

"Demon possession is a condition in which one or more evil spirits or demons inhabit the body of a human being and can take complete control of their victim at will." Merrill Unger, Demons in the World Today, p.102

Demonic possession is seen:

- In the days of _____
- In the ministries of the _____ and the early _____
- In the annals of _____ history
- In the _____

1. Is there a difference in demonic possession and demonic oppression?

"Demon ______, even it its most severe forms, does not manifest the same abject domination by evil spirits that so saliently characterizes actual possession. There is no blacking out of consciousness, no demonized state, no usurpation of the body as a mere tool of the inhabiting demon, no speaking with another voice and the projection of another personality through the victim." Merrill Unger, *Demons in the World Today*, p. 113

- Satan seeks to get an _____ over us
- Satan was even able to hinder ______
- Demons can oppress ______
- Believers are only vulnerable to Satanic/demonic activity if they ______ it

2. The characteristics of demonic possession

Primary mark of someone possessed: "The chief characteristic of demon possession ... is the automatic projection of a new ______ in the victim." Merrill Unger, *Demons in the World Today*, p. 102

Gadarene man in Mk 5:1-19

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Merrill F. Unger, Demons In the World Today

- Projection of new ______
- Supernatural ______ (including ability to speak in unlearned languages)
- Moral _____
- Deep _____ •
- or _____ behavior
 Spells of ______
- _____at the mouth

Kurt E. Koch, Occult Bondage and Deliverance (German theologian)

- Resistance to _____ or _____
- Falling into a trance during
- Negative reaction to the name of

Alfred Lechler, an experienced Christian psychiatrist

- Passion for _____ and _____ thoughts

- Compulsion to rebel against _____ or _____
- and _______
 Excessive ______ or _____ cravings