

# Five Types of Demonic Interference (Demonization)

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## 1. Demonic Influence

Demons are able to affect a person in various ways because we live in a fallen world.

### Some situations increasing susceptibility

- Spiritual immaturity (Luke 8:13; Eph. 4:14; 1 Peter 2:1-3)
- Lack of right relationship w the Lord, others (Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Peter 1:3-8; 1 John 2:9-11)
- Lack of awareness and use of the armor of God (Eph. 6:10-18)
- Giving in to the desires of the flesh / the lusts and pleasures of the world (Rom. 6:12-19; 8:5-7; Rom. 12:2; James 1:27; 4:4; 1 Pet. 1:14-16; 2 Pet. 1:4; 1 Jn 2:15-16)
- Loving money for the pleasure, prestige, & security it gives (Mat. 6:19-24; Luke 12:16-34; Eph. 5:5; Col. 3:5; 1 Tim. 6:9, 17)
- Uncontrolled anger (Gen. 4:6-7; Eph. 4:26-27)
- Pride (1 Cor. 10:12-13)
- Being a spiritual leader or playing a major role in God's plan (Gen. 3:1-6; Mat. 4:1-11; Luke 22:31, 44-46; 1 Tim. 3:7)

### Possible Effects

- Loss of faith (1 Tim. 6:10)
- Lack of spiritual fruit (Mat. 13:22)
- Spiritual blindness and lack of direction (1 John 2:11)
- Loss of wealth (Mat. 6:19)
- A sinful, shipwrecked life full of misery, grief, ruin, and destruction (1 Tim. 6:9-10)
- Indulgence in self-centered, sensual pleasures, sexual improprieties, and lawless behavior (Gal. 5:19, 21)
- Pursuit of occult interests (Gal. 5:20)
- Jealousy, anger, instigating divisive actions among one's fellowman (Gal. 5:20)
- Being captivated and led astray by deceitful spirits, false teachers, and/or human philosophies (Acts 20:29-30; Rom. 16:17-18; 2 Cor. 11:13-15; Col. 2:8; 1 Tim. 1:3-7; 4:1-3; 6:20-21; 2 Tim. 2:13-14; 4:3-4; Titus 1:14; 2 Pet. 2:1-3, 18-19)
- Falling into the trap of "works righteousness" (Gal. 2:4; 3:1-10; 4:9; 5:1-7)

## 2. Demonic Contamination

Demons sometimes are able to "hang around" and harass a person because he/she has been in a place where demons have been particularly prevalent.

### Possible Causes

- Entering a place where idolatry or other evil activity has occurred (Lev. 18:27; Isa. 52:11; 2 Cor. 6:17-18)
- Counseling or doing deliverance with a demonized individual

### Possible Effects

- Spiritual oppression, depression
- Irritability and other forms of emotional instability
- Increased susceptibility to sin, immorality

### 3. Demonic Assignment

The result of one or more demons being sent by the specific direction of God, Satan, or another individual to accomplish a specific, usually short-term, purpose in a person's life.

#### Possible Causes

- From by the direction of God or Satan (Judges 9:23-24; 2 Chron. 18:18-22; Job 1:6-12)
- Curses and instructions of people (Judges 9:16-20, 23-24, 57; 1 Cor. 5:5; 1 Tim. 1:20)

#### Possible Effects

- Destruction of one's possessions (Job 1:13-16)
- Death in one's own life or in one's family (Job 1:18-19; 1 Cor. 5:1-5)
- Hindered health and well-being (Job 2:1-8; 2 Cor. 12:7-9)
- Mental torment, mania, even murderous, behavior (1 Sam. 16:14-23; 18:10-11; 19:9-10)
- Stirring up animosity between people (Judges 9:23-24)
- Pressure to deny one's faith (Job 1:6-12; 2:1-6; Luke 22:31-32; 55-62)
- Permeate one's thoughts, words, and actions, disconnecting one from the intentions of his heart (Mat. 16:21-23; 26:31-35; 56, 58, 69-75; 27:3-5)

### 4. Demonic Attachment

One or more demons are associated with and affect a person, but cannot take control of his/her actions without some level of compliance, either by the person or by one of the person's Distinct Dissociated Parts of Self.

#### Possible Causes

- Overt participation in occult activity, either willingly or unwillingly
- Generational inheritance (Ex. 20:5)
- Inter-generational bequeathing of a spirit onto a child
- Habitual, ungodly behavior patterns (Rom. 6:12-13,16; Eph. 6:26-27; 1 Tim. 5:14-15)

#### Possible Effects

- Confusion, decreased spiritual discernment
- Increased vulnerability to deception, lies, false teachings (2 Cor. 11:3-4; 1 Tim. 4:1-2)
- Tainting of character, behavioral tendencies, and thought patterns
- Increasing desensitization to sin; searing of the conscience (1 Tim. 4:1-2; Titus 1:15-16)
- Control of voice and behavior (with consent)

### 5. Demonic Control ("Possession")

Demons can override the person's will and take control of various aspects of his life (2 Tim. 2:26). This control can be constant (Mark 5:2-5) or intermittent (Luke 9:38-39).

#### Possible Causes

- Deliberate "contract" with Satan or a part of his domain
- Deliberate invitation of for Satan or a part of his domain to enter the person

#### Possible Effects

- Can affect physical health (Mat. 9:32-33; 12:22; Mark 9:17, 25; Luke 11:14)
- Can affect mental health (Mark 5:2-13)
- Can exert self-destructive behavior (Mark 5:5; 9:20-22)
- Can control speech: use of obscenities (Mark 1:23-24; 3:11; 5:7-9; Acts 19:15)
- Can bestow supernatural abilities: strength, magic, divination (Mark 5:2-4; Acts 8:9-11; 16:16; 19:13-16)