

**Spiritual Warfare**  
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When did this war begin? John 8:44 speaks of the Devil as a murderer and a liar from the beginning. The war began before Gen 1:1, the creation of this universe. God and the Devil are fighting. Humans are created in a war zone. God creates us with a mission.

Humans are blessable image bearing covenant partners who have the mission to create with more blessable image bearing covenant partners and create communities of beauty, justice, faithfulness, generosity, etc. This is an act of war. The Serpent's agenda is deceit, death, destruction, defilement, debauchy, etc.

Have Bill read – **him active**

His Bible – **find it later, yours**

Out loud – **multi sensory, I listen for tone of voice, skipped words, wrong words**

Ask simple interpretive questions – **so Bill understands, if he argues he argues with God**

Col 2:13-15

Alive

Forgiven all

Cancels record of debt

Set aside (taken away) to the Cross

Disarmed the demonic powers

Shames – exposing them for what they are

Triumphed

Accusing

Oppressive presence

Occultic

Jesus quotes Bible out loud to the Devil repeat as necessary

Jesus commands the Devil to get away out loud

Do Jesusy stuff

**\* Matt. 4:1-11**

The Holy Spirit leads Him (and perhaps us as Matt. 6:13 indicates. As we are on mission with Jesus we might go there too) into the place of temptation. This duplicates Genesis 3. Just as Satan attacked Eve and Adam, Satan attacks Jesus (and he will attack us as well).

First temptation (stones to bread). What is it? Use the divine ability He has given up. In His incarnation, the Logos gave up His "God card" and lives as a perfectly Spirit filled human. Satan suggests that He pick it up for a moment. Act on His own as opposed to obeying/trusting God.

Make your life easier rather than the hard road of God. Like Eve He is to rely on his own discernment rather than God's. Satan attack His weakness not His sin, takes advantage of His weakness. I think this is first class condition. It is "since you are Son of God" rather than if you are Son (and I don't think you are).

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Second temptation: (throw Yourself down): Do stupid things and force God to pull your cookies out of the fire. Test God's protection. See if God is good to His promise. Re-confirm God's promise because you never know if you might have been lost in the data base.

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Third temptation: Get the kingdom through worship of Satan: accomplish God's ends by using Satan's help. Question: could Satan have delivered the kingdoms of the world? My suggestion is to follow Jesus' example: Jesus doesn't argue theology or experience with the demon.

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[Get away from Me, Satan. ὕπαγε, σατανᾶ \*hupage satana\* Same phrase shows up in Matt 16:23](#)

What sin did Jesus do to allow the demon access to Him? The generational sin of lying from Rahab! © Clearly He is sinless. So demonic attack is not always because of sin. This speaks against those who say "No sin, No demon" as well as those who say "Attacked means there is sin in my life."

Gerry thinks Jesus' method is our method, here and throughout. MacArthur disagrees, saying that the authority of Jesus and the Apostles is unique. Once we get past the Apostolic era, that authority is ended. They cite passages like 2 Corinthians 12:12 The things that mark an apostle-- signs, wonders and miracles-- were done among you with great perseverance. They would say that signs, wonders and miracles mark Apostles as compared to other Christians. Gerry thinks the signs, wonders and miracles are always around Apostles, but this doesn't only Apostles do them. Signs, etc., are done by demonic forces too.

Jesus interviews people, not demons.

Devil's tactics: Deceive, Accuse, Tempt.  
DAT's the Debil

**Deception**

David Takle, *Truth about Lies and Lies about the Truth*  
God is Love.

If I trust in God, He will take care of me.  
God is my only hope.  
I must take care of my sin before I do communion  
You learn the lessons of God best in suffering  
It is only obedience if it hurts

#### Accusation

Charges with wrongdoing and inadequacy and therefore you can't measure up, be effective

#### Temptation

God's isn't the best way to my interests or His way.

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#### Summary of the method:

Step one: Quote Scripture to the devil out loud – **Stand firm**

Step two: command "Get away from me, Satan" with confidence – **Resist**

The devil leaves because he was commanded to

Step three: do Jesusy stuff – **be filled with Spirit**

Power encounter = pastor commands the demon. The guy is passive

Truth encounter = the believing guy commands the demon. The pastor helps

To prepare – I "lighten up" = I remind myself of truth about God, Jesus, and me. I need confidence and competence to do the work.

#### Assessing suggestions:

Spiritual (related God and good/evil spiritual beings)

When/how did you meet Jesus? Draw me a picture of "God" you pray to when you wake at 2:00 in the morning.

How does Bible/prayer work in your life. What kind of songs make you cry/laugh

What non-Christian spiritual stuff have you done?

Accusing voices

Oppressive presence

Occult history

Intellectual (beliefs, imaginations, perceptions, controlling ideas in my life)

Basic belief structures: what is ultimate real for you

Lies they believe: vows, blessings, curses.

Emotional (feelings, affections, happy's, fears, trauma, confidences)

Physical (actions, sleep, imbalances, activity, eating, medications – including non-prescribed)

When was your last physical?

Tell about your sleep?

Volitional (intentions, choices, strength of will, persistence, resilience)

Vocational (calling, name, purpose, identity)

What gets you out of bed in the morning?

Social (friends, relationship, culture, church)

Who do you hang with?

Who is speaking into your life?

Whose opinion do you take seriously?

Familial (heritage, nuclear, extended)

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I have Bill write down key passages that are relevant for him.

Here's what we are going to do: I'll pray, you'll do Matt 4 while I help, and the demon will have to go.

I pray a simple enabling prayer

He speaks Scripture (or truth) to the demon, commands it to get away and insisting that it obey

We silence the voices that do not honor Jesus and call the person forward

### **Sometimes**

The person can't deal with the demon. I will do the first round in concert with him and then insist he do the next round. Preferably I command the demon to be quiet and step back.

### **Curse**

A bad word which is pronounced by an important person and received by Bill. The solution is to identify, reject the lie, and replace it with truth.

If I think someone has put a curse on me it will only work in a context where there's something for the curse to connect with. I ask friends to sit with me and see what might be a weakness, sin, behavior pattern, etc. and deal with it. I also ask the Spirit to reveal what I need to know. Test the spirit. In the name of Jesus reject the curse, refuse its power, etc.

### **House**

Go to each room, confess the intended use of the room, speak rebuke to all spirits that oppose that, command them to leave (anointing the place).

### **Audio Teaching on Spiritual Warfare:**

I did a 10 hour teaching on Spiritual Warfare at Biblical Training. Here's the link: <https://www.biblicaltraining.org/seminar/spiritual-warfare/gerry-breshears>

I did a two hour "Equipping for Spiritual Warfare" session at Grace Community Church, Gresham. The recordings are in the middle of the John 7 sermons (September 21, 2013): <http://gracecc.net/media-archive/sermons/category/john/3>

John Mark Comer and the team at Bridgetown church did an outstanding teaching series, fighting the world, the flesh, and the Devil. It's here: <https://bridgetown.church/series/fighting-the-world-the-flesh-the-devil/>

There are more resources here: <http://breshears.net/spiritual-warfare-resources/>

## **Stratagems of the devil:**

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Good sex (world) = pleasurable recreational activity between consenting adults. Christians "Why can't I?" God then says, "Because I told you not to. I don't want you to have any fun"

Good sex (Bible) = a whole person bonding activity between a husband and a wife for express confirm and deepen their marital intimacy – and it is a hugely fun.

## **Basic tactics of Satan**

*One:* Wants to question the commands of God: "really?"

Gen 2:17

1. God says this tree is dangerous, it will kill you. Protective
2. God says you must obey me. If you rebel and eat, I will punish you by killing you.

God's agenda is to invite confession [what I did/feel/think with responsibility], ask "who told you." Even in the context of sin, God's punishment is filled with grace.

"knowing good and evil" means deciding for myself what is good/bad (Isa 7:15). It is more than the experience of good/evil.

*Two:* God's interests will not lead to your best: You can't trust God. Trust yourself and your own assessment.

Eve checks out for herself and concludes that this tree is just like the rest. Where God said it will kill you, she concludes it will make me wise. She trusts the Serpent's word.

*Three:* Talk about God instead of with God.

*Four:* Isolate from the community; don't get Adam in the conversation.

*Fifth:* Accuses people of wrong doing. He accuses Job/God of corruption, buying loyalty. Zech 3 he is accusing Joshua the High Priest.

*Six:* Deceive people to believe that God delights in punishing and will bust you if He knows about your sin. If you buy this deceit, sin will make you hide in the bushes. If you reject it, you will run to God and confess.

God is like the corporate CEO who is only interested in business efficiency and maximizing profit. He's ruthless to accomplish those goal. He is only interested in His glory.

### **The unholy "trinity" the enemies of our souls are world, devil and flesh (Eph. 2:2-3)**

World: External

Comes through culture, friends, traditions, school, etc.

Advertising: trying to get me to "buy" something, convince me that I need something by showing me that I lack something I need. It paints a picture of the "good" life.

Carl's Jr. makes eating a cheeseburger into a sexual experience by connecting a cheeseburger with an enticingly dressed woman ENJOYING eating the burger.

Paints a picture that triggers a deep response in my by catching my eye and my imagination.

Funny commercial connect buying product with a cute baby.

Promises a way of success. You can get power, money, companionship, significance, control, beauty through this means (Not YHWH).

The world creates dissatisfaction especially with the ways of the LORD and promises better if you go with the way of the world. Look at "him" or "it" and realize how deprived I am; create envy.

Solution: Ask if this will last. If the answer is no, then it is not ultimate.

Evaluate the promise, check why it seems important. What goals will it help me accomplish? You cannot be successful as a youth pastor unless you keep up on Instagram.

Flesh: Internal



NOT physical substance, but how I fill desires. The desires themselves may be good, neutral or sinful desires. Gerry's desire to win is usually a sinful desire.

Solution:

Way of sanctification: Ask what I really want.

If I do what I want to do will I do sin or Jesus? Gerry thinks that it is Jesus

If I stop and think

Prayerfully

In gracious community = Spirit led Christians

Do what will make me most deeply happy

I will usually do the Jesus thing.

Basic flesh/identity stuff:

Fear = I am unlovable/ I can't love

Condemnation = I am not worthy, I am a fraud, a failure

If anyone knew me, they'd roll their eyes and walk

Abandonment = I will always be alone

### **Bondages:**

Unforgiven = I can't be absolved of what I've done

Confusion = stuck, crazy,

Spirit of death = I met death and agreed, suicidal or apathetic

Ugly: Not loving or loveable

Unworthy. You are fraud, failure. If anyone knew . . .

Alone: you'll always be alone.

### **Demons and illness**

Matt. 12:22: deaf and mute

Matt. 17:14 looks like epilepsy

Luke 13:10-12: bent over – Jesus called it sickness but it's caused by a spirit

### **Tell me your story**

#### **Assessment Areas**

Spiritual: (related to God and good/evil spiritual beings),

Tell me about "God" as you understand that concept; Draw a picture of God

How does Bible and prayer work in your life? Devotional life? church, worship music, fellowship

Present spiritual influences

Other spiritual input past or present; accusing voices and oppressive presences

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Truths from Col 1: we are in light totally of His working

Col. 2: seven facts lead to let no one judge you

Matt 4: Speak Bible out loud to the demon; command it to get away in Jesus name; Do Jesusy stuff

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## **BASIC PRINCIPLES FOR DEALING WITH THE DEMONIC**

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Jesus triumphed over Satan and all his demons through His work of redemption, particularly by canceling the authority of sin over us at the cross, and His exaltation to the right hand of the Father (Matt. 12:28-29; Eph. 1:19-23; Col. 2:13-15). Satan is already condemned and his final destruction is sure (John 12:31; 16:11; Rev. 20:7-10).

The principle of authority is that we are in the kingdom of Christ. Jesus is Lord and exalted far above all powers and authorities (Eph. 1:19-22). Satan and his forces have *no* actual legal authority over the believer. Despite his claims and how much he may take advantage of our sin, unbelief, weakness, ignorance, or fear, he is disarmed. We are members of the kingdom of light and therefore all sins were forgiven, all condemnation is ended, all cultic vows, promises, covenants, etc., were rendered null and void when we came into Christ's kingdom authority (Col. 1:13-14; 2:9-15). One must never compromise this principle by agreeing with the demonic claim that sin gives the demon actual legal authority to invade a believer or attach itself to your soul or body. Believe God; disbelieve Satan. Stand firm in Jesus; resist the Devil.

Our primary weapons against demonic stratagems are faithful application of the fundamentals of the faith (Eph. 6:10-20; 1 Pet. 5:6-9). Light expels darkness.

The only spiritual information to be received as given is that which comes through the Bible interpreted according to the author's intent. Be particularly cautious about deeper meanings or uses of passages out of context (Matt. 4:6). All other spiritual knowledge, information, experience must be carefully tested. Expect that any information from demons, who are liars by nature (John 8:44; 2 Cor. 11:14), will be deceptive or facts given for dark purposes.

Basic patterns of ministry are found in the Bible. Patterns that differ substantially are always suspect.

Avoid every form of contact with the demonic including astrology, new age paraphernalia, demonic movies, TV shows, videos and video games, and music, charms, séances, Ouija, and many other places where the demonic is present obviously or subtly. (Lev. 19:26, 31; 20:6; Deut. 18:9-13; Acts 19:18-20).

Using deliverance as a substitute for dealing with our flesh or in place of spiritual disciplines, is dangerous.

Most sins don't need any kind of demonic intervention. In their deceptive activity, demons often claim credit for sin or a tragedy, trying to profess more power than they possess. Allowing this

lie to go unchallenged may lead to an unwarranted sense of helplessness on the part of a believer.

One must be very careful not to give Satan and his demons too much attention. This can lead to fearfulness or overestimation of his power, to a fascination with evil, or even a kind of satanic worship. Don't seek to know anything more about the demonic than what is taught in Bible or is pastorally necessary. Biblical accounts of deliverance do not involve discovering information about demons' origins, hierarchies, attachments, territorial jurisdiction, or specific functions. Jesus asks for a name only once (Mark 5:9) and then does not use the information the demons give. This indicates that knowing these sorts of things is not necessary for success in spiritual warfare. It also suggests that we curb our natural curiosity about such things.

All sins have been forgiven in Christ (Col. 2:13-15, 1 John 2:2) and believers are fully accepted as children of God (John 1:12; Gal. 3:26-4:7; 1 John 3:1). Confession (speaking truth from the heart with responsibility which differs from saying I am sorry about what happened) opens our heart to receive experientially the forgiveness of guilt, the cleansing of shame (1 John 1:9), and the reconciliation of relationship (Rom. 5:10-11; 2 Cor. 5:19-21; Col. 1:19-22) that God's truth brings. Believers confess their sin, accept Christ's blood bought cleansing, renounce sin's place in their lives, and recommit themselves as instruments of righteousness (Rom. 6:12-14; Col. 3:1-17). Evil spirits can take advantage of us if we refuse to confess sin we have done or sin done to us, using it as an opportunity to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10; Eph. 4:27).

Scripture describes demons oppressing people apart from any specific sin or opening. God Himself declared Job righteous, yet he was attacked (Job 1:8). Jesus, the sinless one, was attacked repeatedly (Matt. 4:1-11; 16:23). Jesus dealt with many demonized people without addressing specific sin or openings. He heals, cures, drives out demons without repentance of sin as a prerequisite for casting out the demon (Luke 6:18; 7:21; 8:2; 9:1; 13:32; cf. Mark 6:13; Mark 7:24-30). As the devil harassed and afflicted Job, demons can cause physical maladies, to direct evildoers to assail others, or to inspire nightmares.

As children of God, regenerated and indwelt by the Spirit, we are responsible and empowered to resist Satan's stratagems (Eph. 6:10-18; James 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:7-9; 1 John 4:1-4; 5:1-5; 18-19).

We may agree with a lie (no Christian would ever do what you did; sin gave the demon right to invade), receive a curse (you are an idiot; you are going to be ill), or accept an accusation (you are so filthy; if anyone knew, they would despise you). These can become a stronghold (2 Cor. 10:4-5) that must be torn down by discovering the stronghold, confessing the lie and affirming and receiving God's truth in spirit, mind, heart and soul.

Believers may be deceived, accused or tempted and may yield to demonic attacks or give demons influence in their lives – though they do not have to. An evil spirit can empower, energize, encourage, or exploit a believer's own sinful desires, unbelief, weakness, ignorance, or

fear (Matt. 16:22-23; Acts 5:3).

This is a typical pattern of prayer to deal with demonic attack or influence. It is important to note that the specific wording is unimportant. Power and authority comes from truth:

1. Lord Jesus Christ, I acknowledge that this (name the specific situation or area of sin or influence) may be empowered by demons and evil spirits. If it is, I want nothing to do with them.
2. Lord Jesus Christ I confess that you triumphed over these demons and evil spirits by the power of your Cross that purchased forgiveness for all my sins and by your death, burial and resurrection that provided my new life in Christ.
3. Demon, in the name and authority of Jesus, I command you get away from me, now. Lord Jesus Christ I ask that you send these demons and evil spirits away from me.
4. Lord Jesus Christ I thank you for hearing and answering my prayer. Please reveal to me anything in my life that might give demons and evil spirits opportunity in my life. Please fill me anew with your Holy Spirit so that I will be empowered to live out your life in joyful obedience to you and freedom from sin and harassment.

Believers are commanded to stand firm on biblical truths and resist the devil (Eph. 6:13; Jas. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:9). The word "resist" means active opposition (Acts 13:8; Gal. 2:11; 2 Tim. 3:8) including rebuke spoken directly to the demon in the authority of Jesus, the exalted Lord (Zech. 3:2; Matt. 4:4, 7, 10; Jude 1:9).

When Jesus was attacked by the devil, He spoke well-interpreted Scripture aloud to the devil and commanded him to get away (Matt. 4:1-10). This is the same pattern (stand firm and resist) commanded for believers (Eph. 6:13; Jas. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:9). He did not argue theology (could the devil actually have given Him the kingdoms of this world?), or ask demons for information or hierarchies.

If believers continue to allow demonic influence, they may become entangled in a behavior so deeply that they may need help from other believers to escape (Matt. 18:15-20; 1 Cor. 5:1-5; Gal. 6:1-4; 2 Tim. 2:24-26; Heb.12:1-13). They could be dominated by a demonic personality in a way akin to a wife being dominated by an abusive husband, exhibiting personality change or loss of a sense of personal control. This is particularly true when there is direct personal involvement with demonic or occult activities, ceremonies, or rituals (1 Cor. 10:20; 2 Tim. 2:25-26). However, a believer will never be abandoned by the Holy Spirit or left to merely human resources as in the case of an unbeliever (Psa. 27; 90; Isa. 41:10-16).

Getting rid of demons in such cases is done by a believer using their authority in Christ to give a direct command to the demon. This must always be done in concert with the entrapped believer.

1) Dear Father, it is by your authority that we proceed to deliver "name" by the power of the Lord Jesus Christ. 2) [to the demon] In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by His authority, I join with "name" in commanding you to leave "name." You have no right to be here. You are trespassing upon God's property. Get away, now. 3) Father, we pray that you will empower this

rebuke we have just issued in Jesus' name.

I may preface the prayer by commanding the demon in the name of Jesus not to hurt anyone and to be silent. I help the believer reaffirm basic theological truths such as those in the first two paragraphs. In doing so, it is always good to ensure that people are actually believers. It is important to remember that the demon has no legal right to oppress, no matter what they may claim. Command rather than attempt to persuade the demon. All prayer is to God rather than against the demon. Commands are given in normal tones of voice. It is Christ's power, not mine, that works. I'm only His instrument. Demons are sent away by Christ's authority, not by formulas, rituals, the power of their names, etc. A grave danger of deliverance ministry is a subtle temptation to pride and power.

Our goal is always to bring non-Christians to Christ and build Christians up so that they will be able to resist Satan's stratagems (Eph. 6:13; Jas. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8). Enable people to do their own spiritual work. Help them personalize and live out their identity as children of God.

It is the will of God for every Christian to walk in the freedom of our salvation through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit and in the love of the Father. Satan seeks to fool Christians into thinking that he has authority to boss us around. He doesn't! Stop giving the world, the flesh and the devil any opportunity to defeat us. Follow Galatians 5:1 and live free from the authority of sin and Satan!