

REVIVE CHURCH-DELIVERANCE TRAINING #1 THE VALUE OF DELIVERANCE

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Two book referrals and resources we are using *They shall expel demons and pigs in the parlor.*

A main question we should ask ourselves when dealing with anything as a follower of Jesus Christ is “How did Jesus do it?”! We want to live our Christians lives out in such a way that we love Jesus, study His life, and do what He modeled and taught the original disciples.

Jesus ministry was preaching and teaching the Gospel, healing and deliverance. It's not just good news for tomorrow, the Gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to save, heal and deliver now.

Derek Prince Writes “I can find no basis anywhere in the New Testament for an evangelistic ministry that does not include the expelling of demons.”

Matthew 12:28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.

The casting out of demons demonstrated two important truths

1. **It reveals the existence of two opposing spiritual kingdoms.** The kingdom of God and the kingdom of Satan.
2. It demonstrates the victory of God’s kingdom over Satan’s
3. **Jesus preached the Gospel of the Kingdom of God.** If we are not walking out our God given authority to set people free we are not preaching and living out the Gospel Jesus preached. The Gospel is not just about heaven someday, the power of the Holy Spirit is now!
4. **The Bible is about a King and His kingdom!** His eternal plan is to rule and reign with those He loves. It is not a book that is primarily about rules and regulations. **It is about the establishment of His Kingdom. His divine government of ruling is based upon His perfect love for us.** God is looking for yielded lovers who will lay down their kingdoms so that He can usher in His Kingdom!

Discipleship, serving, evangelism, healing and deliverance are for every believer.

I. Intimacy and anointing are the two things we need in order to walk in freedom and be effective ministers.

This means that we are walking in present fellowship with the Holy Spirit, we are daily sitting at His feet and abiding. We are always putting the word of God in our mind and heart and We are free from all forms of bondage. True ministry is not for those who are half in. We must be consecrated and set apart for the purposes of God.

- The God-Man (Jesus) over method, Presence must precede practice.

I am going to emphasize this to anyone desiring to be involved in the ministry of deliverance and healing. We are meant to minister in the power of the Holy Spirit as we walk in fellowship with Jesus. It is God moving through a yielded vessel. *The ministry of deliverance brings everything into the light so that God’s power will be made known and God’s children can walk in absolute freedom.* We should have a daily practice of walking the light as He is in the light. The enemy hides in the shadows and hates the light.

Psalm 91 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

²I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.” ³Surely, **He shall deliver you** from the snare of the fowler *And* from the perilous pestilence. ⁴**He shall cover you** with His

feathers, And under His wings you shall take refuge; His truth *shall be your* shield and buckler. ¹⁶With long life I will satisfy him And show him My salvation.”

- Intimacy is the place where we are overshadowed by Jesus glory.
- Intimacy is the place where the fruit of the Holy Spirit can grow
- Intimacy is the place the gifts or manifestations of the Holy Spirit can flow through you.
- The place of deliverance is the secret place
- Our identity in sonship prepares us to walk out the kingly authority given to us. Intimacy precedes everything.
- Anointing means I am not operating in my own power. We are operating in the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within the believer and rests upon the Spirit filled, yielded and hungry.

Though it is not possible for someone who has the Holy Spirit to be demon possessed (total ownership) Christians can be demonized. A demon (unclean spirit) cannot touch your Spirit if your born again however, it can influence your soul (Mind, Will, Emotions) if we don't understand our legal rights in Jesus Christ and/or have allowed doors to remain open to the enemy.

Look at the principal found in the following verses concerning deliverance for the Christian.

Numbers 33:51-53 (NKJV) 51 “Speak to the children of Israel, and say to them: ‘When you have crossed the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 52 ‘then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, destroy all their engraved stones, destroy all their molded images, and demolish all their high places; 53 ‘you shall dispossess [the inhabitants of] the land and dwell in it, for I have given you the land to possess.

Numbers 33:55 (NKJV) ‘But if you do not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then it shall be that those whom you let remain [shall be] irritants in your eyes and thorns in your sides, and they shall harass you in the land where you dwell.

The crucified life (*death to self but alive in Christ*) is the life empowered to live in freedom and fullness. Because many Christians have received a lesser Gospel than the early church, we find many Christians who are severely demonized. Discipleship will get the devils {minion}s out of you.

The message of the Kingdom is about the rule and reign of King Jesus-His Lordship in every area.

- The word of God says in order to love Jesus we must stop loving the world, (**1John 2:15**)
- To pick up the cross and follow Him, (**Matthew 16:24**)
- If you want to save your life then you must lose your life, (**Matthew 16:25**)
- that living comes through dying (**Romans 8:13**)

The enemy of our souls loves complacency, grace without Lordship and mixture. Satan is a legalist and he works to find legal means to torment. Next week the teaching will be focused on how demons enter, what are open doors and how to close those doors for good.

1John 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Derek Prince states that *often time we are presented with an over-simplistic picture of the Christian life. You get saved and born again, baptized in water, baptized in the Holy Spirit and then you have no more problems. Unfortunately that does not correspond with the realities of Christian life. The reality is that you actually are not aware of the spiritual problem and issues until you have yielded to the Holy Spirit and are filled. Only then do we begin to understand the meaning of the words temptations, oppression or spiritual conflict.* There is not reason however to become discouraged. **We need only look at the pattern of Jesus Himself.** After the Holy Spirit came upon Him and He entered into ministry as Messiah the Anointed One, His next experience was forty days of intense persecution in the wilderness. He entered this conflict {filled with the Holy Spirit} Luke 4:1 but He came out of it victorious over Satan and began His public ministry {in the power of the Spirit. The pattern Jesus set is the one each must follow. God releases the power of the Holy Spirit through us only in the measure that we are victorious in our spiritual conflict with Satan.

We are fully reliant upon the love of the Father, the finished work of the Son and the ongoing fellowship with the person of the Holy Spirit to help us discern spirits and operate in the spiritual and not the flesh.

- Just because you or someone you love has a problem, issue, difficulty doesn't mean you have a demon but it does mean God has breakthrough for you. We have to listen to Holy Spirit, know the word of God and interview the person in order to discern correctly whether someone is simply immature in an area, has a stronghold or actually has a demonic assignment on their life that is bringing torment that needs to be dealt with and expelled.

Three major areas of freedom

- I. **The immature Christian.** This is someone who simply needs to Grow up in the faith and mature. New believers need to learn the nature of Jesus, know the word, be surrounded by other strong Christian and continue to apply themselves the truth and close the door to the world. **Often times believers who have simply not matured or entered into a true lifestyle of discipleship where Jesus is Lord are really easy targets for the enemy.** Sometimes infants pick up false ideas about Christianity and Jesus Christ. The enemy loves to take advantage of weak and helpless people. The antidote to immaturity is being formed by the word of God and discipleship. The first question we should ask someone when dealing with any issue is :Do you have a daily rhythm of sitting at the feet of Jesus and reading the word of God? Deliverance comes through being a disciple!!!!They often times don't need demons expelled they need to grow up in the faith and have their minds renewed by the word of God and the power of the Holy Spirit. You can't cast out immaturity.
 1. **Romans 12:1-2** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is your reasonable service.* ²And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.
 2. **John 17:17**-Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.
 3. **John 8:31-32** ³¹Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. ³²And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

- I. **Removing Strongholds**

1. **A stronghold is a faulty thinking pattern based on lies and deception.** Deception is one of the primary weapons of the devil, because it is the building blocks for a stronghold. What strongholds can do is cause us to think in ways which block us from God's best. **The enemy wants you to believe this is how your hard wired, his lie is that it is so wrapped into your identity you can't imagine a life without fear.** Satan is a liar. The truth "Jesus" tells us we were meant to be free. A stronghold in your life makes you see God incorrectly and yourself incorrectly. Once the stronghold is removed you can see!
2. **Strongholds, cannot be driven out, they must be cast down. Though a lot of times where there is a stronghold there is a strong man (demon) who must be bound and cast out.**

2 Corinthians 10:4- For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds,

1. **Strongholds are broken over time while demons are cast out quickly.**
 2. It's important to remember not to give up. While demons at times are quickly removed, a stronghold can take consistency, renewal of the mind with God's Word, and patience to fully remove. **Just as the house of thoughts was built over time, it must be broken down with time to ensure its full removal and replacement with God's truth.** *Strongholds are broken by the Truth while demons are cast out by the Name of Jesus.*
- I. **Expelling demons as modeled by Jesus Christ**
1. Following the pattern of Jesus , using the authority He gave all of His children to cast out demons.
 2. **The Christian should always consider the demonic as trespassers.** **If you are saved by the blood of Jesus, filled with the Holy Spirit and sanctified for His use they are unlawfully on our territory.**
 3. We are not meant to negotiate with the demonic. As soon as they are discovered they are to be driven out. We repent (Change your mind so you can change your direction), renounce (break all agreements) and expel.