

DISCERNING LEVELS OF DEMONIC ACTIVITY

PROCESS OF INCREASING SINFULNESS

God's intent and standard for man is righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. (cf. Rom.14:17b). God's Spirit creates a functional relationship.

1. DEMONIC IMPRESSION---The enemy of our souls (mind, emotions and will) applies pressure by negative thoughts so as to mark and gradually mold our minds.

2. DEMONIC REPRESSION---Demonic influences begin to hinder the natural, normal expressions and activities of a person. They try to exclude thoughts and actions from the influence of consciousness.

3. DEMONIC SUPPRESSION---A more direct force to subdue is exerted by demonic pressures. Signs of exclusion of positive interaction of thoughts or feelings.

4. DEMONIC OPPRESSION-- At this stage the demonic pressures become increasingly cruel and begin to control the activities. A sense of the body is pressing down body and mind through pressure on the nerve system, resulting in tiredness, listlessness and confusion.

5. DEMONIC DEPRESSION-- Disorder marked by functional inactivity. Lowering of concentration and vitality, marked by indifference to goals in life. Hostile and quarrelsome behaviour.

6. DEMONIC OBSESSION-- Fixation, fascination, and preoccupation with disturbing unrestrained ideas and actions harmfully affecting other people.

7. DEMONIC CONTROL-- Dominating demonization by a demon or demonic family (i.e. more than one demon in relation to the controlling demon, forming a hierarchy). Their efforts are to totally control a person's life by twisting and overruling their personality.

Note: The classification of a person being "demon possessed" in the KJV is an unfortunate translation from the Greek. The better translation is "demonized" which expresses degrees of intensity of demonic influences. A true Christian cannot be demon possessed.