

## **Ephesians 6:10-13**

**10** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. **11** Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. **12** For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

The term possession implies ownership. You own or possess your car and home. The bible teaches us that believers become a child of God with the Holy Spirit in us. A person is demon-possessed, if you like, or belong to satan, when the demons are not opposed by the indwelling Holy Spirit. The term oppressed means keep down by severe and unjust use of fear or authority. This type of torment can come from inside of us or outside of us or from spirits on the outside by putting thoughts in our mind to drive us away from the truth of the blessings of God.

Oppression, seems to be running rampant in the body of Jesus Christ. Merriam-Webster Dictionary defines oppression as "to crush or burden by abuse of power or authority" or "to burden spiritually or mentally : weigh heavily upon". This method the devil has is most successful in defeating Believers today.

***The enemy wants to weigh you down, to burden you with all the cares of this world.*** He wants you to lose sleep over your children's well being. He wants you to be depressed about your life and marriage. He wants to crush your walk with the Lord. Will you allow him to continue ravaging your life?

That definition says oppression is an abuse of power or authority. So who gives the devil authority to come in and beat us down? This may not be the answer you're looking for It's not your mom, it's not your dad, it's not the way you were raised or the fact that you were an

orphan. It's not because your mom left you for dead or the fact that your marriage was torn apart. The only person who can empower the devil is you! The Bible says in Hosea My people perish for lack of knowledge. **Whether knowingly or merely because you were never taught on it, you are the one who opens the door when the devil knocks. You are the one who allows the enemy to come in and make a home.**

The majority of people don't want to be oppressed, they want it gone! But it won't go anywhere until you take spiritual authority and tell it to go. The Bible says in

### **Luke 10:19**

**18**He replied, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. **19**I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

### **Romans 8**

**9**You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. **10**But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life <sup>d</sup> because of righteousness. **11**And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of <sup>e</sup> his Spirit who lives in you.

The Bible affirms the existence of demons numerous times in both the Old and New Testaments (e.g., 1 Samuel 16:13-15, 1 Kings 22:19-23, Luke 8:30-33, Acts 16:16-18, etc.). In addition, the Bible speaks about the influence that demons can have in the lives of humans

Some have tried to confine the work of demons in the lives of humanity to that of "demon possession," with this thought being further propagated by poor English translations of the Greek New Testament that use the word "possession" in various verses that describe demon activity. However, the fact is that the actual Greek term used to describe a demonic presence in the life of a person is *daimonizo*, which is correctly translated "demonized."

In other words, Scripture in no way limits the work of demonic powers to only that portrayed in movies such as *The Exorcist*, where a person is completely held hostage by the enemy so much so that he or she cannot function and, for all practical purposes, ceases to exist as his or her own person. Instead, the Bible, in various places, speaks of a person having an unclean spirit that negatively influenced or affected his or her life in some way, either major or minor.

For example, the well-known story of the man with the legion of demons in [Mark 5](#) and [Luke 8](#) is a case of demonization that had progressed to the point of the individual appearing to be fully owned by the enemy. On the other hand, in [Acts 5](#), the instance of Ananias and Sapphira having their hearts "filled by Satan" is a more subtle and mild illustration of demonic oppression (even though that "mild" oppression cost them their lives).

Scripture also speaks of demons being able to cause sickness or other physical infirmities (e.g. [Luke 13:11](#), [Matt. 9:32](#)), supply apparent clairvoyant or fortunetelling powers ([Acts 16:16](#)), exert great strength and become violent toward others ([Acts 19:16](#)),

and bring physical harm to a so-called host ([Mark 9:14-29](#)).

While the Bible is clear that demonization is real, it also unmistakably communicates the truth that **God is sovereign over demons and that Jesus possesses full authority over the enemy.**

The Gospels show that Jesus' ministry while He was on earth was His conquering of the powers of darkness in a very public way, so much so that the crowds were amazed and said, "He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey Him"

### **Mark 1:27**

**27**The people were all so amazed that they asked each other, "What is this? A new teaching—and with authority! He even gives orders to impure spirits and they obey him."

This fact leads to a number of important truths that Christians should always keep at the forefront of their minds when the subject of demonization comes up. Believers should understand Christ's position and His victory over the enemy.

### **Colossians 2**

**13**When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you <sup>d</sup> alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, **14**having canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. **15**And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross. <sup>e</sup>

### **Ephesians 1**

**19**and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength **20**he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, **21**far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. **22**And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, **23**which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

***Jesus is seated above all demonic powers and fully destroyed the work of Satan***

### **1 John 3**

**7**Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. The one who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. **8**The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

We must stand firm and know his tactics

### **1 Peter 5**

**8**Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. **9**Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

***Next, not only is Christ seated above all the demonic realm indicating his authority over them, but so are believers!***

### **Ephesians 2**

**4**But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, **5**made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions—it is by grace you have been saved. **6**And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus,

Of course, it is Christ who provides the authority and power, and not the particular individual.

Christians need to understand their protection in Christ. Paul tells us, Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil.

What are the schemes of the enemy and what should we avoid?

We don't manifest!

No good vibes!

Culture of self-care has turned into selfishness.

Sexuality of our kids!

## **2 Cor 11**

**4**For if someone comes to you and preaches a Jesus other than the Jesus we preached, or if you receive a different spirit from the Spirit you received, or a different gospel from the one you accepted, you put up with it easily enough.

**13**For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. **14**And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. **15**It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.

There are people that are being used by the enemy to stir of disunity and they should be marked and avoided!!!!

### **Ephesians 4**

**25**Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. **26**“In your anger do not sin” **27**: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, **27**and do not give the devil a foothold.

The soil of bitterness is a heart that harbors hostility and does not deal with hurt by the grace of God. When someone becomes bitter, the bitterness takes root in the heart and grows deeper. The world is full of people who have not dealt with an old hurt.

### **Hebrews (NLT)**

**14**Work at living in peace with everyone, and work at living a holy life, for those who are not holy will not see the Lord. **15**Look after each other so that none of you fails to receive the grace of God. Watch out that no poisonous root of bitterness grows up to trouble you, corrupting many.

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I am one of a million-plus Americans who — whether proudly, secretly or dabbling through the power of consumerism — practice some form of witchcraft. Witchcraft, which includes [Wicca, paganism, folk magic](#) and other New Age traditions, is [one of the fastest-growing spiritual paths](#) in America.

In 1990, Trinity College in Connecticut [estimated there were 8,000 adherents of Wicca](#). In 2008, the U.S. Census Bureau figure was [342,000](#). A [2014 Pew Research Center study](#) increased that projection several times over in assessing that 0.4% of Americans

identified as pagan, Wiccan or New Age. (Most [modern pagan worship](#), of which Wicca is one type, draws on pre-Christian traditions in revering nature.) By 2050, it said, the number of Americans practicing “other religions” — faiths outside Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Buddhism — [would triple “due largely to switching into other religions \(such as Wicca and pagan religions\).”](#)

“The religion is about the individual in many ways,” Berger told me. “You can do your own thing. It’s not signing on to an institutional religion. It’s not signing on to a set of actions or beliefs that you must adhere to.”

### **Ephesians 6**

**13** Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Stand for your families and home!

### **Leviticus 20**

**6** “ I will set my face against anyone who turns to mediums and spiritists to prostitute themselves by following them, and I will cut them off from their people.

**Parents are accountable for leading their children on the right path. It is a parent's duty to steer children away from evil by guiding them into the light of God's truth.**

**Deuteronomy 6:6-9** [NIV] “These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands



and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door frames of your houses and your gates.”