

# Take your place in the winners' circle

Luke 11:21-26

<sup>21</sup> When a strong man, fully armed, guards his house, his possessions are secure. <sup>22</sup> But when someone stronger attacks and overpowers him, he takes away the armour in which the man trusted, and then he divides up his plunder.

<sup>23</sup> He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

<sup>24</sup> When an unclean spirit comes out of a man, it passes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' <sup>25</sup> On its return, it finds the house swept clean and put in order.

<sup>26</sup> Then it goes and brings seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and dwell there. And the final plight of that man is worse than the first.

Remember: God's finger is bigger than Satan's fist.

**Take** . . . . . Luke 11:21-22

Jesus is . . . . . Hebrews 2:14

Jesus is . . . . . Colossians 2:15

Jesus is . . . . . Colossians 1:13

**Take** . . . . . Luke 11:23

Choose your . . . . .

Choose your . . . . .

Only one life, 'twill soon be past.

Only what's done for Christ will last.

**Take** . . . . .

Can a Christian be demon-possessed?

Demon . . . . . Internal

Demon . . . . . External

Daughter of Abraham. Luke 13:10-17

Thorn in the flesh. 2 Corinthians 12:7-9

. . . . . 1 John 4:4

. . . . . Isaiah 42:8

Don't give the Devil any . . . . . Eph.4:26-27

**Take** . . . . . Luke 11:24-26

I need . . . . .

James 4:7 1.

2.

3.

I need . . . . .

Ephesians 5:18-20

1.

2.

3.

## Thought starters for personal reflection or group study

1. Why do you think most people are not afraid of Satan?
2. Why do you think most people are not afraid of God?
3. Read the mini-parable in Luke 11:21-22. List some ways in which this picture of Jesus is different from the usual images of Him.
4. Read Luke 11:23 where everything is black or white. Why are there no shades of grey? Why is grey popular with those who are actually white, or actually black?
5. Read the sobering warning in Luke 11:24-26. Compare this with the command in Ephesians 5:18-20. What are some practical steps I can take to protect myself from evil?

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