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LESSON 14 – OUTLINE

- I. The devil is a factor, but not because he is superior in power and authority.
 - A. He deceives people, and they yield to him through fear.
 - B. Satan takes a person's own fear and uses it against them to "eat their lunch and pop the bag!"
- II. My awareness of the spiritual realm increased dramatically in 1968 when I first became really turned on to the Lord.
 - A. The Holy Spirit showed me that many problems—especially sickness, disease, and emotional problems—were demonic in origin.
 - B. Although we experienced some great successes, we were still quite ignorant of Satan's devices.
 - C. We knew there was warfare, but we didn't know exactly how it worked.
- III. A certain woman had come to Andrew's little Baptist church and received the Lord.
 - A. Although soundly converted, she still had some problems she was working through as a former lesbian.
 - B. They found her at home and totally spaced out.
 - C. They just locked her in a room and took shifts with her, refusing to give up (Luke 8:29-30).
 - D. Even though they didn't know exactly how to minister deliverance to her, over seven days, they saw all kinds of demons come out through their persistence and faith.
 - E. Because of that, fame spread and people came.
- IV. One Wednesday evening, a homosexual man they had been dealing with for several weeks in preparation for deliverance came to the mid-week service.
 - A. He told Andrew, "I'm ready to be delivered tonight!"
 - B. Andrew didn't know what to do, so he started asking the demons their names.
 - C. The Lord simply reminded Andrew of when He had commanded the evil spirits to shut up and come out (Mark 1:25).

- D. So Andrew declared “In the name of Jesus, I command all of you to shut up and come out of this man!” and—BOOM—the man instantly stopped.
 - E. Andrew studied the Word, and his boldness grew as he discovered that this was how Jesus did it.
- V. During that period of time, Andrew inadvertently put too much of his focus on the devil.
- A. Since there were so many people coming to them for deliverance and so much demonic stuff happening, they were constantly talking about Satan.
 - B. Demons physically attacked him.
 - C. He was giving Satan too much importance in his life with all the time he spent binding and rebuking, learning about, and focusing his attention on him.
 - D. The Lord showed him that he had glorified the devil and given him more power than he actually had.
 - E. So he started being constant and bold in praising and worshiping God, believing that if he kept his focus on the Lord, it would totally destroy Satan’s inroad into his life.
- VI. We’ve given Satan too much credit.
- A. He is a factor, going around seeking whom he may devour, but the only reason the devil can actually do something to someone is because they empower him through their fear.
 - B. Much of what is being taught as “spiritual warfare” today is ascribing to the devil more power and authority than he really has.
 - C. Satan has zero power and zero authority—all he has is deception.
 - D. But these false concepts are actually causing many Christians to yield to and empower the devil.

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LESSON 14 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Who was speaking in Luke 8:29-30?
2. What did Jesus command to come out of the man?
3. When had it caught the man?
4. With and in what was this man kept bound?
5. What did he do with these bands?
6. Who drove him into the wilderness?
7. What did Jesus ask him?
8. What did he answer?
9. Because many devils were what?
10. In Mark 1:25, who rebuked the unclean spirit?
11. What did Jesus say?
12. What did He tell the devil to do?

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LESSON 14 – SCRIPTURES

LUKE 8:29-30

(For he had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For oftentimes it had caught him: and he was kept bound with chains and in fetters; and he brake the bands, and was driven of the devil into the wilderness.) [30] And Jesus asked him, saying, What is thy name? And he said, Legion: because many devils were entered into him.

MARK 1:25

And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him.