

SATAN WANTS YOUR MIND

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The Importance of Your Mind

Many people do not realise the importance of having a sound mind until their own mind, or the mind of someone near to them, begins to show signs of instability in some way. Our mind is very important to us because it is our decision-making mechanism. If we lose an arm or a leg, we are, to some extent, restricted but can still make decisions and enjoy a reasonable quality of life. We can even lose some of our internal organs and yet continue to maintain a fair degree of independence.

However, if we lose our mind, with it we lose also the ability to select our options and thus become dependent on others.

What say the Scriptures?

God in His Word, has a lot to say about the mind, which serves to further underline its crucial role.

In **James 1.8** we are told that a double-minded man is unstable **in all his ways**. Because he can't make up his mind, that man's whole life is one of instability.

Mat 22.37 instructs us to "*love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul **and with all thy mind.***" If we obey this command, how can it leave room for the mind to be infiltrated by Satan?

We read in **Rom 12.2** that our lives are to be transformed and this transformation is brought about by renewing our minds.

Scores of other references in Scripture come to mind, but it is not my purpose to pursue an in-depth study here.

The Attack is Underway

Many Christian workers have observed that Satan has launched an all-out attack on Christian people. Satan is well aware of the fact that time is running out on him. His plan of attack is aimed at the mind.

He has in his sights not just **some** Christians but **all Christians**. His goal is to cause their downfall by one means or another. That his plan is meeting with a high degree of success is now beyond dispute.

All who have eyes to see have observed with much concern that large numbers of Christians have defected to the enemy side and gone right back into the world. Included in this number are many high-profile Christian workers whose ministry had been given a great deal of exposure by the media.

The Ferocity of the Attack

Many pastors and counsellors are now beginning to realise just how strong this attack really is. They counsel increasing numbers of Christians for depression, mental illness, emotional instability, marital breakup, irrational behaviour, breakdown in relationships, suicidal tendencies and the general inability to cope with the complex problems caused by modern living.

People whose minds are now being affected, come from all age groups and every stratum of society. One Pastor confided in me that he had at one time no less than 12 people in his congregation being treated for mental problems. Other counsellors are deeply concerned at the number of Christians

who spend time in mental institutions. Satan's goal is to:

confuse the mind
deceive the mind, and if possible,
control the mind, in that order.

Satan's Method

The method used by satan is very subtle and it is this subtlety that makes it so extremely effective. He works on the mind in such a way as to induce a state of **mental passivity**.

By mental passivity, I mean a voluntary **relinquishing of control** by the person concerned. People are encouraged to 'let your mind go blank'. Lecturers in the New Age Movement call this 'an altered state of consciousness'. All these trendy terms are being used at this point in time. Basically, they all mean the same thing, namely, the surrender of part or all of the mind to another being.

What does God Require?

In the spirit realm, there are **two laws** by which spirits operate when working through human channels:

1 The Holy Spirit **always** requires the **active co-operation of the mind**.

2 Evil spirits need **passive submission** of the mind. To put this another way, evil spirits encourage the person to temporarily relinquish control of their mind in order that they may be able to take it over.

It should be pointed out here that Christians are specifically commanded in Scripture to "*gird up the loins of your mind*" 1 Pet 1.13. You have a race to run - a battle to fight and a work to do - so put your armour on and prepare yourself. This command is to be equated with the law by which the Holy Spirit operates, namely that we are to place ourselves under the influence of the Holy Spirit and **actively cooperate** with Him.

This is exactly the opposite of the law by which evil spirits operate. Before evil spirits can really begin their diabolical work in a person's life, they must induce that person to adopt a passive state of mind.

Passivity Varies

There are, of course, **varying degrees** of passivity. Most people allow this to happen **unknowingly**.

The degree of demonic control over any person is **always in exact proportion** to the degree of passivity. We continually meet up with many people who desperately wanted what they thought to be the genuine gift of tongues. They made an all-out effort to obtain this 'highly desirable gift' by letting their mind go completely blank. Many thousands of people go into a trance-like state anywhere from a few seconds to 10 or 15 minutes. This is the exact state of mind experienced by mediums in seances. All mediums know that they must relinquish control of their own mind, before spirits can take over and speak through them.

The 'success' mediums enjoy, varies greatly and is in exact proportion to the degree of mental passivity. Those who allow their minds to become **totally** passive, are often taken over completely by demons who then speak through the willing medium. Once the medium has allowed herself to go into a trance-like state, the demons are then able to completely bypass her mind (which is temporarily inactive) and speak directly to those present in the seance.

Speaking in Tongues

This is precisely what happens when a person seeks to obtain the so-called 'gift of tongues'. Many people do not have sufficient biblical knowledge to understand that God means them to always maintain control of their own minds. They are never **under any circumstance** to relinquish that control and surrender their minds to another being, whether it be a human being acting as a hypnotist, or a spirit being.

As we have already pointed out, this is a biblical law that is spelt out very clearly all through Scripture. Many sincere, but ill-taught Christians are now seeking desperately to obtain the coveted 'gift' of speaking in tongues. These sincere, but misguided souls feel that it would be simply wonderful to have the Holy Spirit speaking through them. In an effort to have this much desired experience, these same people have allowed their minds to become passive, whether mildly or partly so. They do not lapse into a complete trance. Others, however, venture into this with varying degrees of self-abandonment. Some throw off all inhibitions and **completely** blank out every thought.

The Effect

I emphasize again at this point, that the after-effect on each individual will vary from one person to another and will be **in exact proportion** to the degree that they allowed their minds to become passive. They may or **may not** speak in an ecstatic tongue at the time. **What is certain** is the fact that evil spirits at that moment gained access to their mind and now have some degree of control over them.

If in seeking for the so-called gift of tongues, the person allowed their mind to become **partly** passive, then they will only be **mildly** affected from there on. Some of the symptoms that follow a mild state of mental passivity can be as follows:

- 1 Mild depression
- 2 Emotional instability
- 3 Irrational behaviour
- 4 Strained relationship with others
- 5 Changed patterns in the thought life
- 6 Evil thoughts
- 7 Unreasonable expectations for both themselves and others
- 8 Inability to cope in some areas
- 9 Varying degrees of stress
- 10 Change of character
- 11 Dual personality
- 12 Moodiness
- 13 A noticeable change in beliefs
- 14 Anger, even when unprovoked
- 15 Deterioration in spiritual life
- 16 Partial spiritual blindness
- 17 Mental confusion
- 18 Demoralisation
- 19 Marital problems
- 20 Emotional problems
- 21 Unexplained physical problems
- 22 Various forms of addiction

The reason for these changes in a person is simply that sometimes they are in control and responding to people and situations, whilst on other occasions, **an evil spirit** dominates them, overriding their personality and taking control temporarily. There are now two different beings operating through the one body. The person him/herself is sometimes in control. At other times, the evil spirit has the upper hand and he exerts his will.

This causes enormous confusion to all the people within the circle of such a relationship. They simply cannot understand what has caused so unexpected a change in the person concerned. They do not realise that the law of **cause and effect** is involved. The **effect** is noticeable change in the personality of the person concerned. The **cause** that brought about this effect was the degree of mental passivity allowed by the individual.

The resultant effect visible in the life of a person who has **totally blanked out their mind** or permitted their mind to become completely passive are as follows: (It will be observed that the symptoms in this list are basically the same as those in the previous list **only more extreme**):

Symptoms of Demonic Interference

- 1 Severe bouts of depression
- 2 Emotional instability
- 3 Destroyed relationships with others
- 4 Pronounced change in behaviour
- 5 Illogical thought life
- 6 Frequent blasphemous thoughts
- 7 At times total unreasonableness
- 8 Inability to cope with life
- 9 Often really 'stressed out'
- 10 Noticeable change of character
- 11 Extreme mood swings
- 12 Marked change in beliefs
- 13 Violent outbursts of anger
- 14 Breakdown in spiritual life
- 15 Increased spiritual blindness
- 16 Frequent mental confusion
- 17 Greater demoralisation
- 18 Complete marital breakdown
- 19 Stronger forms of addiction
- 20 Suicidal tendencies

The fact should be stressed again that there are varying degrees of behaviour change between the 'mild' and the 'extreme'. It should also be understood that not all of these symptoms will be exhibited in the one person. Some people will have several of these characteristics while others will have different ones.

Recognise also that these symptoms may not always be caused by demonic influence. There are times when these same behavioural changes will be caused by some degree of mental instability or confusion. Always, much prayer is needed in order to ascertain the real cause of a change in behaviour.

Other Methods Satan Uses

Notice that satan has many other methods he uses to gain control over the minds of humans. The more common ones are:

- 1 Eastern mysticism
- 2 Transcendental meditation
- 3 Yoga
- 4 Mind dynamics seminars
- 5 Hypnosis
- 6 Self-hypnosis
- 7 Being 'slain in the spirit'
- 8 Being prayed over in tongues
- 9 Addiction to Rock music
- 10 The use of illegal drugs

Satan varies his methods considerably, but his goal always remains the same, and that is to gain the greatest possible degree of control over the mind. **Be they Christian or not makes no difference!** It should be noted that the above list of practices all share:

One Common Denominator

They all require a state of mental passivity - non-resistance. In order to achieve success in any of these areas, the participant must relinquish control of their mind, either partially or totally.

If any who read this are involved in one or more of the above practices, I would urge you to back off immediately because you are in danger - not imaginary danger - **real danger!**

Many people have an unhealthy fascination for the spirit world. Often this leads to a desire to experiment, and it is right at this point that many cross the unseen line between the natural and the supernatural. It is now the 'in' thing to be involved in one or more of the practices which I have listed. Some of these things have not only become acceptable for whatever reason, but they have become immensely popular.

Many thousands of people who have yielded to the temptation to 'dabble' in some form of occult practice, have had their otherwise peaceful life turned upside down. Large numbers have been robbed of their peace of mind and the precious assurance of God's approval. Many now live under constant stress and some in perpetual torment. This is sad indeed, especially when we realise that these people have unfortunately brought all this on themselves - the direct result of their unwise dabbling.

What God Intended

God intends that we should all enjoy a perpetually peaceful state of mind. In Isaiah 26.3 we read "*Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in thee.*" Here, perfect peace is promised by God. The way to acquire it is "to stay (or fix) our minds on Him." Even in the midst of domestic turmoil, social upheaval, moral decline, or spiritual drought, we can still have peace. Just when we thought we had everything 'nailed down', most of society is disintegrating around us. In the midst of this confusion, many Christians are finding that they can enjoy perfect peace and tranquility - even when the waves of adversity crash in.

They've Found the Secret

They simply keep their spiritual eyes fixed on the Captain of their salvation. They know from experience that if they shift their gaze from Him, anxiety and stress begin to take over. Peter found that whilst ever he looked at Christ, he could walk on the water, but when he shifted his gaze and looked at the waves, he immediately began to sink. IF we keep our spiritual eyes fixed on Christ, we are able to walk on the waves of adversity, but when we cease to look to Him, we begin to sink in a sea of **distress and apprehension.**

How to Find Deliverance

If any Christian reads this booklet and feels that they are under some degree of spiritual bondage, they can confidently take the following steps and the Lord will set them free.

1. Pinpoint what it was which first precipitated your mind into a state of passivity.
2. Renounce all that you have been involved in which is not glorifying to God - ask His forgiveness.
3. Reclaim any ground which you have knowingly or unknowingly given to satan.
4. **Destroy all occult artifacts** or objects in your possession. God gives specific instruction as to what the Christian's attitude should be toward anything of an occult nature. It is spelt out very clearly in both Old and New Testaments.

Deut 7.25-26 *"The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein: for it is an abomination to the Lord thy God. Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thy house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing."*

Acts 19.18-19 *"And many that believed came and confessed and showed their deeds. Many of them also which used curious arts brought their books together and burned them before all men: and they counted the price of them and found it 50,000 pieces of silver."*

In order to be accepted by a Holy God, we must break all ties with the occult. We should burn, or otherwise destroy, objects such as occult jewellery, occult books, all pornographic material, Rock records and tapes, idols, replicas of pagan gods, Buddhas, occultish face masks, ouija boards, amulets, tarot cards, objects connected with Free-masonry, charms, astrology charts, illicit drugs etc.

Many Christians are now carefully going through their homes and cleaning out **everything** that is offensive to a Holy God. They have often discovered to their absolute delight that when these and other suspect objects are cleaned out of their homes, things such as depression and fear just disappear.

5 Take full control of your own mind *"and bring into captivity every thought."* (2 Cor 10.5) Action springs from the thought life. If the thought life is not controlled, the actions that follow will likewise be uncontrolled.

6 Tip out of your life everything that should not be there - bad habits, occult involvement, dabbling in questionable practices, undisciplined use of time, neglect of daily prayer and reading of Scripture.

7 Surrender every area of your life to the Lordship of the Lord Jesus Christ. Ask Him to fill you with the Holy Spirit who will teach and guide you from there on.

8 Saturate your mind with Scripture - learn and keep on learning new promises from the Bible.

9 Take your deliverance by faith. Stand on the promises of God and believe them as accomplished fact - as though they had already been fulfilled to you personally.

10 Study carefully and prayerfully the following "Declaration of Victory". Read it slowly several times aloud until you fully understand it. Then pray it as a prayer and make it your personal declaration of victory over satan and his forces.

Declaration of Victory

(Based upon James 4.7-8 & Ephesians 4.27)

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, as a Redeemed child of God, I here and now repent of all my sins ever committed against God and Man.

For Freedom from Satan's grip, I acknowledge my utter dependence on God the Father of Jesus Christ the Messiah who came to set me free.

I resist and revoke any curse, spell or hex that has ever been cast against me or the loved ones under my authority. I draw near to God and I trust the Son of God who came in the Flesh to loose me and set me free from Satan's grip.

I also resist the Devil and renounce all his intrusive works in my life, including all spiritistic hereditary factors caused by myself, my parents, my family and my ancestors. I do this now by claiming complete forgiveness and cleansing in the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, my redeemer, the Holy One of God.

In the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ, who carried all my sins on His Cross at Calvary, I also reclaim and take back all the ground in my life which was ever lost or given to evil spirits by myself, my Parents, my Family and my Ancestors and I willingly surrender and give myself completely over - spirit, soul, mind and body - to my Lord Jesus Christ.

Signed.....

The truths presented in this booklet have been learnt through many years of counselling Christians affected by various degrees of occult oppression.

Now that these observations have been put into printed form, it is the author's prayer that our Lord will graciously use them to bring peace and deliverance to many precious souls who otherwise would remain in spiritual bondage.

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<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qi6fIUpvZUI>**

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