

VICTORIOUS SPIRITUAL WARFARE

"Demons Exaltation of Satan"

1 Timothy 4

INTRODUCTION:

1. The Westminster Shorter Catechism says this: *"The chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy Him forever".*

a) *1 Corinthians 6:19-20*

2. The program of hell can be summed up in one sentence also: *"Glorify Satan and what Satan does and oppose God and everything He does!"*

a) That is the bottom line of everything Satan does!!

b) And Demons help Satan pull things off!!!

I. DEMONS PROMOTE FALSE THEOLOGY

A. THROUGH DEMONIC TEACHERS

1. 1 Timothy 4:1

a) *"deceitful spirits"*

1) Spiritual error is seldom due to innocent mistakes.

2) These errors are the conscious strategies of God's enemies!

b) *"and teachings of demons"*

1) Those who teach false doctrine are instigated by demons.

2. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15

3. 1 Timothy 4:1

a) *"That in the later times"*

b) *"some will depart from the faith"*

4. Vs 2

a) *"Through the insincerity of liars"*

5. Vs 3-4

6. One of the doctrines that demons promote is that *"God is not good!!"*

a) *Genesis 3:1-5*

7. Demonic doctrine hits @ things God created to be enjoyed.

a) **Vs 3a**

1) **"Who forbid marriage"**

8. **The Christian life is not a list of do's and don'ts.**

a) **John 8:36**

9. **1 Timothy 6:17**

10. **BIG QUESTION:** How do we know something is OK and from God?

a) When you can substantiate it from God's Word.

b) **1 Timothy 4:5**

11. Demonic doctrine also wants to undermine the Son of God and our devotion to Him.

a) **2 Corinthians 11:3**

12. Demons also want to undermine the Gospel and the glory of Christ who is the image of God.

a) **2 Corinthians 4:3-4**

B. THE DEMONIC PLAN OF DESTRUCTION

1. **John 10:10**

2. There are a whole lot more physical and mental illnesses demonically influence than we care to talk about.

a) **Matthew 12:22**

b) **Luke 13:11-13**

c) **Revelation 9:13-15**

C. DEMONS DESIRE TO DOMINATE

1. Satan is a frustrated ruler.

a) He was booted out of Heaven.

b) And now has his own kingdom agenda.

2. Satan's desire is to dominate individuals, families, churches and societies.

a) And he uses his army of demons to achieve his purposes.

3. He seeks to dominate people through:

- a) Demon possession.
- b) Demon oppression.
- c) And demon obsession.

4. **THIS IS BIG:** Satan seeks to dominate organized religion.

a) ***Revelation 2:9-11***

5. **Listen Up:** Satan has his own churches. (Not the church of Satan)

a) ***Galatians 1:8-10***

D. DEMONS DIVERSIONARY TACTICS

1. Demons implement diversionary tactics.

- a) Horoscopes -
- b) Psychic hotlines -
- c) New Age -
- d) Palm Readers -
- e) Self Worship -

2. Satan wants to lure our focus away from Christ by any means possible.

a) ***Leviticus 19:31***

1) Necromancer - a fortune teller

3. All of these deny our sufficiency in Christ.

a) ***Leviticus 20:6***

b) ***Deuteronomy 18:9-12***

4. ***Mathew 7:21-23***

5. Deceivers have always been around but today they are getting more sophisticated.

6. ***Acts 19:19***

a) When you get saved you do some house cleaning.

II. DEMONS DESPISE GOD'S PROGRAM

A. GOD'S AUTHORITY

1. Our God is a jealous God.

a) ***2 Corinthians 11:2***

2. Demons seek to oppose God's authority primarily through "*idolatry*".

a) *Deuteronomy 32:17*

1) "*new gods*" - there are no new Gods, just "*old gods*" repackaged!!

b) Moses charged the Israelites with sacrificing to idols.

1) *1 Corinthians 10:18-22*

3. How can believers commune at the table of demons?

a) When we love the idols of this world more than we love God, we provoke the Lord to jealousy.

B. GOD'S WORD

1. Demons hate God's Word.

2. Eve had to choose who she was going to believe.

a) That's the choice we all have to make.

C. GOD'S PURITY

1. Demons oppose Godly purity.

a) *Jude 7-9*

2. The reason the demons resist the God's purity is because the central attribute or characteristic of God is "*holiness*".

D. GOD'S PEOPLE

1. *1 Thessalonians 2:17-18*

2. *James 3:13-16*

3. Our God is a God of order and unity, which means He will not operate in the context of disunity.

4. Selfishness is the #1 cause of disunity.

5. *Ephesians 4:3*