Part 42: The Unclean Spirit

17 Someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you. He has **a spirit** that makes him unable to speak. 18 Whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams at the mouth, grinds his teeth, and becomes rigid. I asked your disciples to drive it out, but they couldn’t.”
19 He replied to them, “You unbelieving generation, how long will I be with you? How long must I put up with you? Bring him to me.” 20 So they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, it immediately threw the boy into convulsions. He fell to the ground and rolled around, foaming at the mouth. 21 “How long has this been happening to him?” Jesus asked his father.
“From childhood,” he said. 22 “And **many times it has thrown him into fire or water to destroy him**. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.”
23 Jesus said to him, “‘If you can’? Everything is possible for the one who believes.”
24 Immediately the father of the boy cried out, “I do believe; help my unbelief!”
25 When Jesus saw that a crowd was quickly gathering, he rebuked the **unclean spirit**, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you: Come out of him and never enter him again.” (Mark 9:17-25 CSB)

1. Only Christians are _____ to spiritual reality.

Everything that becomes clear to see is in the light. That is why it says: ‘Wake up, you people who are asleep! Rise up from among the dead people! Then Christ will shine his light on you.’ (Ephesians 5:14 EASY)

2. The Bible tells us to keep away from _____ evil.

keep away from every **form** of evil. (1 Thessalonians 5:22 NASB)

You are not the same as those who don’t believe. So don’t join yourselves to them. Good and evil don’t belong together. Light and darkness cannot share the same room. (2 Corinthians 6:14 ERV)

3. The Bible and our Wesleyan tradition urge us to pursue _____.

16 They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. 17 Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. (John 17:16-17 CSB)

It is from him that you are **in Christ Jesus**, who became wisdom from God for us—our righteousness, **sanctification**, and redemption (1 Corinthians 1:30 CSB)

But now, since you have been set free from sin and have become enslaved to God, you have your fruit, which results in sanctification—and the outcome is eternal life! (Romans 6:22 CSB)