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*Scripture God's Window Into Our World The Activity of the Spirit World* 



The Lord wants you to be <u>AWARE</u>, <u>ALERT</u>, and <u>EQUIPPED</u> to <u>DEFEAT</u> the dangerous <u>DECEPTIONS</u> of the spirit world.

- Do you believe there is an ongoing spirit world active today?
- Do you believe there are spirit beings, referred to as angels in the Bible, that work for your good?
- Do you believe there are spirit beings, referred to as demons in the Bible, that work for your destruction?

- Do you believe the activity of the spirit world plays a major role in our world today?
- Do you believe these spirit beings are active here today?

### 1. You are more <u>INFLUENCED</u> by the spirit world than you <u>BELIEVE</u>

Ephesians 2:1–3 (ESV) — And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

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James 1:14–15 (ESV) — But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.



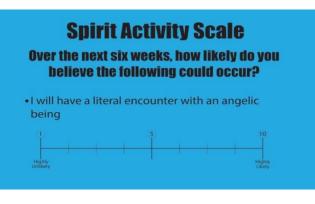
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• An evil spirit being will attempt to lure me into doing something contrary to God's Word



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2 Timothy 3:1–5 (ESV) — But understand this, that in the last days there will come times of difficulty. For people will be lovers of self, lovers of money, proud, arrogant, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, heartless, unappeasable, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not loving good, treacherous, reckless, swollen with conceit, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having the appearance of godliness, but denying its power. Avoid such people.

1 John 4:1 (ESV) — Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.

### 2. You are more <u>VULNERABLE</u> to the spirit world than you <u>THINK</u>

2 Corinthians 11:3–4 (ESV) — But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ. For if someone comes and proclaims another Jesus than the one we proclaimed, or if you receive a different spirit from the one you received, or if you accept a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it readily enough.

1 Timothy 4:1 (ESV) — Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons

1 Peter 5:8–9 (ESV) — Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

## *3. Jesus' <u>VICTORY</u> in the spirit world bought your <u>FREEDOM</u>*

Colossians 1:13–14 (ESV) — He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

1 John 5:19b (ESV) — ... The whole world lies in the power of the evil one.

Galatians 5:1 (ESV) — For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

John 8:32 (ESV) — You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

## 4. In Jesus you have more <u>AUTHORITY</u> in the spirit world than you <u>REALIZE</u>

Luke 10:17–19 (ESV) — The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Luke 10:9 (ESV) — Heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

Luke 10:19 (ESV) — Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you.

James 4:7 (ESV) — Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

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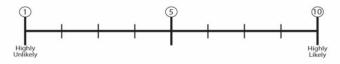
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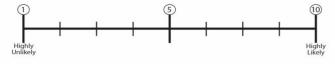
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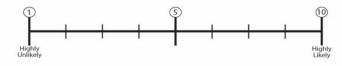
- Answer the following questions based on a scale of 1 to 10, with 1 being "highly unlikely" and 10 being "highly likely"
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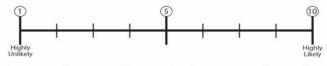
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• I will have a literal encounter with an evil spirit being



• I will have a literal encounter with an angelic being



• Someone I meet will be under the control of an evil spirit being

