

# Opening the Door for the Demonic!

**Ephesians 4:26-27 (NLT)** And “don’t sin by letting anger control you.” Don’t let the sun go down while you are still angry, for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

**James 4:7-8 (NLT)** So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

**1 Timothy 4:1 (NLT)** Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons.

## I. What causes the open door?

- **Pride/Submission:**

**Ephesians 4:2 (NLT)** Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other’s faults because of your love.

**James 4:10 (NASB 2020)** Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you.

**Proverbs 16:18 (NLT)** Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall.

**Ephesians 5:6 (ESV)** Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience.

- **Lying/Corrupt Speech:**

**Matthew 12:36-37 (NLT)** And I tell you this, you must give an account on judgment day for every idle word you speak. The words you say will either acquit you or condemn you.”

**\*\*James 3:6 (NLT)** And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

**James 4:11 (NLT)** Don’t speak evil against each other, dear brothers and sisters. If you criticize and judge each other, then you are criticizing and judging God’s law. But your job is to obey the law, not to judge whether it applies to you.

- **Anger:**

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**James 1:19-20 (NLT)** Understand this, my dear brothers and sisters: You must all be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to get angry. Human anger does not produce the righteousness God desires.

**Ecclesiastes 7:9 (ESV)** Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the heart of fools.

- **Unforgiveness/Bitterness:**

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**Hebrews 12:14-15 (ESV)** Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

**Defile:** g3392. μιαινω miainō; perhaps a primary verb; to sully or taint, i.e. contaminate (ceremonially or morally).

**Matthew 5:23-24 (NLT)** “So if you are presenting a sacrifice at the altar in the Temple and you suddenly remember that someone has something against you, leave your sacrifice there at the altar. Go and be reconciled to that person. Then come and offer your sacrifice to God.

**\*\* Acts 8:22-23 (NKJV)** Repent therefore of this your wickedness, and pray God if perhaps the thought of your heart may be forgiven you. For I see that you are poisoned by bitterness and bound by iniquity.”

- **Greed:**

**James 5:3 (NLT)** Your gold and silver are corroded. The very wealth you were counting on will eat away your flesh like fire. This corroded treasure you have hoarded will testify against you on the day of judgment.

**1 Timothy 6:10 (NKJV)** For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, for which some have strayed from the faith in their greediness, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

**John 12:6 (NLT)** Not that he cared for the poor—he was a thief, and since he was in charge of the disciples’ money, he often stole some for himself.

**John 13:27 (NLT)** When Judas had eaten the bread, Satan entered into him. Then Jesus told him, "Hurry and do what you're going to do."

## II. Resisting the Demonic & Live Righteous

**James 4:7-8 (NLT)** So humble yourselves before God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Come close to God, and God will come close to you.

**Ephesians 4:22 (NLT)** throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by **lust and deception**.

**Ephesians 5:10-12 (NLT)** Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret.

**James 1:21 (NLT)** So get rid of all the filth and evil in your lives, and humbly accept the word God has planted in your hearts, for it has the power to save your souls.

**Colossians 3:8 (ESV)** But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth.

**James 4:17 (NLT)** Remember, it is sin to know what you ought to do and then not do it.