



Demonology

Lesson 6: Question most often asked about demons

1. Can someone receive a demon at birth?

Arlindo Barbosa was a Brazilian witch doctor who had been baptized to the devil two weeks before he was born. When he was three years old, he could write drug prescriptions in Latin for the sick and the pharmacist could read and fill these prescriptions.

I have prayed for people who have a spirit of rejection that they have carried with them their entire lives due to their mothers considering abortion.

It is possible to suffer with rejection at birth especially if the mother did not want the baby.

2. Can a person receive a demon spirit at a place of pagan worship?

1 Corinthians 10:19-21

As a Christian you have no business dabbling in the occult, cults, witchcrafts, and even attending some churches.

3. There is a difference between a problem with the flesh and being influenced by demons. But can a person receive a demon by giving the flesh dominance?

Galatians 5:16-23

What begins with the flesh, if continued, will end up as a demon.

4. Can a person receive a demon spirit by meditating on the wrong thing?

Your life is the way it is because of the way you think.

Proverbs 4:23

Definition of ISSUES: _____

The boundaries of your life are set in your heart.

Proverbs 4:23 – Contemporary English Version

Carefully guard your thoughts because they are the source of true life.

Proverbs 4:23 – Good News Bible

Be careful how you think; your life is shaped by your thoughts.

Philippians 3:18, 19**James 4:7**

Your mind must be _____ to God.

Things that open your mind to demonic influence:

- Hypnosis
- Pornography
- Certain music
- Drugs and alcohol
- “Far out” television and movies
- Yoga

This comes from Hinduism. It teaches breath control and disciplining oneself to denounce all desires. Yoga literally means “yoking” or “union” with Brahma or the Absolute.

Example: Lust

If lust is allowed to be entertained, it opens the door for many other things like: Sexual fantasy, homosexuality, adultery, fornication, incest, prostitution, pornography, and rape.

5. Can a demon spirit be inherited?

Some things the medical world calls “genetic” are actually familiar spirits and curses passed down through the family.

Examples:

- Teen pregnancy
- Drug use / Alcoholism

- Financial problems / Poverty
- Laziness
- Abuse
- Divorce
- Adultery / Sexual sin
- Suicide
- Sickness and disease

Exodus 20:5

This verse shows us that family weakness and curses can be passed from generation to generation.

Isaiah 53:5

The Bible draws a distinction between sin and iniquities.

Definition of SIN: _____

Definition of INIQUITY: To bend or distort. It also implies a weakness or a predisposition to a certain sin.

A sin _____ when it is practiced continually.

Given certain circumstances, or under the right environment, a person will bend in that direction.

Iniquity can be passed down through the _____

A family can bend or have a weakness or a predisposition in a certain area.

But let's look at the good news in Exodus 20:5.

Exodus 20:5

But what about those of us who love God?

God has made a provision for us who are born again to reverse the curse.

How? – The iniquity was passed down through the bloodline. It is also destroyed through the blood – the blood of Jesus!

Jesus became a curse for you so that you could be free and blessed!

Galatians 3:13

Colossians 1:12-14 – New International Version

Colossians 1:12 *giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light.*

Colossians 1:13 *He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,*

Colossians 1:14 *in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.*

Your generational curses might have been a part of your family tree, but they do not belong in the family of God!

6. Can a demon spirit enter my life through unforgiveness?

Mark 11:25, 26

Unforgiveness and bitterness can also be passed down through the family.

Many curses come from a root of bitterness.

Hebrews 12:15

What is the cure for bitterness? – _____

7. Can a demon spirit come because of an ungodly soul tie?

Your soul is involved in every relationship. But, in ungodly relationships, there exists bondage in the soul.

God has created your soul to be bonded _____, but never in bondage _____ someone.

Definition of SOUL TIE:

When the emotions, the mind, and the will of a person becomes entangled to the point where their thoughts are no longer their own.

An ungodly soul tie occurs when a person is unnaturally and inordinately affected by the will, the emotions, and the desires of another person.

3 John 2

Ungodly soul ties can be developed by relatives, sexual activity outside of marriage, improper allegiances (gang, business partnership), and idolization.

8. How many demons exist?

Revelation 12:3, 4

_____ of the total angelic population of heaven are now demons.
We don't have an exact number.

9. Why can Satan and demon spirits attack Christians?

Satan is not in Hell yet. He is called the god of this world.

John 12:31

The King James Version uses the word "prince".

Definition of RULER:

- To be first in political rank and power
- _____
- _____
- Magistrate

Although Jesus defeated Satan, his time has not come to be judged.

The only power He has over us is what we allow him to have.

He may attack us, but we always have victory when we walk by faith.

1 John 5:4

Satan attacked Jesus. If he attacks God's very own Son, he will attack you too.

10. Does Satan have to ask God permission before he attacks a Christian?

This idea comes from the story of Job in the Old Testament.

Job 1:8-12

In verse 12, the phrase – "Behold, all that he has is in your power" does not mean – "I am giving Job to you".

It means – “Don’t you know that you are already in the position to do whatever you want?”

Luke 22:31, 32

Satan has the _____ to attack people.

Jesus did not pray that Satan would not attack Peter, but rather that Peter would be able to stand against the attacks of Satan.

11. Are demons more active in certain places than others?

Answer: _____

Genesis 18:20

The places in the world where there is no or very little revelation of Jesus have more demonic activity.

12. Can a person who is influenced by demons be set free against their will?

Answer: _____

If a person like this were to be set free, he or she would only experience temporary freedom.

Luke 11:24-26

If someone is completely controlled by demons, you can set them free and then ask them if they want to stay free.

13. Can you set yourself free from demons?

Answer: _____

You can take authority over any demonic influence in your life. Simply bind the spirit and command it to leave your life!

You can also lay hands on yourself and be healed.

14. When casting demons out of a person, is it important to know exactly which evil spirits you are dealing with?

It is not necessary to know what spirit is possessing a person to deliver them.

Many times, it is obvious. For example, if someone is deaf, they have a deaf spirit.

However, at other times it may not be obvious. But you can still take authority over the enemy.

15. Can a person be influenced by demons and not know it?

Answer: _____

Some people realize they have a “problem” but do not understand exactly what it is.

Many times, someone like this does not believe in the reality of demons.

Luke 9:51-55

Matthew 16:22, 23

16. Are there always physical manifestations when demons leave a person?

Answer: _____

17. If I encounter someone who is influenced by demons, will those spirits enter me?

Answer: _____

If this were the case, you could never go out in public.

18. Can a house have demon spirits living in it?

Answer: _____

This can take place due to a murder, suicide, or evil practices of people who resided in the house.

19. Are there religious demons?

Answer: _____

1 John 4:1-3

1 Timothy 4:1-3

20. Is there a connection between drug use and demon spirits?

Answer: _____

The Greek word “pharmakia” literally means “drugs” and appears _____ times in the New Testament.

In each of the above five passages, “pharmakia”, or “drugs” is listed as a work of the flesh of man as opposed to the Spirit of God working in us.

“Pharmakia” is translated into our English Bible as either “witchcraft” or “sorceries”.

Galatians 5:19, 20

Anything that makes your mind (soul) vulnerable and “open” can create demonic influence.

21. Can addiction to social media, television, and video games be demonic?

Answer: _____

First, we must understand that anything that is a problem of the flesh can become an addiction.

Addictions can be demonically influenced.

When it comes to social media, television, and video games we must also understand that there are two primary ways demon spirits enter a person – through their eyes and ears. What you see and what you listen to are very important.

1 John 2:16

Many times, simply playing a video game involves all these things.

1 Corinthians 15:33

In today’s world, it is possible to spend time with people you would never actually sit down with face to face. Video games are like this.

1 Corinthians 6:12

“Be brought under the power” means _____

Anything that controls you can become demonic.

It is not even a debate anymore. The world and science recognize that social media is addictive.

CBS News story

Symptoms for Internet addiction can be similar to addiction to anything else, and fall into two types of behaviors: an ever increasing need to engage with the object of the addiction, and a bad feeling when not getting enough of it. Luo says an Internet user worried that their online use is getting out of control should seek a professional evaluation. "It is not so much the particular behaviors" that lead to a diagnosis of inappropriate Internet use or addiction, he said, but "the severity, the functional status of the patient" and whether their behaviors "interfere with school, work, or social activities."

According to several recent brain imaging studies, severely effected Internet addicts show structural and functional brain abnormalities similar to those found in people with substance

abuse problems. Other research has shown that Internet addiction frequently coexists with anxiety, depression, or an addiction to other things like alcohol or drugs.

Another study showed that people with social media addiction were more likely to use drugs also.

The similarities between demons and your tablet:

Both create _____

If you try to quit, you will have symptoms of _____

Both display compulsive and obsessive behavior

Both rob your _____

Three important areas where your time is stolen from you are your time with God, your time with others, and your time developing your gift.

Both rob your ability to concentrate on the moment and be sober minded.

Titus 2:6

Definition of SOBER MINDED: To be of sound mind; moderate; self-controlled

Not only does someone with a media addiction have to do it all of the time, they have to do it while they are talking to someone or doing other things.

22. When someone is set free from demons, what is the initial evidence that they are truly free?

Answer: _____

Acts 8:7, 8

23. Where does Satan live?

Satan, unlike God, is a created being and can only reside in one place.

When the Apostle John wrote Revelation, Satan lived in Pergamos, a city in Asia. Today the area would be in Turkey.

Revelation 2:12, 13

Twice in one verse, the Holy Spirit mentions that Satan dwells in Pergamos.

Pergamos, or Pergamum, was the center of pagan worship. It was also a place of intense persecution of Christians.

As stated in verse 13, Antipas was martyred in Pergamum. Many Christians were put to death there.

Although nobody knows where Satan dwells today, it can be assumed that his dwelling place is in a place where Christians are being persecuted and killed for their faith – probably in a Muslim country in the Middle East.

24. Since everything in heaven is pure and good, how could Lucifer live there and become proud and start the evil which is in the world?

Evil does not begin on the outside; it begins _____

Isaiah 14:12, 13