

HOW TO IDENTIFY THE DOCTRINE OF DEMONS

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(Matthew 4:8-9)

When you do not know how to recognize the doctrine of demons you will easily be persuaded by it. A doctrine is a philosophy that a person lives by. The teachings of demons influences you to pursue what is **TEMPORARY** while **IGNORING** what is eternal.

Their doctrine is very **FLEETING** because it lacks substance. Their philosophy pleases your flesh, while starving your spirit. Their philosophy makes a person feel good.

However, it does not have the power to make them be good. The doctrine of demons is **NOT** based on spiritual principles. It is centered around natural pleasure.

THE DEMONIC DOCTRINE TEACHES YOU TO WORSHIP WHAT IS TEMPORARY.

Unfortunately, many people follow this doctrine. They follow this doctrine out of ignorance. They do not realize this doctrine is demonic. Any doctrine that takes you away from the Kingdom of God is demonic.

Believing a philosophy controls how people think. When demons can **INFILTRATE** how you think you will **INDIRECTLY** promote their agenda. Promoting their agenda will cause you to become an enemy to God.

Remember this wisdom key. **YOU WILL PURSUE WHAT YOU BELIEVE!** Are you pursuing what is temporary or are you pursuing what is eternal? Answering this question will determine if you are following the doctrine of demons or the teachings of the Bible.

HERE ARE FOUR EXAMPLES OF HOW PEOPLE FOLLOW THE DOCTRINE OF DEMONS

- People who pursue money **OVER** God are following the doctrine of demons. (Matthew 6:24)
- People who pursue prosperity **OVER** peace are following the doctrine of demons. When you pursue the wealth that **ADDS** sorrow you are **NEGLECTING** the prosperity of the Lord. The wealth that adds sorrow is the world's prosperity. (Proverbs 10:22)
- People who pursue fleshly pleasures **OVER** spiritual nourishment are following the doctrine of demons. (Galatians 6:7-8)
- People who pursue earthly things **OVER** Kingdom treasures are following the doctrine of demons. (Colossians 3:2)

THE DEMONIC PHILOSOPHY

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The doctrine of demons honor worldly tangibles **MORE** than Godly treasures. Their doctrine honors the systems of the world. Their doctrine despises the Kingdom of God. In Matthew 4:8-9 Satan offered Jesus what was **TEMPORARY**.

He did not offer Him anything eternal. Everything that the devil offered Jesus was **FLEETING**. The doctrine of demons can **ONLY** offer you **TEMPORARY** pleasure. In Matthew 4:8-9 the devil offered Jesus all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor in exchange for His worship.

The devil was hoping that Jesus would accept his offer. Jesus knew the devil was trying to persuade Him to believe his philosophy. However, this issue was bigger than receiving worldly tangibles. It was about changing Jesus belief system.

The devil wanted Jesus to give up eternal life for temporary pleasure. Jesus was wise enough to reject the devil's offer. However, are you wise enough to reject his philosophy? Temporary pleasure is extremely attractive.

Temporary pleasure makes you feel good. It provides instant gratification. However, if you choose to worship what is temporary you have chosen to believe the doctrine of demons.

Temporary things will satisfy your flesh while bankrupting your spirit. Do not exchange the Word of God for the doctrine of demons. If you do not heed to this warning you will regret it for the rest of your life!

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