

have to have a little discernment to know who's responsible, & for God's sake, be able to recognise the Old Boy when you see him! If you know what he looks like, you certainly ought to know what his dirty work looks like!

13. One thing which is a gift that I tremble at sometimes—because it's a gift that I don't relish having to use—is the discerning of spirits! Therefore God has led me by the anointing of the Spirit to cast out those spirits, that the person might be delivered physically from having the effect of those spirits, particularly spirits of fear. Maybe that's because I have the faith that I have, a lot of faith in the Lord, & that gives me great power against fear, which is the opposite of faith! Praise God! TYL! That's probably also why the Devil attacks me along that line sometimes in my weakest moments.—With fear! (See No. 857, "Terror By Night!")

14. God's showed me a number of times where people's sole trouble was their fear. Leila was delivered, I told you about that. I just had to show her love & faith & rebuke the Devil, cast out the spirit of fear, & she was delivered, thank the Lord!

15. Discerning of spirits is one of the most necessary gifts, because when it comes to dealing with the Devil you've got to know something about how he operates & be able to recognise his ministers & their ministry. You'd better be able to spot those little devils & some of their little devilish tricks, or they're going to spot you & fool you! And I thank the Lord that He has, I believe, given me a little discernment along that line, because I've been able to spot a lot of these troublemakers & trouble spots, sometimes before they cause too much trouble! The only time when that gift doesn't work as well as it should is when I don't pay enough attention to it, when I take somebody else's word for it instead of God's Word & my own feelings in the matter.

16. It almost has something to do with your feelings, the vibes you get off of people! I get a lot by personal contact, by touching them, or eye contact. The eyes are the windows of the soul, they tell a lot about the person. You can look into their eyes & see light or darkness, you can see angelic spirits, beautiful spirits, or sometimes you can see the eyes of devils! (See "Look of Love!" No.304.)

17. To be forewarned is to be forearmed & it's a good idea

to be able to spot these critters before they get you on the spot—like the one that's now causing us a lot of trouble! But "all things work together for good to them that love the Lord" (Ro.8:28), & you wouldn't have had this particular lesson this afternoon if we hadn't had this big a problem, & you all need it.

18. If you're going to be leaders in God's field, working with the sheep, you need to know something about how the Old Boy works! I already told you in the little talk I gave on Gen the other night & her problem, that people with those spiritual proclivities or tendencies—what I might almost call weaknesses or susceptibilities—are susceptible to spiritual influences, & if they don't stay mighty close to God & His Holy Spirit, they're very susceptible to evil spirits.

19. If they are a truly saved born-again child of God, this doesn't necessarily mean that the Devil gives up entirely! He's had a nice vehicle to ride in & a nice channel to work on for a long time & he doesn't easily give up! He will frequently stay around for a long time afterward to pester. The spirits like to stick around their old happy home that they had before!

20. Like the story Jesus told about the guy that got all cleaned up, house swept & garnished, so that when the devil who had lived there saw it was a pretty nice place to live now, nicer than it had been before, he got some more devils that were even worse than he was & came back & they all moved in!—Mt.12:43-45. You say, "Well, how can that possibly be?"

21. Well, apparently the guy didn't move in their arch-enemy, the Holy Spirit, to fill up his house & take over to keep out the intruders! Let me tell you, if you don't fill your heart & mind & spirit with the Holy Spirit when you're saved, & you don't really get baptised with the power of God to fight the Enemy, if you've had problems with spirits, you'd better look out!

22. Demon-possession means that a person is controlled by a spirit within who has taken over their mind & their consciousness & supplanted their own spirit & become that personality, has taken over the body. That is demon-possession when the person is no longer in control whatsoever of themselves & is under the total complete control of a devil & he has taken them over.