



The Devil, Demons, Evil Spirits & Demon Activity

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The Invisible Battle

- **Wiles** = cunning arts, deceit, craft, trickery and strategies.
- **Wrestle** = to vibrate; to sway (root = to throw, to scatter, cast into, thrust)
- **4 Ranks & Classes of Demons:**
 - **Principalities** (Lowest Class and Rank)
 - **Powers** (2nd Lowest Class and Rank)
 - **Rulers of Darkness** (Highest rank we have to deal with; the demon that possesses people)
 - *They rule over the other spirits and tell them what to do.*
 - *Anyone who is walking in darkness can be dominated by rulers of darkness. They rule over all unsaved people and anyone walking in darkness, including believers who are walking in darkness.*
 - *Evil spirits will dominate believers, if they allow them to – by **consent, ignorance, or disobedience.***
 - **Wicked Spirits in the Heavens** (Highest Rank)
- Two major weapons (1) Deception (2) Discouragement and Depression
- Their main tactic (T.I.S. – Thoughts, Ideas, Suggestions)

The Reality of the Spiritual Battle

(OPPRESSION) (the imposition of unreasonable burdens; the state of being oppressed or overburdened; misery; hardship; calamity; a sense of heaviness or weight)

3 LEVELS/DEGREES:

- 1.Wiles
- 2.Evil Day
- 3.Fiery Darts

TYPES OF DEMONIC OPPRESSION:

- 1.MENTAL/EMOTIONAL - Spirit of Fear (Romans 8:15; 1 Timothy 1:7)
- 2.PHYSICAL - Spirit of Infirmary (St Luke 13:11-16; Acts 10:38)
- 3.REBELLION/DISOBEDIENCE – (Ephesians 2:2)

(OBSESSION)

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(POSSESSION)

(the state of being under the power of demons – spirit, soul & body)
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Our Top Priority When Facing The Enemy

- **Ephesians 6:10 – 20**
- **1st Directive** – Be STRONG in the Lord and in the POWER of HIS MIGHT (**Spiritual Action**)
- **2nd Directive** – PUT ON the WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD! (**Soul Action**)
- **WHY?** (1st) That we may be able to STAND against the wiles, devices, and deception of the devil (2nd) We are not to be ignorant of the enemy's devices (mind games; tricks; strategies; deceptions) (**2 Corinthians 2:11**)
- **STRONG** = (Greek – endunamoo) – an empowering or an inner strengthening. It conveys the ideas of being infused with a excessive dose of dynamic inner strength and ability. The word portrays a power that is being deposited into something.
- *We are specially designed by God to be the receptacles for His Divine Power!*