



## The Study of 'the Spirit of'

This is a comprehensive list of wherever 'the spirit of' is mentioned in the Bible (aside from Spirit of God and Holy Spirit). I wanted to understand what the Bible says about the types of spirits in operation – those of evil and those of good. There are 47 different ones mentioned in total.

It is interesting to note that when Jesus was casting out demons it is recorded that He only uses the name of a demon one time – the deaf and dumb spirit'. *'He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!"* Mark 9:25. Every other time He calls them all unclean spirits. *'For He said to him, "Come out of the man, unclean spirit!"* Mark 5:8

### **Jesus fully expected the disciples to cast out demons:**

*And when He had called His twelve disciples to Him, He gave them **power over unclean spirits, to cast them out**, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.* Matt 10:1

*Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, **cast out demons**. Freely you have received, freely give.* Matt 10:8

*Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to **cast out demons*** Mark 3:14-16

*And they **cast out** many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.* Mark 6:13

### **Yet there were times when the disciples could not cast a demon out..**

*Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?" So Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you. However, this kind does not go out **except by prayer and fasting.**"* Matt 17:19-22

Another interesting element is that in five of the seventeen unclean spirits directly mentioned in the Bible (spirit of deep sleep, distressing spirit, spirit of ill will, lying spirit and spirit of stupor), it was God, Himself who had sent these spirits to accomplish His purposes, *"The Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the Lord has declared disaster against you."* 1 Kings 22:23

**Question:** Do we have a right to cast out a spirit that God Himself has sent to accomplish His purposes?

**Question:** If Jesus named all evil spirits as simply 'unclean' do we need to do any differently?

**Question:** is the 'doctrine of demons' in 1 Tim 4:1 the study *from* demons that cause some to depart from the faith or could it be the study *of* demons themselves? The Benson commentary suggests it does refer to the doctrine concerning demons. The Barns Bible notes says that it is unclear whether this means whether they would give heed to doctrine's 'respecting' demons or doctrines 'taught' by demons. But that they would give heed to some special views respecting demons.

**Question:** why is there not one mention of casting out demons from believers in the New Testament when so many in church believe this to be normal? All examples (and there are **only three** mentions of this in the New Testament aside from the Gospels) were of unbelievers in order for them to witness the power of God and become believers. These three are mentioned below:-

Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Acts 5:16

For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed. Acts 8:7

And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to **come out** of her." And he came **out** that very hour. Acts 16:18

**If Jesus deployed simple instructions for the casting out of demons 'come out of the man, unclean spirit'? .. why shouldn't we? I believe there has been a danger in overcomplicating and of over-focusing on this issue and thereby leaving believers feeling inadequate to perform the task of casting out demons. Jesus has given us His authority. But we need to be willing to fast and pray where required.**

**We are called to test every spirit  
'Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits,  
whether they are of God;  
because many false prophets have gone out into the world',  
1 John 4:1**

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## CLEAN

### Spirit of Adoption

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." [Rom 8:15](#)

### Double Portion Spirit

And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double **portion of your spirit be** upon me. [2 Kings 2:9](#)

### Spirit of Deep Sleep

For the Lord has poured out on you The spirit of deep sleep, And has closed your eyes, namely, the prophets; And He has covered your heads, *namely*, the seers [Isa 29:10](#)

### Spirit of Elijah

Now when the sons of the prophets who *were* from Jericho saw him, they said, "The spirit of Elijah rests on Elisha." And they came to meet him, and bowed to the ground before him [2 Kings 2:15](#)

He will also go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, 'to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children,' and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord [Luke 1:17](#)

## Spirit of Faith

And since we have the same spirit of faith [2 Cor 4:13](#)

## Spirit of Gentleness

What do you want? Shall I come to you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness? [1 Cor 4:21](#)

Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted [Galatians 6:1](#)

## Spirit of Glory

If you are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed *are you*, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. On their part He is blasphemed, but on your part He is glorified [1 Peter 4:14](#)

## Spirit of Grace

Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace [Heb 10:29](#)

## Spirit of Grace and the Spirit of Supplication

“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication [Zech 12:10](#)

## Spirit of Holiness

*and declared to be* the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness [Rom 1:4](#)

## Spirit of Jesus

For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ [Phil 1:19](#)

## Spirit of Judgment and Spirit of Burning

When the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and purged the blood of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment and by the spirit of burning [Isaiah 4:4](#)

## Spirit of Justice

For a spirit of justice to him who sits in judgment [Isa 28:6](#)

## Spirit of Power, Love and Sound Mind

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind [2 Tim 1:7](#)

## Spirit of Prophecy

And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, “See *that you do not do that!* I am your fellow servant, and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. [Rev 19:10](#)

## Spirit of the Humble

For thus says the High and Lofty One Who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, With him who has a contrite and humble spirit, To revive the spirit of the humble, And to revive the heart of the contrite ones [Isaiah 57:15](#)

## Spirit of Truth

the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you [John 14:17](#)

[ The Coming Rejection ] "But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me [John 15:26](#)

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come [John 16:13](#)

We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error [1 John 4:6](#)

## Spirit of Wisdom

So you shall speak to all *who are* gifted artisans, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom [Exod 28:3](#)

Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses [Deut 34:9](#)

## Spirit of Wisdom and the Spirit of Revelation

that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him [Eph 1:17](#)

## Spirit of Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Might, Knowledge, Fear of the Lord

The Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the Lord [Isa 11:2](#)

## UNCLEAN

## Spirit of Antichrist

and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world [1 John 4:3](#)

## Spirit of Bondage

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." [Rom 8:15](#)

## Deaf and Dumb Spirit

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more! [Mark 9:25](#)

## Deceiving Spirits

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons [1 Tim 4:1](#)

## Spirit of Distress

But the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a distressing spirit from the Lord troubled him. [1 Sam 16:14](#)

## Spirit of Divination

Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us [Acts 16:16](#)

## Spirit of Error

We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error [1 John 4:6](#)

## Evil Spirits

And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight [Luke 7:21](#)

and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons [Luke 8:2](#)

so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them [Acts 19:12](#)

## Familiar Spirit

‘Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God [Lev 19:31](#)

‘And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people. [Lev 20:6](#)

‘A man or a woman who is a medium, or who has familiar spirits, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones. Their blood shall be upon them [Lev 20:27](#)

## Spirit of Fear

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind [2 Tim 1:7](#)

## Spirit of Harlotry

My people ask counsel from their wooden *idols*, And their staff informs them. For the spirit of harlotry has caused *them* to stray, And they have played the harlot against their God [Hos 4:12](#)

“They do not direct their deeds Toward turning to their God, For the spirit of harlotry is in their midst, And they do not know the Lord [Hosea 5:4](#)

## Spirit of Heaviness

To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness [Isa 61:3](#)

## Spirit of Ill Will

God sent a spirit of ill will between Abimelech and the men of Shechem [Jud 9:23](#)

## Spirit of Infirmity

And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years [Luke 13:11](#)

## Spirit of Jealousy

or when the spirit of jealousy comes upon a man, and he becomes jealous of his wife; then he shall stand the woman before the Lord, and the priest shall execute all this law upon her [Num 5:30](#)

## Lying Spirit

The Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these prophets of yours, and the Lord has declared disaster against you." [1 Kings 22:23](#)

So he said, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' And *the Lord* said, 'You shall persuade *him* and also prevail; go out and do so. Therefore look! The Lord has put a lying spirit in the mouth of these prophets of yours, and the Lord has declared disaster against you [2 Chron 18:21](#)

## Mute Spirit

Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit [Mark 9:17](#)

## Spirit of Stupor

Just as it is written: "God has given them a spirit of stupor, Eyes that they should not see And ears that they should not hear, To this very day [Rom 11:8](#)

## Unclean Spirit ('unclean spirit' and the term 'demon/s' are used interchangeably)

They shall no more offer their sacrifices to demons, after whom they have played the harlot [Lev 17:7](#)

They sacrificed to demons, not to God, To gods they did not know, To new gods [Deut 32:17](#)

Then he appointed for himself priests for the high places, for the demons, and the calf idols which he had made [2 Chron 11:15](#)

They even sacrificed their sons And their daughters to demons [Psalms 106:37](#)

"It shall be in that day," says the Lord of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land [Zech 13:2](#)

Then His fame went throughout all Syria; and they brought to Him all sick people who were afflicted with various diseases and torments, and those who were demon-possessed, epileptics, and paralytics; and He healed them [Matt 4:24](#)

When evening had come, they brought to Him many who were demon-possessed. And He cast out the spirits with a word, and healed all who were sick [Matt 8:16](#)

there met Him two demon-possessed men, coming out of the tombs, exceedingly fierce, so that no one could pass that way. And suddenly they cried out, saying, "What have we to do with You, Jesus, You Son of God? Have You come here to torment us before the time?" Now a good way off from them there was a herd of many swine feeding. So the demons begged Him, saying, "If You cast us out, permit us to go away into the herd of swine." And He said to them, "Go." So when they had come out, they went into the herd of swine. And suddenly the whole herd of swine ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and perished in the water. Then those who kept them fled; and they went away into the city and told everything, including what had happened to the demon-possessed men [Matt 8:28](#)

As they went out, behold, they brought to Him a man, mute and demon-possessed. And when the demon was cast out, the mute spoke [Matt 9:32](#)



And when He had called His twelve disciples to *Him*, He gave them power *over* unclean spirits [Matt 10:1](#)

Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give [Matt 10:8](#)

Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw [Matt 12:22](#)

“When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when he comes, he finds *it* empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last *state* of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation.” [Matt 12:42](#)

And when they had come to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying, “Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is an epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water. So I brought him to Your disciples, but they could not cure him.” Then Jesus answered and said, “O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me.” And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour [Matt 17:14](#)

And when the unclean spirit had convulsed him and cried out with a loud voice, he came out of him [Mark 1:26](#)

At evening, when the sun had set, they brought to Him all who were sick and those who were demon-possessed. And the whole city was gathered together at the door. Then He healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and He did not allow the demons to speak, because they knew Him [Mark 1:32](#)

And He was preaching in their synagogues throughout all Galilee, and casting out demons [Mark 1:39](#)

And the unclean spirits, whenever they saw Him, fell down before Him and cried out, saying, “You are the Son of God” [Mark 3:11](#)

Then He appointed twelve, that they might be with Him and that He might send them out to preach, and to have power to heal sicknesses and to cast out demons [Mark 3:14](#)

And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit [Mark 5:2](#)

For He said to him, “Come out of the man, unclean spirit!” [Mark 5:8](#)

So all the demons begged Him, saying, “Send us to the swine, that we may enter them.” And at once Jesus gave them permission. Then the unclean spirits went out and entered the swine (there were about two thousand); and the herd ran violently down the steep place into the sea, and drowned in the sea. So those who fed the swine fled, and they told it in the city and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that had happened. Then they came to Jesus, and saw the one who had been demon-possessed and had the legion, sitting and clothed and in his right mind [Mark 5:12](#)

So they went out and preached that people should repent. And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them [Mark 6:12](#)

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!” [Mark 9:25](#)

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues [Mark 16:17](#)

Now in the synagogue there was a man who had a spirit of an unclean demon. And he cried out with a loud voice [Luke 4:33](#)

And demons also came out of many, crying out and saying, “You are the Christ, the Son of God!” And He, rebuking them, did not allow them to speak, for they knew that He was the Christ [Luke 4:41](#)

who came to hear Him and be healed of their diseases, as well as those who were tormented with unclean spirits. And they were healed [Luke 6:17](#)

and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities—Mary called Magdalene, out of whom had come seven demons [Luke 8:2](#)

For He had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. For it had often seized him, and he was kept under guard, bound with chains and shackles; and he broke the bonds and was driven by the demon into the wilderness [Luke 8:29](#)

Then He called His twelve disciples together and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases [Luke 9:1](#)

Now John answered and said, “Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us.” [Luke 9:49](#)

Then Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the child, and gave him back to his father [Luke 9:42](#)

Then the seventy returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name [Luke 10:17](#)

“When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest; and finding none, he says, ‘I will return to my house from which I came.’ And when he comes, he finds it swept and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first [Luke 11:24](#)

And He said to them, “Go, tell that fox, ‘Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day I shall be perfected [Luke 13:32](#)

For unclean spirits, crying with a loud voice, came out of many who were possessed; and many who were paralyzed and lame were healed [Acts 8:7](#)

Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons [1 Cor 10:20](#)

Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons [1 Tim 4:1](#)

You believe that there is one God. You do well. Even the demons believe—and tremble! [James 2:19](#)

But the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood, which can neither see nor hear nor walk [Rev 9:20](#)

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs coming out of the mouth of the dragon, out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, *which* go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty [Rev 16:13](#)

## What Jesus Taught on Deliverance

In Matthew 12:22 (also Mark 3:20-27 and Luke 11:14-23)

Then one was brought to Him who was demon-possessed, blind and mute; and He healed him, so that the blind and mute man both spoke and saw. And all the multitudes were amazed and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" Now when the Pharisees heard it they said, "This fellow does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." But Jesus knew their thoughts, and said to them: "*Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and every city or house divided against itself will not stand. If Satan casts out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then will his kingdom stand? And if I cast out demons by Beelzebub, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you. Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house. He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad*".

- Jesus was accused of using demonic powers.
- He explained that He cast out demons by the Spirit of God.
- He said that the casting out of demons was proof the Kingdom of God had come upon them.
- He said that the strong man holding the person captive must first be bound.

### **Where do unclean spirits go?**

Matthew 12:43-45 (also Luke 11:24-26)

When an unclean spirit goes out of a man, he goes through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. Then he says, 'I will return to my house from which I came.' And when he comes, he finds it empty, swept, and put in order. Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."

### **What gives them permission to return and make things worse?**

- If house is unoccupied (i.e Jesus is not Lord and they are not filled with the Holy Spirit)
- If they are not commanded not to return

When Jesus saw that the people came running together, He rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "*Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!*" **Mark 9:25**

Throughout the gospels, Jesus reveals the nature of Satan and of Hell more than anyone else in the Bible. He regards Satan as a real person, who is actively at work on earth opposing God's will.

## What Might We Do to Be Saved?

However, even if we prophesy in His name, cast out demons and do many wonders in His name, if does not qualify us for heaven, '*Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!*' **Matt 7:22**

As Jesus states - being keepers of His laws and thereby practicing righteousness is what qualifies us.

Matthew Henry Commentary states; 'it is necessary for our happiness that we do the will of Christ, which is indeed the will of His Father in heaven. Now this is His will, that we believe in Christ, that we repent of sin, that we live holy lives, that we love one another. This is His will, even our sanctification