

Study QUESTIONS

Ep.1334: Are Monitoring Spirits Watching Us?

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1. What is a “monitoring spirit?” Is this term found in the Bible? What does 2 Corinthians tell us about Satan and his servants? Explain the discussion between Satan and God about Job. What does this show us about Satan’s abilities and God’s “hedge of protection?” How do we know we can rely on God’s protection? (Job 1:6-12, Psalm 17:8, 32:7, 57:1, 91:1, 1 Corinthians 4:9, 1 Peter 5:7-9)
2. Are we supposed to hide our blessings and knowledge away from others so demons cannot hear about them and work to take them away from us? What does the Sermon on the Mount tell us to expect in our lives? Why are faithful followers of Jesus described as “salt”? In what two ways are we supposed to be light unto the world? Do these two illustrations Jesus gave indicate we should keep silent? (Matthew 5:11-16)
3. Did Jesus warn us to not speak of the gospel? Explain Mark 1:42-45, Matthew 16:20 and Mark 3:11-12 in the context of Jesus telling others not to speak. Why would he do this? What did the Apostle Paul do about preaching the word of God? (2 Timothy 4:1-2, 1 Peter 2:11-12, 2 Corinthians 4:3-6)
4. What does “casting pearls before swine” mean? Why does Jesus warn his disciples against this? What is the meaning of the symbols of dogs and swine? How should we treat people who are not interested in the gospel message? What was the Apostle Paul’s example in pagan surroundings? What technique did he use to get through to his audience? (Matthew 7:6, 2 Peter 2:21-22, Matthew 10:11-15, Acts 17:22-24)
5. How were some in the early church able to prove monitoring spirits existed? How did someone receive in the early church receive the gifts of the spirit? What was the purpose of these gifts? Why shouldn’t we look for these gifts in our lives? (1 Corinthians 12:10, 13:8-10, Acts 5:1-11, 10:44,46, 19:6)
6. Are we to be wary of the devil? What should we expect when out preaching the gospel message? How does Satan use fear? How should we view our trials? (1 Peter 4:12-16, 5:8-9, Matthew 10:16-20)
7. What are our “take-aways” from this? What points from the following do you remember?
 - a. 1 John 4:1, James 2:19, 2 Timothy 1:7
 - b. Philippians 4:6-7
 - c. Hebrews 2:14
 - d. 1 Peter 5:6-11 (be thorough on this one)
8. Above all, how should we act and react after reading Ephesians 4:29? How do you feel God’s protection in your life? Please share some of your experiences.