

FALSE SPIRITS & DOCTRINE **(I Timothy 4:1)**

I Timothy 4:6 The first five verses in this chapter give stern warnings about apostates. Paul tells Timothy to “put the brethren in remembrance of these things.” So to be an excellent servant of Christ we must have a good understanding of what an apostate is. An apostate is a person who knows the truth of Christ and salvation but refuses and never receives Christ as Savior and turns away from the truth.

Seducing Spirits

II Corinthians 11:13-15 The seducing spirits are Satan’s demons that are wondering, misleading evil spirits that appear as angels of light and pervert God's word and blind people from the truth of God.

Revelation 12:4 These seducing spirits are the fallen angels that Satan took with him when he fell. They go about entering and influencing people, preachers and teachers in order to take people away from the truth. Remember, every bible message comes from The Spirit of God or a bad spirit of Satan.

Matthew 12:22-29; 15:22-28; Mark 5:1-16 In many places in the Gospels Jesus deals with evil spirits or demons. He even gave his Apostles power to cast out demons from those possessed.

Names of demons – Leviticus 18:21 (Molech) Mark 5:2-10 (Legion) Revelation 9:11 (Abaddon)

Seducing Spirit Activity

Deuteronomy 18:10 *Divination* is a sinful means of seeking God's will. Examples of *divination* today: Reading Cards, Palm Reading, Astrology, Crystal Gazing, Dowsing, Reading Tea Leaves.

Deuteronomy 18:11-12; Luke 15:27-31 Another demon activity that is cursed by God is *Necromancy* which is an effort to communicate with the dead. Examples today: Channeling, Seances, Wigi Board Games, Shamanism or Trance States, Magical Jewelry.

Deuteronomy 18:10 *Witchcraft* is directly opposed to God. There exists today thousands of witches around the world. Some claim to be good witches? A witch is one who makes use of magic or sorcery to accomplish the will of demons.

I Samuel 16:14; I Kings 22:22-23 Demons sometimes unknowingly do the will of God.

I Corinthians 11:29-30; Matthew 9:32-33 Sometimes we get physically ill because God wants to get our attention, sometimes we get ill because of germs, sometimes people get ill because of demons.

Mark 5:4-5; Luke 9:37-42 Demons can also attack by way of *Mental Illness*.

Doctrines Of Devils

I John 2:18-19; Revelation 2:2, 14 Demons are the source of false doctrine and many main line so called Christian denominations and they are also strongly rooted within Christian colleges today.

Proverbs 3:5-6; 14:12; II Timothy 4:1-4; II Tim. 6:20-21 Today Psychology with its psycho-therapeutic counseling is embraced by evangelicals more than any other false doctrine. The second most popular career choice for Christian college students is Psychology. Sigmund Freud is the founder of psychoanalysis and was opposed to Christianity and an atheist, yet it is his work that is used in every college and almost all books pertaining to psychology. Any wonder that demons are in control. So called Christian psychologists are generally more popular in seeking help than preachers of the word.

II Peter 3:15-18 Unfortunately many have fallen from the truth to these false doctrines of devils: Baptismal regeneration, Charismatic heresy, Faith healing, Prosperity Gospel, Infant baptism, Lordship Salvation, Losing Salvation, Calvinism, Predestination, Limited atonement, Universalism, Works Salvation, Legalism, Gay acceptance in the church, Tongues movement, etc.