

1. Two World Views

1. Naturalistic
2. Spiritualistic

2. 1JO 5:19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one.**3. ACTIVITY of demons. Can be summed up in various verbs:**

1. Entice (see James 1:14)
2. Deceive (see 1 Tim. 4:1-2)
3. Enslave (see Rom. 8:15)
4. Torment (see 2 Tim. 1:7; I John 4:18)
5. Drive, Compel (see Luke 8:29)
6. Defile (see Titus 1:15)

4. Demons fight against every aspect of peace:

1. inner personal harmony
2. peace of mind
3. physical well-being
4. harmonious relationships
5. harmonious adjustment to external circumstances

The great distinctive mark of demon activity: **RESTLESSNESS**

5. Demons operate from two alternative positions:

From **OUTSIDE** the body

From **WITHIN** the body

If they operate from OUTSIDE, we must RESIST them (see James 4:7; I Peter 5:8-9)

If they operate from WITHIN, they must be EXPELLED (see Matt. 8:16; Mark 1:39)

6. A key to understanding the premise of spiritual warfare is to understand there are generally two types of Christian; "talk the talk," and "walk the walk." The "talk the talk" Christian is carnally minded, nodding mental ascent to Christian concepts and principles, but either chooses not to, or has never learned how to apply them in his personal life, navigating his way through life his own way via the senses realm. The "walk the walk" Christian on the other hand is a Spirit filled Christian who has developed a relationship with Jesus Christ on an individual level and applies Spiritual principles in his personal life and is led by the Spirit in every situation. The data gathered so far indicates that each and every human being is potentially open to spiritual manipulation and deception by the enemy. A "talk the talk" Christian can, knowingly or not, open up doors to the enemy, but a "walk the walk" Christian, if confronted by the enemy, knows the power of the Spirit and knows how to wield it against the enemy, so the enemy seldom waste their time on "walk the walk" Christians. "Talk the talk" Christians make for an easier target.**7. 1PE 5:6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time,⁷ casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. ⁸ Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.****8. 2CO 11:13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. ¹⁴ And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of**

light.¹⁵ Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

9. **1JO 4:1** Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2 By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3 and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. 4 You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.
10. **GEN 3:15** And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, And you shall bruise His heel.”
11. **1TI 4:1** Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,
12. **EPH 6:12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. 14 Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 15 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 16 above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. 17 And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; 18 praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints—
13. **ROM 13:12** The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.
14. **2CO 4:4** whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.
15. **EPH 2:1** And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.
16. **JOH 12:31** “Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be cast out.
17. **ROM 8:31** What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?
18. **There are many reasons why God would not want you--but don't worry. You're in good company. Remember:**

Moses stuttered.
David's armor didn't fit.
Hosea's wife was a prostitute.

Jacob was a deceiver.
David had an affair.
Abraham was too old.
David was too young.

Solomon was too rich.
Jonah ran from God.
Timothy had ulcers.
Lazarus was dead.
Paul & Moses were murderers.
Samson had long hair.
Noah got drunk.
John Mark was rejected by Paul.
Naomi was a widow.
Amos' only training was in the school of
fig-tree pruning.

Peter was afraid of death.
John was self-righteous.
Miriam was a gossip.
Gideon and Thomas both doubted.
Jeremiah was depressed and suicidal.
Elijah was burned out.
John the Baptist was a loudmouth.
Martha was a worrywart.
Mary was lazy.
Did I mention that Moses had a short fuse?
So did Peter, Paul--well, lots of folks did.

But God doesn't require a job interview. He doesn't hire and fire like most bosses, because He's more our dad than our boss. He doesn't look at financial gain or loss. He's not prejudiced nor partial, not judging, grudging, sassy, nor brassy, not deaf to our cry, not blind to our need. As much as we try, God's gifts are free.

Satan says, "You're not worthy." Jesus says, "So what? I AM."

Satan looks back and sees our mistakes. God looks back and sees the Cross. He doesn't calculate what you did in '98. It's not even on the record. Sure. There are lots of reasons why God shouldn't want us. But if we are in love with Him, if we hunger for Him more than our next breath, He'll use us in spite of who we are, where we've been or what we look like. Step out of your limitations into the illimitable nature of who God is. --Author unknown.

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