

## Standards for Deliverance Every Child Ministries

- When we speak of deliverance, we mean specifically release from the indwelling or the influence of demonic powers. It is what Jesus and His disciples did when they cast out demons. We do not think of healing as deliverance except when it is a demonic power that is directly causing the sickness. In that case, when the demon is cast out, the sickness will be healed.
- The authority for deliverance from demonic powers comes from Jesus Christ and not from us. Therefore deliverance should always be done in His name, calling on His name, relying on His authority, and giving Him the honor for any good results. Luke 10:17
- No insults or ridicule to the victim or to the demonic power are permitted during deliverance. Ridiculing or insulting a person would dishonor God who made all human beings in His image, and ridiculing a demonic power is very dangerous according to Jude, vs. 8-9.
- No physical attack or shouting is permitted during deliverance. In the Bible we never read that demons were cast out by hitting, slapping, kicking, shouting, etc. Demons were simply commanded to leave in Jesus' name. It is the authority of Jesus and not physical violence or loud noise that causes demons to leave.
- The one doing deliverance may fast before or during deliverance, but the victim should not be denied water, reasonable food, or sleep. Deliverance is not more effective because the victim is weakened. Jesus is powerful to defeat demons when the victim is in full physical and mental strength.
- No rituals are to be done during deliverance—no holy water, ashes, shaking of brooms, use of symbols or any other ritual, which are all borrowed from heathen and therefore demonic sources.
- The person doing deliverance may ask a demon to reveal its name, but should not converse with the demon. Demons are deceivers, and information they give is not reliable.
- Loud demonstrations by demons are to be discouraged. Command them to be quiet in Jesus' name.
- The cooperation of the victim is essential. Do not waste your time on someone who does not want deliverance, or on someone who refuses to come to Christ. Even if you succeed, the demons will soon return, bringing others with them.

- An interview should precede the deliverance which seeks to identify all possible means by which the victim may have acquired demons. The victim needs to turn from these activities or connections and deliberately rebuke them. This undermines the authority by which a demon may remain active in his or her life.
- Both believers and unbelievers may have demonic influences active in their lives. It is useless to spend time debating whether the power is inside or outside the person, since a demon sitting on one's shoulder may influence a person just as strongly as one inside. Simply address the demonic powers and do not be concerned about exactly where they are.
- If you are not certain of a person's salvation, always seek to lead him or her to Christ before deliverance. If there is overt demonic resistance, command the demons to leave the person and to allow him or her to make a decision.
- Restraint should be used only as necessary. Do not hold the person's face in your hands. If the person becomes violent to the point of hurting himself or others, he should be forced to the ground and held down. Someone may need to sit on him, but be careful not to restrict breathing. Several strong men may be required. As soon as the victim is no longer violent, restraint should be released.
- Numerous demons are likely to be present, and more than one deliverance session may be required.
- After deliverance, teaching should be given which will enable the person to maintain his deliverance. He should avoid the things that gave permission for demons to enter in the first place, pray to God daily, keep in the Scriptures and keep in close connection with other believers. Teach him that he as a believer has power to refuse demons, so any time he feels their presence or influence returning, he should refuse them in Jesus' name. It is also helpful to proactively refuse demonic thoughts and dreams before sleep.
- Go, and take authority over the enemy in Jesus' name!