Knowing Your Enemy

We will attempt to take you in to the heart of the different kinds of strategies demons use against people. For the most part, demons are known by their function names. The function name will tell you what the demon specializes in, whether it be external or internal to a person. For instance, a spirit of lust will specialize in areas of lust, sexual perversion and sin with the goal of causing someone to act on it. This is how many people end up engaging in fornication, adultery, or pornography. This is what you call a person coming under direct demonic influence.

In most of these cases, the person is not under full demonic possession. God holds people responsible for their actions, regardless of a demon's involvement of influence and compulsion. Both Adam and Eve were responsible for their actions in the Garden, even though the devil himself tempted Eve to disobey and eat the fruit off that forbidden tree, followed by her persuasion of Adam to do the same. God punished both for their actions, despite outside influences¹.

Satan has not changed his tactics and strategies. He uses both demons and other people to cause us to fall into various types of sins. But whether under direct influence from demons or other people, the choice will always remain with the individual as to whether they will succumb to temptation and sin against God. Unless dealing with a case of temporary possession or extreme mental illness, most persons have all senses fully intact enough to know right from wrong; good and evil. All demons can do is try and make people sin. Individuals are accountable to the full consequences of their actions, should they decide to go all the way through when tempted.

Take for instance, people who commit murder in a 'fit of rage or jealousy'. Often these crimes are premeditated, as people entertain fantasies, ideas and imaginations of heinous actions. The demonic will work to encourage these thoughts, applying pressure that provokes follow through with these premeditated thoughts. Although aware of the consequences, both legally and morally, because of demonic influence, they choose to follow through, killing their spouse or whoever else they targeted.

Demons with function names of murder, rage, and hate are the driving force behind these types of horrible crimes. But again, the person is still fully cooperating with the demonic in their free will. As a result, they are held totally accountable and responsible by both the law and by God. Generally, people have no idea demons are operating behind the scenes providing fuel to the fires they specialize in, such as hate, murder, jealousy, rage, anger, bitterness, and unforgiveness. For example, a group of demons with these functions may attach to someone in a painful divorce. They will try and do everything they can to influence the person with their specialty with the intent of that person acting out on fits of hate, anger, or bitterness. Therefore, it helps to know the basic function names of demons. This allows one to immediately spot their negative influence when being attacked.

¹ Genesis 3:1-24

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The first basic rule of any type of warfare, whether it be spiritual or natural, is to know your enemy.

Knowing the basic function names of the demons will give a good head start, as their function names will tell you how they are operating with a person. It will also provide clues as to what their legal rights may be on that person.

Here are basic groupings of different areas demons target:

Murder

Pride

Sickness & Infirmity

The Occult

Mental health

Different Kinds of Vices

Lust

Unforgiveness

■ False Religions

These 9 demonic functions are areas where demons target and attack. Therefore, the Bible tells us to always be sober, vigilant, and alert for any kind of demonic activity that could set in on either us, or any of our close loved ones². These demons exist and operate to this day, on the roam looking for people to devour³. Also note, demons can play more than one of these functions at any one individual person at the same time.

Murder

Demons that operate under murder, and the ones who specialize in the occult, are the two worst kinds of demons you can come across.

Those in the Murder group specialize in trying to set people up to murder and kill. This includes persuading acts of abortion and suicide. Not a day goes that we do not see reports of murder and suicide on the local news. It is so prevalent, society has become desensitized to it. It is only when it happens to someone close to us that we gain a full realization of how evil of an act it is. If it should happen to a loved one like your child, spouse, or a parent, it would leave a gaping hole in your soul. Through the power of Holy Spirit on the inside of you⁴, God can heal the emotional wounds of this trauma, but it is unlikely you will lose the actual memory of the event, or the sadness at losing a loved one in such an evil and senseless fashion.

The Bible warns that Satan and his demons have come to kill, steal, and destroy⁵, and until Christ's return, we will battle this evil reality on a regular basis.

² 1 Peter 5:8

³ 1 Peter 5:8

⁴ Romans 6:10

⁵ John 10:10

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Here are some of the main functions of demons under murder:

Murder

Death

Abortion

Hate

Revenge

Jealousy

Rage

Destruction

Sadism

Anger

Darkness

Fighting

Violence

Suicide

Demons usually travel in groups or clusters. One demon will serve as the chief or the strongman, while the rest fall under its direct control and direction. In many of these cases, the strongman will be a spirit of death or murder and then it will have underlings with some of the function names listed above. They will operate against a person over time, working to persuade them toward death and destruction in their life or the lives of others. Again, in most of these cases, the person is not in a fully possessed state. They still have their senses fully intact and can distinguish right from wrong. Demons will plant thoughts, suggestions, pictures, and strategies in the mind of the individual – but the person can still resist this evil temptation and choose not to act out on them.

An evil thought or an evil desire to kill does not have to be carried out. People need to be taught the basics on how demons play mind games to persuade people to do their evil bidding. When it comes to spiritual warfare, the mind is the battlefield, with both demons and God trying to reach you. God desires to transform and renew your mind through His Word⁶. But, demons will work to reach your mind to influence you to act out on their evil suggestions.

The Occult

This function of demons is the worst to come across. Many deliverance ministers have discovered demons who specialize in any area of the occult are extremely evil and are powerful in Satan's kingdom, and can be the hardest to cast out. For this reason, God was adamant in warning His people to have absolutely nothing to do with any kind of occult activity whatsoever⁷.

Each of these activities have specific demons assigned to them. With granted legal right, they will attack anyone who participates in any of activities. Again, we cannot emphasize strongly enough that both believers and nonbelievers alike stay completely away from this kind of demonic activity.

⁶ Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:23

⁷ Exodus 20:2, 23:12, 32:1-6, 34:14; Deuteronomy 12:30-31, 13:1-18

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Here are occults and occult practices which should always be avoided:

- Fortunetelling
- Palm reading
- Crystal ball gazing
- Numerology
- Tea Leaves
- Tarot Cards
- Necromancy
- Engaging psychics
- I Ching
- Hypnotism

- Channeling
- Ouija Boards
- Reincarnation
- Astral Projection
- ESP
- Voodoo
- Satanism
- Automatic Writing
- Meditation
- Crystals

- Witchcraft
- New Age Movement techniques and activities
- Transcendental Meditation or any type of Far Eastern
- Astrology and Horoscopes
- Dungeons and Dragons roleplaying games
- Seances and involvement with mediums or spiritists

Lust

This next class of demons have been responsible in bringing down more modern-day ministries than all of the others combined, especially with men. These types of demons are also responsible for the perversions and filth we see running across every segment of our society today.

Here is a basic list of demons under the function of lust:

- Lust
- Fornication
- Adultery
- Pornography
- Masturbation
- Pedophilia
- Rape
- Incest

- Homosexuality
- Transvestism
- Transsexuality
- Sexual Orgies
- Wife swapping
- Prostitution
- Bestiality
- Sadomasochism

These forbidden areas have one major thing in common – they are tied into a spirit of lust, a spirit of sexual arousal, where the aim is sexual gratification. These activities have sexuality tied to the wrong kinds of targets. God Himself created us with the ability to have sexual thoughts and feelings. This gift was meant to be used and shared within the confines of a holy covenantal marriage between a man and a woman.

Demons know about this incredible gift from the Lord, and they do everything in their power to convince misuse of this gift, engaging wrong targets and activities such as the ones listed above. How many marriages, ministries, and personal lives have been completely destroyed as a result of people following the spirits of lust. Samson, one of the strongest men to ever live, and Solomon, the wisest, were both

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brought down as a result of lust⁸. To this day, many have not learned from the past as to how deadly and destructive the spirits of lust can be. Teenagers and children are becoming sexualized at younger ages. Many married couples are caught in adulterous affairs. Sex trafficking is at an all-time high. And society continues to struggle with rape and pedophilia, all because people freely choose not to fight this spirit.

Pride

The Bible speaks in detail about pride, cautioning readers of its danger and giving warning of its consequences. Satan himself is a perfect example of one who fell from grace and favor with the Lord because of the pride being built up in his personality. Once pride begins to build, the ability to see truth in many of life's important matters starts to fade. The enemy uses the seed of pride to lead people into deception, as the only truth seen becomes one's self-centered perception, even if that truth goes against God Almighty Himself.

Persons oppressed by spirits of pride start to become 'little gods' unto themselves. They perceive, and therefore respond, as though the world revolves around them and their personal agendas. They become selfish and narcissistic, refusing to receive correction or counsel that the Lord brings their way. Knowing how powerful and destructive pride can be in helping to bring a person down, demons do everything they can behind the scenes to build up a person's ego through false flattery and vain imaginations. Once the spirit of pride enters someone, either through demons and/or through a person's own human spirit, many of the qualities below follow along.

Here is a list of some of the different kinds of demons who function under pride:

- Pride
- Arrogance
- Haughtiness
- Rebellion
- Blasphemy
- Control/Domination

- Selfishness
- Narcissism
- Possessiveness
- Contention
- Quarreling
- Critical/Judgmental

- Unbelief
- Skepticism
- Greed
- Paranoia
- Deceit
- Mockery

Most commonly, persons oppressed by pride are judgmental and critical of other people. Since their inflated sense of pride tells them they are always right and never wrong, there is no room for anyone who does not agree with them. They become judgmental and critical of others. As pride continues to build, they grow more selfish and narcissistic, until all they see is what's in their little world. Everything else becomes irrelevant, leading to dysfunction and isolation, the ultimate goal of the enemy. They continue to desire more and more, especially in of power, wealth, authority, control, money, and material goods. The strongman of greed enters, and before you know it, they have lost all contact with God, close friends, and family members. Eventually, they become an island and a god unto themselves.

⁸ Judges 13-16; 1 Kings 11

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And then it happens, everything comes tumbling down around them. They lose all friends, family, their wealth and money, and most importantly, they lose their connection and personal relationship to God.

Demons are masters at playing the pride game with people, as it is pride that caused them to fall from heaven in the first place. To this very day, many people continue to fall for this evil spirit (i.e.: politicians, CEO's of major corporations, even pastors and clergy). Pride is a major offensive weapon of demons. They use this function with anyone they feel will be susceptible to it, especially those who are in leadership positions or carry great influence.

Mental Health

The Bible tells us that God has given us a spirit of power, love, and **sound mind**⁹. A vicious enemy, out to steal, kill, and destroy¹⁰, the demonic seeks to give man an unsound mind as much as possible. They try to make us mentally unstable, distorting perceptions of truth and manipulating conscience awareness, personalities, and emotions to our detriment and their gain.

Without question, this is one of the enemy's favorite games. Today, mental health issues, including mood altering and psychotic drug use, are more prevalent than ever. If demons can make us mentally unstable to any degree, they are able to do significant damage to our abilities to operate in our callings for the Lord, if not completely knock us right out of life altogether.

Here are some of the function names of demons who operate in the realm of mental health:

- Fear/Anxiety
- Phobias
- Antisocial
- Shyness
- Torment
- Dread
- Insecurity
- Compulsive neurotic behavior

- Suspicion/Distrust
- Discouragement
- Passivity
- Lying/Deceit
- Loneliness
- Depression/ManicDepression (Bipolar)
- Hopelessness/Despair

- Paranoia
- Madness/Insanity
- Schizophrenia
- Hearing Voices
- Mind Control
- Dissociative Identity
 Disorder (Multiple
 Personalities)

We all battle some of these imperfections from time to time. Not everyone who is afraid, shy, or lonely is under any kind of demonic attack. But, issues arise when demons do move in and try to intensify what you may already be going through. For instance, having lost a job, one may begin to battle certain emotions and insecurities. During this time, demons will seek to attack and oppress. Their additional influence of fear and anxiety compounds, becoming a crippling cage of despair and torment.

⁹ 1 Timothy 1:7

¹⁰ John 10:10

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Demons are always looking for an opening in defenses, a chink in the armor. They are also extremely perceptive, if they see that you are battling any type of abnormal fear, they will attempt to add to it in order to paralyze you. Paralyzed enough, you will stop trying to move forward in life and in your calling. And if you stop trying to move forward, you may end up handcuffing God from being able to work in and through you. Therefore, it is important that we realize the types of games demons are capable of playing, so as to not fall into their traps.

If you have just lost your job, you will need to start seeking and searching for another one. As you are seeking and searching, God will fully guide your steps into the next new job He will want you to have. But if you quit seeking, due to fear and anxiety, God may not be able to lead you, as you have taken yourself out of His playing field. This is exactly what the demons attempt and accomplish when they attack our mental health. They knock us right off the playing field and onto the bench, so God will not be able to use you or work with you.

This is why the Bible advises that knowledge keeps us from being destroyed and going into captivity¹¹. If demons can play this kind of mind game, pushing mental instability to significant degree, then the person will enter a certain amount of mental captivity. That mental captivity ends up freezing and paralyzing the person, keeping them from being able to progress on the divine path God has set them on.

If demons cannot kill you, they will then seek to paralyze, so you can no longer move forward and function in the calling God has designed for your life. This is why the Lord has given His children a sound mind, to be able to fully complete their call and to step into their anointing. Demons know this. That is why they diligently work to influence and oppress with the above-mentioned functions and spirits.

Unforgiveness

Another major area that demons target, once they see this kind of an opening in your defenses, is unforgiveness. Jesus explains why in Matthew 6:14-15, "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses." Similarly, in Mark 11:25, He instructs, "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses."

Not only do these verses tell us that God will not forgive us if we do not forgive others, but the Mark passage implies that our prayers are impacted by our obedience in forgiving others. How can we begin to operate in the fulness of our calling or expect God's blessing and anointing if we block God from answering our prayers with unforgiveness? Our prayer line to the Lord is our lifeline. Have that lifeline damaged, cut, or severed in any way, and all forward momentum in our callings will completely shut

¹¹ Job 36:12; Proverbs 5:23, 10:21; Hosea 4:6

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down until you can get it re-established again. This is why demons especially target this area. If they sever the prayer lines, they can have greater influence in one's life and limit God's use of a person to advance the gospel.

Here are some of the function names of the demons who will play this kind of mind game using unforgiveness:

Unforgiveness

Bitterness

Jealousy

Resentment

Anger

Stubbornness

Envy

Hard-heartedness

Hatred

These additional qualities keep us from forgiving sins and offenses committed towards us. Anger, bitterness, resentment, and a hard-heart prevent forgiveness, and lead to sinful rebellion against God. Unforgiveness ties someone to an offender. By keeping another person 'on the hook' for their actions, we remain hooked to them in our pain and offense. The enemy then attacks with heavy burdens wrapped around us, which become anchors around our soul. Until they are completely cut away by the power of Holy Spirit, they drag a believer down and away from God's blessing and favor.

Sickness & Infirmity

As a result of the Adamic curse that is still in full operation, every one of us will have to battle a certain amount of sickness and illness in this life. Most of the time, any type of sickness or illness we may get will be due to natural type causes. With current nutrition practices, global pollution, and just the normal wear-and-tear of aging in our physical bodies, our bodies will break down with various types of illnesses and diseases at times. However, a study of biblical deliverances, performed by Jesus and recorded in the Gospel accounts, revels that often a person's illness was directly related to a demonic spirit. Once that demon was cast out, then the person had a full physical healing.

These types of spirits are called spirits of infirmity. They specialize in physically attacking the body and cause sickness and disease. Proper discernment from Holy Spirit is necessary to determine whether or not someone's illness is being caused by a demon or is of natural cause and a result of the Adamic curse factors that are still in full play.

Here are some of the function names of demons who operate through sickness and infirmity:

- Spirit of Infirmity (any disease or illness)
- Death
- Anorexia
- Bulimia

- Insomnia
- Abnormal amounts of lethargy, sleepiness
- Epilepsy
- Gluttony

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Again, proper discernment from Holy Spirit is key when dealing with a demon causing a specific type of illness or disease. Remember, this is a type of game demons can play. Do not overlook the possibility of dealing with a specific type of illness or disease with someone.

Anorexia and bulimia should especially be considered carefully, as demons love to use these if they can get away with it. If they can prevent the body from receiving proper nutrition, they can impact body function, and cause serious danger if allowed to continue long enough.

Gluttony, however, will be the opposite end of this extreme. If demons cannot kill you through starvation, they will try and kill you by causing you to overeat. Many of our natural illnesses, such as heart attacks and cancers, are caused by overeating of the wrong kinds of foods over long periods of time. Spirits of gluttony love to attach to people to see if they can get them to eat themselves to death.

Different Kinds of Vices

If demons will try and cause you to either overeat or under eat in order to try and kill you, then this next realm should come as no surprise. This next realm is where you get into the different types of vices and addictions that are out there – and demons love to play this kind of extreme game on anyone they can.

Here are some of the main function names vice demons operate through:

- Alcohol
- Benzodiazepines
- Caffeine
- Cannabis/Marijuana
- Cocaine

- Ecstasy
- Hallucinogens
- Heroin
- Inhalants
- LSD

- Methamphetamines
- Prescription drugs/Opioids
- Steroids
- Synthetic drugs
- Tobacco/Nicotine

These vices are extremely addictive and shorten life spans, not to mention, they seriously cripple and prevent proper mental and bodily function in this life. These vices, limit God in using the calling He has set up for your life, until you can become clear and fully delivered.

Again, this is why demons play this kind of heavy and dark game. They know once they are successful in getting a person hooked on these addictive substances, the person is knocked out of their divine destiny. We will never know the number of great men and women of God who never made it to the starting line, because they could not break free from these vices.

Once demons see someone begin to dabble and experiment with the above vices, they waste no time in trying to move in for the kill. They know they have the appropriate legal rights to attach to that person.

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This is why experimenting or dabbling with some of the above heavier drugs could get you into major trouble in the spiritual realm, as demons watch and wait for people to hand over legal rights and open doors to demonic attack.

False Religions

The Bible is very clear, there is only one name and one way into heaven – and that is directly through Jesus Christ and His sacrificial death on the cross. There are no other ways, no other names, and no other religions in this world that reconcile us to God. Jesus has made it very clear that He, and only He, is the only way into heaven, and that no one will come to His Father unless they come directly through Him¹².

Satan has conjured many counterfeit "ways" to God to keep people from finding salvation in Christ and having a relationship with God. Hence, many false religious systems exist and are in operation in the world today. Founded in fallacy and distorted truth, these false religious systems are products of the demonic. This statement can seem extreme and controversial, but Scripture leaves no room for compromise. God the Father is direct, no one is going to get to Him unless they come through His Son and the blood that His Son has shed for all of us on the cross. Each of these areas are major strongholds, with some of Satan's most cunning demons controlling these false religious systems.

Here are the major false religious still in operation today, each run by a demonic spirit:

- Islam
- Jehovah's Witnesses
- Mormonism
- Hinduism
- Buddhism
- Confucianism
- Shintoism

- Sikhism
- Jainism
- Zoroastrianism
- Spiritualism
- Christian Science
- Hare Krishna
- Scientology

- Kabbalah
- Unification Church
- Freemasonry
- The Children of God
- EST
- Eckanar
- The Forum

- The Way International
- Theosophy
- Rosicrucianism
- Atheism
- Legalism

Simply put – we either come through the blood of Jesus and the cross, or we do not come at all. There is no middle ground or neutral area for people to walk into if they do not accept Christ. This is why the above religious systems are called "false" religions. None lead to eternal salvation with God the Father. They are all dead ends run by demons.

Once again, here are the most powerful verses in all of Scripture telling us that Jesus Christ is the only way to be able to receive eternal salvation with God the Father:

¹² Matthew 5:17, 7:21–23; John 3:13-16, 36, 5:24, 6:35, 51, 68-69, 8:12, 24, 10:7-9, 11:25, 14:6, 17:3; Acts 4:12, 13:38–39; Romans 3:22; Ephesians 4:4; Philippians 2:9; Hebrews 2:14-15; 1 Timothy 2:5; 1 John 4:14, 5:11

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Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is **no other name under heaven** given among men by which we must be saved.

Acts 4:12 (emphasis added)

For there is one God and *one Mediato*r between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus...

1 Timothy 2:5 (emphasis added)

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; *one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all,* who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Acts 4:4-6 (emphasis added)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."

John 14:6 (emphasis added)

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. *He who believes in Me*, though he may die, *he shall live*.

John 11:25 (emphasis added)

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

John 8:12 (emphasis added)

And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. *He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst*.

John 6:35 (emphasis added)

I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world.

John 6:51 (emphasis added)

...whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:15-16 (emphasis added)

He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.

John 3:36 (emphasis added)

Therefore I said to you that you will die in your sins; for if you do not believe that I am He, you will die in your sins.

John 8:24 (emphasis added)

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Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life.

John 5:24 (emphasis added)

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. *He who has the*Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life.

1 John 5:11-12 (emphasis added)

And we have seen and testify that *the Father has sent the Son as Savior of the world*.

1 John 4:14 (emphasis added)

When you read these verses, you feel the power and authority in each one. God the Father is telling us that us no one will be reconciled to Him unless they come through His Son Jesus. Any other way or name will not be tolerated or accepted. The world, and those of us with friends and family of other faiths, may desire politically correct tolerance of false religions. But, God does not. And in His love, gives clear instruction and warning. As His direct ambassadors on this earth, we are commissioned to tell the truth of the gospel.

Once you realize truth through Jesus Christ, it is heart-breaking to see so many people bound in captivity to all other false religious systems across the world. Millions and millions of people are being held behind enemy lines and are under demonic oppression in these false religions. They have absolutely no idea they are all on the wrong side of the fence, with eternal implications. Satan and his demons have been successful across much of the world, in preventing people from finding the one true way. It is heartbreaking!

Conclusion

As you can see from the list, demons cover every type of evil we can imagine. The Bible tells us that one-third of the angelic host rebelled against God and were cast from heaven, where they remain forever lost, never allowed to return¹³. As a result, demons have descended into the dark, where they have become pure evil – and the sum total of their existence is to live and operate within their function names to drag mankind, God's crowned creation, into their lower way of living and eventually hell itself.

Knowing some of the basic function names of these demons may help when God brings people your way. Again, for the most part, demons travel in groups or clusters, and when they are given legal rights into a person's life, the whole group will set up shop. The group will have a head demon, strongman, and the rest will be under its direct control.

¹³ Revelation12:3-4

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At certain times, Holy Spirit will give a word of knowledge or discernment as to what types of demons are operating. This can help can you discover the legal rights allowing the demonic to operate. Once legal rights are determined, they should be broken before the Lord, in the name of Jesus. With legal rights broken, demons will have nothing else to hold onto in a person's body of life and can be cast out of the person with the appropriate command.

Knowing some of the basic function names and groupings of these demons will also help in providing a heads up when demons try to oppress and attack us from time to time. Knowing what kind of evil they like to specialize in will tip us off when attacks come our way.

If more people knew basic functions and demonic games, they would not so easily fall prey to temptations such as unforgiveness, lust, suicide, and addictions. Countless atrocities and crimes against humanity could have been prevented if more people realized they were being played by demons. But, demons play people like fiddles. They influence and manipulate, people off the end of some serious life-and-death cliffs. This is why every church should provide basic teaching on spiritual warfare. Jesus' flock must know how the enemy operates against them. We must know our enemy!

The Bible warns that God's people perish and fall into captivity when we lack knowledge¹⁴. Lack of basic knowledge of demonic operation has caused many to seriously stumble in their walk with the Lord. Or worse, knocked some of them off the playing field of life with an early death. This is a direct result of not realizing how the enemy moved and operated against them.

How many people have been led into murder, the occult, lust, pride, mental health issues, unforgiveness, sickness and infirmities, vices, and false religions as a direct result of demonic influence and oppression? Most never stopped to think or analyze where these unholy desires originated. Most demonic activity could have easily been prevented from the onset if more people knew that demons really operate and were aware of their tactics.

¹⁴ Job 36:12, Proverbs 5:23,10:21, Hosea 4:6

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