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Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; (1 Timothy 4:1)

Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. (1 Timothy 4:1)

Can a Christian be deceived by Satan and his demon spirits? Emphatically Yes! The truth is, many Christians are deceived by demons to some degree. That does not mean they are demon-possessed or on their way to Hell. *The Lord dealt with me about this in my own life and ministry a good while back. It changed my life, ministry, and actions forever. I made adjustments and became very careful about who I followed, what I watched, read, and who I listened to.*

This certainly does not mean that I have arrived, but I press towards the mark of the high calling. There were things I was pretty sure I was right about, only to be shown by the Lord where I was wrong. The Lord Jesus Christ helped me in this area because I asked Him to. If you are not open to correction, He will not force correction on you.



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Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour. (1 Peter 5:8)

The greatest deception today is to think that the devil does not exist or that he is really not as cunning and deceptive as the Bible makes him out to be. He is that, and much more devious. He talked many angels, who saw and knew God, into following him in rebellion against God. He talked Adam and Eve, who walked and talked with God, into believing that God was wrong and he was right. One day, and he is working on it now, he will convince people that the antichrist is truly God.

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation. (Matthew 12:43-45)

Jesus spoke the words above to make us aware of Satan's tactics.

From the previous words of Jesus Christ, it is a fact that even though you get set free from unclean spirits, it does not mean they will never try to influence you again. Dad Hagin said, *“The only way you will never have to deal with the devil again is to die. As long as you are in this world, you are going to have to deal with the devil.”* Yes, there have been extremes in teaching about the devil and evil spirits. That becomes error. Now, the extreme is not saying anything about the devil and his operations. That is error also.

There is a real devil that is out to deceive you and cause havoc in your life, family, business, ministry, and church. Yes, Jesus is real, God the Father is real, and the devil is real.

Well Known Preacher Deceived

There was an internationally known pastor/preacher who was associated with Rev. Oral Roberts and was a faith preacher. I visited his church for special meetings a couple of times. There were over 5,000 people in attendance. They would shout, dance, flop, fall, run, roll on the floor, jump chairs, yell, scream, cry, shake, juke dance, shimmy, vibrate, raise their hands, speak in tongues, and prophesy, etc. Many times, he would lead the way. I would pray to the Lord and say, “If you will get me out of here alive, I sure would appreciate it!” Ha! Ha! Ha! They would beat you up, fall on you, and push you down, all while stomping and yelling that the Holy Ghost is here! You had to get in there with them or get killed, Holy Ghost or not! It was a sight to behold!

This kind, nice, and friendly preacher basically came from nowhere to become an international sensation in the church world over the years. Many sought him out to speak in their meetings all over the world. When I attended his meetings, I had a check in my spirit about him and wondered why. It wasn't until years later that I found out what the Spirit was trying to tell me. I have checks in my spirit today about some ministers who people fawn over and flock after.

Under the guise of trying to change his city for the better, this preacher got the idea (from the devil, as it proved out) that he should run for mayor. He didn't have the money to compete with others who were running for mayor. He was approached by some very wealthy leaders of a false religion. They told him they would finance his campaign if he would go along with their agenda. He accepted. That was his second demonic mistake. The devil was setting him up to destroy his ministry and eventually end his life early.

One day, I saw the headlines of the town newspaper where he was running for mayor. There was a large picture of him leading the gay day parade down the streets of the city. He was carrying a sign promoting equal rights for all. I could hardly believe what I was seeing on the front page of the paper! I said out loud, “Don't he know that is wrong?” No, he did not, because he was fully deceived by the devil. The devil is real, cunning, misleading, and evil.

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This preacher was absolutely convinced that God was leading him to do what he was doing. He was influenced into believing this way by demons. You, I, and any Christian are susceptible to demonic influence. Many listen to the devil everyday and obey him. Yes, you can too, no matter how spiritual you think you are. Jesus Christ appeared to Dad Hagin on September 2, 1950, and told him how not to be deceived. Jesus said, "*Many will be deceived by false prophets and miracles of satanic origin. But follow the Word of God, the Spirit of God, and Me, and you will not be deceived.*"

I am flabbergasted, stunned, astonished, astounded, and amazed at Christians who are being influenced by those who wouldn't know the Holy Ghost if He came walking down the aisle with a red hat on and wearing a purple cape. Some Christians are so gullible and naive. I used to be a conman and knew how to swindle and cheat people. I took advantage of people so many times before I was saved that they are too numerous to count. Dad Hagin told me to leave all that under the blood of Jesus, and I did. The Holy Spirit will instantly make you aware if someone is right or wrong if you will learn to listen to Him. If you get a check in your spirit about someone or something, follow that leading. Many times I don't understand the leading in my head, but I follow it, and it always, always, always proves to be accurate. Being led by His Spirit will keep you from being deceived.

A good word of advice is that just because you get a check about a person, Christian, or minister, it does not mean they are wrong in every area. You don't attack them or go around talking negative things about them to others. Most of the time, it is best to keep your mouth shut about what you know, unless the Lord leads you to say something. There are times He will allow you to say things to others, and other times He will not. I have found that many Christians, including preachers, are not sensitive to the leading of the Lord, and if you say anything to them about something, they think you are delusional.

You know this pentecostal faith preacher was totally deceived if he was leading the gay day parade down the street of this major city. He got off by not being led by the Spirit of God. *If you are not led by the Holy Spirit, you will be led by what you or someone else thinks or by demon spirits.*

Eventually, this deceived preacher went on to declare that no one would go to Hell and everyone would go to Heaven, regardless of what you did or believed. It was called the doctrine of inclusion. It was straight from the devil himself and declared by this preacher. He eventually went on to die before his time because God judged him as he would not judge himself and repent. See 1 Cor. 11:31-32.

It is sad that this happened to this minister, but it is the devil's job to keep you from being led by the Spirit of God. The devil has hoards of demons that work for him, and their job is to deceive you.

Doctrinal Issues

I want to point out that just because you disagree with someone about Biblical truths, doesn't mean you are deceived or they are deceived. We all see things a little differently. If you read Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, they each told the story of Jesus Christ differently. Each of them were looking at it from a different perspective. Of course, I am not speaking of blatant false doctrine either. That is a different issue. Dad Hagin said, "I have never fully seen eye to eye with anyone on some Biblical truths."

Preachers/Christians

There is a main way that the devil works to get an inroad into, especially, a preacher's life. Inherent in each human being are longings and desires that need satisfying. I did not get this out of a book or from any human being. The Lord Jesus Christ, Himself, told me this over 25 years ago during a time of fasting and prayer. If anyone spends time with Him, He will share secrets with them.

He said, "*Mankind desires to long to belong and desires to be wanted and needed. If they do not allow me to fill that desire, then the world and devil will.*" Another way to say it is that mankind seeks significance and desires to be recognized and needed. There are many famous people who have sold their souls to the devil, so to speak, to experience this fulfillment in their lives.

I witnessed this taking place in a pastor's life many years ago. He invited me to speak at his church. I was on the front row as he was leading praise and worship, along with his band. Suddenly, I noticed he began to sway with the music in an unspiritual way and shake his head from side to side, like a rock musician might do to the beat of the music. I knew, immediately in my spirit by the Holy Spirit, that his actions and motives were wrong. I didn't know what to think about it naturally; I just knew the Holy Spirit gave me a check about it.

He had a great voice and could hit all the right notes at the correct times. The people would clap and shout as he did. Suddenly, I knew in my spirit that he was fulfilling his desire to long to belong and to be wanted and needed by doing this. He was a nice and friendly man, too. I knew he was yielding to an evil spirit right in the church service! This happens in church services a lot more than many Christians realize. I didn't say a word to anybody and went on and preached and completed the meeting. I knew the devil wasn't going to influence me because I would not allow him to do so. You have to yield to the devil; he can't make you do anything that you don't want to do.

I marked that minister and watched him over the years. Later on, he left the church and left his wife and children. This evil spirit deceived him and ruined his life and ministry.

I see this same cunning, crafty, sly, scheming, and deceptive evil spirit at work today. Jesus said to Dad Hagin, in 1950, that many would be deceived. Some ministers today follow after and seek approval from well-known ministers in their search for a longing to belong and be significant. The sad thing is that some of these well-known ministers are in doctrinal error, and some are willing to overlook it just to be recognized, find significance, and be approved by them. If they follow them long enough, they will get into the same error too. My heart and prayers go out to them as I seek the Lord Jesus Christ on their behalf. The devil comes to seduce you, introduce doctrines of devils to you, and steal, kill, and destroy.

In saying this, it does not mean that I am infallible or that I have reached perfection. If you think that you cannot miss it, as Dad Hagin said, you have already missed it. I have simply had a lot of experience along this line. I was given a special anointing from the Lord Jesus Christ on April 5, 1984, around 12:20 p.m. to take authority over the devil. It was during an extended time of fasting and prayer, and I was not praying that I would receive such an anointing.

I am going to be holding a seminar about this subject this year, and it would greatly benefit you to be at that meeting. *Info to come.*

Deception In 2024

This year, 2024, will be a year of deception that the devil will use against the church to try and further disrupt the plan of God. He will not be successful because there is always a remnant who walks with the Lord. The Lord told Elijah, “I have reserved seven thousand that have not bowed their knee to Baal.” *Those who follow the Word of God, the Spirit of God, and Jesus Christ will not be deceived.*

Devil Conscience Demon Kooky

I am not suggesting that we become devil conscience or demon kooky. We all know that some Christians have a tendency to do that. I also believe that some Christians don't realize the devil is defeated and think everything bad is the devil's fault. There are a lot of things that people bring on themselves because they made the wrong decisions or took the wrong actions.

Years ago, there was a comedian named Flip Wilson who blamed the devil for everything bad that he did. He would say, “*The devil made me do it!*” The audience would laugh heartily at him because they all saw him do the wrong thing in his comedy skit, then try to blame the devil for it. Don't blame the devil for what you do. There is a balance to every biblical truth. You can overemphasize a truth to the point that it becomes error. Stay balanced.

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