of The Father and maintaining the Kingdom

A student in a learning period to equip you better for the battle

A teacher training others to be good citizen (discipling them)

If you are not fulfilling at least one of these positions of service, learning or resting in The Father to recover then you are serving His enemy as by default, not doing the Will of The King, resting, or not learning how to battle serves the purposes of His enemy (Matthew 12:30; Luke 11:23). Lukewarm Christians who are not doing the Will of God are in a sense passively resisting God and can be said to be 'against' Him if they are knowingly doing this.

How does an attack start?

Demons usually focus on a weak spot, something that takes you out of the protection of God in some area of your life. Usually, it is a hurt of some kind or a wrong attitude so that there is a weakness Satan can exploit. If you are totally under God's protection, then a demon needs permission from God. This is one of the principles behind the temptations (attacks) on Job. Satan complained that God protected Job and he could not attack him because of this protection.

What was the reason for God's protection? Job sought to be in a righteous (in a correct) relationship with God. It was because of his relationship with God that God protected Job. But Job did not trust God fully (Job 3:25) so Satan could rightfully ask God to remove His protection. God removed only part, even though He could have removed all of it. God knew how much Job could endure and removed only that amount of protection that allowed the specific attack.

Job was afraid God could not protect what God had given to him so Satan was able to remove Job's protection and all that God had given him as they were not under the Authority of Jesus.

We too are protected, as Job was, when we are in a proper relationship with God. Sometimes attacks are allowed, however, as this is the only way a Christian matures. The Bible teaches us the "no pain, no gain" method as far as gaining maturity. When these instances of testing arise as a result of God's allowing attacks for our maturing, there is also Grace given from God to fight them and to be able to endure (1 Corinthians 10:13).

God will not put you through anything He has not prepared you for and will help you get through the

trial or temptation.

How is an attack in an area of your life finished?

The attack in the area is finished when:

The person either succumbs to the attack, knowingly gives in, and turns away from God in that area

The person repents from any sin that allowed the demonic access and gives that area of their life to the Lordship of Jesus, and the demons are removed as a result of this repentance (deliverance occurs)

God says ‘enough, lest He violate His own decree in 1 Corinthians 10:13, that we will never be attacked more than we can endure.

You die and go to heaven where Satan cannot reach you.

Remember the enemy attacks continuously unless God gives you rest or Satan stops to regroup to plan his next strategy. When one attack finishes, another starts usually within a short period of time with only a brief rest between attacks. Subsequent attacks will be of a different intensity and/or of a subtle change in method or execution making it appear like a period of rest has occurred when a different strategy of the enemy is being used. Remember, the devil may leave but it is only for a season.

Non-Christians belong to Satan’s kingdom; therefore, Satan does not need God’s permission to attack them. Because of their rejection of Jesus or of The Holy Spirit in their conscience (if they have never heard of Jesus), the inhabitants of Satan’s kingdom are not in a correct relationship with God and thus, are not under His protection. Satan may attack any non-Christian at will but his main goal is to keep them as citizens of his Kingdom. Non-Christians can also be used by demons to attack Christians.

Where is the battle?

2 Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

The attack is really not by physical beings but by spiritual (demonic) beings, trying to manipulate your mind and trying to use others against you for their (demonic) purposes as Satan tries to control by building his ways of thinking in your mind. Demons can only tempt you and suggest reasons for sinning, but it is you who must make the decision and then, by an act of your will to accept the temptation (in other words you must agree with what Satan is offering and accept it). The sin occurs when the intention to sin is conceived in your mind, and not when it is later actually carried out!

That is why James said:

James 1:14-15 But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is

finished, bringeth forth death.

Notice, that a lust is used by demons to draw you to sin. A lust is an unnatural desire for something in that it overrides the desire for the things of God. In reality, lust overrides the guidance of The Holy Spirit in trying to stop you from sinning. By unnatural, I do not mean 'strange' or necessarily 'sexually wrong,' but rather a desire that is not normal or sane to a Christian who is doing the Will of God. Just so, mental illness occurs from rejecting Jesus and what He offers, which expresses itself as fears (2 Timothy 1:7), insecurities, self-protectiveness, anxieties, etc.

Demons call up in a person's mind various parts of them such as: physical sensations of the body, knowledge, memories, past pains, emotions, hurts and rejections, wrong mindsets they have managed to instil into the person. The objective here is to guide the person's thoughts along the path demons desire them to think since they want to encourage more errors in the person's thinking structure. This enables the demons to use these errors in the ways they want to in order to tempt the person. The more errors in the thinking structure of the person, the easier it is to lure the person into temptation.

Note how the word 'draw' is used to denote the leading away to sin. The concept is that someone is on the correct path, but something attracts him away, to the extent that he is willing to go from the correct path to another path. This path appears to be better but actually leads to disaster.

Demons draw us away from God by painting images that are not there, so that unreal things become real enough to distract or divert us, or by misrepresenting the truth, so that we do not accept or follow the truth but accept the error. Often these imaginations are used to compensate for hurts or to feed lusts (things such as sexual fantasies and fantasies of grandeur and self-importance). Instead of being drawn away by these imaginations we, as Christians, should be taking the area of weakness in our lives to Jesus, resisting the attack, and commanding healing in Jesus' Name the hurts in area that was used by the demons as a leverage to subvert us. The 'Five Steps to Victory' is designed to help you with this.

Things Incorrectly Imagined

Satan convinces a person to believe something is real when it actually does not exist. In the person's mind it is real and Satan can use it to manipulate the person.

Satan can only deceive or distract by trying to make you believe something is real when it is not or unreal when it exists.

Note that God has chosen this method of deception as one of the ways He will confuse the wisdom of those who reject Him, and demons have also gladly adopted this method of attack, using that which is not there to affect that which is there, convincing the mind that things are not what they really are or seem to be and by this directing or controlling a person's mind.

Satan will try to deceive you or distract you so that you do not see things as they really are. Remember, his objective is to lead you away from Truth so that you go to hell and become ineffective as a follower of Jesus. Satan tells you lies, misuses scriptures, misuses the Truth as well as using half-truths, all with the purpose of deceiving you.

Satan tries to place thoughts in your mind in order to convince you to do what he wants you to do. People often mistake these thoughts as their "own" thoughts, when, in reality, these thoughts are not a result of their own thinking processes but rather, are projected thoughts from Satan. This is another

deception demons place on people.

In order to deceive us and lie to us Satan has to make us doubt that real things are not what they seem to be and that unreal things are the reality. This is the only way he can warp our thought processes and guide us into the way he wants us to think. Then he can intensify his attack with these wrong thoughts until we do not know what is right or wrong and ensnare us in our own thoughts.

Satan attacks when you are tired and have less resistance, when you are bored and looking for something different to do, or when God does not appear to be meeting your needs, so you seek to meet them yourself. He also attacks by trying to blind us to God's choice and then, substitutes his choice for God's. You will have God's peace about the right choice. Satan will often try to get you to accept his answer to prayer first, which he tries to slip in before God answers, which is why a second witness is necessary, at times, to verify the answer to prayer or prophecy.

If you are doing the right thing, Satan will try and place doubt in your mind. If you are doing the wrong thing, The Holy Spirit will not give you peace. If you desire something excessively or inordinately, you may end up doing the wrong thing. As you do not listen to God and use fleshly desires for guidance, you will have a false sense of peace and will not hear The Holy Spirit trying to get your attention. His voice will be blocked by your wrong desires and the pleasure their happening gives to your flesh and you will not be able to tell that is it not from God either as prophecy or an answer to prayer.

In order to get you to sin, Satan will need to either:

Convince you that you desire the action, causing you to sin and rebel against Jesus, or

Convince you that you cannot defeat the temptation.

Both are lies. Satan cannot make you do anything unless he convinces you that it is worthwhile for you to do it or unless he convinces you that you are unable to defeat the temptation and that you must give in and do it. Satan tries to hide the way of escape that God provides for you in the temptation or implies that the way is not adequate to enable you to defeat the temptation. (1 Corinthians 10:13). Satan has to convince you that you enjoy it more than what God offers you or that you are inadequate to fight the temptation and that Jesus or anyone else cannot help you and that there is no way out of it.

Satan can do nothing unless you have a wrong attitude or a lack of knowledge with which he can use to deceive you. The solution is to take all wrong attitudes to Jesus using the five steps to victory and repent of them and cease from doing them. The Bible and The Holy Spirit will guide you in recognizing these. It is also important to know all the facts before you do something - even if you have to ask The Holy Spirit what to do. In order to get you to sin, Satan must either deceive you or lie to you.

It is also important to know The Bible so you can recognise the lies of Satan and defeat them with the truth.

Sin is something you decide to do, either to compensate for some hurt or pain, or because you like it more than what God wants for you. Sin is rebellion against (the rejection of) Jesus, who loves you and who has power of eternal life or death over You.

Remember, there are three results from the way Satan attacks you. He makes you:

Feel fearful (isolated, alone, that God is far away)

Feel inadequate (wrong self-opinion), feeling God has not given you what you need to do His work

Feel apprehensive (having anxiety, worry, lack of trust in God's Love and Control)

If you do not feel anything as a result of sin then you are either not a Christian or have a seared conscience in that area.

Satan's objective is to foster in you ways of compensation for your hurts that take you away from God, His Love, and your trust in His Control, Purposes and Plans for you. These ways of wrongly dealing with hurts are how mental illness and addiction occur. Satan replaces in our mind the Truths of God with lies so that we will sin and not know it.

What you need to remember is that he uses areas that are damaged or wrong in your life. So, you need to look at these damaged or wrong (sinful) areas in order to get an idea of the root cause from which you need deliverance or healing.

Remember, there must be agreement with his thoughts or pleasures in order to sin, but you do not have to agree to them and can deal with the temptation as detailed in the next section.

How do you defeat Satan?

Satan cannot make you do anything you do not agree to do. So, the first line of defence is your rejecting what he offers. When you are attacked ask The Holy Spirit if you are being attacked from within you or outside of you. If attacked from within you then deliverance is needed. If attacked from outside of you then cast it out in Jesus, Name and send them to Him asking The Holy Spirit to fill you.

When you are tempted and feel you need deliverance use the following framework (The Five Steps to freedom):

As it is a battle of kings you address the king (Satan).

- 1. Give the sin, area of moral weakness, circumstance, problem, event, or situation to Jesus to be lord of,*
- 2. Forgive all who have offended you including yourself, repent of bitterness and root of bitterness any wrong emotions or attitudes to others as well as any sins you have and bring them to Jesus,*
- 3. Command Satan to go in Jesus' Name to Jesus and to take all he did to you with him as he no longer has a right to these areas as they now belong to Jesus,*
- 4. In Jesus Name command healing and restoration of all the damage Satan did to you,*
- 5. Ask Jesus to send The Holy Spirit to fill you replacing all the demons that have left to and anoint you as necessary to serve Jesus.*

If there is no need for deliverance then tell any demon attacking you that you belong to Jesus and to go to Jesus in Jesus' Name.

Whenever I get a wrong thought (of pride or otherwise), sensation, feeling or emotion, I usually use

the five-step pattern above.

In summary:

If the thought is from God, you obey it.

If the thought is from you ensure it is given to God or dealt with as He tells you to.

If the thought is from Satan, reject it after determining if deliverance is needed or just casting out of the demon is required then do what you need to send Him to Jesus.

1 Corinthians 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

The Truths of God set us free. The Holy Spirit's guidance keeps us free from the bondages of Satan. We must focus on what God requires of and set ourselves apart for His purposes. Of course, we must also be in a correct relationship with God. We should always have our focus centred on Jesus and our relationship to Him as well as on the responsibilities of our citizenship in Heaven.

If you cannot trust God's Love, you cannot trust His Protection, Provision, Rewards, Purposes, Control, etc. as being for your best interests.

Emotions and Reasons

Satan needs to make our emotions and excitement overcome our reason so that you will do things without thinking of the result of the action because you enjoy them so much.

He uses exciting activities, sex, drugs, fears, whatever causes you to react first and ask Holy Spirit second (to reason out the consequences of your actions) so that the consequences of the activity are not considered or God listened too.

This is why you must control your reacting and never do anything that forces you to lose control of your mind and body as this is what Satan is after so he can afflict you or use you.

Never agree, reason, react or assume but ask The Holy Spirit what to do when The Bible does not have an obvious answer.

Things Incorrectly Reasoned

Demons use a person's own reason or senses to lead him/her astray through suggesting incorrect lines of reasoning to follow or incorrect pleasures to enjoy. We are led off course for a few reasons and it is usually the result of trying to obtain wrong 'wisdom' that God has kept from us or a lack of the truths in The Bible. The knowledge itself may be right but, as we seek it, it will distract us from what God wants us to do. (Deuteronomy 29:29). A good example of this is concentrating on end-time prophecy while neglecting to show love towards fellow Christians.

Being led astray can also occur as a result of seeking wrong pleasure(s) or because of an answer we desperately want from God (which God does not want to give us yet). Therefore, an answer to the question we desperately seek is happily supplied by a demon with the purpose of leading us away from God's purposes for our life.

This happens usually as the demons have isolated us from those that can guide and help us and then blinded us to the Truth through deception to the point that we accept what they suggest, and there is then no one to help us see our errors. We also cannot hear The Holy Spirit for some reason so cannot hear his guidance or warnings. Sometimes this is because our mind is confused as to what is from God and what is from Satan and so we do not know who to listen too.

The false wisdom of demons can blind people to the Truth so that they cannot realize their error and then refuse correction when told, since nothing appears too them to be wrong

We are led astray through seeking prophecy and receiving an incorrect one because the prophet gives us one to satisfy us and does not check its source first. We are also led into error because of seeking wrong pleasures or knowledge that seems good to us. It is important to test the spirit behind a prophecy or word of knowledge.

Demons cannot read minds, but, from constant observation of a person and their knowledge of people in general, demons have a rough idea as to what a person is thinking. This is especially so if they have been helping the person to formulate their thought processes. They can live in the soul of the person (their house) so by observation know much about a person and how they think even if only because they formulated the way the person thinks because of their suggestions to the person's mind and these being accepted by the person.

Demons also seem to have some idea as to how God intends to use people and will try to remove them, lead them astray, or make them ineffective for God's purposes.

Six important areas to guard are:

Incorrect reasoning about our worth to God, others, and ourselves

Incorrect reasoning about our relationship to God, demons, and others

Incorrect reasoning about what the Bible says who God is and what He requires of us

Incorrect reasonings about the truths of God

Incorrect reasoning as to our actual relationship to the world (Satan's kingdom)

Incorrect reasonings about pleasure for ourselves or others

Incorrect reasoning or pleasures are often fed by things incorrectly imagined or things excessively desired (lusts).

Remember, lust can be driven by pleasure or an emotional pain that needs to be comforted. The latter occurs through seeking comfort outside of what Jesus has provided. Such examples of compensating for pain are: incorrect relationships, adulterous affairs, premarital sex, acquisition of wealth, overeating, collecting things, etc. and anything commonly known as an addiction.

Remember, demons try to control you by planting their ways of thinking in your mind. The only way they can do that is to hide the Truth from you or to compromise Truths that you know. Demons do this by making you believe that the thoughts and imaginations they are placing in your mind are from yourself. This is why you must know the Truths of God and not seek spiritual wisdom outside the guidelines He has set.

Demons can use any of your senses in attacking you, with the objective of making your thought processes, reactions, emotions, and attitudes captive to them or to cause a sinful reaction which becomes part of your character.

Demons try to promote the lie that you do not have enough strength to fight the temptation and that you must fall into it. This lie hides the fact that you alone can decide to sin, as the demon must entice you to exercise your will in agreement with what they desire you to do in order for you to sin. In addition, this lie hides the fact that you would have to ignore God's promise that you will never be tempted more than you can bear and that there is a way to escape the temptation. If a demon cannot get your will to agree with the sin when you what they suggest is wrong, then you do not sin.

Remember it is not the action that is the sin but the agreement in your heart to do it.

Idols

An idol is anything we put before God and His Will.

To get your attention permanently off Jesus, Satan has to make idols in your life:

To get your attention off the Kingdom of God and your responsibilities as a citizen of its Kingdom Satan needs to replace them with idols in your life

Idols are smokescreens Satan uses to hide the truth.

We do not realise most of our idols are because we do not knowingly worship them because Satan has managed to place these idols in us without our knowledge.

As we remove our focus onto the things of the world and embrace any of them Satan can place idols in us.

We do not necessarily worship these idols but they are something we knowingly hold onto and do not give to God to deal with.

Idols do not belong to the Kingdom of God so that anything associated with them can be attacked' by Satan.

Idols do not have to be physical. They can be wrong attitudes, Thoughts or practices we like. Remember that it is a spiritual battle so idols are not usually visible but exist in our attitudes to the spiritual things of God!

The Main Areas of Attack

Thought processes - the way we think about things (incorrect reasoning and knowledge)

Imagination - what we fantasize in our mind, having our thoughts and desires filled with things God may not want us to think about

Feelings - pleasure, pain and what gives us these feelings

Emotions - sadness, happiness, etc. and what gives us these emotions

Memories - the collective experience of our past that shapes nearly all we think and do. These are hard to deal with and may be very painful.

Emotional pain and hurts - demons build on both pains and pleasures of the past

Attitudes - the way we approach things (resulting from memories, emotions, feelings, and reason combined so that these are harder to deal with)

Habits - the way we usually do things (resulting from memories, emotions, feelings attitudes and reason combined so that these are harder to deal with)

Stirring up the iniquity of our flesh - the tendency for the flesh to preserve itself at any cost and to give itself pleasure at any cost, regardless of whether or not sin results

The Basic Attacks of Satan - A Summary

He uses your thought patterns and memory against you so you will reach wrong conclusions and be trapped in a wrong mind set!

Lies

Delusions

Innuendoes

Half-truths

Misquotes - especially The Bible

Imagined Fears

Through the three types of lust

Bodily cravings - satisfying bodily pleasure either excessively or wrongly

Covetousness - not trusting in God's provision for you

Pride - Imagined greatness or confidence in your own abilities so you usurp God's Glory or Authority

Through circumstances - By using these to cause you to fall into sin

Being in the wrong place wilfully

Not trusting God for the results of an event

Not trusting God's purposes in them

By using them to exhibit incorrect authority

Through the way you act towards other people

Accusation

Negative Criticism

Gossip

Slander

Casting Spells and similar (Mesmerizing, charming hexing, controlling you)

Making you use up their time fruitlessly

Through blocking God's answers to your prayers and causing you to doubt His love, purpose and even presence.

All are fought through a self-disciplined mind that holds onto the promises of God and takes God at his word as well as casting out the demons tempting you and using the 'Five Steps to Victory' to do any necessary deliverance!

You do not dwell on the temptation and fight it. You just quote The Word and ignores the demon and the thoughts it is trying to place in your mind for you to accept. Remember that Satan can only get you to do anything he suggests only if you decide to act on his suggestion.

Satan also tries to:

Distort or deny the truth of the Word of God (Make the power of The Word ineffective in daily life and cause compromise between God's requirements and the ways of the world.)

Sensationalism

Ecumenicism

Rationalism

Discredit the testimony of God's people (Make the Christian life appear to be nothing unusual or worthwhile so it does not attract people to it as any lifestyle will do.)

Situationism

Individualism

Isolationism

Depress or destroy the believer's enthusiasm for God's Work (People are God's only vehicles and if these do not do His work then no one will.)

Pessimism

Negativism

Defeatism

Dilute the effectiveness of God's church (destroy the unity of God's army so it will be ineffective so he can divide it and conquer it.)

Cultism

Egoism

Antagonism

While Satan is limited with what He can do to you there is nothing to stop him leaving things around for your lusts to accept and use and by this gain a foothold in you. This is how he use the media he controls.

Race and Culture a stratagem of Satan.

By forming races and cultures Satan can make an idol of the culture or race you are raised in and causes pride, racism, and other divisive matters that causes Christians to fight each other and to forget they are citizens of heaven and not a country on earth. So, country and race are placed before relationships as a fellow Christian. They forget they are a global citizen of the Kingdom of God and will see their fulfilment as such when Jesus rules in the Millennium and which we but taste now.

How Satan Attacks More Considerations

While Satan may attack us physically it is the attacks on the mind that are the most dangerous as he tries to make us think in a way that is different to how God wants us to think. It is also through these attacks on the mind that sickness is allowed entry at times. (See 1 Cor 11:24-30 for an example and Job where his doubt in God's ability to protect what God had given him resulted in sores over all his body).

He tries to create mind sets (habitual ways of thinking) and attitudes (habitual ways of behaving) that are contrary to the purposes of God so that we cannot hear The Holy Spirit clearly or understand correctly the Bible.

All demonic attack is designed to mould the way we think. They are designed to hide truth from us or compromise our understanding of the truths of God as it is these truths that the Holy Spirit uses to set us free from the control of the kingdom of darkness over our life's purposes and direction. Demons aim to make our 'flesh' and its attitudes, motivation and purposes control the Christian's mind negating the influence of The Holy Spirit living in it. They also use the desires of the flesh (body) to overcome the promptings of The Holy Spirit, hence the need to discipline our bodies and mind.

All demonic attacks are designed to build up incorrect mind sets (ways of thinking) that will ruin your relationship with God and others as well as to isolate you from other people so you have no one to encourage and guide you to steadfastness, truth, and endurance in your Christian walk. One of their biggest weapons is to make you doubt what you believe is correct. This is why we need to know the Bible so well and hear The Holy Spirit clearly.

Demons know that if they can isolate you this will make you less effective or completely ineffective for God, take away your joy of living and possibly drive you to self-destruction or insanity.

Hence demons destroy marriages by breaking down communication between husband and wife through instilling fear in one partner of the other partner or selfishness in one partner; families by breaking down communication between family members (parents and children); churches by hidden agendas, sins and hurts not being communicated and dealt with and people by abuse and making them doubt their sanity.

Jesus said a house divided cannot stand and demons know this. It is a pity Christians and denominations do not know this and as a result fall easy prey to demonic destructiveness. According to Jesus, denominations (which by nature divide the body of Christ) will not stand and are destined for destruction. This destruction comes not by the denomination disappearing but by it losing its Christian witness and nature so it becomes a man driven organization hanging onto the last vestiges of Christianity it can still muster.

It also becomes of no relevance to the unsaved as its members are too similar in the lifestyle to the unsaved for there to be a witness by their life to the power and nature of Christianity or too holy or religious for the unsaved to be able to relate to them. The Church or denomination becomes irrelevant, powerless, and comfortable with the world's values.

How is demonisation done?

A demon places a thought into a person's mind. The person thinks it is their own thought. The thought may not be acceptable at first and be rejected but the demon is persistent and if the person does not know the truth regarding the thought it will eventually be accepted. They will succumb to the temptation. They accept it as they think it is their own thought or argument and that is something they want to do.

The thought will usually be something pleasurable, a fear (including insecurities) or a misunderstanding of Scripture but it will usually meet the need in a weakness the person has and will aim to incorrectly satisfy that need.

The person accepts the thought and it becomes a part of their understanding and way of doing things (mindset, attitude, or habit) and so natural to the person that they think they thought of it. Eventually it becomes a part of their lifestyle.

The Holy Spirit may give the person unease about the thought, but if the truth about the situation, attitude or habit is not known the person will not deal with it, even though it is incorrect and ultimately detrimental to them. That is why hearing the Holy Spirit is so important as he gives us the truths that set us free.

This wrong attitude (sin) allows a gateway for the demon and wrong habits or attitudes to be developed under the guidance of this demon so that after a while the person is so controlled or affected by these that they are considered demonised - no longer completely in control of their attitudes but those imposed on them that they think are their own. They may realise they have a problem and be tormented by it as they appear unable to do anything about it.

If the demons are able to hide the truth from them, or the person enjoys the pleasure of the 'sin' so they will not give it up, or they are not Christians they will become obsessed or even possessed and enter into depravity. They may even lose control of their mind. They become a tool for the demons in them.

This is where the deliverance ministry comes in to set a person free. Through repentance and the delegated authority of Jesus a Christian can be set free (if they want to be free) from the influence of every demon troubling them.

Jesus said that the truth would set you free. It will also prevent you being oppressed or possessed.

The demons attack our sensuality, our attitudes, and our security with the objective of placing fear or error in our minds that will lead us into sin. The easiest way to defeat them is to ignore the thoughts they plant in our mind and the only way to know if these are correct thoughts is to listen the Holy Spirit's guidance and also to know what the Bible says about things in our lives.

Satan can only attack us in certain ways:

Some examples are as follows:

Through our bodies:

Pain and disease

Evoking sensual emotions in us that give us pleasure

Addictions in our bodies

Through our mind:

Using past memories to guide the way we think as well as evoking false shame, guilt and grief

Evoking emotions and feelings as if they are our own so we feel guilty about them or indulge in them

Placing wrong thoughts in our mind making them appear they come from us so we doubt our own sanity and state of mind.

Through our soul:

Dividing it through trauma (MPD) so it appears the person is fragmented or has two or more personalities in them

Smothering and oppressing it so the mind is not clear and cannot function properly

Wounding and scarring it

A Christians' spirit cannot be inhabited by demons but their soul, mind and body can. The Holy Spirit dwells in their spirit and demons have no legal right of entry to it as a result of them belonging to the Kingdom of God.

The demons attack our sensuality, our attitudes, and our security with the objective of placing error in our minds that will lead us into sin. 1 John 2:56,16 can be summarised as follows:

	The lust of the flesh	The lust of the eyes	The pride of life
The area attacked	The needs of the body (lower emotions and pleasure)	Desire for security or power	The need for importance and identity
The insecurity (fear)	My body will not have its needs met by God	I will not have enough power or possessions to protect myself and live a comfortable, safe lifestyle	I will not have enough recognition to feel good about myself
The false security	I can meet my own needs and feel good	I can make my own security without the need for God	I can become or am someone because I am important and powerful (because of what I have accomplished or

			are aiming too)
The lie	What I can provide for my body is better than what God can give me	What I get will be better for me than what God can get me.	The promotion and authority I get will be better than what God can get me
The sin	Not trusting the provision of The Father	Not trusting the guidance and truths of The Holy Spirit	Not trusting God's plan for your life

A former Satanist who is now a Christian said there were only two ways demons attack you:

Deception to lead you astray

Distraction to stop you doing God's work

All attacks of demons are fought through a self-disciplined mind that holds onto the truths and promises of God and takes God at his word as well as drawing near to Jesus so the demons must flee when you resist them! This is the basis of the 'Five Steps to Victory'. Demons cannot go against your free will and can only succeed if you give them the victory through agreeing with them in your will by allowing them to guide it.

Satan tries also to isolate us from other Christians so we become depressed and despondent. He also tries to isolate us from The Holy Spirit so we cannot hear the leading of God clearly so we cannot hear the truths of God to counteract the lies (attacks) of demons.

He tries to make us feel bad about our self (through promoting wrong opinions of ourselves in our mind) so we feel inadequate and will not warfare against him or serve God as well as we could.

He tries to stir up sensual pleasures in our bodies or addictions so that these will overcome the Holy Spirit in a Christian and we will follow his value system and not God's as well as too impure to serve God.

He tries to make us doubt God's Love and provision so we will no longer follow God but our own reason as we seek to provide for ourself and find love and purpose in this world. This also makes God and His purposes of less important to us than our own.

He does all of these by trying to control the way our mind thinks so we think the way he wants us to and not the way God wants us too.

But mostly he tries to hide the fact how easily it is to defeat his temptations and that he was defeated at Calvary and can be cast out easily using the delegated authority of Jesus.

One does not dwell on the temptation but fight it. One draws near to Jesus quotes The Word (Bible), obeys it, and ignores the temptation (resisting the attacking demon) and casts the demon into the abyss!

In deliverance Jesus is asked to heal the person's memories, emotions, body, etc. and to remove these types of demonic accesses in them so they cannot be used against them. Remember Satan tries to use these against us to make us think as he wants us to think, therefore, they need to be healed (removed from us) so Satan cannot use them. Our method of attack used to prevail against Satan is the Five Steps to Victory.

Defending Against Attack on our Thoughts or Imaginations

Ignore these attacks. The more you concentrate on these thoughts the more prominent they will become and the greater disturbance they will cause to your peace. The demon hopes the thoughts will take root in your mind because they cause you so much stress to resist. Command the demon to leave in Jesus' Name. Replace these negative thoughts with a Godly Thought.

This is why Paul gives the advice in Philippians 4:6-8

Phil 4:6-8 Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

To do the above we need to take every thought to Jesus for him to deal with (2 Corinthians 5:10) and tell any demons behind them to leave in Jesus' Name and ask The Holy Spirit to take their place.

If you ignore a thought, it cannot affect you or be acted on, but it can increase in intensity as demons try harder for you to accept it. However, if you remove the demon and replace the evil thought with a godly thought, it loses its power in your mind. In Jesus' Name command the demon behind the thought(s) being placed in your mind to go to Tartarus, as you do not want to act upon these thoughts in your mind. If it is a demon it will have to go (unless it has a legal right to be there). If the thought continues, then you must examine yourself to see if there is a sin you need to repent of and deliverance is necessary. You must also examine your own thought processes to see why that thought was able to be there. How to deal with temptation is explained elsewhere in the Five Steps to Victory.

The main defence is to give the thought over to the Lordship of Jesus, and either cast off the demon (if they are outside trying to get in) or cast them out using the five steps.

Emotions Demons try and place on us?

Their desire is to place on us the following emotions:

Fear: So we will be afraid of God and his purposes so that we cannot appreciate His love for us or willingly accept His authority over us. Through this fear Satan tries to make us afraid of God and His things so that we try to please God but believe we cannot. We then end up in ritual and legalism in the hope we can please God by doing things we know He has been pleased with previously.

Doubt: So we cannot believe in the goodness of God, His Love, His provision, His Control, Plans and Purposes for us.

Unbelief: So we do believe in the existence of God, His authority and His purposes, His ability to defeat Satan, His delegated authority to defeat Satan that we have or even doubt the existence of the devil.

Demons use two methods to achieve these:

Deceit (so we misunderstand God's Love and Purposes)

Distraction (So we miss God's direction for our life and follow Satan's suggestions)

The purpose of Satan is to create wrong ways of thinking and wrong emotions that will control the way we react or cope with problems and temptations in life. This is why it is important not to react but to ask The Holy Spirit what to do.

These wrong emotions all affect how we relate to others. They also affect our image of who God is!

How we see our parents affects our interpretation of how God relates to us. If we have loving parents, it is easier to accept God loves you than if you have parents that abused you. This is because the way you relate to your parents forms your concept of how to relate to authority and if your relationship with your parents is not correct, then your relationship with God or earthly authorities will not be correct.

The above attacks lead to

Rebellion: this is the rejection of God and the authority that has been appointed by His guidelines over us

Indifference: this is ignoring the Love of God for yourself or other people as well as the needs of others.

Pride: we are better or more important than others so can ignore them or not do what they say

Wrong coping mechanisms: these control the way we deal with things that hurt us or threaten our self-esteem. Addictions are often a result of incorrect coping mechanisms and along with other compensating measures are used by demons to try and control us.

These attacks are a result of incorrect views about

Who we are

What others think of us (and how we should relate to them)

What God thinks of us (and how we should relate to Him)

Dealing with Vain (useless/empty) Imaginations

Vain imaginations may be harder to deal with if there is a past sin or hurt that demons are using to torment you by using a picture from your memory to reinforce them. You may need to repent of a sin and ask The Holy Spirit to heal the emotions and feelings associated with that memory and/or hurt so it cannot be used against you.

You need to take them to Jesus and ask the Holy Spirit to replace these thoughts. You will need to either cast off the demons placing these thoughts in your mind or use the 'Five Steps to Victory.'

Dealing with Incorrect Feelings and Emotions

These are interrelated, as one will elicit the other.

Ignore them. It is the demon trying to control your spirit through the use of your body (flesh), which is why we discipline our bodies and bring them under subjection of our will (and of course God's

will). You will need to either cast off the demons placing these thoughts in your mind or use the ‘Five Steps to Victory’.

Excitation of Our Body

Resist the pleasure or pain, knowing what Jesus endured on the Cross for you. Reject what the devil is trying to place onto you. Excitation of your body is a demon trying to control your spirit through the use of your body (flesh), which is why we discipline our bodies and bring them under subjection of our will (and of course God’s will for us). Think about something Godly instead to block out the excitation and command the demon to go in Jesus’ Name.

You will need to either cast off the demons placing these thoughts in your mind or use the ‘Five Steps to Victory.’

Dealing with Past Memories

While memories may no longer (and should no longer) cause you guilt, shame, condemnation, pain, or other hurtful emotions, these memories still exist and are able to be used by demons. However, if the memories are healed, they cannot affect us anymore. Do not dwell on the past, as our Lord said in Luke 9:62:

“No man having started the work of the Kingdom and who then looked back is fit for use in The Kingdom of God.”

The past is gone. It cannot be changed. There were lessons to learn, and you should have learned them and moved on. Look to the future and the things Jesus has given you to do and press on! If you dwell in the past, it is difficult for you to do what Jesus wants you to do now, and in the future. This is why memories are used by demons to plague Christians so much. Demons eat away at the minds of Christians with negative emotions to take away their joy.

Demons remind you of past memories to cause your body to be excited sensually, or to cause you to feel guilt and condemnation, or to cause you other emotional pain. The defence against this type of attack is to remind yourself that all guilt, shame, and condemnation were dealt with by Jesus on Calvary (Colossians 2:13-16) and that these emotions no longer apply to you, as you are in a proper relationship with Jesus and The Father and then cast off these demons placing these thought and emotions on you. You should seek any necessary healing of these hurts and memories as well as think Godly thoughts to replace the wrong ones. Of course, repent of any sins. Deliverance done properly can be a great help in these areas.

Dealing with Past Hurts

Past hurts and pain need to be healed so they cannot be used by demons to manipulate you. The healing of past hurts will eliminate a demon’s ability to manipulate your reactions and will undermine the demon’s ability to try to control your thought processes through these hurts being removed.

Dealing with Incorrect Habits and Attitudes

Dealing with incorrect habits and attitudes are just a matter of will power, however, the cause of the habit should be examined in case there is a need for inner healing or deliverance. You should also know why the habit or attitude is wrong in the eyes of God.

Just because the general consensus is against a habit does not mean it is wrong in the eyes of God. If the habit is not against the laws of God, there may be no moral compunction to stop it. However, if it causes someone to stumble and sin, then God's Law of Love for others declares the action or attitude to be wrong, as you are not demonstrating love for the other person and you may be a stumbling block causing the person to sin. You need to differentiate between demonic criticism using another person to attack you (usually through legalism) and real problems caused to another person by your habits or attitude. Demonic criticism occurs because of a sin or past hurt in someone which allows demons to use that person to criticize you (usually so the person feels superior or better morally than the person being criticized).

The real test is to ask The Holy Spirit what to do and to remember that things that are not of eternal consequence are not worth fighting over, or splitting up marriages, churches, or other relationships.

Dealing with the 'Flesh'

This one is crucial as the Bible states that the spirit and the flesh are at enmity with one another (they hate each other).

'Enmity' is defined as

A state of deep-seated ill-will

The feeling of a hostile person

In other words, they hate each other. Is this any surprise seeing as how the flesh (soul) is the domain of demons and the spirit of a Christian the home of The Holy Spirit? The flesh is also called 'the body of flesh,' and Paul tells us how to defeat its attack on us.

1 Corinthians 9:27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

Note that enmity can only be felt between things with a mind to be able to hate the other. So, the flesh and the spirit both have a spiritual side to their activities. Behind the flesh and its activities is a demon. Behind our spirit is The Holy Spirit.

The body and soul are the places in which demons can reside in a Christian. They cannot reside in a Christian's spirit. That is why a demon of addiction may need to be cast out of the body as well as the soul.

Remember also the words of Paul in order to have the correct view as well as the hope of the result the trial brings forth!

Hebrews 12:11 Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.

Realizing this fact, that demons stir the flesh but The Holy Spirit guides your spirit, will free you once you can discern between flesh and spirit. This will enable you to deal with the entrances the demons have to you. Normally, these accesses are a wrong thought (either knowingly or unknowingly made), a hurt, unforgiveness, bitterness or an unconfessed sin. Sin can be unconfessed because you either want to do it, you do not know it is there, or you need healing to be able to deal with it.

Trials (attacks by demons) are allowed for two reasons:

As a growth mechanism so we will mature more

As punishment with the objective of having us realize we are out of God's will and need to change something (repent) in order to come back to where God wants us.

The attacks are lessened if the person has gone through deliverance and inner healing as there will be less material for the demons to use.

All that is required in order to defeat the demonic attack is an understanding that God says it is wrong, the willpower to fight it, and the trust in Jesus that He will not allow you to be tempted above what you are able (1 Corinthians 10:13). Also, casting out or removing external demons that are attacking you helps you defeat the attack faster.

God is on your side. He does not tempt you but you can tempt yourself!

James 1:13-15 ¶ Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death.

How does Satan influence so many people?

A former warlock once told me Satan has limited spirits at his disposal so must place them strategically. Where has he placed them? Governments, Leaders of large Corporations and their boards, The Law courts and Public service (to enforce the laws he is making at higher levels), education (to corrupt the mind of children), Police and Army (to enforce his laws and allows the evil things he promotes), in the leadership of churches and denominations (to control the churches so they do not cause him problems), the media (to spread his lies and brainwash people so they will believe his lies as truth) and anywhere there is policy making or control of policy that is made.

It is dangerous to listen to what is considered normal these days as Satan has so much corrupted things that the truth is no longer there and what the world now calls normal is usually an aberration of the truth.

How does this impact on our search for holiness?

Paul had a similar problem and said:

2 Cor 6:17-18 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you. And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

2 Cor 7:1 Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

So, we must be able to withdraw from the things Satan promotes otherwise we will be compromised in our faith as we accept his things if only by passively watch or accepting what he promotes.

Coping Mechanisms

To dull emotional pain coping mechanisms are used; sex, drugs, alcohol, music, food, and other ways

of dulling the senses. These often lead to death through abuse or illnesses contracted as a result of the coping mechanism or fear caused by the abuse.

To dull mental pain any of more of the following can occur: emotions are divorced from our mind processes, over-activity can be used to overcome the mental pain, we create our own fantasy world where the pain has not part, or we can withdraw from human contact. These coping mechanisms when carried to extreme can lead to schizophrenia, paranoia, and psychopathic behaviour. These also can result in suicide or being placed in a mental institution.

Satan destroys people who abuse their body through excessive physical abuse so that their body eventually breaks down. With mental illness, this physical breakdown does not happen to the same degree, as only the mind is really affected. Satan must therefore have the person kill themselves to destroy them.

Anxiety disorders can lead to high blood pressure, heart problems, and eventually stroke or brain aneurisms.

You can be freed from these coping mechanisms through the ministry of Jesus and the Holy Spirit (healing and deliverance). When that freedom is obtained you then need to learn correct coping mechanisms.

The basis of a correct coping mechanism is to know your position in relation to Jesus, be led by His spirit and to trust Him in everything. When we know and assimilate these things, we can accept criticism and evaluate it correctly so the demons cannot place lies in our mind to try and ensnare us.

Jesus said (John 8:32 NCV) "Then you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free." and (John 8:36 NCV) "So if the Son makes you free, you will be truly free."

We need to face the truth in the situation. What does God think about the situation? Is it my problem or another's. Is the other person trying to cope with their own problems and using me to make them feel better, so they can cope with their own hurts and pain? (This is often the case with domineering people - they control others to feel superior and must find fault with others as well so they feel better than them and can feel important and worthwhile as a person).

Have I done something wrong? Then I had better deal with it by confessing my sin to God and accepting the chastening of people in authority over me and also correct the error I have fallen into. There may also be a need for deliverance.

I must know what God thinks of me, how He loves me and allows chastening to occur to make me more like Jesus and so that I will not fall into the errors that will destroy me or my body, or even my relationship with Him, so I end up in hell!

I need to feel good about myself as a person so I have a base on which to be able to accept criticism justly or unjustly made - and be able to unemotionally evaluate a situation before reacting to it.

I need to think about a situation rather than reacting to it from incorrect coping mechanisms learnt from previous experience so that the pain and hurts in my memories do not control my reactions to the situation.

We should always react unemotionally taking it to The Holy Spirit for His advice and then responding as He advises.

I need to understand what a person is trying to say or express rather than what they are actually saying. This is where one needs to build communication skills.

Most of all, we need to have the peace of God in our hearts (conscience) before we make any radical decisions that involve 'leaps of faith' so we can determine the source any suggestion comes from.

We need to evaluate thoughts in our mind to see if they line up with what God says. Then we can tell if the thought is from God or the devil. Jesus will never place thoughts of fear, confusion, or rebellion in our minds, When The Holy Spirit convicts of wrong, there is unease in our spirit, but there is no fear.

All guilt shame and condemnation were dealt with at Calvary so that after true confession and repentance there should be none of these. If there is then it is demons trying to place these on you. Tell them to go to the abyss in Jesus' Name as they have no right to do this.

Anything that makes you feel bad and worthless does not come from God but from a demon. Anything that tries to help you as a person to cope with your problems or to encourage you is from God - providing it does not try to replace belief in Jesus with belief in something else, as demons also parody Christianity in building up people and helping them to cope with their situations except, they eventually lead the people away from God to another 'god' (demon), or into a belief in the person's own 'innate' goodness and abilities.

Finally, I quote the following as being God's way of protecting the mind and your belief systems:

Trust God in all things

(Phil 4:6-7 NCV) Do not worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks. And God's peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Think only positive thoughts

(Phil 4:8 NCV) Brothers and sisters, think about the things that are good and worthy of praise. Think about the things that are true and honorable and right and pure and beautiful and respected.

Serve only Jesus

(Rom 12:1-2 NCV) So brothers and sisters, since God has shown us great mercy, I beg you to offer your lives as a living sacrifice to him. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to him, which is the spiritual way for you to worship. Do not change yourselves to be like the people of this world, but be changed within by a new way of thinking. Then you will be able to decide what God wants for you; you will know what is good and pleasing to him and what is perfect.

Desire the things of Jesus and heaven

(Col 3:1-2 NKJV) If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

The secret to coping is to trust God's Control of, Purposes, Plans and Love in all circumstances and

patiently wait for Him to do His Great Work in you and while you are waiting, just to get on with life and His requirements of you.

Summary of correct coping mechanism

Once I recognize my reaction or behaviour was or is inappropriate, and not in accordance with how Jesus would have behaved, I need to:

Determine the way Jesus would have behaved (and confess any sins)

Determine what hurt or pain caused me to behave that way

Deal with it (deliverance and inner healing or just the casting off of external demons)

Make any apologies, ask any forgiveness needed and make any restitution necessary.

Ask Holy Spirit to help and guide you not behave that inappropriate way in future.

Legal Rights in the Spirit World

A demon has to have a legal right in the spirit realm in order to attack a person. The attack occurs as a result of the area not having been given over to the Lordship of Jesus. It can also occur because of demons placing thoughts in the mind to convince them to give them legal access. This legal right allows demons to attack a person until the person repents, and the demon is cast out.

Examples of areas which allow legal demonic attack are fear, worry, anxiety, stealing, white lies, incorrect sex (premarital, extramarital e.g.) or anything against the Laws of God. The legal right occurs because a demon has managed to persuade a person to give it to them by accepting their lies. It does not naturally exist, but must be created by demons somehow and works in conjunction with your will which has been seduced by the demon in that area and accepted what the demon has offered.

An attack happens as the area is no longer completely in The Kingdom of God or under the full protection of Jesus. Remember, there are only two kingdoms. If it is not in one kingdom, it is automatically in the other.

This transferring of allegiance in regard to anything from the Kingdom of Jesus to that of Satan is what gives the demon the legal right to attack and eventually inhabit your soul.

Everything Satan had when Jesus rose from the dead are spoils of war and Jesus has the right to do with them as He wills. People are made by God (Job 33:4) and so are not part of Satan's property or spoils of the war of Jesus. Their fate is decided by free will. Hence the battle for the soul is really the battle for our will.

At the stage in which demons initially place suggestions in the mind of the person being tempted, they normally have no legal right to be there and are trying to establish a legal permission through deceit. At this point, a demon can be told to leave in Jesus' Name without any problem. The moment a legal right is given, repentance by the person and possibly healing of some sort needs to occur before the attack will stop and the demon can be cast out. The legal access needs to be removed before the demon can be evicted. This is what deliverance ministry is all about. Inner healing may also need to occur as a result of the damage caused by the act of sinning and its consequences.

Repentance is really an act of worship as well as stating the Righteousness of Jesus and giving control

of area repented of to Him. This should also be done during the time of deliverance in order to transfer the area to His Rule and protection through your affirmation that it is rightfully His to rule as Lord.

I believe, out of love for a person, in cases where the person is so deceived, they cannot see the truth, or where the individual is too young to understand, you bind the demons in the person allowing the person the opportunity to decide, without demonic influence, for or against Jesus. You can bind the demonic spirits that are blinding the individuals (2 Cor 4:4) so they can see the Truths and understand clearly enough to make a decision for or against Jesus.

Demons that have come in uninvited can be cast out in Jesus' Name. This is dealt with more fully in the manual on deliverance.

Limits of demons on objects

For an object to be used by a demon it must be given to the demon or dedicated to the demon by its owner or their agent otherwise it is spoils of war and can be taken off the demon at will.

The demon has to get the person to agree to it having control of the object and seeks to do this anyway it can.

In conclusion remember Satan does not 'play fair' so ;anything goes; if it suits his purposes. He has nothing to lose and he is out to take all he can with him to hell. He walks around like a roaring lion to devour all he can.

Do not give him any mercy after all he has never shown you or any other person any mercy.

Remember it is a war to the death and your soul is the eternal stakes he is playing for.