



USE THE RIGHT TOOL

a church in the World

ABSTRACT

Have you ever tried fixing a vehicle and you didn't have the right tool? But did you try to fix the vehicle anyway? ...

June 1, 2025

Contents

PASSAGE: MATTHEW 9:32 – 33	2
NOTES	2
RESEARCH	ERROR! BOOKMARK NOT DEFINED.
SCRIPTURES	ERROR! BOOKMARK NOT DEFINED.
STUDY BIBLES	ERROR! BOOKMARK NOT DEFINED.
COMMENTARIES	ERROR! BOOKMARK NOT DEFINED.
WHAT IS THE AUTHOR SAYING TO THE AUDIENCE?	2
SCRIPTURE OF THE DAY	3
GREETING	ERROR! BOOKMARK NOT DEFINED.
ANNOUNCEMENTS	ERROR! BOOKMARK NOT DEFINED.
INTRODUCTION	3
BODY	3
MATTHEW 9:32 – 33	3
EXORCISM AGAIN	3
WHAT CAUSES THESE CONDITIONS?	4
WHAT IS MISSING?	4
TAKE AWAYS	4

Passage: Matthew 9:32 – 33

Notes

ESV, NIV, GNT, and CSB translations say the same thing.

What is the Author Saying to the Audience?

Communicating again that Jesus has authority over demonic activity. Also, that demonic activity is sometimes the reason for physical conditions and maladies.

Scripture of the Day

14 Now the Spirit of the Lord departed from Saul, and a harmful spirit from the Lord tormented him. 15 And Saul's servants said to him, "Behold now, a harmful spirit from God is tormenting you. 16 Let our lord now command your servants who are before you to seek out a man who is skillful in playing the lyre, and when the harmful spirit from God is upon you, he will play it, and you will be well." ...

23 And whenever the harmful spirit from God was upon Saul, David took the lyre and played it with his hand. So Saul was refreshed and was well, and the harmful spirit departed from him. - -

1 Samuel 16:14 – 16, 23

Introduction

Have you ever tried fixing a vehicle and you didn't have the right tool? But did you try to fix the vehicle anyway? I have done that.

I had a 1989 VW Golf, and I tried to do some DIY work on it to save some money. I started the job and got pretty far, but then I got to a spot where I got stuck. I tried every tool I had, and back then, I had quite a few tools, but nothing quite worked. Sometimes it seemed like I was making some progress, but it actually was a mirage and didn't last.

I finally did some research and saw that there was a specific tool I needed for that model of Golf. However, it wasn't inexpensive, and I could not use it for anything else but that particular purpose. So I didn't buy it, and I kept trying—bad idea.

Eventually, I gave in and bought the part. It worked perfectly. I would have saved myself a couple of days of aggravation, scraped knuckles, and pinched fingers if I had just "Use the Right Tool."

Let us Pray ...

Body

Matthew 9:32 – 33

³²As they were going away, behold, a demon-oppressed man who was mute was brought to him. ³³And when the demon had been cast out, the mute man spoke. And the crowds marveled, saying, "Never was anything like this seen in Israel." – Matthew 9:32 – 33

Exorcism Again

This is at least the 4th time:

- Women with evil spirits and infirmities

- Man who was blind and mute
- Violent men with a multitude of demons

What Causes These Conditions?

Notice that each of these situations is slightly different and today most of the medical establishment would use these terms to describe the problems:

- Visual Impairment (Congenital, Acquired, Environmental, Aging)
- Mutism (Biological, Psychological, Environmental, Developmental, Social)
- Intermittent Explosive Disorder (IED) – Same as Mutism except for Social

What is Missing?

Hmmm... do you notice something? It's pretty obvious. What's missing?

Spiritual

Now I am not saying every malady is spiritual, the Bible does not say that:

²⁹And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them. – Mark 1:29 - 31

There is no mention of demonic activity here, so I want to be clear that probably the vast majority of conditions we see in the world do not involve spiritual oppression. However, to not acknowledge that there is a possibility is malpractice in my opinion.

Take Aways

What I want us to take away from what Matthew is writing here and in other places is that spiritual oppression could be a possibility as to why a loved one or friend is suffering and that all of these tools that most medical professionals are using are not the right tool.

Just like when I was trying to fix the Volkswagen without the right tool, I could make progress, and it might look like what I was doing was making things better, but ultimately, I never fixed the problem. The same is happening all around us. Well-meaning health professionals are doing the best they can, based on what they believe, and people with these conditions make improvements or at least seem to improve, but they are never actually cured.

Based on what the Bible says, in some situations these people can be cured if we actually use the right tool, and that is the Power of God. We must remember that all true followers of Jesus

are indwelt by the Holy Spirit and Scripture says:

⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, “Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ And proclaim as you go, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven is at hand.’ ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. – Matthew 10:5 – 7^a

¹⁵ And he said to them, “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. ¹⁶ Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. ¹⁷ And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; -- Mark 16:15 – 17

⁴ Now those who were scattered went about preaching the word. ⁵ Philip went down to the city^[a] of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. ⁶ And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. ⁷ For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. ⁸ So there was much joy in that city. – Acts 8:4 – 8

It is not us, but God working through us. The same power that brought the universe into being is inside every true believer.

Let me leave you with this encouraging verse from Dr. Luke:

¹⁷ The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, “Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!” ¹⁸ And he said to them, “I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹ Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.” – Luke 10:17 – 20