

What is Really Considered Demonic

Some things that have been considered demonic

- Being Left-Handed
- The down beat in music
- Wearing a baseball cap backwards
- Certain instruments
- Entertainment magic
- Proctor and Gamble

The Devil's main purpose made clear - John 10:10 The thief comes **only to steal and kill and destroy**; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Living for anything other than God is what is considered demonic - Eph 2:1-4 - As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you **followed the ways of this world** and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, **gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature** and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

Two major demonic characteristics - James 3:14-16 - 14 But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. 15 Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, of the devil. 16 For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.

- **Earthly (worldly)**
- **Unspiritual**
- **Of the Devil**

Relationship with the World is demonic - James 4:4 You adulterous people, don't you know that friendship with the world is hatred toward God? Anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God.

The evidence of not being Spiritual is clear - Gal 5:19-21 - 19 The **acts of the sinful nature are obvious**: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; 20 idolatry and witchcraft*; hatred**, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions 21 and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. **I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this WILL NOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

*This includes, but is not limited to, drug use, astrology, palm reading, psychics...

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Ungodly dialogue and doctrine are unspiritual and demonic

1 Tim 6:20-21 - 20 Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge, 21 which some have professed and in so doing have wandered from the faith. Grace be with you.

2 Tim 2:16-19 - 16 Avoid godless chatter, because **those who indulge in it WILL BECOME more and more ungodly**. 17 Their teaching will spread like gangrene. Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus, 18 who have wandered away from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and **they destroy the faith of some**.

- **Politics**
- **Worldly views and ways**
- **Considering other religions**
- **Science that is separate from God**

Those that are demonic will have the Characteristics of the Devil...make sure you know what ALL that is - John 8:39-46 - 39 "Abraham is our father," they answered. "If you were Abraham's children," said Jesus, "then you would do the things Abraham did. 40 As it is, **you are determined to kill me, a man who has told you the truth** that I heard from God. Abraham did not do such things. 41 **YOU ARE DOING THE THINGS YOUR OWN FATHER DOES.**" "We are not illegitimate children," they protested. "The only Father we have is God himself." 42 Jesus said to them, "If God were your Father, you would love me, for I came from God and now am here. I have not come on my own; but he sent me. 43 Why is my language not clear to you? Because **you are unable to hear what I say**. 44 **YOU BELONG TO YOUR FATHER, THE DEVIL, AND YOU WANT TO CARRY OUT YOUR FATHER'S DESIRE**. He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth, for there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks his native language, for he is a liar and the father of lies. 45 Yet because I tell the truth, you do not believe me!

The difference between those that are demonic and those that are Godly is very clear - 1 John 3:7-10 - 7 Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who **does what is right** is righteous, **just as he is righteous**. 8 **HE WHO DOES WHAT IS SINFUL IS OF THE DEVIL**, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. 9 No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. 10 **This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: ANYONE WHO DOES NOT DO WHAT IS RIGHT IS NOT A CHILD OF GOD; NOR IS ANYONE WHO DOES NOT LOVE HIS BROTHER.**

God provides THE protection from demonic forces

Learning from God's Grace - Titus 2:11-14 - 11 For the **grace of God** that brings salvation **has appeared to all men**. 12 **IT TEACHES US** to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, 13 while we wait for the blessed hope — the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ,

Submit to God and Resist Satan - James 4:7 Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

Submit by being self-controlled and alert and resist by standing firm in the Bible - 1 Peter 5:8-9 - 8 Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that your brothers throughout the world are undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

Realizing Satan can only take what we give him - Eph 4:27 and do not give the devil a foothold.