



# ASKING FOR A FRIEND

*Tough Questions, Honest Answers*

The NIV version of the Bible is used for all questions.

1. From what Pastor Rick taught, who make up the supernatural realm? What does the Bible call the supernatural realm? Can we experience this realm with our five senses?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 11:14,15. How does this passage describe how Satan and his demons appear to us? What does this mean and how do you think they do this? If this is true, how could you tell the difference between good and evil spiritual forces?
3. Read Deuteronomy 18:10-12. Why do you think God condemns and forbids people from practicing these actions?
4. Read 1 John 4:1-4. What does this passage say we should do in verses 1-3? How do we do this? What does verse 4 tell us? Who do you think “the one who is in you” refers to? Who do you think “the one who is in the world” refers to? So what conclusion can we draw from what verse 4 says?
5. What are Satan’s top five strategies against us and how do they show up in our lives? Which ones have you experienced? Which one do you struggle with the most? What do you need to do to overcome it?
6. Pastor Rick said that spiritual warfare is won in the mind, what do you think he meant? What are the weapons God has given us to wage the spiritual war we are in?

## ANSWERS

1. *The persons in the supernatural realm are: a. the triune God; b. Angels; c. Satan; d. Demons; e. all humans who have died. The Bible calls this the spiritual realm and we cannot experience this realm with our five senses. The only way we can experience any of those who are in the spiritual realm is if they cross over into the physical realm, as God did many times in the Old Testament. There are also examples of angels crossing over into the physical realm in scripture.*
2. *This passage says that Satan and his demons appear as an angel of light and ministers of righteousness. They do this by controlling humans who, when we see them, we are fooled into thinking they are godly people, religious people. The only way to tell them apart from true believers in God would be to listen to what they teach and preach and then compare it to what the Bible says, because Satan always lies and what they say will not agree with what scripture says. You cannot judge them by their outward appearance because they appear righteous.*
3. *God tells us not to participate in these activities because their source is from Satan and we would open ourselves up to the influence they are trying to exert. There is power in these activities, but the power is demonic. We should never dabble in any activity linked to satanic power.*
4. *Verses 1-3 say that we should test the spirits, which means we should discern where anything that is spiritual in nature originates from. The way we do this is the same as the answer in question two; we must compare what the spirits promote to what the Bible says is true. Spiritual forces from God would always promote what the Bible says, spiritual forces from Satan will always promote lies. The one who is in you is the Holy Spirit, which Ephesians 1:13 and 14 says came into us when we believed. The one who is in the world is Satan, he is called the Prince of this world by Jesus in John 12:31, 14:30, and 16:11. This implies that a believer can never be demon possessed because the spirit in us is more powerful than any demon.*
5. *Satan's top five strategies are: a. Doubt—causes us to question God's character and goodness; b. Discouragement—Convinces us we are failures so we become hopeless; c. Diversion—Distracts us for God's will with busyness and entertainment; d. Defeat—tells us we can never be good enough to overcome sin; and e. Delay—he urges us to procrastinate.*
6. *How we think and what we believe to be true dictates how we act, so how and what we think is what will control us. The weapons God has given us to win this war are: a. the Word of God; b. Prayer; c. Faith; d. Right Living; e. Community of Christians.*