

Ghost Stories, Part Two

John 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Ephesians 6:10-12

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

Mark 16:15-18

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. 16Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. 17And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

There is one God!

Hebrews 13:8

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Demons

- 1) They are persons – not robots, they have a will, intellect, and emotions.**
- 2) They are spirits – they do not have physical bodies.**
- 3) They are powerful – we were created a little lower in this life.**

Ephesians 2:1-2

As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

They can attack physical, mental and spiritual aspects of people's lives.

Demons can cause physical illness.

Demons can cause mental illness.

Demons can cause spiritual problems.

Four Observations of the spiritual world:

- 1) We are involved in a spiritual battle.**

2 Corinthians 10:3–5

For though we live in the world, we do not wage war as the world does. 4The weapons we fight

with are not the weapons of the world. On the contrary, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. 5We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

2) Anytime we don't deal with sin – it creates an opportunity for demonic activity.

Ephesians 4:25-27

Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body. 26“In your anger do not sin”: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, 27and do not give the devil a foothold.

3) We have to be careful what we allow in our lives – lest we open the door to demonic influence.

4) We don't have to be fearful of demonic activity or presence.

Mark 16:17

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Be in love with Jesus

James 4:7-8

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Acts 2:1-4

When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.