

Keep the Demonic Out of Your Life With This Oft-Overlooked Spiritual Warfare Strategy

When it comes to spiritual freedom and walking in complete deliverance from evil, it is so important that we learn how to guard the gates of our lives.

The gates are the doorways through which either light or darkness enters into our hearts, minds, souls, bodies and spirits. The enemy can only build a habitation where there is darkness. So if we are careful not to allow darkness into our gates, the battle is nearly won!

A lot of the spiritual warfare people deal with is caused by not properly guarding their gates. Let me be specific. The gates are your eyes, ears and mouth. It is through these portals that either light or darkness enters, based on what we look upon with our eyes, listen to with our ears or speak about with our mouths.

Regarding the eye gate, Matthew 6:22-23 says, "The light of the body is the eye. Therefore, if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. But if your eye is unclear, your whole body will be full of darkness. Therefore, if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness!"

So if we want to keep evil and the demonic out of our lives, then we have to closely guard our gates and not allow darkness to enter into us. Once darkness is tolerated or allowed to dwell within us, the enemy is given a legal resting place to build his demonic strongholds in our minds, emotions and bodies.

Once the enemy begins to take hold in these areas, not only are you tempted to sin, but you are also driven to sin.

Suddenly you are no longer just dealing with your flesh or sinful nature; now you are being driven by forces outside of yourself into things your heart knows are wrong.

Sometimes darkness begins to enter you without you even realizing it. For example, it could start by just glancing at sensual pictures. But with each successive glance, more darkness enters into the mind, soul and body. The enemy is given a place to land and suddenly you are now being driven to look at things you know are wrong. If this is allowed to persist, the enemy could build a stronghold of sin in your life and try to cut you off from fellowship with God.

In order to be set free, you must do several things:

First, you must repent for opening up your gates to darkness. You must confess any and all sin to the Lord in complete transparency before Him. You must ask the blood of Jesus to wash over you, spiritually removing all trace of sin.

Once you confess, then you must be washed clean by the water of the word which happens as you read the Bible. You must have your mind renewed by light and truth until the memories fade and are washed clean.

It's also good to get around the anointing, especially in church meetings where God's presence and power are moving. The tangible anointing will break any demonic yoke or grip the enemy tried to get on you.

Then you must make a choice by God's grace to keep your gates shut to any further darkness entering in. Once the darkness is cut off and you begin to flood your gates with light, the enemy will lose any place he has in you, and you will walk in total victory and freedom.

I think it is so important that we get fully equipped to see every stronghold broken from our lives. The more light we walk in, the higher the level of spiritual authority we will

possess and the clearer our spirits will feel. We will also suffer from less demonic torment and temptation. {eoa}

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