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The Life / Matthew 16:21–23; John 14:26; Acts 1; 2 Corinthians 2; 2 Corinthians 6:3–7; Galatians 5

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26“But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

On the earth there is a competition. There is God’s plan. There is Satan’s plan. There is our plan. Only one of those is holy.

Galatians 5:19–21 (NASB95)

19Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality,

20idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes,

dissensions, factions,

21envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Christianity is not a religion that measures us by how many bad things we avoid. It is a faith based on being led by the Holy Ghost.

- Demonic is chaotic, its the embodiment of darkness and threatens to undo us, to destroy us.
- Satanic is not about disorder but false order.

2 Corinthians 2:11 (NASB95)

11 so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes.

2 Corinthians 6:3–7 (NASB95)

3giving no cause for offense in anything, so that the ministry will not be discredited,

4but in everything commending ourselves as servants of God, in much endurance, in afflictions, in hardships, in distresses,

5in beatings, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in sleeplessness, in hunger,

6in purity, in knowledge, in patience, in kindness, in the Holy Spirit, in genuine love,

7in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,

- Left and Right
- Left hand is the shield from the demonic attack.
- The right hand is the one with the sword.

Matthew 16:21–23 (NASB95)

21From that time Jesus began to show His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and

scribes, and be killed, and be raised up on the third day.

22Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This shall never happen to You."

23But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to Me; for you are not setting your mind on God's interests, but man's."

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The only real authority that matters is the authority to bring Gods kingdom