IV. Personal preparation for deliverance ministry.

A. Know JesusB. Spirit Filled.C. Armor Up!D. Fasting

#### Acts 19:13-16 (NLT2)

<sup>18</sup> A group of Jews was traveling from town to town casting out evil spirits. They tried to use the name of the Lord Jesus in their incantation, saying, "I command you in the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, to come out!"

<sup>14</sup> Seven sons of Sceva, a leading priest, were doing this. <sup>15</sup> But one time when they tried it, the evil spirit replied, "I know Jesus, and I know Paul, but who are you?" <sup>16</sup> Then the man with the evil spirit leaped on them, overpowered them, and attacked them with such violence that they fled from the house, naked and battered.

# What did you learn from this attempt at Deliverance Ministry?

# A. They did not know Jesus. They knew about Him.

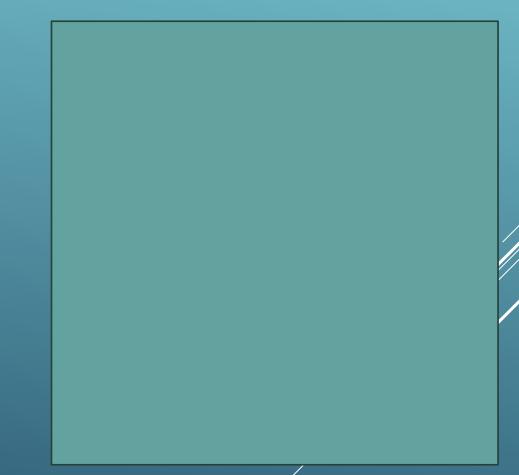
B. They were not Spirit Filled You Must Be Spirit Filled. Ephesians 5:18 (NKJV) <sup>18</sup> And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit,

## IT LOOKS LIKE THIS!

Galatians 5:22-23 (NLT2)

<sup>22</sup> But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, and self-control...

Destructive Emotional Neighborhood (DEN)





## Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

<sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. To move from the Den to the God Zone,from the Flesh to the Spirit One Must:1.Repent of every known sin. Not just confess but repent, asking God's forgiveness and cleansing.

To move from the Den to the God Zone,from the Flesh to the Spirit One Must:2. Ask Father, is there any other sin that needs to be confessed, then stop talking and listen.

To move from the Den to the God Zone,from the Flesh to the Spirit One Must:3. Continue this process asking forgiveness and

cleansing until nothing else comes to mind.

To move from the Den to the God Zone,from the Flesh to the Spirit One Must:4. Then ask and receive the filling of the holySpirit.

#### Luke 11:9-13 (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. <sup>10</sup> For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

<sup>11</sup> If a son asks for bread from any father among you, will he give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent instead of a fish? <sup>12</sup> Or if he asks for an egg, will he offer him a scorpion? <sup>13</sup> If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him!"

## C. They Didn't Have Any Armor. ARMOR UP! YOU'RE AT WAR

Ephesians 6:10-18 (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.<sup>11</sup> Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup> For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, <sup>15</sup> and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; <sup>18</sup> praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-

## **Belt of TRUTH – Are you truthful?**

Breastplate of RIGHTEOUSNESS – Is there any unconfessed sin in your life? Shoes of the GOSPEL OF PEACE a. Do you know how to lead someone to Christ? b. Are you at peace with God? c. Are you at peacewith others? SHIELD OF FAITH – Are you at place in your life where you trust the Lord in your daily walk? HELMET OF SALVATION – Do you have absolute certainty that when you die you will go to heaven? Are there doubts?

## SWORD OF SPIRIT – which is the Word of God.

\*Warning: Have someone with you as you minister, especially when you ministering to a person of opposite gender.

Matthew 18:16 (NKJV) <sup>16</sup> ... 'by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.'

## D. How Important is Fasting?

### Isaiah 58:6-10 (NKJV)

<sup>6</sup> "Is this not the fast that I have chosen: To loose the bonds of wickedness, To undo the heavy burdens, To let the oppressed go free, And that you break every yoke? <sup>7</sup> Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, And that you bring to your house the poor who are cast out; When you see the naked, that you cover him, And not hide yourself from your own flesh?

<sup>8</sup> Then your light shall break forth like the morning, Your healing shall spring forth speedily, And your righteousness shall go before you; The glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard.

<sup>9</sup> Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; You shall cry, and He will say, 'Here I am.' "If you take away the yoke from your midst, The pointing of the finger, and speaking wickedness, <sup>10</sup> If you extend your soul to the hungry And satisfy the afflicted soul, Then your light shall dawn in the darkness, And your darkness shall be as the noonday.

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<sup>25</sup> 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!"<sup>26</sup> Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him. And he became as one dead, so that many said, "He is dead." <sup>27</sup> But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. <sup>28</sup> And when He had come into the house, His disciples asked Him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" <sup>29</sup> So He said to them, "This kind can come out by nothing but prayer and fasting."

## Isaiah 61:1 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> "The Spirit of the Lord GOD *is* upon Me, Because the LORD has anointed Me To preach good tidings to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And the opening of the prison to *those who are* bound;

#### Luke 4:16-18 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> So He came to Nazareth, where He had been brought up. And as His custom was, He went into the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and stood up to read.
<sup>17</sup> And He was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. And when He had opened the book, He found the place where it was written:

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