

HOW ARE THE POWERS OF DARKNESS GAINING ACCESS IN AND AFFECTING THE CHURCH TODAY?

*“for you have exalted above all things
your name and your word.”*

Psalm 138:2

1) ANY WAY THEY CAN ... *Ephesians 4:27, 1 Corinthians 7:5, 2 Corinthians 2:10*

2) EVERY WAY WE SEE IN THE SCRIPTURES (HANDOUTS)

MAIN PRINCIPLE ... *Psalm 138:2, Isaiah 66:2*

3) WHEN THE CHARACTER OF A CHURCH IS TO DISREGARD GOD'S NAME OR HIS WORD, THE CHURCH AS A WHOLE OPENS ITSELF TO THE POWERS OF DARKNESS.

4) #1 TACTIC IN THE CHURCH IS DECEPTION

Paul's warning to Timothy ... *1 Timothy 4:1-2, Acts 20:30*

DOCTRINES OF DEMONS

❖ A DIFFERENT GOSPEL

- GOD ACCEPTS you JUST AS YOU ARE, no REPENTANCE or SORROW for SIN REQUIRED ... *2 Corinthians 7:10-11, Galatians 1:6-9, Acts 3:19, Acts 2:38, Acts 20:21, 1 Corinthians 11:27-30, Romans 6:6*
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❖ LACK OF A STRONG CALL TO HOLINESS ... *1 Peter 1:15-16, Romans 8:29*

❖ CHURCH EMBRACING NEW AGE & OCCULT PRACTICES

- **GOD HATES OTHER RELIGIONS ... ABHORS ... DETESTS ...**
 - OPRAH'S "Book of Miracles"
 - CHRISTIAN YOGA (Buddhist practice)
 - Various HEALING METHODS (Reiki, Healing Stones, etc)

- BOOKS ... “The Circle Maker” ... “Jesus Calling” ... “The Message Bible”
 - All have NEW AGE OR PAGAN IDEOLOGY
 - Dream Catchers ... Greg’s boys
 - Indian Doll ... BC
 - Celebrating the PAGAN TRADITIONS of MAJOR HOLIDAYS
 - **Deuteronomy 7:1-6; 7:25; 18:9-14, 1 John 1:5-7, Ephesians 5:11,**
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All of these at minimum grieve & quench the Holy Spirit as well as open up the Church to demonic activity and greater deception, even to the point of apostasy.

DECEITFUL SPIRITS TACTICS

SIGNS & WONDERS

- ❖ Just because there is supernatural power at work in their ministries does not mean that it is from God
 - ❖ **2 Timothy 1:7, Matthew 12:39, 2 Thessalonians 2:9**
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BRAINWASH THE CHURCH WITH THE VALUES OF THE WORLD

- ❖ **Romans 12:2,**
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- 1) WE CAN MIX THE **WISDOM OF THE WORLD** WITH THE WORD OF GOD AS IF IT HOLDS THE SAME WEIGHT
 - a) **Matthew 15:8-9, Mark 7:6-7, 1 Timothy 1:3-4**
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- 2) **SEXUAL IMMORALITY** IN THE CHURCH
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- 3) **LOVE OF THE WORLD & SELF**
 - a) **1 John 2:15-17, Galatians 6:14,**
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- 5) **MIXING of CHRISTIANITY & OTHER RELIGIONS**

