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2Tim. 4:17b (CEV) ... And I was kept safe from hungry lions.

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Forward

It is written in Luke 4:18 "The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because he has anointed Me To preach the good news to the poor. He had sent Me to heal the broken-hearted, To proclaim liberty to the captives, And recovery of sight to the blind, To set at liberty those who are oppressed" We are called to be his servants! In this spirit, I submit this work and our ministry to you. No law of God can ever be broken. His laws work to extract retribution no matter whether we know them, mentally ignore them, want them or hate them, believe in them and in God or not. Gal. 6:7 tells us, "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap." No amount of counseling or prayer for inner healing can change the heart of a person who has not yet made a choice deep down, "But I forget what is behind, and I struggle for what is ahead" (Phil. 3:13).

Our desires fight against God, because they do not and cannot obey God's laws (Rom. 8:7). You see, we obey those laws of the natural order which build our creature comforts and ensure the mammon-good life (material life). Those moral laws hold us to account and chain our rebellious passions, which we want to call irrelevant, relative, man-made, or old-fashioned, anything to excuse our lusts and give them full reign. We say, "we have a right," or "it is not so bad," or "we need to be balanced."

Today, **HUMANISM REIGNS**; this, not climate change, is the greatest threat in the world. This philosophy, coming from public schools, allows no room for God, Christ, angels, the devil, or demons. Many Christians today are influenced by this thinking and what they see on social media; although they accept a God and Christ and possibly angels, they do not believe in a personal devil or demons. These results only lead to our belief that problems are the result of man's sinful nature (works of the flesh). If you believe in the Scripture, then you must believe in the reality of spirits.

This teaching is designed for both those who might need ministry and those who are ministering deliverance. It is important that you understand your needs and the scriptural answers to those needs. Therefore, you should read and study this teaching with your Bible. Please note: for the purpose of clarity in this simplified revision, we have chosen to utilize the CEV (Contemporary English Version 1995) unless otherwise noted.

I want to thank our daughters Evelyn Bartholomew, Lois Ries, and Judy Ries Coston for the countless hours you gave to this book. I am grateful for the contributions of many, especially Frank and Linda Howard and Roger and Esther Wilson.

May the Lord Bless you....

Clare Ries (1930 - 1994)

BIOGRAPHY OF CLARE EVAN RIES

Clare was the successful businessman on the road to financial success when God stepped in and changed his direction in 1971. He spent many hours reading and studying many versions of the Bible and related material. God began to show him the ministry of deliverance through the authority of Jesus Christ, and he grew in wisdom and knowledge as he studied God's Word. In 1973 God asked if Clare and his wife were willing to walk by faith in the deliverance ministry full-time. They had much to learn about the deliverance ministry and trusting God for their provisions. Their ministry grew as people began asking for help to overcome bondage and addictions. In 1976 God moved them to Florida, and the ministry continued until Clare went to meet the Lord in 1994.

To All of My Dear Friends, Loved Ones, and Supporters:

This 10th revision is done at the request of many and in honor of my late husband, Clare E. Ries. Clare spent one and a half years of his time on the last revision, culminating our life’s work before going to be with the Lord. It has been an honor to serve the Lord in this ministry. Our desire was to be available to the Lord and to be used to mend broken lives. I personally want to thank our daughters, Evelyn Bartholomew, Lois Ries, and Judy Coston. I also want to thank our son-in-law, Pastor Jim Bartholomew, for their love, prayers, and support.

The first printing in “1975” was seven pages and has grown over the years as God gave revelation and insight. We were always blessed when we heard that God was using our book in other countries as people translated it into other languages. Praise God!

Most of the credit for finalizing this last revision must go to our beloved and trusted friends, Jeff and Joyce Chamberlain for their devotion, direction, and supervision. I also want to thank Melissa Day. We pray that the ministry will continue through others and this book. We encourage you to read it and pray as God will surely touch your heart as he has done for all of us.

It is still our heart to make this available to the body of Christ on a free-will offering basis. We ask that you pray, search your hearts and give as God leads you. You can bless this family thru this link. Judy Ries Coston @ <https://www.paypal.me/JudyCoston>

Please understand that this work continues to be a faith ministry, made possible and supported by the faithfulness of the body of Christ. Copyrighted © 1983. It may be reprinted without further permission but not sold. We have repeatedly been asked to put a price on this teaching, which was our life’s work, plus computer time, materials, preparation for printing, printing, etc. We have no idea what the raw cost is. This is a full-time ministry God called us to; even if we could work out a cost, the Lord says, “FREELY YOU HAVE RECEIVED, FREELY GIVE.”

God Bless,

Judith I. Ries 2007
(1938 - 2021)

Hello, my name is Judy. I am named after my Mother, a badge of honor I will humbly wear. Our Mother got called to be with the Lord during Covid. A special prayer goes out for all that were lost during that time. We were to finish revising this teaching and get published. I believe you need this book now more than ever, so I have continued to revise my parents' work and seek counsel. I thank Paul Rosbury for guiding me and helping to get my parents' book to the public. I pray this book is a blessing to you. As this blesses you, please pray that as I spread the GOOD NEWS, God would use me to change lives for God’s Kingdom. And as my Father would say.....

“The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.”

Judy Ries Coston

CHAPTER 1

LIONS WITH LOCKJAW

Lions are the indisputable masters of the jungles. They are majestic animals with great power and authority. Even the mighty elephant, much larger, runs in terror before the cunning and skill of the king.

Jesus is called the Lion of Judah. We, his people, are like him. Yet too often we are like the lion with lock-jaw ineffective and impotent.

Today the Holy Spirit is blowing a fresh wind of change. The Lion of Judah, through his people, is again heard to roar. As the church age ends, this majestic beast will become a powerful force to be reckoned with by the ruling world forces.

THE ELIJAH MINISTRY

Heb 12:29 Our God is like a destructive fire!

Mal 3:2-3 On the day the Lord comes, he will be like a furnace that purifies silver or like strong soap in a washbasin. No one will be able to stand up to him. The LORD will purify the descendants of Levi, as though they were gold or silver. Then they will bring the proper offerings to the LORD,

Isa 1:25. I will punish you terribly and burn away everything that makes you unfit to worship me.

Deut 9:3 But the LORD your God has promised to go ahead of you, like a raging fire burning everything in its path. So when you attack your enemies, it will be easy for you to destroy them and take their land.

1Ki 18:38 The LORD immediately sent fire, and it burned up the sacrifice, the wood, and the stones. It scorched the ground everywhere around the altar and dried up every drop of water in the ditch.

Luke 3:16-17 John said, "I am just baptizing with water. But someone more powerful is going to come, and I am not good enough even to untie his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His threshing fork is in his hand, and he is ready to separate the wheat from the husks. He will store the wheat in his barn and burn the husks with a fire that never goes out."

Ps 104:4 (Same as Heb 1:7) The winds are your messengers, and flames of fire are your servants.

Jer 5:14. I am the LORD God All-Powerful. Jeremiah, I will tell you exactly what to say. Your words will be a fire; Israel and Judah will be the fuel.

Jer 23:29 My words are a powerful fire; they are a hammer that shatters rocks.

Deut 4:24 The LORD will be angry if you worship other gods, and he can be like a fire destroying everything in its path.

Mal 4:5 I, the LORD, promise to send the prophet Elijah before that great and terrible day comes.

Gen 19:24 ...and the LORD sent burning sulfur down like rain on Sodom and Gomorrah.

THE ELIJAH MINISTRY (CONT.)

- 1Co 3:13-15 Whatever we build on that foundation will be tested by fire on the day of judgment. Then everyone will find out if we have used gold, silver, and precious stones, or wood, hay, and straw. We will be rewarded if our building is left standing. But if it is destroyed by the fire, we will lose everything. Yet we ourselves will be saved, like someone escaping from flames.
- Isa 66:15-16 **The LORD will come down like a whirlwind with his flaming chariots.** He will be terribly furious and punish his enemies **with fire**. The LORD's **fiery sword** will bring justice everywhere on this earth and execute many people.
- Ps 18:8 and breathed out smoke. **Scorching heat and fiery flames spewed from your mouth.**

THE MOSES MINISTRY

Abraham was the first recorded deliverer when he and his servants fought and set free Lot's household.

Moses was the first deliverer of God's chosen (Israel). He interceded between God and Israel that they

would come out and stay out of bondage and come into the place God called them to.

- Isa 1:26 Jerusalem, I will choose judges and advisors like those you had before. Your new name will be "Justice and Faithfulness."
- Deut 18:15 Instead, he will choose one of your own people to be a prophet **just like me**, and you must do what that prophet says.

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE AND AREAS OF MINISTRY?

The Purpose of the ministry of love and intercession is to lead God's people out of captivity into purity.

- Isa 35:1-10 Thirsty deserts will be glad; barren lands will celebrate and blossom with flowers. Deserts will bloom everywhere and sing joyful songs. They will be as majestic as Mount Lebanon, as glorious as Mount Carmel or Sharon Valley. Everyone will see the wonderful splendor of the LORD our God. Here is a message for all who are weak, trembling, and worried: "Cheer up! Don't be afraid. Your God is coming to punish your enemies. God will take revenge on them and rescue you." The blind will see, and the ears of the deaf will be healed. Those who were lame will leap around like deer; tongues once silent will begin to shout. Water will rush through the desert. Scorching sand will turn into a lake, and thirsty ground will flow with fountains. Grass will grow in wetlands, where packs of wild dogs once made their home. A good road will be there, and it will be named "God's Sacred Highway." It will be for God's people; **no one unfit to worship God will walk on that road**. And no fools can travel on that highway. No lions or other wild animals will come near that road; only those the LORD has saved will travel there. **The people the LORD has rescued will come back singing as they enter Zion. Happiness will be a crown they will always wear. They will celebrate and shout because all sorrows and worries will be gone far away.**

NOTE: **GOD HAS CALLED US OUT OF DEADNESS TO HOLINESS.**

- 1John 3:3 This **hope** makes us **keep ourselves holy**,
just as Christ is holy.

THE PURPOSE OF MINISTRY (CONT)

- 1Pet 1:16 That's why the Scriptures say, "I am the holy God, **and you must be holy too.**"
- 2Co 7:1. My friends, God has made us these promises. So we should stay away from everything that keeps our bodies and spirits from being clean. We should honor God and try to be completely like him.
- Eph 1:4. Before the world was created, God had Christ choose us to live with him and to be his holy and innocent and loving people. The well-adjusted person usually finds it difficult to understand and be sympathetic with those who are severely neurotic. He regards it as a weakness which the person could overcome in his own strength if he simply made the choice and applied himself. Therapists work on the outside attempting to modify behavior and change the person. The gospel change results in inner transformation. Strengthening self is the goal of psychotherapy. The Word of God concludes that self is to be weakened to the point of willingness to accept the act of co-crucifixion. Those with the most severe hang-ups are the most ready to face their need and appropriate their sources in Christ.

Either we choose deliberately to be filled or controlled by the Holy Spirit, or we sin. If we do not consciously choose to be controlled by the Holy Spirit, we automatically revert to being controlled by sin which means we are walking "after the flesh".

Phil 3:13-14 "My friends, I don't feel that I have already arrived. But I forget what is behind, and I struggle for what is ahead. I run toward the goal, so that I can win the prize of being called to heaven. This is the prize that God offers because of what Christ Jesus has done."

One thing that can keep us from pressing on is our failure to forget those things which are behind. If we dwell in the past it will prevent us from being bonded together in Christ.

John 20:23 "If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven. But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven." **NOTE: This includes self.**

Deliverance is not the total answer to man's problem. There are three areas which need ministry:

- 1) Sin/Flesh
- 2) World
- 3) Devil

The handling of these three problems are:

- 1) **Sin/flesh** - "If you are guided by the Spirit, you won't obey your selfish desires..." (Gal 5:16-26). My dear friends, we must not live to satisfy our desires. If you do, you will die. But you will live, if by the help of God's Spirit you say "No" to your desires. (Rom 8:12-13).
- 2) **World** - "Love not the world, nor the things of the world" (1Jo 2:15). Think about what is up there, not about what is here on earth. (Col 3:2).
- 3) **Devil:**
 - a) Confession (1) renounce (2) forgive(3) receive.
 - b) Apply the cleansing blood of the cross to our lives.
 - c) Cast out and give no place to the devil.
 - d) Put on the 'new man'. There *is* a place for inner-healing. Attitudes, motives must be changed.

THE CONFUSION COMES WHEN WE TAKE THE RIGHT PROVISION AND ADMINISTER IT TO THE WRONG PROBLEM.

We are to present our body as a living sacrifice and bring every thought captive to the Lordship of Jesus Christ.

WE MUST COME OUT OF CAPTIVITY INTO PURITY.

CHAPTER 2

MINISTRY OF DELIVERANCE

DELIVERANCE AND SALVATION ARE INTERCHANGEABLE. SALVATION *INCLUDES DELIVERANCE.*

Rom 10:9-10 So you will be saved, (Greek - SOZO) if you honestly say, "Jesus is Lord," and if you believe with all your heart that God raised him from death. God will accept you and save (Greek - SOTERIA) you, if you truly believe this and tell it to others.

NOTE: **MEANING OF GREEK WORD – SOZO:** to save, i.e., deliver or protect – heal, preserve, **BE MADE WHOLE.** **SOTERIA:** rescue or safety, health, salvation, saving delivery, save. **SOTARE:** a deliverer, i.e., God or Christ To be saved means to be set free, body, soul, and spirit. Salvation includes deliverance from evil spirits. Some would conclude from this that deliverance is a finished work, and they are right. Deliverance, in a legal sense, is a completed work, but not experientially. Just as you must exercise faith to be saved, filled with the Spirit, or healed, so also you need to exercise faith to be set free.

DELIVERANCE, like healing, being baptized in the Spirit, or being born again, is a finished work (Jo 19:30). If it is a finished work, why must we cast out demons? Each one of these (being born again healing, deliverance, and baptism in the Spirit) must be appropriated by each person by faith in order for them to experience this finished work. We see Acts 8:14-24 that after the laying on of hands, they received the baptism in the Spirit. They had already appropriated the born again experience. Can you understand then, that we must exercise faith to be free?

THE DELIVERANCE MINISTRY OF JESUS

A great percentage of Jesus' ministry was deliverance. Jesus said "I tell you for certain that if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father". (Jo 14:12).

Luke 4:18 "The Lord's Spirit has come to me, because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor. The Lord has sent me to announce **freedom for prisoners, to give sight to the blind, to free everyone who suffers,**

Matt 4:23-24 Jesus went all over Galilee, teaching in the Jewish meeting places and preaching the good news about God's kingdom. He also healed every kind of disease (Greek – MALAKIAN = softness or weakness which opens them to disease) and sickness (Greek – NOSOS = to have a diseased appetite or craving for a thing, excessive for attention or security). News about him spread all over Syria, and people with every kind of sickness (Greek – a person clutching to himself and evil thing) or disease (a person who is held in the custody, or prison of physical trouble caused by insecurity and fear) were brought to him. Some of them had a lot of demons in them (Greek – DIAMONIZOMAI = to be exercised by a demon), others were thought to be crazy (double minded, unable to think rationally or coherently), and still others could not walk. But Jesus healed them all.

Luke 4:40-41 (Same as Matt 8:16, Mk 1:32-34) After the sun had set, people with all kinds of diseases were brought to Jesus. He put his hands on each one of them and healed them. **Demons went out of many people and shouted,** "You are the Son of God!" But Jesus ordered the demons not to speak because they knew he was the Messiah.

THE DELIVERANCE MINISTRY OF JESUS (CONT)

- Mark 1:39 Then Jesus went to Jewish meeting places everywhere in Galilee, where he preached and **forced out demons.**
- Luke 4:38-39 (Same as Matt 8:14-15, Mk 1:29-31) Jesus left the meeting place and went to Simon's home. When Jesus got there, he was told that Simon's mother-in-law was sick with a high fever. So Jesus went over to her and **ordered the fever to go away. Right then she was able to get up** and serve them a meal.
- Luke 13:10-13 One Sabbath, Jesus was teaching in a Jewish meeting place, and a woman was there who had been **crippled by an evil spirit** (*of Infirmity*) for eighteen years. She was completely bent over and could not straighten up. When Jesus saw the woman, he called her over and said, "You are now well." He placed his hands on her, and right away she stood up straight and praised God.
- Mark 16:9 Very early on the first day of the week, after Jesus had risen to life, he appeared to Mary Magdalene. Earlier he had **forced seven demons** out of her.
- Mark 1:23-27 Suddenly a man with an evil spirit in him entered the meeting place and yelled, "Jesus from Nazareth, what do you want with us? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are! You are God's Holy One." Jesus **told the evil spirit**, "Be quiet and come out of the man!" The spirit shook him. Then it gave a loud shout and left. Everyone was completely surprised and kept saying to each other, "What is this? It must be some new kind of powerful teaching! **Even the evil spirits obey him.**"
- Luke 6:18 (Same as Mk 3:11-12) These people had come to listen to Jesus and to be healed of their diseases. **All who were troubled by evil spirits were also healed.**
- Luke 8:26-32 (Same as Matt 8:28-34, Mk 5:1-20) Then Jesus asked the disciples, "Don't you have any faith?" But they were frightened and amazed. They said to each other, "Who is this? He can give orders to the wind and the waves, **and they obey him!**" Jesus and his disciples sailed across Lake Galilee and came to shore near the town of Gerasa. As Jesus was getting out of the boat, he was met by a man from that town. The man had demons in him. He had gone naked for a long time and no longer lived in a house, but in the graveyard. The man saw Jesus and screamed. He knelt down in front of him and shouted, "Jesus, Son of God in heaven, what do you want with me? I beg you not to torture me!" He said this because Jesus had already told the evil spirit to go out of him. The man had often been attacked by the demon. And even though he had been bound with chains and leg irons and kept under guard, he smashed whatever bound him. Then the demon would force him out into lonely places. **Jesus asked the man, "What is your name?"** He answered, "My name is Lots." He said this because there were 'lots' of demons in him. They begged Jesus not to send them to the deep pit, where they would be punished. A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. So the demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and Jesus let them go. NOTE: ***then he asked their name and then they came out.***
- Matt 15:22-26, (Same as Mk 7:26-30) Suddenly a Canaanite woman from there came out shouting,
28 "Lord and Son of David, have pity on me! My daughter is **full of demons.**" Jesus did not say a word. But the woman kept following along and shouting, so his disciples came up and asked him to send her away. Jesus said, "I was sent only to the people of Israel! They are like a flock of lost sheep." The woman came closer. Then she knelt down and begged, "Please help me, Lord!" Jesus replied, "It isn't right to take food away from children and

feed it to dogs." Jesus answered, "Dear woman, you really do have a lot of faith, and you will be given what you want." At that moment her daughter was healed.

NOTE: It is the right (meet) of the children of God to have deliverance.

Acts 10:38 God gave the Holy Spirit and power to Jesus from Nazareth. He was with Jesus, as he went around doing good and healing everyone who was under the power of the devil.

Luke 13:32 Jesus said to them: Go tell that fox, "I am going to force out demons and heal people today and tomorrow, and three days later I'll be through."

Matt 12:28 (Same as Luke 11:20) **But when I force out demons by the power of God's Spirit, it proves that God's kingdom has already come to you.**

NOTE: The Holy Spirit is the power for deliverance and once free you come into your inheritance;-The Kingdom of God- which is Rom 14:17- **God's kingdom isn't about eating and drinking. It is about pleasing God, about living in peace, and about true happiness. All this comes from the Holy Spirit.**

OTHER SCRIPTURES ON JESUS' DELIVERANCE MINISTRY:

Blind and Dumb spirits- Matt 12:22-24
Luke 9:14-15
Epileptic spirit- Mk 9:17-29 Luke 9:37-43
Unclean spirit- Mk 1:23-27 Luke 11:24-26

70'S DELIVERANCE MINISTRY

Luke 10:1-17 Later the Lord chose seventy-two other followers and sent them out two by two to every town and village where he was about to go..... When the seventy-two followers returned, they were excited and said, "**Lord, even the demons obeyed when we spoke in your name!**"

PAUL'S DELIVERANCE MINISTRY

Acts 16:16-18 One day on our way to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl. She had a spirit in her that gave her the power to tell the future. By doing this she made a lot of money for her owners. The girl followed Paul and the rest of us and kept yelling, "These men are servants of the Most High God! They are telling you how to be saved." This went on for several days. Finally, Paul got so upset that he turned and said to the spirit, "**In the name of Jesus Christ, I order you to leave this girl alone!**" *At once the evil spirit left her.*

Acts 19:11-12 God gave Paul the power to work great miracles. People even took handkerchiefs and aprons that had touched Paul's body, and they carried them to everyone who was sick. **All of the sick people were healed, and the evil spirits went out.**

PHILIP'S DELIVERANCE MINISTRY

Acts 8:7 Many people **with evil spirits were healed, and the spirits went out of them with a shout.** A lot of crippled and lame people were also healed.

CHAPTER 3

THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTRY

The principles of Christian warfare lay the foundation for our authority. Jesus received all power, and he has authorized our use of that power. As we apply the principles of spiritual warfare, we are becoming, more like Christ, We are then able to receive more authority.

These principles are:

We **conquer** by **yielding**.
We **receive** by **giving**.
We **overcome** by being **defeated**.
We **live** by **dying**.

- Gen 1:26 A God said, "Now we will make humans, and they will be like us. We will let them rule the fish, the birds, and all other living creatures."
- Col 1:13 God rescued us from the dark power of Satan and brought us into the kingdom of his dear Son,
- NOTE: In Jo 19:30 After Jesus drank the wine, he said, "Everything is done!" He bowed his head and died." Deliverance is a finished work and in Christ (our legal right), but we must first appropriate it.
- John 14:12 I tell you for certain that **if you have faith in me**, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father.
- John 17:18 I am sending them into the world, just as you sent me.
- Mark 3:14-15 Then he chose twelve of them to be his apostles, so that they could be with him. He also wanted to send them out to preach and **to force out demons**.
- Col 1:16 Everything was created by him, everything in heaven and on earth, everything seen and unseen, **including all forces and powers, and all rulers and authorities**. All things were created by God's Son, and everything was made for him.
- Col 2:15 There Christ defeated all powers and forces. He let the whole world see them **being led away as prisoners when he celebrated his victory**.
- Ju 5:13 The LORD's people who were left joined with their leaders and fought at my side.
- Heb 2:8 And you have put everything under our power!" God has put everything under our power and has not left anything out of our power. But we still don't see it all under our power.
- Ps 8:6 You let us **rule everything** your hands have made. And you put all of it **under our power**-
- Eph 6:16 In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you CAN extinguish ALL the flaming arrows of the evil one.
- Matt 28:18 A Jesus came to them and said: I have been given **all authority in heaven and on earth!**

THE AUTHORITY OF THE MINISTRY (CONT)

- Luke 9:1 Jesus called together his twelve apostles and gave them **complete power over all demons and diseases.**
- Mark 2:10, 12-13 I will show you that the Son of Man has the right to forgive sins here on earth." So Jesus said to the man, The apostles left and started telling everyone to turn to God. They forced out many demons and healed a lot of sick people by putting olive oil on them.
- Mark 16:17 Everyone who believes me will be able to do wonderful things. **By using my name** they will force out demons, and they will speak new languages.
- Luke 4:36 They all were amazed and kept saying to each other, "What kind of teaching is this? **He has power to order evil spirits out of people!**"
- Matt 10:1,7-8 (Same as Mk 3:14-15;6-7) Jesus called together his twelve disciples. He gave them the power to force out evil spirits and to heal every kind of disease and sickness. As you go, announce that the kingdom of heaven will soon be here. (vs 7-8) Heal the sick, raise the dead to life, heal people who have leprosy, and force out demons. You received without paying, now give without being paid.
- Luke 10:19 I have given you the power to trample on snakes and scorpions and to defeat the power of your enemy Satan. Nothing can harm you.
- James 4:7 Surrender to God! **Resist the devil, and he will run from you.**
- Matt 18:18 I promise you that God in heaven will allow whatever you allow on earth, but he will not allow anything you don't allow.
- Rom 8:37 In everything we have won more than a victory because of Christ who loves us.
- Luke 11:20 But if I use God's power to force out demons, it proves that God's kingdom has already come to you.
- 1Tim 1:12 I thank Christ Jesus our Lord. He has given me the strength for my work because he knew that he could trust me.
- 1Co 2:12 But God has given us his Spirit. That's why we don't think the same way that the people of this world think. That's also why we can recognize the blessings that God has given us.
- 2Co 10:3-5 We live in this world, but we don't act like its people or fight our battles with the weapons of this world. Instead, we use God's power that can destroy fortresses. We destroy arguments and every bit of pride that keeps anyone from knowing God. We capture people's thoughts and make them obey Christ.

CLEARLY, GOD HAS GIVEN US SUPREME AUTHORITY OVER DEMONS THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

ALSO SEE: Mk 9:38-41, 16:9; Lu 9:49-50, 13:32; Acts 5:3, 8:7, 10:38, 19:15; James 2:9

CHAPTER 4

DELIVERANCE

Many spiritual problems are the result of one of the three reasons:

- (1) Don't know God's **CHARACTER**.
- (2) Don't know God's **WAYS**.
- (3) Don't believe or trust His **NATURE**.

If you do not overcome, you will be overcome by whatever you fail to overcome. Whatever you give the pre-eminence to is what will dominate your life. **To be oppressed means to exercise "lordship over" someone.** Any problem you can not overcome by prayer, study, and spiritual discipline may be due to a hindering force that is not flesh, but actually an evil spirit in operation. Unbelief robs us of prayer, it binds us to the true cause of trouble, it hinders us seeing in Jesus Christ the cure for our ills, it turns us to men, to put our trust in their skill instead of in God's. People are bitter towards God for what they have gone through. Bitterness keeps them from being established in a relationship with Him of truly being loved.

There are about 1700 places in the Bible where the words deliver, delivered, or deliverance are used. Deliverance from evil spirits removes the supernatural part of the problem, so that the person is able to deal with the natural problem.

Deut. 6:17-19 Always obey the laws that the LORD has given you and live in a way that pleases him. Then you will be able to go in and take this good land from your enemies, just as he promised your ancestors.

Lev 26:6-7,13 I will bless your country with peace, and you will rest without fear. I will wipe out the dangerous animals and protect you from enemy attacks. **You will chase and destroy your enemies**, I am the LORD your God, and I rescued you from Egypt, **so that you would never again be slaves. I have set you free; now walk with your heads held high.**

1Sam 16:14 The Spirit of the LORD had left Saul, and an **evil spirit from the LORD was terrifying him.**

Ex 6:6-7 Here is my message for Israel: "I am the LORD! And with my mighty power I will punish the Egyptians and free you from slavery. I will accept you as my people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I was the one who rescued you from the Egyptians.

Isa 47:10-11 You hid behind evil like a shield and said, "No one can see me!" You were fooled by your wisdom and your knowledge; you felt sure that you alone were in full control. **But without warning, disaster will strike--** and your magic charms won't help at all.

Ju 10:13-14 But I'm not going to rescue you any more! You've left me and gone off to worship other gods. If you're in such big trouble, go cry to them for help!

1Chr 8a, 10b Wherever you went, I helped you and destroyed your enemies right in front of your eyes. (verse 10) ... when I let judges rule my people, and I will keep your enemies from attacking you. Now I promise that like you, your descendants will be kings.

Ex 23:25 Worship only me, the LORD your God! I will bless you with plenty of food and water and keep you strong.

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- Matt 12:43-45 When an evil spirit leaves a person, it travels through the desert, looking for a place to rest. But when the demon doesn't find a place, it says, "I will go back to the home I left." **When it gets there and finds the place empty, clean, and fixed up, it goes off and finds seven other evil spirits even worse than itself. They all come and make their home there,** and the person ends up in worse shape than before. That's how it will be with you evil people of today.
- 1John 3:8 Anyone who keeps on sinning belongs to the devil. He has sinned from the beginning, but the Son of God came to destroy all that he has done.
- Eph 6:12 **We are not fighting against humans.** We are fighting against **forces and authorities** and against **rulers of darkness** and **powers** in the spiritual world.
- Obadiah 17 The LORD's people who escape will go to Mount Zion, and it will be holy. Then Jacob's descendants will capture the land of those who took their land.
- NOTE: (possible meaning) To possess our inheritance, we must be set free and live a holy life.**
- Pr 16:2 We may think we know what is right, but the LORD is the judge of our motives.
- Pr 16:6 If we **truly love God, our sins will be forgiven;** if we show him respect, we will keep away from sin.
- Ps 16:4 The LORD has a reason for everything he does, and he lets evil people live only to be punished.
- Pr 11:21 You can be sure of this: All crooks will be punished, **but God's people won't.**
- Jer 15:21 I will be there to rescue you. I, the LORD, have spoken.
- Ex 14:14 "The LORD will fight for you, and you won't have to do a thing."
- Zech 4:6b So the angel explained that it was the following message of the LORD to Zerubbabel: I am the LORD All-Powerful. **So don't depend on your own power or strength, but on my Spirit.**
- Ps 34:7 If you honor the LORD, his angel will protect you.
- 2Tim 4:18 The Lord will always keep me from being harmed by evil, and he will bring me safely into his heavenly kingdom. Praise him forever and ever! Amen.
- Ps 34:19 The LORD's people may suffer a lot, but he will always bring them safely through.
- Ex 14:13 But Moses answered, "Don't be afraid! Be brave, and you will see the LORD save you today. These Egyptians will never bother you again.
- Gal 5:1 Christ has set us free! This means we are really free. Now hold on to your freedom and don't ever become slaves of the Law again.

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Isa 59:1-2 The LORD hasn't lost his powerful strength; he can still hear and answer prayers. Your sins are the roadblock between you and your God. That's why he doesn't answer your prayers or let you see his face.

1 Sam 17:47 Everybody here will see that the LORD doesn't need swords or spears to save his people. The LORD always wins his battles, and he will help us defeat you.

Psa 18:17-19 You rescued me from enemies, who were hateful and too powerful for me. On the day disaster struck, they came and attacked, but you defended me. When I was fenced in, you freed and rescued me because you love me.

John 17:15 Father, I don't ask you to take my followers out of the world, but keep them (Greek = POVEROS) safe from the evil one.

NOTE: POVEROS means deliverance from the effect or influence of anything bad, evil, grievous, harmful, lewd, malicious, or wicked. Deliverance from Satan himself and all that is corrupt or diseased.

Deut 32:16-17 You made God jealous and angry by worshiping disgusting idols and foreign gods. You offered sacrifices to demons, those useless gods that never helped you, new gods that your ancestors never worshiped.

Deut 7:16b ... And don't get trapped into worshiping their gods.

Deut 9:3 But the LORD your God has promised to go ahead of you, like a raging fire burning everything in its path. So when you attack your enemies, it will be easy for you to destroy them and take their land.

Jos 7:12 What they stole **was supposed to be destroyed**, and now Israel itself **must be destroyed**. I cannot help you anymore until you do *exactly* what I have said. That's why Israel turns and runs from its enemies instead of standing up to them.

Jos 24:20 If you turn your backs on the LORD and worship the gods of other nations, the LORD will turn against you. He will make terrible things happen to you and wipe you out, even though he had been good to you before.

Ju 9:23 when God decided to punish him and the leaders of Shechem for killing Gideon's seventy sons. So God turned the leaders of Shechem against Abimelech.

1 Sam 18:10 The next day the LORD let an evil spirit take control of Saul, and he began acting like a crazy man inside his house. David came to play the harp for Saul as usual, but this time Saul had a spear in his hand.

Psa 23:3 and you refresh my life. You are true to your name, and you lead me along the right paths.

Joel 2:25 I, the LORD your God, will make up for the losses caused by those swarms and swarms of locusts **I sent to attack you**. (Must not only cast out, but restore what they also devour during occupancy.)

NOTE: Inner-healing is the applying of the balm to prevent another infection while the healing and restoration are brought to completion.

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- Jer 30:16 But if your enemies try to rob or destroy you, I will rob and destroy them, and they will be led as captives to foreign lands.
- Isa 10:27 Then they will no longer rule your nation. All will go well for you, and your burden will be lifted.
- Ju 2:2-3 ...But you didn't keep your promise. And so, I'll stop helping you defeat your enemies. Instead, they will be there to trap you into worshiping their idols.
- Ps 41:4 I prayed, "Have pity, LORD! Heal me, though I have sinned against you." (soul can be sick, if it needs to be healed.)
- Deut 8:19 But I'm warning you--if you forget the LORD your God and worship other gods, the LORD will destroy you, just as he destroyed the nations you fought.
- Obad 21 Those the LORD has saved will live on Mount Zion and rule over Edom. Then the kingdom will belong to the LORD.
- Ps 46:9-10 God brings wars to an end all over the world. He breaks the arrows, shatters the spears, and burns the shields. Our God says, "Calm down, and learn that I am God! All nations on earth will honor me."
- Joel 2:32 **Then the LORD will save everyone who faithfully worships him.** He has promised there will be survivors on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and among them will be his chosen ones.
- John 8:49 Jesus answered, "I don't have a demon in me. I honor my Father, and you refuse to honor me.
- Jos 24:12 Your enemies ran from you, but not because you had swords and bows and arrows. I made your enemies panic and run away, as I had done with the two Amorite (flesh) kings east of the Jordan River.
- Jos 23:10 Any one of you can defeat a thousand enemy soldiers, because the LORD God fights for you, just as he promised.
- Ex 33:2 It is a land rich with milk and honey, and I will send an angel to force out those people who live there--the Canaanites, the Amorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. I would go with my people, but they are so rebellious that I would destroy them before they get there.
- Ecc 4:9,12 You are better off to have a friend than to be all alone, because then you will get more enjoyment out of what you earn. Someone might be able to beat up one of you, but not both of you. As the saying goes, "A rope made from three strands of cord is hard to break."
- Ps 143:3-4 My enemies are chasing me, crushing me in the ground. I am in total darkness, like someone long dead. I have given up all hope, and I feel numb all over.

DELIVERANCE IS A WALK

We do not receive deliverance once and then it is all over; we are totally free. That would be nice, but not true. God delivers us from what we give up and from what we can handle. Little by little we come into purity. From glory to glory.

2Co 1:10 God saved us from the threat of death, and we are sure that he will do it again and again.

Deut 7:22-23 As you attack these nations, the LORD will force them out little by little. He won't let you get rid of them all at once--if he did, there wouldn't be enough people living in the land to keep down the number of wild animals.

Ex 23:28-30 I will make the Hivites, Canaanites, and Hittites panic as you approach. But I won't do all this in the first year, because the land would become poor, and wild animals would be everywhere. Instead, I will force out your enemies little by little and give your nation time to grow strong enough to take over the land.

2Co 3:18 So our faces are not covered. They show the bright glory of the Lord, as the Lord's Spirit makes us more and more like our glorious Lord.

DEMON POSSESSION

I have explained demon possession many times while teaching, but the bottom line is that many still do not understand. I thought it was clearly explained in the 8th revision of this manual, but people would read what was said but not have eyes to see or ears to hear. We are so influenced by our prior understanding, tradition, or what we have been taught as a "church doctrine", that we are blind to the truth.

The term "demon possession", as found in a number of translations, was not correctly translated from the original word in the Greek which is **DAIMONIZOMAI**. The definition of this word is to be exercised by a demon, or to have (be vexed with, be possessed with = in our possession) devils. The term possession is a misleading translation which pictures someone under total control or ownership. In some cases a person is afflicted by illness and not opposed to God and the truth. **DEMONS DO NOT POSSESS IN THE SENSE OF OWNERSHIP.**

If they inhabit it is only squatters rights.

The term demonized or vexed by, better reflects the Greek **DAIMONIZOMAI** (Matt 15:22) literally a state of demon caused passivity.

It refers to the condition of a person who is more or less influenced in various ways by inhabiting demons. A person can be acted upon by a demon without any action on the part of that person. Most people believe that the characteristics of a possessed individual involves mental torment, uncontrollable passions and/or violent behavior. The truth is, the devil can bring peace as well as turmoil. Satan doesn't mind if we are at peace as long as he, and not the Lord, is producing it.

NOTICE. In the following three different scriptures how the same word is translated.

Luke 8:26-32 (Same as Matt 8:28-34; Mk 5:1-20) 26 Jesus and his disciples sailed across Lake Galilee and came to shore near the town of Gerasa. 27 As Jesus was getting out of the boat, he was met by a man from that town. 28 The man had demons in him. He had gone naked for a long time and no longer lived in a house, but in the graveyard. The man saw Jesus and screamed.

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He knelt down in front of him and shouted, "Jesus, Son of God in heaven, what do you want with me? I beg you not to torture me!" 29 He said this because Jesus had already told the evil spirit to go out of him. The man had often been attacked by the demon. And even though he had been bound with chains and leg irons and kept under guard, he smashed whatever bound him. Then the demon would force him out into lonely places. 30 Jesus asked the man, "What is your name?" He answered, "My name is Lots." He said this because there were 'lots' of demons in him. 31 They begged Jesus not to send them to the deep pit, where they would be punished. 32 A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. So the demons begged Jesus to let them go into the pigs, and Jesus let them go.

NOTE: Verse 27 "HAD DEVILS A LONG TIME."

This is the worst case in the

scriptures of "demon possession". The man was driven by the demons, naked, broke chains, and lived in the tombs, yet this same man sought Jesus. He USED HIS OWN WILL, and by falling down at Jesus' feet, acknowledged him as Lord and was thus delivered. We see the profound effect the demons had on this man, and by reading the entire account, the profound effect of deliverance.

Mark 5:2 NOTE: This scripture translates this same story as "man with unclean spirit."

Matt 8:28 NOTE: This scripture translates this same story as "possessed with devils."

Matt 9:32-33 As Jesus and his disciples were on their way, some people brought to him a man who could not talk because a demon was in him. (Greek- **DAIMONIZOMAI**)
After Jesus had forced the demon out, the man started talking. The crowds were so amazed that they began saying, "Nothing like this has ever happened in Israel!"

NOTE: The word translated "possessed" here is from the Greek word daimonizomai which is used 11 times this way in the New Testament. It means to be exercised by a demon: to have a, to be vexed with, to be possessed with, devil(s). Twice the word possessed was translated from the Greek word "echo", which means to hold, accompany, possessed with.

Matt 15:22b My daughter is full of demons."

Acts 10:38 God gave the Holy Spirit and power to Jesus from Nazareth. He was with Jesus, as he went around doing good and healing everyone who was under the power of the devil.

THE BATTLEGROUND

BODY – SOUL –SPIRIT

Satan desires to exercise his control over our body, soul, and spirit. The battle, however, is won or lost in the mind. For many of us the primary battle with Satan begins and continues in the mind. To attain victory and become an overcomer, we need to recognize our adversary and we need to know where the battle is being fought.

FOR THE MIND TO BE HEALED REQUIRES FOUR THINGS:

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The mind must be changed: The mind of the flesh is hostile towards God and it is utterly unable to be subject to the law of God (Rom 8:5-7). The natural mind rejects the true teachings of God because they are foolish to it (1Cor 2:14). Unless the mind is changed, a man cannot get his thoughts off the pleasures and the problems of life. It is occupied with the material things. Repentance means to change one's mind. The mind must be renewed: "...be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind" (Rom 12:2). The mind is the outlet for the spirit. Eph 4:22-23 tells us to be renewed in the spirit of our mind.

The mind must be controlled: 1 Pet 1:13 tells us "gird up the loins of your mind." In 2 Cor 10:5 "Casting down imaginations..., and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

The mind must be occupied: A blank mind produces a passive will. This is one of the basic prerequisites for demonic influence in the life. Phil 4:8 tells us what to think on. Col 3:2 tell us "to set your mind on the things which are above...."

2 Co 4:4 The god who rules this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers. They cannot see the light, which is the good news about our glorious Christ, who shows what God is like.

2 Co 3:14 The people were stubborn, and something still keeps them from seeing the truth when the Law is read. Only Christ can take away the covering that keeps them from seeing.

2 Co 11:3 But now I fear that you will be tricked, just as Eve was tricked by that lying snake. I am afraid that you might stop thinking about Christ in an honest and sincere way.

NOTE: When we come to Jesus Christ as Lord, we get a new life, BUT NOT A NEW MIND, OUR MIND MUST BE RENEWED.

2 Co 10:3-5 3 We live in this world, but we don't act like its people 4 or fight our battles with the weapons of this world. Instead, we use God's power that can destroy fortresses. We destroy arguments 5 and every bit of pride that keeps anyone from knowing God. We capture people's thoughts and make them obey Christ.

EVERY THOUGHT SUGGESTED TO THE MIND BY EVIL SPIRITS, AND ACCEPTED, IS GROUND GIVEN TO THEM, and every faculty unused invites their attempted use of it. Our minds become a battleground. Not every battle site is the same, neither are our minds. The ground of our mind can be categorized like this:

1) UNRENEWED MIND: Rom 12:1-2 still fleshly, wants own way; flesh wars against spirit. Enemy will hide behind our excuses.

2) IMPROPER MIND Sin in the past is not repented, unclean – unrighteous ideas.

3) BLANK MIND Matt 13:23 Use the mind. It must be actively engaged.

4) MISUNDERSTANDING GOD'S TRUTH:

Doesn't trust and believe the truth and thus accepts a lie. The enemy is the father of lies.

5) ACCEPTS SUGGESTIONS AND DOESN'T SEARCH OUT TRUTH:

The enemy enjoys prophesying to you – man is curious and receptive (to suggestions on future and circumstances).

THE PASSIVE MIND

The primary cause of deception and possession in surrendered may be condensed into one word, PASSIVITY, that is, a cessation of the active exercise of the will in control over spirit, soul and body, or either, as may be the case. The believer who "surrenders" his "members", or faculties, "to God" (he says) and ceases to use them himself, thereby falls into "passivity" which enables evil spirits to deceive and possess any part of his being which becomes passive.

The effects of passivity of the mind may be seen in inactivity when there should be action, or else in over activity beyond control, rashness, indecision, unwatchfulness, lack of concentration, lack of judgment, or bad memory. Areas that can be turned over to passivity are: will, judgment and reason, conscience, spirit, body, whole man, imagination, ect. Evil spirits are able both to impart ideas to man and to steal them from him. (Luke 8:12) "Then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts."

The amount of their activity depends on the amount of space yielded to them. As long as sinful thoughts remain in the heart, precisely that long do evil spirits work. The most basic and consequential law of the spirit realm is that nothing pertaining to man can be accomplished without the consent by insisting that he is his own master (actually Jesus is master) and will not tolerate the enemy manipulating any segment of his being.

Isa 26:3 **The LORD gives perfect peace to those whose faith is firm.**

Rom 12:2 Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him.

Rom 7:25 Thank God! Jesus Christ will rescue me. So with my mind I serve the Law of God, although my selfish desires make me serve the law of sin.

NATURE AND ACTIVITY OF DEMONS

Demons possess (1) **knowledge** (Matt 10:16 – wise as a serpent; Mk 1:24) (2) **will** (Matt 12:44), (3) **emotions** (James 2:19), (4) **self-awareness** (Mk 5:9), and (5) **the ability to speak** (Mk 1:24). A demon is a person as seen by these five elements which are associated with the concept of "personality."

They, of course, are spirit beings.

The demons' PRIMARY OBJECTIVE is to destroy the peace and harmony and to introduce as much anguish, grief, misfortune, privation, suspicion, anxiety, and confusion as possible into human life. The demon's nature is to entice, enslave, torment, defile, harass, compel, deceive, destroy, seduce, confuse, manifest, and drive.

I have been asked many times, "How can you tell that my problem is caused by a demon?" If the problem is submitted to Jesus, brought under the blood, prayed about, and there is no victory and if it falls into the area where you can see a demon's nature manifest, then it very well might be caused by a demon. Demons pervert that which is natural.

THE COMMONEST SYMPTOMS THAT INDICATE THE PRESENCE AND ACTIVITY OF DEMONS ARE:

PSYCHOLOGICAL:

- 1) Persistent or recurrent evil or destructive emotions or attitudes that can dominate a person even contrary to his own will or nature: resentment, fear, hatred, envy, jealousy, pride, self-pity, tension, anger, impatience.
- 2) Moods: unreasonable, sudden, extreme fluctuations, open depression

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- 3) Various forms of religious error, bondage: i.e., submission to unscriptural doctrine, all forms of idolatry.
- 4) Restoring to charms, fortune telling, astrology, mediums.
- 5) Enslaving habits: gluttony, dope, alcohol, nicotine, sugar, coffee, coke, T.V.
- 6) Blasphemy, unclean language, mockery.
- 7) Uncontrollable sexual immorality or perversion of all kinds.
- 8) Persistent or violent opposition to the truth of the scripture.

PHYSICAL:

- 1) Unnatural restlessness and talkativeness, muttering.
- 2) The eye glazed, or unnaturally bright and protruding, or unable to focus naturally.
- 3) Froth from the mouth, and fetid breath.
- 4) Palpitation or unnaturally accelerated action of heart.
- 5) Shunning, recoiling from, or fighting against the power of the Holy Spirit.
- 6) Inability to speak the name of Jesus Christ.
- 7) Unnatural coldness in the room or the feel of evil.
- 8) Often, demons can be the cause of mental or physical sickness and infirmities: (Luke 13:11) insanity, infection, heart disease, cancer, tumors, ulcers, arthritis, paralysis, dumbness, deafness, blindness, insomnia, and epilepsy.

HOW SATANIC FORCES MAY ENTER THE INDIVIDUAL

1) **THROUGH FLESHLY ACTIVITIES:**

God does not destroy the will of man. Man can will to sin or serve God. Satan enters through your carnal activity. Satan soon dominates the area of your life which you yield to him. Lust and pride are of the world. Do not entertain any abnormal spirit or they will soon dominate you. Idolatry, turning from God to false activities of flesh, is described as bringing forth fruit unto death.

2) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH REBELLIOUS ACTIVITIES:**

1 Sam 15:23 "Rebelling against God or disobeying him because you are proud is just as bad as worshiping idols or asking them for advice. You refused to do what God told you, so God has decided that you can't be king."

3) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH ABNORMAL SEXUAL ACTIVITY.**

4) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH FAMILY LINES:**

Sickness, nervousness, rejection, hate, fear, and many other abnormal or negative. Attitudes can come down through family line.

5) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH A CRITICAL SPIRIT:**

Slandering our fellow man cuts us off from God's blessings and leaves us open to Satan.

Vain babblings and gossip and critical spirits will eat and produce ulcers, and/or cancer, arthritis, and heart trouble.

6) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH WORRY:**

Worry demands that you handle it yourself rather than trusting the Lord. The negative person has many problems so he/she seeks release in the spirit of worry. Worry brings on premature death and sickness.

7) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH LAZINESS:**

The spirit of tiredness and laziness sometimes enters through together. Overwork can also invite evil spirits because resistance drops. Overwork is sin because it is rebellion against God's natural laws of the body.

8) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH CULTS:** see occult.

9) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH REJECTION AND SELF-PITY.**

10) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH ABUSE OF TONGUE:**

Words of faith produce victory. Words and thoughts produce life and death. Whichever spirit you yield to will soon dominate you.

SATANIC FORCES (CONT)

- 11) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH ABNORMAL GRIEF:** Pr 17:22 If you are cheerful, you feel good; if you are sad, you hurt all over.
- 12) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH FEAR:**
Torment is of the devil. God moves in peace, joy, gentleness, and victory. Train yourself to respond to every situation with joy and peace, this releases the faith flow of God.
- 13) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH DENOMINATIONAL DOGMAS:** (definition – religious point of view)
- 14) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH UNFORGIVENESS – HATE – ROOT OF BITTERNESS.**
- 15) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH PASSIVITY.**

- 16) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH FANTASY.**
- 17) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH INVITATION AND CERTAIN TYPES OF MUSIC:**
Mk 4:24 Listen carefully to what you hear! The way you treat others will be the way you will be treated--and even worse. Hard rock (much of it) contains teaching that sex, drugs, etc. are good and to rebel. Hard rock appeals to the base nature of man. It does not lift the spirit, only flesh. Look magazine in their August 1967 issue described "rock music" as fast and almost too loud for the normal ear to withstand, it blanks the mind, stuns the senses and forcibly reaches out and commands all the nerve fibers and viscera of the body to the extent that you find yourself leaping and twitching to the contagious drum rhythm with unconscious abandon.
- 18) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH CURIOSITY:** Deut 12:30 But that's when you must be especially careful not to ask, "How did those nations worship their gods? Shouldn't we worship the LORD in the same way?" 2 John 1: 10-11 If people won't agree to this teaching, don't welcome them into your home or even greet them. Greeting them is the same as taking part in their evil deeds.
- 19) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH READING OF CULT MATERIALS AND RECEIVING MEMBERS.**
- 20) **SATAN ENTERS THROUGH PICTURES, STATUES, AND IMAGES:**
Deut 7:25-26 After you conquer a nation, burn their idols. Don't get trapped into wanting the silver or gold on an idol. Even the metal on an idol is disgusting to the LORD, so destroy it. If you bring it home with you, both you and your house will be destroyed. Stay away from those disgusting idols!

NOTE: Demons can live on objects in the same way that they live in people. However, when they live in people they manifest themselves through the people that they live in. When they live in objects, they manifest themselves outside of that object. When they manifest themselves, people often call them ghosts. The Catholic church has had a rite of exorcism for houses for hundreds of years. Demons in houses are often evidenced by a cold spot or area, or the whole house is unnaturally cold. There can be a cold wind and no way for it to be there naturally. Objects moved about the room, ect., or unnatural noises. A house can be cleansed by dedicating each room to Jesus in prayer and by faith applying His blood to that room and commanding all demons to leave in the name of Jesus Christ.. Any occult pictures, statues, masks, books, must be destroyed to cleanse the house.

Ex 20:4. Do not make idols that look like anything in the sky or on earth or in the ocean under the earth.

Deut 12:2-3 2 But the nations that live there worship other gods. So after you capture the land, you must completely destroy their places of worship--on mountains and hills or in the shade of large trees. 3 Wherever these nations worship their gods, you must tear down their altars, break their sacred stones, burn the sacred poles used in worshiping the goddess Asherah, and smash their idols to pieces. Destroy these places of worship so completely that no one will remember they were ever there.

Acts 19:19 Some who had been practicing witchcraft even brought their books and burned them in public. These books were worth about fifty thousand silver coins.

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2 Ki 18:4 He removed the high places, and broke the images, and cut down the groves, and broke in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made, for unto those days the children of Israel did burn incense to it: and he called it Nehushtan.

Jdg 8:27b. Gideon returned to his home in Ophrah and had the gold made into a statue, which the Israelites soon started worshiping. They became unfaithful to God, and even Gideon and his family were trapped into worshiping the statue. The Midianites had been defeated so badly that they were no longer strong enough to attack Israel. And so Israel was at peace for the remaining forty years of Gideon's life.

CHAPTER 5

DO DEMONS OPPRESS CHRISTIANS?

Dare Christians believe that they are exempt from the influence of demons?

Do the scriptures teach that the "new birth" includes automatic expulsion of demons? The well-adjusted fleshly Christian has a devastating problem because he usually doesn't realize he has a problem. He may not be aware that he is operating in the strength of self or that a much better way is available. So long as he has some confidence in his own abilities and training, he will be unable to "forsake all" that he has and follow the Lord. Until he does, he is not able to fully surrender to the Holy Spirit. A person who has been steeped in intellectual pursuit through formal education or in his own study often finds it extremely difficult to permit God to work in his life in a way that is illogical to him.

LIES OF THE DEVIL:

- 1) The devil does not exist – only an evil condition – not a personal devil.
- 2) The devil is too powerful to challenge.
- 3) The devil is active only in uncivilized countries, i.e., Africa.
- 4) The devil was only active until the Bible and the church came into operation.
- 5) Demons can't be cast out today. Today's problems are only psychological.
- 6) **CHRISTIANS CAN'T HAVE DEMONS.**
- 7) Deliverance can only be by trained (ordained) ministers and priests.
- 8) We are not to testify about deliverance because it gives Satan glory.
- 9) We are owned and controlled by demons and they will kill us rather than our getting free.
- 10) We will have to expose all our sins to others to get free.

Matt 15:22-26. (Same as Mk 7:26-30) 22 Suddenly a Canaanite woman from there came out shouting, "Lord and Son of David, have pity on me! My daughter is full of demons." 23 Jesus did not say a word. But the woman kept following along and shouting, so his disciples came up and asked him to send her away. 24 Jesus said, "I was sent only to the people of Israel! They are like a flock of lost sheep." 25 The woman came closer. Then she knelt down and begged, "Please help me, Lord!" 26 Jesus replied, "It isn't right to take food away from children and feed it to dogs."

Matt 15:28. Jesus answered, "Dear woman, you really do have a lot of faith, and you will be given what you want." At that moment her daughter was healed.

NOTE: It is the right (meet) of the children of God to have deliverance.

Rom 6:16. I am glad that everyone knows how well you obey the Lord. But still, I want you to understand what is good and not have anything to do with evil.

2 Co 11:3-4. But now I fear that you will be tricked, just as Eve was tricked by that lying snake. I am afraid that you might stop thinking about Christ in an honest and sincere way. 4 We told you about Jesus, and you **received the Holy Spirit and accepted our message.** But you let some people tell you about another Jesus. Now you are ready to receive another spirit and accept a different message.

1 Tim 4:1. God's Spirit clearly says that in the last days many people will turn from their faith. They will be fooled by evil spirits and by teachings that come from demons.

Gal 4:8-9. Before you knew God, you were slaves of gods that are not real. But now you know God, or better still, God knows you. How can you turn back and become the slaves of those weak and pitiful powers?

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2 Tim 2:26. They have been trapped by the devil, and he makes them obey him, but God may help them escape.

Nu 21:5, 6⁵ And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." 6 Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.

CAN A CHRISTIAN HAVE A DEMON? (CONT)

NOTE: God caused me to see the parallel between the snakes in this scripture and demons. Demons are released among us for the same reasons and with the same results.

John 13:2. Even before the evening meal started, the devil had made Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot, decide to betray Jesus.

John 13:27. **RIGHT THEN SATAN TOOK CONTROL OF JUDAS.** Jesus said, "Judas, go quickly and do what you have to do."

Luke 13:16. This woman belongs to the family of Abraham, but Satan has kept her bound for eighteen years. Isn't it right to set her free on the Sabbath?"

NOTE: Is the "daughter of Abraham" the same as a Christian? We see in the following scriptures that this is true. Luke 19:9 says Jesus said to Zacchaeus, "Today you and your family have been saved, because you are a true son of Abraham. Gal 3:29 says So if you belong to Christ, you are now part of Abraham's family, and you will be given what God has promised. In Rom 9:7-9 it says, "In fact, when God made the promise to Abraham, he meant only Abraham's descendants by his son Isaac. God was talking only about Isaac when he promised Sarah, "At this time next year I will return, and you will already have a son."

Matt 23:25-26 You Pharisees and teachers are show-offs, and you're in for trouble! You wash the outside of your cups and dishes, while inside there is nothing but greed and selfishness.

You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of a cup, and then the outside will also be clean.

NOTE: Many Christians put on an outward sanctification when they are corrupt inside. This is a reason you find some falling away into gross sin.

Heb 3:12 My friends, watch out! Don't let evil thoughts or doubts make any of you turn from the living God.

Matt 5:8 God blesses those people whose hearts are pure. They will see him!

NOTE: No mixture. Impurity is hate and it blinds the eyes. Our hidden and forgotten judgments, especially against our mothers and fathers, prevent us from seeing God as He is.

Ps 103:2-3. With all my heart I praise the LORD! I will never forget how kind he has been. The LORD forgives our sins, heals us when we are sick,

NOTE: diseases of the soul: fear, depression, etc.

Eph 4:27 **AND DON'T GIVE THE DEVIL A CHANCE.**

NOTE: We must be able to give the devil a place if we are commanded not to. The word "place" means occupancy, vacancy, position of control, or influence.

Pr 25:28 Losing self-control leaves you as helpless as a city without a wall.

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NOTE: He has no (or limited) protection from satanic invasion.

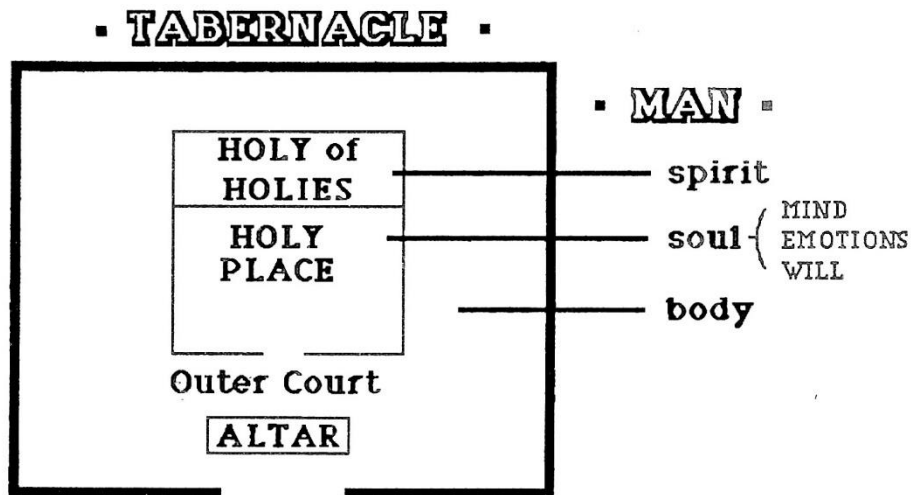
Ecc 10:8 If you dig a pit, you might fall in; if you break down a wall, a snake might bite you.

Luke 8:1-2 Soon after this, Jesus was going through towns and villages, telling the good news about God's kingdom. His twelve apostles were with him, and so were some women who had been healed of evil spirits and all sorts of diseases. One of the women was Mary Magdalene, who once had seven demons in her.

Acts 4:31-35, After they had prayed, the meeting place shook. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and bravely spoke God's message. The group of followers all felt the same way about everything. None of them claimed that their possessions were their own, and they shared everything they had with each other. In a powerful way the apostles told everyone that the Lord Jesus was now alive. God greatly blessed his followers, and no one went in need of anything. Everyone who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles. Then they would give the money to anyone who needed it.

Acts 5:1-3 Ananias and his wife Sapphira also sold a piece of property. But they agreed to cheat and keep some of the money for themselves. So when Ananias took the rest of the money to the apostles, Peter said, "Why has Satan made you keep back some of the money from the sale of the property? Why have you lied to the Holy Spirit?"

There is a possible correlation between the New Testament tabernacle (the Christian's body) and the Old Testament tabernacle. Both have three parts. The Christian tabernacle is made of body, soul, and spirit. The Old Testament tabernacle is made up of the outer court, the holy place, and the holy of holies. In the Old Testament the sin offering was brought into the outer court and people came and went there. The sin offering was brought in and ashes thrown out. This corresponds to the Christian's body which is open to demon activity. Only the high priest after special preparation could go into the holy of holies and only after special cleansing. This relates to the Christian's spirit which is indwelt by the Holy Spirit.



ALSO SEE: 1 COR 1:-20-21, 12:1-3; GAL 3:1-2, 4:3; 1 TIM 4:2-3; EPH 4:25-27 6:11; 1 PET 5:8

DO YOU NEED DELIVERANCE?

First, check the FOUNDATION STONES of your Christian walk with Jesus. Do you have?

- 1) Faith and acceptance of Jesus Christ as your Lord, not just as savior. Rom 10:9
- 2) A New Testament water baptism since you believed. Rom 6:3-4
- 3) A baptism in the Holy Spirit. Matt 3:11

Many Christians try to maintain a good image to others. They have problems, but deny that they exist. Like the self-righteous Pharisees, they take the road of dishonesty or hypocrisy and wear a cloak (façade) of righteousness. Their problems are repressed and go underground, but reappear in disguised forms. Their lives are plagued by all kinds of health problems, nervous breakdowns, and unhappy marriage situations. Inwardly they are defeated, unhappy Christians. They may crack up or become shipwrecked under the strain of life.

Some of you reading this have needs, that as of right now you don't know that you have. SATAN would like to convince Christians that their problems ARE ALL NATURAL. As a result of their personality, environment, parents, etc. He would try to convince Christians that demons do not exist or failing that, that Christians can't possibly have a demon (spiritual forces at work in them).

What is "**THE DOCTRINE OF DEVILS**" mentioned in 1 Tim 4:1? There are a great number of teachers (both in and out of denominations) who are teaching the doctrine "that a Christian's problems are not caused by demons indwelling the believer." This is a great disservice to the body of Christ. As a result of this, many that need to be free would never read this teaching. **DO YOU HAVE EYES TO SEE? DO YOU HAVE EARS TO HEAR? ARE YOU OPEN TO GOD'S WORD?** If you will read this entire teaching, you will see it is not based on some private interpretation, but it is based on the weight of scriptures and what they teach.

CHAPTER 6

DECEPTION

ARE YOU DECEIVED? WHO ADMITS THAT THEY ARE IGNORANT AND THUS DECEIVED?

Man's ignorance which leads to unbelief is a primary and essential condition for deception by evil spirits. Unbelief robs us from prayer; it blinds us to the true cause of trouble; it hinders our seeing Jesus Christ the cure for all our ills; it turns us to men (humanism), to put our trust in their skill instead of in God's. Many that need help don't know they have a problem that is caused by evil spirits. There are teachings or doctrines that will not let some admit the possibility that this is the cause of their problem. **DO CHRISTIANS DARE TO BELIEVE THAT THEY ARE EXEMPT FROM THE INFLUENCE OR INDWELLING OF DEMONS?**

Bad theology is a cruel taskmaster, and he flogs his children with tragic consequences. He cripples those who receive him. Satan disguises himself as an "angel of light" (2 Co 11:14), appearing to man as a messenger of that which is good and wholesome to indicate that truly he comes from God. Behind these good things is the snare – Satan tried to lure Jesus into acting independently of the Father. His way of independence always short circuits dependence on God and His Word. Bad theology is always promoted by a false teacher, however any teacher can be deceived and teach false doctrines. **We resist change under the impression that what we have always believed is the "whole truth". The framework of our "set" beliefs limits what we can hear and receive as guidance from the Holy Spirit. Satan uses the fear of being misled as a tool of deception, shutting our ears and hearts, when the Holy Spirit is trying to reveal truth.**

FOUR CHARACTERISTICS OF A FALSE TEACHER:

- 1) They profess to be believers. They actually believe they are servants of righteousness because of the deception of spirits.
- 2) They act in the name of Jesus. Some are preachers or Bible teachers.
- 3) Some will have a large following Matt 24:11 and will mislead many.
- 4) God's Word is secondary to experience or the church's tradition.

FALSE TEACHERS AND THEIR DESTRUCTION: 2 Pet 2:1-21 (NIV)

- 1) Vs 1 – There will be false teachers and prophets.
- 2) Vs 1 – They will secretly introduce destructive heresies.
- 3) Vs 1 – All false teachers believe they are law unto themselves.
- 4) Vs 2 – Many peoples will follow them.
- 5) Vs 3 – They will exploit masses with made up stories.
- 6) Vs 13 – They will be punished by God.
- 7) Vs 15 – They were at one time on the straight way and scripturally sound.
- 8) Vs 18 – They exploit those seeking truth.
- 9) Vs 19 – They promise freedom, but deliver bondage.
- 10) Vs 21 – They would be better off if they had not known the right way.

2 Co 6:17 **The Lord also says, "Leave them and stay away! Don't touch anything that isn't clean. Then I will welcome you**

NOTE: If you do touch that which is unclean, you MUST be separated. The scripture teaches that there can be NO MIXTURE.

1 John 2:9-11 If we claim to be in the light and hate someone, we are still in the dark. But if we love others, we are in the light, and we don't cause problems for them. If we hate others, we are living and walking in the dark. We don't know where we are going, because we can't see in the dark.

2 Co 4:4 The god who rules this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers. They cannot see the light, which is the good news about our glorious Christ, who shows what God is like.

Hos 4:12 You expect wooden idols and other objects of wood to give you advice. Lusting for sex at pagan shrines has made you unfaithful to me, your God.

Deut 11:16 But watch out! You will be tempted to turn your backs on the LORD. And if you worship other gods,

Deut 11:27 Today I am giving you his laws, and if you obey him, he will bless you.

NOTE: WE ARE NOW OPEN TO DECEPTION ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT WE INSIST ON WALKING IN OUR OWN WAY OR HARBORING UNCONFESSED SIN.

2 John 1:7 Many liars have gone out into the world. These deceitful liars are saying that Jesus Christ did not have a truly human body. But they are liars and the enemies of Christ.

Rev 12:9 and were thrown down to the earth. Yes, that old snake and his angels were thrown out of heaven! **That snake, who fools everyone on earth, is known as the devil and Satan.**

Rev 20:8(SATAN) Will go out to DECEIVE the nations.

Hos 5:4 **Your evil deeds are the reason you won't return to me, your LORD God. And your constant craving for sex keeps you from knowing me.**

Rev 20:10 Then the devil who fooled them will be thrown into the lake of fire and burning sulfur. He will be there with the beast and the false prophet, and they will be in pain day and night forever and ever.

Gal 5:9 A little yeast (a slight inclination to error, or a few false teachers) can change a whole batch of dough, (perverts the whole conception of faith, or misleads the whole church).

Matt 16:6 Jesus then warned them, "Watch out! Guard against the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees."

1 Tim 4:1 God's Spirit clearly says that in the last days many people will turn from their faith. **They will be fooled by evil spirits and by teachings that come from demons.**

1 Co 3:18a Don't fool yourselves!

2 Tim 4:3-4 **The time is coming when people won't listen to good teaching.** Instead, they will look for teachers who will please them by telling them only what they are itching to hear. They will turn from the truth and eagerly listen to senseless stories.

2 Tim 3:13 But evil people who pretend to be what they are not will become worse than ever, as they fool others and are fooled themselves.

2 Co 11:13-15 Anyway, they are no more than false apostles and dishonest workers. They only pretend to be apostles of Christ. And it is no wonder. Even Satan tries to make himself look like an angel of light. So why does it seem strange for Satan's servants to pretend to do what is right? Someday they will get exactly what they deserve.

John 8:44 Your father is the devil, and you do exactly what he wants. He has always been murderer and a liar. There is nothing truthful about him. He speaks on his own, and everything he says is a lie. Not only is he a liar himself, but he is also the father of all lies.

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2 Co 3:14 The people were stubborn, and something still keeps them from seeing the truth when the Law is read. Only Christ can take away the covering that keeps them from seeing.

Luke 21:8 Jesus replied: Don't be fooled by those who will come and claim to be me. They will say, "I am Christ!" and "Now is the time!" But don't follow them.

2 Thes 2:9-12 When the wicked one appears, Satan will pretend to work all kinds of miracles, wonders, and signs. Lost people will be fooled by his evil deeds. They could be saved, but they will refuse to love the truth and accept it. So God will make sure that they are fooled into believing a lie. All of them will be punished, because they would rather do evil than believe the truth.

Matt 13:13, 15 I use stories when I speak to them because when they look, they cannot see, and when they listen, they cannot hear or understand. All of them have stubborn minds! Their ears are stopped up, and their eyes are covered. They cannot see or hear or understand. If they could, they would turn to me, and I would heal them."

2 Co 6:14 Stay away from people who are not followers of the Lord! Can someone who is good get along with someone who is evil? Are light and darkness the same?

Matt 6:22-23 Your eyes are like a window for your body. When they are good, you have all the light you need. But when your eyes are bad, everything is dark. If the light inside you is dark, you surely are in the dark.

John 3:20-21 People who do evil hate the light and won't come to the light, because it clearly shows what they have done. But everyone who lives by the truth will come to the light, because they want others to know that God is really the one doing what they do.

John 14:26 But the Holy Spirit will come and help you, because the Father will send the Spirit to take my place. The Spirit will teach you everything and will remind you of what I said while I was with you.

Heb 5:14 Solid food is for mature people who have been trained to know right from wrong.

NOTE: This Holy Spirit is our guide into all truth. Jesus is the truth. **The Holy Spirit keeps you from deception if you are open to and love the truth.**

1 John 2:20 Christ, the Holy One, has blessed you, and now all of you understand.

1 John 2:26-27 I am writing to warn you about those people who are misleading you. But Christ has blessed you with the Holy Spirit. Now the Spirit stays in you, and you don't need any teachers. The Spirit is truthful and teaches you everything. So stay one in your heart with Christ, just as the Spirit has taught you to do.

John 16:13 The Spirit shows what is true and will come and guide you into the full truth. The Spirit doesn't speak on his own. He will tell you only what he has heard from me, and he will let you know what is going to happen.

DECEPTIONS OF THE CHURCH

Deceptions basically are derived from two spirits: a spirit of error and the spirit of whoredom over the church. What is the result of error or the spirit of whoredom over the church? Listed are some of the errors which frequently circulate in the body that are caused by demon influence or control: *What are "the doctrines of demons"?*

- 1) **TRIALS.** Everything "bad" (sickness, rejection, trials, testing, etc.) comes from Satan. This is a serious error in some New Testament churches today. In Job chapter 2 in verse 3 that God says to Satan, "You moved Me against him, to destroy him without cause." and in verse 10 Job says, "Shall we accept (only) good at the hand of God and shall we not accept (also) misfortune and what is of a bad nature?"
- 2) **HUMANISM** Man's attempt to reach God or to be a god. We find the church becoming more professional; more entertaining. There is less emphasis on the Word; more and more planning of songs to sing. As a result there is no real worship; more emphasis on searching our "soul" and expressing our feelings or emotions. There is an emphasis on fellowship with man rather than God. Also, church has become building centered or activity centered rather than prayer centered.
- 3) **LEADERSHIP.** God calls man to leadership of a work versus plurality of leadership. A work cannot be run by a committee, there must be one submitted man with a vision in charge.
- 4) **FAITH.** An over emphasis on faith that results in presumption. There is a ritual confession that almost borders on witchcraft. There is truth in positive confession, but we must guard against presumption and testing God. The use of faith to live in materialistic splendor, does not agree with the gospels. It is very unfortunate that many Christians are either too easily persuaded or cannot be persuaded at all. The deception is surprisingly easy. It comes to some Christians in the guise of faith-producing techniques for gaining spiritual power and to others as self-improvement, for the full realization of the human potential. What the secular world calls "mind power", many Christians confuse for "faith". The impersonal "force" that the occultists refer to as the "universal mind" or "nature" is thought to be, by a large number of Christians, as just another way of referring to God when in fact it is a substitute for God. Ancient sorcery's mind-over-matter techniques often seem to work and they are radically changing our world. **1 Co 10:20 The things which the Gentiles (pagans) sacrifice to demons, AND NOT TO GOD; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons.**
- 5) **EMOTIONS.** Today there is a great deal of emphasis in "the world" and Christian circles on a form of introspection- "getting in touch with our feelings or emotions." Neither repressing or "letting it all hang out" (allowing emotions to dominate) is scriptural. God intends to transform people so that their emotions naturally support them in righteous living. God's way of dealing with people's emotional life is to change it by the power of the Holy Spirit, not by man's own efforts. People need to be taught that their conduct should be determined by whatever is the right (scriptural) and loving things to do, not by their emotional reactions. Continual concern on "how we feel", leads a person subtly into being dominated by their feelings. This imprisons a person by making feelings the master. Emotional reactions are irrational and unstable. They are part of the human nature which often conflicts with God's will. The way to emotional health is for a person to decide that no matter how he feels, he is going to do what is right, what God wants him to do. Concentration on feelings is a humanistic approach.
- 6) **DEMONS.** All problems are caused by demons (a demon under every rock), or a Christian can't have a problem caused by a demon.
- 7) **FINANCES.** A materialistic Christianity i.e., "King's Kid". God wants us to have the best. Teaching on the one hand it is all right to be in debt versus owe no man anything. One must be wrong. Teaching total poverty- give everything away versus be willing to give.

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- 8) **DECISIONAL REGENERATION.** The concept that a person is "born again" if they put up their hand, go forward, or say the sinner's prayer at a church service. Salvation starts with God, not with man. Making a "decision" is often an emotional experience for man but not necessarily true repentance, and thus we have the "wheat and tares" (Matt 13:25-40). The "tares" think they are "wheat".
- 9) **BAPTISMAL REGENERATION.** This is a doctrine of being "born again" by water baptism. Babies are often "baptized" into the church, and this really should be an infant dedication. Baptism is for believers only. This practice results in people thinking they are all right with God when they are far from it. God has no grandchildren; we are each individually accountable to Him.
- 10) **SIN OF JEROBOAM.** This is the practice of appointing priests and ministers who have not been called by God. Anyone can go to a school of theology and become a "minister of God" without God's call on his life. 1 Ki 12:31; 13:33-34. **THIS IS AN ERROR AND SIN THAT GOD HATES.**
- 11) **SIN OF NICOLAITANS.** This is an error described in the New Testament. The Nicolaitans made a distinction between the ministers of the Word and the people of the congregation. This created the clergy and laity relationship which is the foundation of denominationalism. Rev 2:6; 15-16. **THIS IS A SIN AND ERROR GOD HATES.**
- 12) **DOCTRINE OF THE PHARISEES AND THE SADDUCEES.** Matt 16:6 the Pharisees keep the law, and the Sadducees practice liberal theology.
- 13) **DOCTRINE OF BALAAM.** Using world methods to effect the kingdom, i.e. using gambling to raise money. See Rev 2:14; Jude 11; 2 Pet 2:15
- 14) **THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS.** The goal is to spread the gospel and the means is to use tapes and books, so far so good. The error is since Christians buy these items and they all gather together on Sunday, sell them at that time since it is convenient. **This is the sin of Balaam.**
- 15) **DENOMINATIONALISM.** Separation because of teachings or doctrines and methods of worship. See 2 Co 6:14, 17; 2 Tim 3:5; Isa 29:13. God is opposed to those things that divide brothers in Christ.
- 16) **EVANGELISTICALLY SPEAKING.** This is where ministries measure themselves by "decisions" for Christ. It has become a joke. Do you think it is a joke to God? This same thing is done with healings and the number of people attending the meetings.
- 17) **SALVATION COVERS MY SINS.** Most people who come to the Lord never deal with their sins. They think that the gift of salvation eliminates their need to confess their sins. Although it does cover sin, they must be confessed, repented of dealt with and not just covered over and buried.
- 18) **LIBERATION THEOLOGY.** This is the teaching that one must not only repent for his personal sins but also the sins of his nation. The person must dedicate his time and resources to change the system. Revolution, if necessary.
- 19) **DEMONS ARE FALLEN THE ANGELS.** Jude 1:6 And the angels who did not stay within their own position of authority, but left their proper dwelling, he has kept in eternal chains under gloomy darkness until the judgment of the great day—
- 20) **PROSPERITY-SUCCESS TEACHING.** This concept is almost as old as time. There are seminars all over the world training people on how to succeed with the right "mind set". In Christian circles also this teaching of obtaining wealth is everywhere. There are many scriptures that are used to support this

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teaching. Please understand, I do not think there is any holiness in poverty. The problem is on the emphasis and practice of dropping the conditions connected with promises. Humility is out and success is in. Success and self esteem have become so important in the church that they influence everything else. Some churches also pursue success and the larger it is the more successful it is thought to be. These teachings on success are often metaphysics. Sorcery is rampant in the business world and enters the church in the form of success/motivation and PMA techniques and the latest.

- 21) **POSITIVE CONFESSION – POSITIVE THINKING – POSITIVE MENTAL ATTITUDE.** I can hear many of you now, "What can be wrong with positive confession since it is scriptural?" Anyone who thinks he can make God dance to his music is in error, Anyone who imagines that because he thinks certain thoughts or speaks words God MUST respond in a particular way, has fallen into sorcery. If not playing God, He is at the very least trying to manipulate God. God is Lord and King and He will not give these over to the power of our mind or words, positive or negative. If anyone can "make a miracle happen", then it isn't a genuine miracle from God, but sorcery, and that man is now playing God. See Revelation 16:14 about false miracles.

To those Christians practicing these concepts, often their faith is not placed in God but in a power directed at God (a subtle trap). This forces God to do for them what they have believed He will do. At the very least this makes God subject to alleged "laws" that we can activate by "faith". At the worst it eliminates God from the process altogether, putting everything in our hands and thus turning us into gods who can make anything happen by our power of belief. If everything works according to such a "law", then God is no longer sovereign and there is no place for God's provision. The basic idea behind SORCERY is all one needs to do is exercise the "power of belief". Words become even more powerful than God. Occultists repeat a mantra (a special word with spiritual power) and practice decreeing, which is being spoken. In the mind-science cults one doesn't pray but makes "positive affirmations". In seeking power for self, they have become susceptible to the power of Satan. This technique was not taught in the early church. **We find a fine line here from what is biblical of confession of God's Word and that which is manipulative for selfish gain. Heart attitude is important. The Word of God is powerful and renews the mind. It is needed for the salvation of the soul. We must identify with and confess the Word.**

- 22) **WE ARE GODS.** There is a doctrine being expounded that since we are made in the image of God, and we are joint heirs with Jesus; Adam was given dominion over all the world prior to his fall. All this is the foundation that we take back dominion and be as God (God within us). In addition we are being taught that we must "love ourselves". The great problem is that we already love ourselves. Scripture says, "that no man hates his own flesh". If we claim that we are gods, we have demeaned the very concept of God. We haven't lifted ourselves up to God's level, but have dragged God down to our level. Declaration that man is God is religious atheism. Jeremiah says that all who aspire to the status of being god will perish. (Jer 10:10-11).

- 23) **CHRISTIAN PSYCHIATRY AND PSYCHOLOGY IN THE CHURCH.** I have some friends that might be upset when I read this section. The terms Christian and psychology or psychiatry are not compatible, they indicate mixture. The concepts of psychology and psychiatry (hereafter referred to as P & P) turns us to ourselves rather than to God where the only true solution is. Modern psychiatry arose out of the vision that man must change himself and not depend for help upon an imaginary God. Christian P & P mix these concepts. Christianity teaches that we must accept Jesus as our Lord and die to self, not try to improve self. Most Christians have failed to recognize the fact that Christianity and psychotherapy are actually two rival and irreconcilable religious systems. The union of P & P with Christianity brings into the church a deceptive influence. Secular P & P refuse to believe in a real spiritual world of demons and angels. They play mind-games with visual images. Christians then pick this technique up as "scientific", unaware that they are opening themselves up to demonic spirits. The practical effect of bringing P & P into the church as a "science" is to give the final authoritative word. Those who have a degree in P & P say that only they should do the counseling because those trained only in the scriptures can not understand this "new truth". They make pronouncements that cannot be

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challenged and set "scientific" standards on everything from our thought life to our sex life, to our raising of our children. The courts use these P & P as the authority that governs the secular world and Christians rather than the Bible. I do not wish to be misunderstood. There are many good P & P who are Christians and practice spiritual counseling. Their counseling is based on biblical principals. What I am calling error is the humanistic teaching of some P & P. This doctrine says that man must get hold of himself (self centered) to improve. This teaching is being brought into the church, rather than the Bible.

24) **INNER HEALING –HEALING OF THE MEMORIES AND GENERATIONS-**

VISUALIZATION. Visualization attempts to use vivid images held in the mind as a means of healing emotions, diseases, creating wealth and otherwise manipulating reality. I want to be clear, what I am referring to is what is initiated by man in his imagination rather than what is initiated by God. Scripture tells us what to think in Phil 4:8. **The terms and practices of visualization have NO BASIS AT ALL IN SCRIPTURE.** The foundation of inner healing, both in the secular world and in the church, are Freudian/Jungian ideas, psychic determinism and the unconscious. Shamanistic (witch doctor) visualization is an attempt to create or manipulate the physical world by the practice of "mental alchemy". It is based on an ancient sorcerer's belief that the entire universe is an illusion (called Maya in Hinduism) created by the mind. This practice is used extensively in the business world to dominate others and bring about success. There is no more obvious link between paganism/occultism and modern psychological/religious practices than visualization. No matter who practices it, visualization is purely an occult technique offering a substitute source of power, knowledge and healing. If it could be realized, it would make a man a god in his own right, independent of his Creator. This is the same promise Satan made to Eve in the Garden of Eden. Visualization and "guided imagery" have long been recognized by sorcerers of all kinds as the most powerful and effective method for contacting the spirit world. The "spirit guides" visualized in the imagination are demons no matter who or what they look like. Idolatry consists not only in the worship of false gods, but also in the worship of the true God by images. One of the dangers of the mental picture is that it seems to be real, and therein lies its greatest potential for seduction. There is another real danger because it works. Those pursuing healing and success often fall prey to the temptation to accept whatever seems to work, and adjust their interpretations of the Bible accordingly. God warns against

Jer 23:16 Do not listen to the words of the prophets who are prophesying to you. They are leading you into futility. They speak a vision of their own imagination, not from the mouth of the Lord.

2 Cor 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bring into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

Jer 13:10 (NKJ) This evil people, **who refuse to hear My words, who walk in the imagination of their heart, and walk after other gods to serve them and worship them**, shall be just like this sash which is profitable for nothing.

ALSO SEE: Jer 16:12; 18:12; 23:17

The above are just a sample of what we find of all kinds of errors in doctrines that divide the body in baptism, consecration, musical instruments, dress, worship, ritual, etc.

RELIGIOUS ERROR AND BONDAGE

Never have I prayed over a new section as I have this one. It is a message the true church needs to hear, but I anticipate that it might be misunderstood by some. It is important for you to understand that I am dealing with the deceptions and error of the system, **NOT PEOPLE**. There are many "born again" people who love God who are in the system. Every teaching (seed) bears fruit after its own kind. The problem is that many who have been "born again" be the incorruptible seed, choke the growing Word or seed with the doctrines of men that spring up as weeds and choke the life out of a person. Also note, I am dealing with all organized denominations, not just the first one.

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I plan to show you the errors in the original pattern of organized Christianity that were, in many cases, carried down through time to all denominations. **Changing the label on the bottle does not alter its poisonous contents.** I am not saying we are "to come out of them" to isolation, but we are to get the system **OUT OF US**. So there is no misunderstanding, I am saying that there are demons involved in the religious system. **THE TRADITIONS OF MAN CONTINUALLY CORRUPT US.** On the one side is legalism (Pharisee spirit and religion) and on the other side is liberalism (humanism and Sadducee spirit). Behind the traditions of man lie the basic principles of this world which are greed, pride, and lies.

Col 2:8 Don't let anyone fool you by using senseless arguments. These arguments may sound wise, but they are only human teachings. They come from the powers of this world and not from Christ.

Luke 11:39 So the Lord said to him: You Pharisees clean the outside of cups and dishes, but on the inside you are greedy and evil.

Matt 15:8-9 "All of you praise me with your words, but you never really think about me. It is useless for you to worship me, when you teach rules made up by humans."

Gal 5:9 A little yeast (a slight inclination to error; or a few false teachers) can change a whole batch of dough, (perverts the whole conception of faith, misleads the whole church).

Matt 16:16 Simon Peter spoke up, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God."

Matt 16:11b-12 ... Watch out for the yeast of the Pharisees and Sadducees! Finally, the disciples understood that Jesus wasn't talking about the yeast used to make bread, but about the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

1 Pet 1:18 You were rescued from the useless way of life that you learned from your ancestors. But you know that you were not rescued by such things as silver or gold that don't last forever.

Mark 7: 9, 13 9 You are good at rejecting God's commands so that you can follow your own teachings!
13 And you ignore God's commands in order to follow your own teaching. You do a lot of other things that are just as bad.

Titus 1:16. Such people claim to know God, but their actions prove that they really don't. They are disgusting. They won't obey God, and they are too worthless to do anything good.

ALSO SEE: Pr 28:26; 1 Co 1:19; 2:6-9; 3:19; Col 2:22; Heb 13:9.

WE HAVE BEEN CALLED OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS LIGHT. We have been called out of the world to be a separated people (out of the world and out of the religious system of man). One of the doctrines we have been called out of is the of Balaam (the use of world's methods to affect kingdom business). It teaches:

- 1) The freedom to get out from under.
- 2) Individual wants to be honored.
- 3) Individual wants to be important.
- 4) Individual has a right to enjoy life; to have the good life.
- 5) Individual wants to be rich, and God will give it to him.

2 Co 6:14, 17 14 Stay away from people who are not followers of the Lord! Can someone who is good get along with someone who is evil? Are light and darkness the same? 17 The Lord also says, "Leave them and stay away! Don't touch anything that isn't clean. Then I will welcome you.

We find in scriptures a number of things that God hates. Of these is the sin of Jeroboam and the sin of the Nicolaitans.

1Ki 12:31 Jeroboam built small places of worship at the shrines and appointed men who were not from the tribe of Levi to serve as priests.

1Ki 13:33-34 But Jeroboam kept on doing evil things. He appointed men to be priests at the local shrines, even if they were not Levites. In fact, anyone who wanted to be a priest could be one. This sinful thing led to the downfall of his kingdom.

Pr 6:16, 19 16 There are six or seven kinds of people the LORD doesn't like: 19 those who tell lies in court or stir up trouble in a family.

Rev 2:6 But there is one thing you are doing right. You hate what the Nicolaitans are doing, and so do I.

Rev 2:15-16 15 Now some of you are following the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 Turn back! If you don't, I will come quickly and fight against these people. And my words will cut like a sword.

The Nicolaitans were conquerors-rulers of the people of God. This was adopted into the religious system of that day. Jesus said He would build His church (Matt 16:18); and to be great, you must be the servant of all, (Mk 10:44). These things that God hates were the foundation of the current denominational system with its clergy and laity. Christ is the head of every man (1 Cor 11:3), not man. As a result of this, I have included the Catholic church system under the list of Occult activities. The Catholic Church is the mother of many harlots (Rev 17:5-6). The Catholic Church refers to itself as "the Mother church". The foundation that the Catholic Church was built on was the Babylonian system. I will list many practices and doctrines of the Catholic Church that are in violation of scripture or have no foundation in scripture. I really want you to understand that this is not an attack on Catholicism, but on the entire denominational system that started with the Catholic church.

2 Tim 3:16-17 16 Everything in the Scriptures is God's Word. All of it is useful for teaching and helping people and for correcting them and showing them how to live. 17 The Scriptures train God's servants to do all kinds of good deeds.

2 Tim 3:5 Even though they will make a show of being religious, their religion won't be real. Don't have anything to do with such people.

Luke 6:46 **Why do you keep on saying that I am your Lord, when you refuse to do what I say?**

Rev 18:4-5 4 Then I heard another voice from heaven shout, "My people, you must escape from Babylon. Don't take part in her sins and share her punishment. 5 Her sins are piled as high as heaven. God has remembered the evil she has done.

NOTE: THOSE WHO SHARE IN THE SIN, SHARE IN THE PLAGUES.

Anything which we keep in our hearts in the place that God ought to have is an IDOL, whether it be an image of wood or stone or gold, or whether it be money or desire for fame or love of pleasure or some secret sin which we will not give up. If God does not really occupy the highest place in our hearts, controlling all, something else does, and that something else is an IDOL. Often people participate in the occult through curiosity and not knowing better. Even if a person does not know the demon power behind these activities and does not believe in them, they are still poison and SIN. *There is NO such thing as INNOCENT participation,* nor can you study these to refute them (you will be poisoned if you study their material).

Occultism is the belief that supernatural powers can be brought under human control. Those who participate in the occult become like the thing they do. To participate in an abomination results in the person becoming an abomination. What is an abomination to the Lord is an attraction to seducing spirits (lord of the flies). Occult involvements is seeking guidance from SOURCES OTHER THAN GOD. THIS IS IDOLATRY. IT DOES NOT MATTER THAT YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST PLAYING OR THAT YOU DIDN'T BELIEVE IN IT. Ask yourself; have I ever done, read or participated in any of the following activities (see occult list)? Each sin will have to be **confessed and renounced individually out loud** for they give demons a legal right of access to you and an open door to attack you. Cult involvement steels the unbeliever against the Gospel, causing him to resist the Word of God and hardening him in unbelief and rebellion. How you decorate your room is often an indication of spiritual problems.

1 Co 10:21-22 You cannot drink from the cup of demons and still drink from the Lord's cup. You cannot eat at the table of demons and still eat at the Lord's table. We would make the Lord jealous if we did that. And we are not stronger than the Lord.

Deut 18:11-13 Don't sacrifice your son or daughter. And don't try to use any kind of magic or witchcraft to tell fortunes or to cast spells or to talk with spirits of the dead. The LORD is disgusted with anyone who does these things, and that's why he will help you destroy the nations that are in the land. Never be guilty of doing any of these disgusting things!

Deut 5:7, 9 Do not worship any god except me. Don't bow down and worship idols. I am the LORD your God, and I demand all your love. If you reject me and worship idols, I will punish your families for three or four generations.

Eze 20:7 I told them to get rid of their disgusting idols and not to sin by worshiping the gods of Egypt. I reminded them that I was the LORD their God,

Ex 22:18 Death is the punishment for witchcraft.

OCCULT LIST

YOU MUST RENOUNCE OUT LOUD AND CLOSE YOUR PERSONALITY TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALLY. DID YOU EVER ATTEND – STUDY – READ – PRACTICE – ETC.? IF YOU DO NOT RECOGNIZE THE NAME THEN DO NOT WORRY ABOUT IT, SINCE IT DOES NOT CONCERN YOU.

THE WAY	BUDDHISM	TRANSCENDENTAL MEDITATION
ARMSTRONGISM	YOGA	PRACTICE MENTAL TELEPATHY
ECKANKAR	TAOISM	DIVING FOR WATER/OIL
UNITARIANISM	ISLAM-MOSLEM	HANDWRITING ANALYZED
ANIMISM	CATASTROPHISM	MIND SCIENCE BOOKS
AKIKADO	ZOROASTRIANISM	HAVING A MAGICAL HEALING
NUMEROLOGY	CONFUCIANISM	THE PEOPLE'S TEMPLE
PYRAMIDOLOGY	JUDO	DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS
CHRISTIAN SCIENCE	KARATE	PLAY WITH OUIJA BOARD
SHINTOISM	KUNG FU	PLAY WITH OCCULT GAMES
MASON'S	WITCHCRAFT	ALAMO CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION
MIND SCIENCES	VOODOO	THE UNIFICATION CHURCH
SUBUD	SATAN WORSHIP	ATTEND SPIRITUALIST CHURCH
URANTIA	EVIL EYE	MANIFESTED SONS OF GOD
METAPHYSICS	MIND CONTROL	VISIT FALSE GOD TEMPLES
ASTROLOGY	PSYCOMETRY	FORTUNE TELLING CARDS/STICKS
TAROT CARDS	PALM READING	AUTOMATIC WRITING
ANHEDONIA	ROSICRUCIANISM	HYPNOTIZED OR HYPNOTIZING
THEOSOPHY	LEVITATION	PRACTICE WHITE/BLACK MAGIC
UNITY	BAHAISM	EXTREME SEXUAL FANTASY Is 57:5
ORDER OF THE OWL	JEHOVAH WITNESS	PHARMACOLOGY (DRUGS)
CATHOLICISM	FORTUNE TELLING	REINCARNATION
MORMONISM	ASTRAL PROJECTION	(have you read the following)
HARE KRISHNAISM	PRACTICE E.S.P.	POWER OF POSITIVE THOUGHT
MOHAMMEDANISM	HOROSCOPES	JEANNE DIXON BOOKS/ARTICLES
MORAL REARMAMENT	THE ROOT MAN	RING BOOKS by TOLKEIN
RELIGIOUS SCIENCE	DIVINE LIFE MISSION	I CHING
DREAM BOOKS	THE LOVE FAMILY	EDGAR CAYCE MATERIAL
WISHING WELL	CONSULT A MEDIUM	SYBIL LEAK MATERIAL
CONSULT THE DEAD	ATEND A SÉANCE	CYBRO-CYBERINETICS
SCIENTOLOGY	TEA LEAF-READING	I CAN
CHILDREN OF GOD	USING A PENDULUM	MAGIC OF THINKING BIG
SPIRITISM	SECRET SOCIETIES	JONATHAN SEAGULL
HINDU	LOVE CHARMS, ETC.	BOOKS BY A. FORD
SANTERIA	TAEKWONDO	POSSIBILITY THINKING – SCHULLER
SORCERY	E.S.T. (Erhard Seminars)	THINK AND GROW RICH – HILL
SCIENTOLOGY	LIFESPRING	SUCCESS THROUGH A POSITIVE
SILVA MIND CONTROL	NEW AGE MOVEMENT	MENTAL ATTITUDE – HILL
OIJA FOUNDATION	ZEN BUDDHIST	THE MAGIC POWER OF BELIEF/HILL
HOLISTIC MOVEMENT	VISULAIZATION	CHURCH OF RELIGIOUS SCIENCE
SHAMANISM	SUN MYUNG MOON	MIND DYNAMICS
EASTERN MEDITATIONS (CHANTS)		“SPIRIT GUIDES”
SUFI HEALING ORDER (SUFISM)		
P.M.A. (POSITIVE MENTAL ATTITUDE)		HUMAN POTENTIAL MOVEMENT
WORLDWIDE CHURCH OF GOD		THE CHURCH UNIVERSAL AND
TRIUMPHANT		

HAVING PICTURES, STATUES, IMAGES, CHARMS OF IDOLS

OCCULT INVOLVEMENT (CONT)

- Jos 24:20, 23 20 If you turn your backs on the LORD and worship the gods of other nations, the LORD will turn against you. He will make terrible things happen to you and wipe you out, even though he had been good to you before. 23 Joshua said, "But you still have some idols, like those the other nations worship. Get rid of your idols! You must decide once and for all that you really want to obey the LORD God of Israel."
- Lev 20:6 I will be your enemy if you go to someone who claims to speak with the dead, and I will destroy you from among my people.
- 1 Ch 10:13-14 13 Saul died because he was unfaithful and disobeyed the LORD. He even asked advice from a woman who talked to spirits of the dead, 14 instead of asking the LORD. So the LORD had Saul killed and gave his kingdom to David, the son of Jesse.
- Ex 34:14 I demand your complete loyalty--you must not worship any other god!
- Isa 41:21-24 21 I am the LORD, the King of Israel! Come argue your case with me. Present your evidence. 22 Come near me, you idols. Tell us about the past, and we will think about it. Tell us about the future, so we will know what is going to happen. 23 Prove that you are gods by making your predictions come true. Do something good or evil, so we can be amazed and terrified. 24 You idols are nothing, and you are powerless. To worship you would be disgusting.
- Deut 11:16-17 16 But watch out! You will be tempted to turn your backs on the LORD. And if you worship other gods, 17 the LORD will become angry and keep the rain from falling. Nothing will grow in your fields, and you will die and disappear from the good land that the LORD is giving you.
- Acts 19:19 Some who had been practicing witchcraft even brought their books and burned them in public. These books were worth about fifty thousand silver coins.
- Deut 18:14 You will go in and take the land from nations that practice magic and witchcraft. But the LORD your God won't allow you to do those things.
- Deut 17:2-3, 5 2 The LORD your God is giving you towns to live in. But later, a man or a woman in your town may start worshiping other gods, or even the sun, moon, or stars. I have warned you not to worship other gods, because whoever worships them is disobeying the LORD and breaking the agreement he made with you. 5 But you will need two or three witnesses--one witness isn't enough to prove a person guilty. Get rid of those who are guilty of such evil. Take them outside your town gates and have everyone stone them to death. But the witnesses must be the first to throw stones.
- Nu 25: 1-3 While the Israelites were camped at Acacia, some of the men had sex with Moabite women. These women then invited the men to ceremonies where sacrifices were offered to their gods. The men ate the meat from the sacrifices and worshiped the Moabite gods. The LORD was angry with Israel because they had worshiped the god Baal Peor.
- 1 Cor 10:14 My friends, you must keep away from idols.
- Lev 17:7 Don't ever turn from me again and offer sacrifices to goat-demons. This law will never change.
- 2 Ki 23:5 Josiah also got rid of the pagan priests at the local shrines in Judah and around Jerusalem. These were the men that the kings of Judah had appointed to offer sacrifices to Baal and to the sun, moon, and stars.

OCCULT INVOLVEMENT CONT)

Matt 6:22-24 Your eyes are like a window for your body. When they are good, you have all the light you need. But when your eyes are bad, everything is dark. If the light inside you is dark, you surely are in the dark. You cannot be the slave of two masters! You will like one more than the other or be more loyal to one than the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Lev 19:31 Don't make yourselves disgusting to me by going to people who claim they can talk to the dead.

Deut 7:25-26 After you conquer a nation, burn their idols. Don't get trapped into wanting the silver or gold on an idol. Even the metal on an idol is disgusting to the LORD, so destroy it. If you bring it home with you, both you and your house will be destroyed. Stay away from those disgusting idols!

CURIOSITY

Most people think it is all right to study other religions and go into temples dedicated to other gods. They see nothing wrong with this.

IT IS LIKE COMMITTING SPIRITUAL SUICIDE.

Deut 12:30 But that's when you must be especially careful not to ask, "How did those nations worship their gods? Shouldn't we worship the LORD in the same way?"

Deut 10:9-12 The LORD promised that he would always provide for the tribe of Levi, and that's why he won't give them any land, when he divides it among the other tribes. When I had taken the second set of stones up the mountain, I spent forty days and nights there, just as I had done before. Once again, the LORD answered my prayer and did not destroy you. Instead, he told me, "Moses, get ready to lead the people into the land that I promised their ancestors." People of Israel, what does the LORD your God want from you? The LORD wants you to respect and follow him, to love and serve him with all your heart and soul,

Lev 19:31 Don't make yourselves disgusting to me by going to people who claim they can talk to the dead.

2 John 1:10-11 If people won't agree to this teaching, don't welcome them into your home or even greet them. Greeting them is the same as taking part in their evil deeds.

CHAPTER 7

SEXUAL SIN

Sexual union is spiritual union. (1 Co 6:16 RSV) "Do you know that he who joins himself to a prostitute becomes one body with her?"

IMMORALITY CONFUSES AND SHATTERS THE INNER BEING.

Divorce is one of the leading problems among Christians today, and sexual problems is one of the causes. If you have a marriage problem, seek counsel and read this section carefully. Often a cause of unhappiness in marriage is unfulfilled expectations. The husband or wife is a prisoner of the other's expectations. Either will find true fulfillment in developing a servant's spirit. Are you a slave to pornography, masturbation, or some secret sexual sin? Who or what is master of your life? Christian holiness, says Paul, requires total abstinence from "porneias" (sexual immorality, fornication). The word requires broad definition here as including all types of sexual sins between the sexes.

Pr 5:15 Drink water from **your own** cistern, running water from **your own** well.

Eph 5:3, 5 3 You are God's people, so don't let it be said that any of you are immoral or indecent or greedy. 5 Being greedy, indecent, or immoral is just another way of worshiping idols. You can be sure that people who behave in this way will never be part of the kingdom that belongs to Christ and to God.

ROOT OF MORAL IMPURITY:

A. CAUSES.

- 1) Early childhood experiences.
 - a) Bathtub-play doctor/nurse-sexual curiosity with sexes.
 - b) Curiosity-books-movies-t.v.(all with sexual content)
- 2) Improper sex education.
- 3) Self-deception Pr 5:22
- 4) Other sins-fear of rejection

B. SOME OF THE RESULTS OR FRUIT.

- 1) Rejection or distortion of scriptures 1 Tim 6:4; the theological or philosophical argumentation.
- 2) Not able to think clearly results in double-mindedness-lack of concentration.
- 3) Justification of those who are sensual.
- 4) Religious or social compensation Matt 23:27.
- 5) Impure words or actions. Strong urges within 2 Pet 2:13-15.
- 6) Guilt-self-condemnation- bowed down-self-rejection.

C. WAY OUT.

- 1) Make sure you are a Christian 1John 3:7-9.
- 2) Make a sin list; then lift them up before the Lord-ask Holy Spirit Ps 51:4
- 3) Make restitution where needed; go to the one offended.
- 4) Forgive self.
- 5) Must make a break with sin and the things that hold you in sin.
- 6) Put things in their place Ps 5:6-7; Phil 3:14-15

HOMOSEXUAL SIN:

We have never found a homosexual or lesbian who had or related to a strong, gentle, loving father. Commonly the father was crude, violent, unstable, critical and abusive or very weak and absent altogether and the mother was dominant. Over-protective, maudlin mothers (tearfully and foolishly affectionate) can contribute to homosexuality in either sex. A person can have a spirit of homosexuality without ever practicing the act. Generally, if the person experiments sexually with the same sex, they will indeed open themselves up to the spirit. A spirit of homosexuality in a woman causes her relationship with men to always

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fall short in all aspects. A woman can have a spirit of homosexuality with out ever practicing any lesbian activities. It is possible for a person to have this spirit and not know it, and all the time this spirit is impairing relationships. **THIS ACTIVITY IS A SIN AND MUST BE CONFESSED AS REBELLION IN ORDER FOR THE PERSON TO GET FREE. THIS SIN CAN'T BE BURIED; IT MUST BE CONFESSED.**

Lev 18:22 It is disgusting for a man to have sex with another man.

Lev 20:13 It's disgusting for men to have sex with one another, and those who do will be put to death, just as they deserve.

Deut 22:5 Women must not pretend to be men, and men must not pretend to be women. The LORD your God is disgusted with people who do that.

Deut 23:17 People of Israel, don't any of you ever be temple prostitutes.

Rom 1:24, 26-27 24 So God let these people go their own way. They did what they wanted to do, and their filthy thoughts made them do shameful things with their bodies. 26 God let them follow their own evil desires. Women no longer wanted to have sex in a natural way, and they did things with each other that were not natural. 27 Men behaved in the same way. They stopped wanting to have sex with women and had strong desires for sex with other men. They did shameful things with each other, and what has happened to them is punishment for their foolish deeds.

1 Ki 14:24 Even worse, they allowed prostitutes at the shrines, and followed the disgusting customs of the foreign nations that the LORD had forced out of Canaan. (Also see 1 Ki 15:11-12).

Jude 1:7-8 We should also be warned by what happened to the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah and the nearby towns. Their people became immoral and did all sorts of sexual sins. Then God made an example of them and punished them with eternal fire. The people I am talking about are behaving just like those dreamers who destroyed their own bodies. They reject all authority and insult angels.

ADULTERY:

(Sexual sin with at least one of the parties being married.)

Matt 5:27-28 You know the commandment which says, "Be faithful in marriage." But I tell you that if you look at another woman and want her, you are already unfaithful in your thoughts.

Lev 20:10 If any of you men have sex with another man's wife, both you and the woman will be put to death.

Deut 22:22 People of Israel, if a man is caught having sex with someone else's wife, you must put them both to death. That way, you will get rid of the evil they have done in Israel.

Matt 19:18 "Which ones?" the man asked. Jesus answered, "Do not murder. Be faithful in marriage. Do not steal. Do not tell lies about others.

Ex 20:14 **BE FAITHFUL IN MARRIAGE.**

Pr 6:32-33 But if you go to bed with another man's wife, you will destroy yourself by your own stupidity. You will be beaten and forever disgraced,

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Job 31:1, 9-12 I promised myself never to stare with desire at a young woman. If I have desired someone's wife and chased after her, then let some stranger steal my wife from me. If I took someone's wife, it would be a horrible crime, sending me to destruction and my crops to the flames.

SEXUAL SIN WITH ANIMALS:

Lev 18:23 Anyone who has sex with an animal is unclean.

Lev 20:15-16 If any of you have sex with an animal, both you and the animal will be put to death, just as you deserve.

Deut 27:21 **We ask the LORD to put a curse on anyone who has sex with an animal.**

Ex 22:19. Death is the punishment for having sex with an animal.

FORNICATION:

(All sexual impurity-masturbation-petting-necking-intercourse.)

1Cor 6:13-18 You also say, "Food is meant for our bodies, and our bodies are meant for food." But I tell you that God will destroy them both. We are not supposed to do indecent things with our bodies. We are to use them for the Lord who is in charge of our bodies. God will raise us from death by the same power that he used when he raised our Lord to life. Don't you know that your bodies are part of the body of Christ? Is it right for me to join part of the body of Christ to a prostitute? No, it isn't! Don't you know that a man who does that becomes part of her body? The Scriptures say, "The two of them will be like one person." But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one in spirit with him. Don't be immoral in matters of sex. That is a sin against your own body in a way that no other sin is.

1 Th 4:3 **GOD WANTS YOU TO BE HOLY, SO DON'T BE IMMORAL IN MATTERS OF SEX.**

Gal 5:19-21 People's desires make them give in to immoral ways, filthy thoughts, and shameful deeds. They worship idols, practice witchcraft, hate others, and are hard to get along with. People become jealous, angry, and selfish. They not only argue and cause trouble, but they are envious. They get drunk, carry on at wild parties, and do other evil things as well. I told you before, and I am telling you again: No one who does these things will share in the blessings of God's kingdom.

Rom 6:12-13 Don't let sin rule your body. After all, your body is bound to die, so don't obey its desires or let any part of it become a slave of evil. Give yourselves to God, as people who have been raised from death to life. Make every part of your body a slave that pleases God.

1 Co 6:9-10 Don't you know that evil people won't have a share in the blessings of God's kingdom? Don't fool yourselves! No one who is immoral or worships idols or is unfaithful in marriage or is a pervert or behaves like a homosexual will share in God's kingdom. Neither will any thief or greedy person or drunkard or anyone who curses and cheats on others.

Col 3:5 Don't be controlled by your body. Kill every desire for the wrong kind of sex. Don't be immoral or indecent or have evil thoughts. Don't be greedy, which is the same as worshipping idols.

1 Co 5:11 I was talking about your own people who are immoral or greedy or worship idols or curse others or get drunk or cheat. Don't even eat with them!

Rom 8:8 If we follow our desires, we cannot please God.

SEXUAL SIN (CONT)

Gal 6:8 If you follow your selfish desires, you will harvest destruction, but if you follow the Spirit, you will harvest eternal life.

Deut 22:20-24 But if the man was right and there is no proof that his bride was a virgin, the men of the town will take the woman to the door of her father's house and stone her to death. This woman brought evil into your community by sleeping with someone before she got married, and you must get rid of that evil by killing her. People of Israel, if a man is caught having sex with someone else's wife, you must put them both to death. That way, you will get rid of the evil they have done in Israel. If a man is caught in town having sex with an engaged woman who isn't screaming for help, they both must be put to death. The man is guilty of having sex with a married woman. And the woman is guilty because she didn't call for help, even though she was inside a town and people were nearby. Take them both to the town gate and stone them to death. You must get rid of the evil they brought into your community.

1 Pet 2:11 Dear friends, you are foreigners and strangers on this earth. So I beg you not to surrender to those desires that fight against you.

INCEST: (Sexual relations with a relative)

Deut 23:2-3 No one born outside of a legal marriage, or any of their descendants for ten generations, can fully belong to the LORD's people. No Ammonites or Moabites, or any of their descendants for ten generations, can become part of Israel, the LORD's people.

NOTE: (The tribes of Ammorite and Moabite were the result of incest between Lot and his daughters Gen 19:30-38).

Gen 19: 35-36 That night they got their father drunk, and this time the younger sister slept with him. But once again he was too drunk even to know she was there. That's how Lot's two daughters had their children.

Deut 27:20-23 We ask the LORD to put a curse on any man who sleeps with his father's wife; that man has shown no respect for his father's marriage. We ask the LORD to put a curse on anyone who has sex with an animal. We ask the LORD to put a curse on any man who sleeps with his sister or his half sister or his mother-in-law.

Lev 20:11-14 Having sex with one of your father's wives disgraces him. So both you and the woman will be put to death, just as you deserve. It isn't natural to have sex with your daughter-in-law, and both of you will be put to death, just as you deserve. It's disgusting for men to have sex with one another, and those who do will be put to death, just as they deserve. It isn't natural for a man to marry both a mother and her daughter, and so all three of them will be burned to death.

Lev 20:17 **If you marry one of your sisters, you will be punished, and the two of you will be disgraced by being openly forced out of the community.**

1 Co 5:5 You must then hand that man over to Satan. His body will be destroyed, but his spirit will be saved when the Lord Jesus returns.

SINS OF THE FATHER

1 Sam 3:13 He knew that his sons refused to respect me, and he let them get away with it, even though I said I would punish his family forever.

SINS OF THE FATHER (CONT)

There are many examples of the sins of the father being visited on the following generations. Abraham lied about his wife

(Gen 12:12-13); Isaac lied about his wife

(Gen 26:7); Jacob was deceitful

(Gen 34:13). Adam's sin resulted in Cain's sin of deceit and murder. Abraham's sin of not trusting God resulted in Ishmael, and today we have oil problems. We see this principle in the life of King David. He sinned against the Lord with Bathsheba. Even though he was forgiven, the harvest of his sin was tragic.

1. His child dies.
2. Sword never departs from his house.
3. Never had peace in his home.
4. Removed from his throne.
5. His son, Absalom, revolted against him.
6. Absalom usurped the throne.
7. Absalom brutally killed.
8. Tamar, his daughter, raped by her half-brother. (Sam12:9-10; 14-15. John, the Baptist, at 6 months prior to his birth recognized the presence of Jesus in Mary (Luke 1:44).

Ex 20:3-5 Do not worship any god except me. Do not make idols that look like anything in the sky or on earth or in the ocean under the earth. Don't bow down and worship idols. I am the LORD your God, and I demand all your love. If you reject me, I will punish your families for three or four generations.

Lev 26:40 Then suppose you realize that I turned against you and brought you to the land of your enemies because both you and your ancestors had stubbornly sinned against me. If you humbly confess what you have done and start living right,

Ex 34:7 I keep my promises to my people forever, but I also punish anyone who sins. When people sin, I punish them and their children, and also their grandchildren and great-grandchildren."

Nu 14: 17-18 Show us your great power, LORD. You promised that you love to show mercy and kindness. And you said that you are very patient, but that you will punish everyone guilty of doing wrong--not only them but their children and grandchildren as well.

Jer 29:32 He has even talked you into disobeying me. So I will punish Shemaiah. He and his descendants won't live to see the good things I will do for my people. I, the LORD, have spoken.

1 Sam 2:22-29 Eli was now very old, and he heard what his sons were doing to the people of Israel. 31, 33, 36. "Why are you doing these awful things?" he asked them. "I've been hearing nothing but complaints about you from all of the LORD's people. If you harm another person, God can help make things right between the two of you. But if you commit a crime against the LORD, no one can help you!" But the LORD had already decided to kill them. So he kept them from listening to their father. Each day the LORD and his people liked Samuel more and more. One day a prophet came to Eli and gave him this message from the LORD: When your ancestors were slaves of the king of Egypt, I came and showed them who I am. Out of all the tribes of Israel, I chose your family to be my priests. I wanted them to offer sacrifices and burn incense to me and to find out from me what I want my people to do. I commanded everyone to bring their sacrifices here where I live, and I allowed you and your family to keep those that were not offered to me on the altar. But you honor your sons instead of me! You don't respect the sacrifices and offerings that are brought to me, and you've all gotten fat from eating the best parts. 31 The time will come when I will kill you and everyone else in your family. Not one of you will live to an old age. 33 If I let anyone from your family be a priest, his life will be full of sadness and sorrow. But most of the men in your family will die a violent death! 36 But if anyone is left from your family, he will come to my priest and beg for money or a little bread. He may even say to my priest, "Please let me be a priest, so I will at least have something to eat."

SINS OF THE FATHER (CONT)

Jos 7:15 ..and the LORD will show who stole what should have been destroyed. That man must be put to death, his body burned, and his possessions thrown into the fire. He has done a terrible thing by breaking the sacred agreement that the LORD made with Israel."

Deut 5:29 I wish they would always worship me with fear and trembling and be this willing to obey me! Then they and their children would always enjoy a successful life.

Deut 23:2 No one born outside of a legal marriage, or any of their descendants for ten generations, can fully belong to the LORD's people.

Neh 9:2 They refused to let foreigners join them, as they met to confess their sins and the sins of their ancestors.

NOTE: This is a case of the sin of one bringing punishment in his children and the entire nation.

Jer 32:18 You show kindness for a thousand generations, but you also punish people for the sins of their parents. You are the LORD All-Powerful.

Deut 28:50 They won't show any mercy, and they will have no respect for old people or pity for children.

SOUL TIES

This condition is the result of a strong emotional focus (hate, fear etc.). As a result of this focus, the individual becomes exactly like the person they hate; or the person they marry becomes exactly like the person they hate (psychological expectation). Simply put, you make your mate to be what you don't want, by focusing in on what it is you don't like. The problem will be the same, but the manifestation will be different (i.e. the father is an alcoholic and the child or the husband becomes a workaholic or sexaholic). If a person had sexual relations with a person, that person becomes one with him/her (1 Co 6:16). We become like our emotional focus. Wrong focus results in: a) Contempt b) Concentration c) Conformity.

We tend to become just like what we resent or fail to forgive. What we cannot forgive, we are doomed one day to live. Weak father, weak husband; poor providing parent, poor providing husband; cold and distant rather so is the mate; men whose mothers were domineering attract the same. Men whose mothers often left them with babysitters or by sickness, marital separation or death, find wives who do the same to them. Cold, insensitive mother; cold insensitive wife.

WE MANAGE TO ATTRACT TO US AND ARE OURSELVES ATTRACTED TO THOSE CHARACTERISTICS THAT CLOSELY MATCH OR OPPOSE OURS. Either the frailty that we cannot forgive in another person indicates that we have the same negative condition existing in us; or if we fail to forgive another, then the same area we judge in them will be an area in our life where God's grace ceases.

THIS TIE MUST BE BROKEN BY SPECIFIC PRAYER.

Rom 2:1 Some of you accuse others of doing wrong. But there is no excuse for what you do. When you judge others, you condemn yourselves, because you are guilty of doing the very same things.

What goes into the storehouse of the heart to wound or bless is not the event or circumstances itself but always the individual's reaction to it. Our inner being persistently retains such programming no matter what changes of mind or heart may later pertain. INNER VOWS RESIST CHANGE, and they may not become manifest immediately in behavior. Their nature is to prevent departure from them. Bitter-root judgments (expectancies) are the most common, most basic sins in all marital relationships.

WHAT YOU RESIST- PERSISTS. Three laws affect all life:

- (1) Life will go well for us in every area in which we could in fact honor our parents, and life will not go well in every area in which we could not honor them.
- (2) We will receive harm in the same areas of life in which we judge others.
- (3) We will most surely reap what we have sown.

Matt 7:1-2 Don't condemn others, and God won't condemn you. God will be as hard on you as you are on others! He will treat you exactly as you treat them.

CURSE

The Bible has a great deal to say about cursing and blessing. Webster defines curse as: (1) a prayer or invocation to call upon for harm or injury on someone; (2) a blasphemous oath; (3) evil or misfortune that comes as if in response to retribution; (4) to call upon divine or supernatural power to send power to send injury upon.

Rom 12:14 Ask God to bless everyone who mistreats you. Ask him to bless them and not to curse them.

Job 22:28 He will do whatever you ask, and life will be bright.

Pro 26:2 A curse you don't deserve will take wings and fly away like a sparrow or a swallow.

Ps 109:17 "He cursed others. Now place a curse on him! He never wished others well. Wish only trouble for him!"

NOTE:

YOU CAN SEND A CURSE BACK TO ITS ORIGIN.

Gen 27:29 Nations will be your servants and bow down to you. You will rule over your brothers, and they will kneel at your feet. Anyone who curses you will be cursed; anyone who blesses you will be blessed."

Mal 2:2 You had better take seriously the need to honor my name. Otherwise, when you give a blessing, I will turn it into a curse. In fact, I have already done this, because you haven't taken to heart your duties as priests.

Gen 12:3 I will bless anyone who blesses you, but I will put a curse on anyone who puts a curse on you. Everyone on earth will be blessed because of you.

Deut 23:5 But the LORD your God loves you, so he refused to listen to Balaam and turned Balaam's curse into a blessing.

1 Pet 3:9 Don't be hateful and insult people just because they are hateful and insult you. Instead, treat everyone with kindness. You are God's chosen ones, and he will bless you. The Scriptures say,

THERE ARE FOUR KINDS OF CURSES:

(1) **JUST PRONOUNCEMENT:** Those pronounced only by the children of God to cause the just judgment of a mighty God to fall on the unrighteous or the disobedient.

We see Acts 13:6-12 Paul called for blindness on a sorcerer.

In Gen 9:20 God cursed the land.

In 2 Ki 2:23-24 Elisha cursed youths and they were mauled by two bears.

In 2 Sam 16:11-12 we see someone cursing David as an instrument of God.

CURSE (CONT)

In Gen 3:14 God cursed Satan. These are just a few. Scripture teaches that the children of God have the power and authority (in Jesus) to bless and to curse. We see this in the King trying to get Balaam to curse the Israelites. We have the power to deprive demons of life (that is life in an individual) by cursing them. We can curse the life in a cancer, tumor, cataract, etc. in the name of Jesus. The formation of life starts with a spirit, thus we can come against the spirit and life in any sickness.

Deut 27:13-26 curses Mount Ebal:

- a) Cursed is the man who carves an image or casts an idol.
- b) Cursed is the man who dishonors father or mother.
- c) Cursed is the man who moves neighbors boundary stones.
- d) Cursed is the man who leads blind astray on the road.
- e) Cursed is the man who withholds justice to alien, fatherless or widow.
- f) Cursed is the man who sleeps with his father's wife.
- g) Cursed is the man who has sexual relations with an animal.
- h) Cursed is the man who sleeps with his sister.
- i) Cursed is the man who sleeps with his mother-in-law.
- j) Cursed is the man who accepts bribes to kill the innocent.
- k) Cursed is the man who does not uphold the law by carrying them out.

(2) **EVIL PRONOUNCEMENT:** To bring evil judgment on children of God by Satan and caused by either. A parent can curse their children by repeatedly calling them "stupid", etc. Such words act as a curse to conform him to the image of the word spoken.

In 1 Sam 17:43 Goliath cursed David.

In Josh 24:9-10 Balaam was asked to curse Israel.

In Lev 20:9 anyone who curses mother and father is to be put to death.

In Lev 24:15 anyone who curses God, is held responsible.

In Pr 20:20 he who curses his father or his mother, his lamp will go out in time of darkness. Our judgments have darkened our spiritual eyes.

(3) **CURSE FROM THE LAW OF SOWING AND REAPING:** Those resulting from disobedience. In Jos 13:22 Balaam is killed – he had tried to curse the children of God (Deut 27:13-26). In Mal 3:8-9 those who rob God are under a curse.

(4) **CURSE PRODUCED BY OUT-OF-BALANCE TEACHING:** Pr 11:1 (NIV) The Lord abhors dishonest scales (false balance or out of balance), but accurate weights are his delight. The things that are an abomination to God are a curse to this people. Out of balance teaching leads the people into greater and greater error.

REBELLION – WITCHCRAFT – JEZEBEL SPIRIT

THE MAJOR WAY THAT THE JEZEBEL SPIRIT OPERATES IS TO CONFUSE THE PROPER ROLES OF MEN AND WOMEN. This occurs when the male (Ahab) abdicates authority and the female usurps it (1 Ki 16 through 21). It represents the abuse of authority by anyone or any manipulation or domination or any attempt to take authority and/or control by illegal means or to function in a realm of authority that God did not delegate. In 1 Kings 18 and 19 we find the story of a man of God, Elijah, and queen Jezebel. Elijah confronts 450 hostile prophets of Baal, laughed at them, humiliated them and then had them killed. God was with him in a mighty way. Then Elijah heard that Jezebel was out to kill him and immediately he was terrified. He ran away and hid. This was a spiritual problem that can affect all men of God. It is spiritual warfare. Elijah ran for his life (1 Ki 19:21). He ran, considered suicide, and felt worthless to himself and to God. He felt that he was all alone (1 Ki 19:10). This is what the Jezebel spirit wants to do to all men of God. God knew that he needed the support of other men of God in this battle (1 Ki 19:17). In 1 Ki 21 we see Jezebel using cunning, deceit, and the elders to get her way.

REBELLION – WITCHCRAFT – JEZEBEL SPIRIT (CONT)

Isa 3:12 Though you are God's people, you are ruled and abused by women and children. You are confused by leaders who guide you down the wrong path.

Rev 2:18, 20 18 This is what you must write to the angel of the church in Thyatira: I am the Son of God! My eyes are like flames of fire, and my feet are like bronze. Listen to what I say. 20 But I still have something against you because of that woman Jezebel. She calls herself a prophet, and you let her teach and mislead my servants to do immoral things and to eat food offered to idols.

Rebellion is not listening and obeying God. The Lord is trusting us to act as He would; to counsel, forgive, and heal the others that Satan accuses. The Lord reveals in light. Unwillingness to be wrong is often a prominent symptom of self-righteousness. Religion is man's striving to do for God or to reach God. Listening to God is active work; it demands patience and trust. Listening demands willingness to fall on one's face again and again (fail). Our minds often wander when we try to listen to God. Listening is not merely with our minds but with our whole being. We can be sure that cleanness in hearing is a work of grace. At the base of all listening is a simple trust in the goodness of God, which enables a man to be a fool for God. No one will graduate from the Lord's school of listening with his pride intact. If we do not obey God's word or listen to His voice, then we rebel against Him. The way a teen-ager responds to his parents' authority will soon be the way he responds to God's authority.

CAUSES OF REBELLION:

- 1) Pride.
- 2) Selfishness.
- 3) Wounded Spirit.

PURPOSES FOR AUTHORITY:

- 1) To grow in wisdom and character.
- 2) To gain protection from destructive temptations.
- 3) To receive clear direction for life decisions.

Ps 107:11-12. ...because you had rebelled against God Most High and refused his advice. You were worn out from working like slaves, and no one came to help.

Isa 14:12-14 You, the bright morning star, have fallen from the sky! You brought down other nations; now you are brought down. You said to yourself, "I'll climb to heaven and place my throne above the highest stars. I'll sit there with the gods far away in the north. I'll be above the clouds, just like God Most High."

1 Sam 12:14-15 If you and your king want to be followers of the LORD, you must worship him and do what he says. Don't be stubborn! If you're stubborn and refuse to obey the LORD, he will turn against you and your king.

Neh 9:26-28 In spite of this, they rebelled and disobeyed your laws. They killed your prophets, who warned them to turn back to you, and they cursed your name. So you handed them over to their enemies, who treated them terribly. But in their sufferings, they begged you to help. From heaven you listened to their prayers and because of your great mercy, you sent leaders to rescue them. But when they were at peace, they would turn against you, and you would hand them over to their enemies. Then they would beg for help, and because you are merciful, you rescued them over and over again.

Deut 11:26-28 You have a choice--do you want the LORD to bless you, or do you want him to put a curse on you? Today I am giving you his laws, and if you obey him, he will bless you. But if you disobey him and worship those gods that have never done anything for you, the LORD will put a curse on you.

REBELLION – WITCHCRAFT – JEZEBEL SPIRIT (CONT)

Pro 17:11 Cruel people want to rebel, and so vicious attackers will be sent against them.

NOTE: THE CRUEL MESSENGER COULD BE A DEMON.

Hos 10:10 Your sins have doubled, and you are rebellious. Now I have decided to send nations to attack and put you in chains.

Isa 30:1 This is the LORD's message for his rebellious people: "You follow your own plans instead of mine; you make treaties without asking me, and you keep on sinning.

Isa 65:2 All day long I have reached out to stubborn and sinful people going their own way.

Nu 22:32 The angel said, "You had no right to treat your donkey like that! I was the one who blocked your way, because I don't think you should go to Moab.

Eze 20:38 I will separate the sinful rebels from the rest of you, and even though I will bring them from the nations where they live in exile, they won't be allowed to return to Israel. Then you will know that I am the LORD.

Ps 18:26 With all who are sincere, you are sincere, but you treat the unfaithful as their deeds deserve.

Eph 2:1-2 In the past you were dead because you sinned and fought against God. You followed the ways of this world and obeyed the devil. He rules the world, and his spirit has power over everyone who doesn't obey God.

1 Sam 15:22 22 "Tell me," Samuel said. "Does the LORD really want sacrifices and offerings? No! He doesn't want your sacrifices. He wants you to obey him. 23 Rebelling against God or disobeying him because you are proud is just as bad as worshiping idols or asking them for advice. You refused to do what God told you, so God has decided that you can't be king."

Jer 7:23-24 Instead, I told them, "If you listen to me and do what I tell you, I will be your God, you will be my people, and all will go well for you." But your ancestors refused to listen. They were stubborn, and whenever I wanted them to go one way, they always went the other.

Isa 63:10 Then the LORD's people turned against him and made his Holy Spirit sad. So he became their enemy and attacked them.

Deut 13:4 You must be completely faithful to the LORD. Worship and obey only the LORD and do this with fear and trembling,

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REJECTION

SELF-CENTEREDNESS IS THE ROOT OF REJECTION. Wounds in the spirit go to a level deeper than the conscious mind or the human memory. What goes into the storehouse of the heart to wound or bless is not the event or circumstances itself but **always** the person’s reaction to it. Many people carry wounds in their spirit that the mind will not face and the memory does not recall. God creates each human being with the desire to give and receive love. A child cannot receive love that is not manifested. He could not receive love because he didn’t recognize it, and he couldn’t give what he didn’t possess. When a parent dies and is not present to show love, it makes it difficult for the child to ever trust (men or woman). The child sees this absence as rejection. Uncontrolled freedom is a subtle or covert (disguised) form of rejection. If he feels unwanted, then he naturally feels worthless or unnecessary and feels inferior. The person who has a pattern of rejection from childhood will often read rejection into a situation or conversation where none exists. The person who has experienced rejection does not know how to give or receive love and has never learned basic trust. In addition, inferiority feelings prevent participation in some routines or simple activities. Tasks or games that might result in failure are avoided. As I am typing this, the Holy Spirit has made me aware that some will read this section; although they admit to having a problem with rejection, they do not believe they are that bad and certainly not as bad as the condition I am describing in this paragraph. **It is YOU – THAT NEEDS THIS TEACHING!**

The results of rejection are (1) Primarily, inability to receive or communicate love. (2) Holding out, indifference. (3) Fighting back, which leads to resentment, then to hatred, and then to rebellion. The sequence is rejection leading to loneliness; loneliness to misery; misery to self pity; self pity to depression; depression to despair; then despair to suicide. One of the most common problems is self-hatred. This takes on many forms.

SELF-HATRED IS IDOLATRY. The inability to trust God will very often be traced to a deep rejection of self. The true basis for acceptance of self is a clear comprehension and acceptance of the values and purposes God has placed on our appearance, abilities, parentage, handicaps, family, gender, and environment. Rejection of self, when carried to the ultimate results in suicide. The manner in which a parent rejects his children is sometimes the result of the manner they were rejected. The parent treats the child just as he was treated (this happens even when the parent is determined not to treat his children the way he was treated). Parenting techniques are learned from the parents (if there is no role model or a poor one, it affects how the parent acts toward his children). If a man is rejected by his mother, he is very likely to treat his wife the same way (getting back at his mother-in one case the husband beat his wife to pay back his mother). A boy dominated by his mother learns to hide from his mother what he thinks and feels. The less she knows, the better. This results in the attitude “never share what you really feel with a woman” because it is not safe. Over-protective parents are actually protecting their own comfort. Possessiveness frequently masks itself as love. Covert rejection commonly takes the form of over-protection or over indulgence. The child is not allowed to be his/her own person. The parent can pass the tension to the child, who in turn can manifest colic or other forms of irritable behavior. As the rejected child grows, he is usually either shy and quiet or hyper-active and difficult to manage.

When an **unresolved conflict** exists between a son or daughter and their parents, it is impossible for that son or daughter to leave the parents emotionally (this is called a soul tie). Inner vows (which often result from such a conflict) resist change, and they may not manifest on the surface. Our inner being persistently retains such programming, no matter what changes that might later occur in the mind or heart. The nature of the vow is to prevent departure from them. Surface repentance alone cannot touch such deeply set vows. These are a common source of problems. Such vows as “not to be vulnerable-not to risk who she is with a man” (often the result of being molested). As a result of the vow she never completely gives herself to anyone. This results in inadequacies in any relationship. Many inner vows have to do with ambitions. A negative self image results in: (1) An inability to trust God. (2) Resistance to authority. (3) A hindrance to genuine friendships. (4) A diverting of attention from true achievement – trying to get approval of men. (5) Over-emphasis on materialism. A large percentage of those doing church work or soul winning may be doing so because they dislike themselves so much they try to compensate by doing “good works.” They are really seeking acceptance to God when they are NOT BUSY “SERVING THE LORD.”

REJECTION (CONT)

To be offended or take offense is to be deceived into believing the worst about yourself, about others, and about God. "The accuser" is to tempt us to offend or take offense. The devil's method is to take some inadequacy or some minor failure (a tiny kernel of corn and to blow it all out of proportion by gross exaggeration and distortion). Security is found in acceptance and approval. Fruits, not words, reveal truth! Resurrection happens only in love. Relationships based on need are always unstable. Identity is found in right relationship with Jesus. The Son of God took ALL our rejection and insecurity into Himself (Mk 15:33-34; Isa 53:2-3). Jesus even felt that He was rejected by the Father, however, He was not. The person who grows up under perfectionism will generally look at God the same way. They cannot believe God could love them just as they are, so they are constantly working to achieve God's acceptance. A child raised to perform and thus receive acceptance by what he does ALWAYS NEEDS AFFIRMATION. THIS IS A COMMON PROBLEM. They must become whatever it takes to gain approval for themselves. The performance-oriented person doles out affection by measure according to how well the primary people around them have behaved. Sex becomes a weapon of control; it is not all right to fail. Self-control is a virtue to the performance-oriented person to the point of idolatry and rigidity. Such a person works hard to love others by serving them, but cannot let others close enough to give them love in return. Five basic needs for the soul: love, security, acceptance, identity, and recognition. Rejection is a form of hatred; to reject another is to choose to hate him. When our emotions tell us that we are inferior, we are apt to accept this as fact and act on it.

RESULTS OF REJECTION:

1. Results in emotional immaturity by thwarting emotional growth. Self-centeredness-always a sign of immaturity. Love, acceptance and approval are necessary for emotional growth.
2. Will create an emotional vacuum which no person can fill.
3. Is loneliness and fear with wall built to protect from further hurt.
4. Is self-rejection: the person loses his self-value.
5. Loss of self-identity.
6. Is an unstable, up-and-down relationship to God.

REACTIONS CAUSED BY REJECTION:

1. The child may "clam up" and refuse to communicate.
2. The rebellion against the parents is frequently generalized to all in authority.
3. Towards-others-impaired ability to give and receive love.

THE SYMPTOMS OF REJECTION ARE:

1. Body is tense-high blood pressure-grinding teeth-goes to the refrigerator for relaxation.
2. Feels that he does not fit in-not a part
3. Looks for happiness in things-materialistic.
4. Drive to lead-to have own way rather than serve.
5. Clashes easily with other people close to you.
6. Easily offended-moralist.
7. Needs to receive credit.
8. Considers self bold and unafraid.
9. Intolerant of neurotic people.
10. Impatient of slowmovers.
11. Trouble submitting.
12. Argumentative.
13. Quick tempered.
14. Angry person.
15. Suspicious.

REJECTION CONT)

VARIATIONS OF COVERT-REJECTION:

1. Over-protection: when by their over-protectiveness they do not let him become a person, he has been subtly rejected as a person.
2. Death of parent: all he knows is that he is alone and the parent(s) left him. He perceives rejection emotionally. By keeping up his barrier, he can't get hurt.
3. Wrong sex: parents really wanted the opposite sex.
4. Change of life baby.
5. Broken home.
6. Suicide: guilt complex for having caused it.
7. Mother dies at birth: guilt complex for having caused it.
8. Insidious comparison: with siblings. To provoke ill will or envy.
9. Handicaps.
10. Conditional love: accepted for what he does results in performance orientation.

INTRA-PERSONAL EFFECTS OF REJECTION:

1. Feelings of worthlessness.
2. Wishing he hadn't been born.
3. Feelings of inferiority.
4. Inability to express feelings.
5. Depression-definition is an internal temper tantrum.
6. Emotional insulation.
7. Subjectivity-controlled to a great extent by his emotions-thinks with his feelings.
8. Introspection.
9. Perfectionism-as soon as the goal is in sight, parents change the goals.
10. Lack of self-discipline.
11. Irresponsibility-fear of failure prevents attempting.
12. Worries, doubts, fear, disbelief, anxiety.
13. Self-condemnation.
14. Self-hatred.
15. Guilt-the false guilt is in the emotions.

BEHAVIORAL SYMPTOMS IN PEOPLE WHO DON'T KNOW THEY ARE LOVED:

1. BRAGGART: exaggerate-tells stories to get recognition-to get worth.
2. CRITICISM: doesn't love self; adapts to his condition; always finding and pointing out others faults.
3. LONER: wounded spirit-fears others.
4. OBSTINACY: afraid performance doesn't measure up; can't change his mind; worth is only conditional.
5. PERFECTIONISM: condition for recognition and love.
6. DEFIANCE: open resistance to authority or opposition.
7. COMPLIANCE: obeys all the rules; absence of self-esteem; hides behind rules.
8. SHYNESS: relation to others is fear; walls self in.
9. SELF-DEPRECIATING:: inward condition of worthlessness and emptiness; paints worthless picture of self so people don't expect too much from him.
10. OVERACHIEVER: work-aholic, can make up for our failures or what we lack by work; wants things to feel important; they feel that what they do and own is a true extension of themselves.
11. ROLE-PLAYER: can't stand criticism; if you criticize the act, then they change the act.
12. AGREEABLE: plays at being a nice guy; not genuine; agrees to get acceptance.
13. SUSPICION: no trust in self and no value in self.
14. INTROJECTION: identifies with someone else; takes in their characteristics or qualities.
15. TIMIDITY: afraid to venture out because he might fail or be wrong.

REJECTION CONT)

OFTEN WHEN TEACHING ON SELF ACCEPTANCE THE SCRIPTURE "love thy neighbor as thy self" is used incorrectly. **OUR PROBLEM IS THAT WE ALREADY LOVE OURSELVES BUT DO NOT ACCEPT OURSELVES.** The exact translation of the above scripture is to love our neighbor as we already love ourselves. Teaching that we love ourselves is humanism, to accept ourselves as God made us is Christian. Self acceptance is seeing God's design for me and understanding the purpose of each feature which He has brought to my life.

Gen 1:26. God said, "Now we will make humans, and they will be like us. We will let them rule the fish, the birds, and all other living creatures."

Rom 15:7 Honor God by accepting each other, as Christ has accepted you.

Gen 2:7 The LORD God took a handful of soil and made a man. God breathed life into the man, and the man started breathing.

Psa 100:3 You know the LORD is God! He created us, and we belong to him; we are his people, the sheep in his pasture.

Ps 139:16 ...but with your own eyes you saw my body being formed. Even before I was born, you had written in your book everything I would do.

Isa 44:24 Israel, I am your LORD. I am your source of life, and I have rescued you. I created everything from the sky above to the earth below.

Isa 49:1, 5 1 Everyone, listen, even you foreign nations across the sea. The LORD chose me and gave me a name before I was born. 5 Even before I was born, the LORD God chose me to serve him and to lead back the people of Israel. So the LORD has honored me and made me strong.

Gen 1:27 So God created humans to be like himself; he made men and women.

Gen 1:31 God looked at what he had done. All of it was very good! Evening came and then morning-- that was the sixth day.

Ex 4:11 But the LORD answered, "Who makes people able to speak or makes them deaf or unable to speak? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? Don't you know that I am the one who does these things?"

NOTE: Many reject themselves not realizing that they are rejecting God's creation and thus establishing themselves ABOVE GOD.

Psa 139:13-14 You are the one who put me together inside my mother's body, and I praise you because of the wonderful way you created me. Everything you do is marvelous! Of this I have no doubt.

Isa 43:7 They are my people-- I created each of them to bring honor to me."

Isa 44:2 I am your Creator. You were in my care even before you were born. Israel, don't be terrified! You are my chosen servant, my very favorite.

Jer 1:5 "Jeremiah, I am your Creator, and before you were born, I chose you to speak for me to the nations."

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Luke 9:22 Jesus told his disciples, "The nation's leaders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law of Moses will make the Son of Man suffer terribly. They will reject him and kill him, but three days later he will rise to life."

John 1:3 And with this Word, God created all things. Nothing was made without the Word. Everything that was created...

Luke 4:18 "The Lord's Spirit has come to me, because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor. The Lord has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners, to give sight to the blind, to free everyone who suffers,

Rev 4:11 "Our Lord and God, you are worthy to receive glory, honor, and power. You created all things, and by your decision they are and were created."

Rom 9:20 But, my friend, I ask, "Who do you think you are to question God? Does the clay have the right to ask the potter why he shaped it the way he did?"

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the LORD God has taken control of me! The LORD has chosen and sent me to tell the oppressed the good news, to heal the brokenhearted, and to announce freedom for prisoners and captives.

Isa 43:18 Forget what happened long ago! Don't think about the past.

Col 1:16-17 Everything was created by him, everything in heaven and on earth, everything seen and unseen, including all forces and powers, and all rulers and authorities. All things were created by God's Son, and everything was made for him. God's Son was before all else, and by him everything is held together.

Jer 18:4 And whenever the clay would not take the shape he wanted, he would change his mind and form it into some other shape.

Eph 2:10 God planned for us to do good things and to live as he has always wanted us to live. That's why he sent Christ to make us what we are.

Isa 53:3 He was hated and rejected; his life was filled with sorrow and terrible suffering. No one wanted to look at him. We despised him and said, "He is a nobody!"

Jer 30:17 No one wants you as a friend or cares what happens to you. But I will heal your injuries, and you will get well.

NOTE: God promised healing for all the wounds caused by rejection and deliverance from all the spirits that came through the wound.

Psa 103:2-3 With all my heart I praise the LORD! I will never forget how kind he has been. The LORD forgives our sins, heals us when we are sick,

1 Sam 16:7 But the LORD told him, "Samuel, don't think Eliab is the one just because he's tall and handsome. He isn't the one I've chosen. People judge others by what they look like, but I judge people by what is in their hearts."

Psa 27:10 Even if my father and mother should desert me, you will take care of me.

2 Co 5:17 Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new.

Eph 1:6 God was very kind to us because of the Son he dearly loves, and so we should praise God.

UNFORGIVENESS

JESUS SAID: "WE MUST NOT HOLD ANY RESENTMENT." Over 80% of the problems YOU face are caused by hatred and resentment that YOU HOLD. **THIS IS TRUE WHETHER OR NOT YOU ADMIT IT OR KNOW IT.** This is not a matter of how you feel towards someone presently. Most people have buried hatred against someone that was or is close to them. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring to mind anyone you hold resentment for- someone who hurt you; made you angry; whom you have not forgiven. **THIS INCLUDES GOD AND YOURSELF.** Forgiveness is a matter of making a decision to forgive and proclaiming it. It is an act of the will, not the emotions. **YOU MUST FORGIVE – UNFORGIVENESS IS IDOLATRY.** Most of our nagging memories or "inner hurts" stay alive inside of us because of contrast nourishment which we supply them. Can the "hurt" be better described as anger or self-pity or bitterness. "Hurts" are really bitter attitudes kept alive by our unwillingness to forgive from the heart. Forgiving a person is "clearing his record" with us and transferring the responsibility for any punishment to God. According to the law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness (Heb 9:22). Hate murders, "Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer; and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him" (1 Jo 3:15). All anger, resentment and bitterness are born to hate. Our emotions can murder or bless another. Fear of vulnerability creates hate. Repentance is not a feeling; it's an action. Ps 23 states that he anoints the head with oil. The shepherd poured oil on the head of the sheep until the tick backs out. "A tick of the mind" is an idiom to describe a way of thinking that drains energy, which "sucks the blood of life" such as hate, vengeance, or resentment. Cleaving is a matter of decision. Marital love is not romantic feelings but commitment in daily acts.

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WE PROJECT OUR FAMILY CONFLICTS TO THE PEOPLE WE WORK WITH IN THE FUTURE.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO FORGIVE?

- 1) Forgiveness is the perfume cast back by the flower on the foot that crushed it.
- 2) Forgiveness involves a positive attitude toward the offense rather than a negative attitude toward the offender (offender is our personal character developer).
- 3) Forgiveness views the offenders as a tool of God.
- 4) Forgiveness looks at the wounds of the offense as God's way of drawing attention to the offender's needs.
- 5) Forgiveness recognizes that bitterness is assuming a right we don't have.
- 6) Forgiveness realizes that the offender has already begun receiving the consequences of his offenses.
- 7) Forgiveness involves cooperating with God in the offender's life.

WE BECOME LIKE OUR EMOTIONAL FOCUS. We tend to become just like the one we resent or fail to forgive. What we cannot forgive, we are doomed one day to live. Either the frailty that we cannot forgive in another person indicates that we have the same negative condition existing in us, or if we fail to forgive another, then the same area we judge in them will be an area in our own life where God's grace ceases. If we forgive weaknesses in another, this act of forgiveness acts as an antidote to our own weaknesses; but unwillingness to forgive promotes and develops selfishness. Forgiveness is redemptive; unforgiveness is judgmental and destructive. Start praying for the person involved; you cannot resent someone and pray for them at the same time (as a rule). The refusal or the inability to forget is evidence of not having really forgiven. 1 Cor 13:5 tells us "love keeps no records." **WE NOT ONLY MUST FORGIVE THE PERSON, BUT WE MUST ALSO RELEASE THEM.** In Matt 18:27 (AMP) "and his master's heart was moved by compassion, and he RELEASED him and FORGAVE him (cancelling) the debt." Unforgiveness binds (John 20:23). We are given the power to bind and to loose. We are told that an offended brother is more unyielding than a fortified city, and disputes are like the barred gates of a citadel.

The way a girl responded to the authority of her father tends to be the way she will treat her husband.

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THE BARRIERS OF FORGIVENESS. Many Christians have barriers in their lives which keep them from experiencing fulfillment, satisfaction, peace, healing, and multiplied blessings of God. If there is unforgiveness in your life, Satan has a legal claim over you. Forgiving others directly affects our physical health.

REFUSING TO FORGIVE RESULTS IN:

- 1) Physical fatigue and loss of sleep.
- 2) Inability to love God.
- 3) Depression.
- 4) Bitterness – from generation to generation.
- 5) Sickness, i.e., arthritis, cancer, etc.
- 6) Inability to love others.
- 7) Binding others – we can bind a person and block God's redemptive dealings with him and even cause God's judgment on him. We see this in John 20:23 "If you forgive anyone's sins, they will be forgiven. But if you don't forgive their sins, they will not be forgiven."

EVIDENCE OF BITTERNESS:

- 1) Depression Pr 14:10.
- 2) Sickness – produces chemical imbalances Ps 32:3-5.
- 3) Insensitivity Matt 7:2.
- 4) Ingratitude – expects compensation for hurts 2 Tim 3:2
- 5) Self-rejection Rom 2:1-3.
- 6) Bone problems.
- 7) Tension – Acts 7:51.
- 8) Flattery- Pr 28:23.
- 9) Distrust- Heb 12:15.

PURPOSE OF ASKING FORGIVENESS:

- 1) Frees you from guilt.
- 2) Frees you from bitterness.
- 3) Discern your basic offense – wrong attitudes.
- 4) Realize "an offended brother is harder to be won than a walled city." Pr 18:19.
- 5) Prepare the right wording, don't project pride or blame or justify Say, "I was wrong."
- 6) Circle of confession equal to the circle of offense.

Mark 11:25-26 Whenever you stand up to pray, you must forgive what others have done to you. Then your Father in heaven will forgive your sins.

Eph 4:31 **Stop being bitter and angry and mad at others. Don't yell at one another or curse each other or ever be rude.**

Matt 18:34-35 The king was so angry that he ordered the official to be tortured until he could pay back everything he owed. That is how my Father in heaven will treat you, if you don't forgive each of my followers with all your heart.

Matt 6:12 Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others.

Matt 6:14-15 If you forgive others for the wrongs they do to you, your Father in heaven will forgive you. But if you don't forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Eph 4:32 Instead, be kind and merciful, and forgive others, just as God forgave you because of Christ.

Isa 43:18 Forget what happened long ago! Don't think about the past.

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Heb 12:14-15 Try to live at peace with everyone! Live a clean life. If you don't, you will never see the Lord. Make sure that no one misses out on God's wonderful kindness. Don't let anyone become bitter and cause trouble for the rest of you.

James 4:11-12 My friends, don't say cruel things about others! If you do, or if you condemn others, you are condemning God's Law. And if you condemn the Law, you put yourself above the Law and refuse to obey either it or God who gave it. God is our judge, and he can save or destroy us. What right do you have to condemn anyone?

Luke 6:37 Jesus said: Don't judge others, and God won't judge you. Don't be hard on others, and God won't be hard on you. Forgive others, and God will forgive you.

1 Pet 2:1 Stop being hateful! Quit trying to fool people, and start being sincere. Don't be jealous or say cruel things about others.

NOTE: AS WE FORGIVE, WE EXTEND MERCY.

Ps 18:25 You are always loyal to your loyal people, and you are faithful to the faithful.

Luke 6:36 Have pity on others, just as your Father has pity on you.

Matt 5:7 God blesses those people who are merciful. They will be treated with mercy!

Ex 25:21-22 Inside it place the two flat stones with the Ten Commandments and put the gold lid on top of the chest. I will meet you there between the two creatures and tell you what my people must do and what they must not do.

NOTE: God declares that He will fellowship with us at the point that we grant mercy.

Matt 5:23-24 So if you are about to place your gift on the altar and remember that someone is angry with you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. Make peace with that person, then come back and offer your gift to God.

Pr 19:3 We are ruined by our own stupidity, though we blame the LORD.

Col 3:12-13 God loves you and has chosen you as his own special people. So be gentle, kind, humble, meek, and patient. Put up with each other, and forgive anyone who does you wrong, just as Christ has forgiven you.

Matt 18:21-22 Peter came up to the Lord and asked, "How many times should I forgive someone who does something wrong to me? Is seven times enough?" Jesus answered: Not just seven times, but seventy-seven times!

Heb 9:22 The Law says that almost everything must be sprinkled with blood, and no sins can be forgiven unless blood is offered.

Gal 5:15 But the Spirit makes us sure that God will accept us because of our faith in Christ.

1 Co 1:10 My dear friends, as a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ, I beg you to get along with each other. Don't take sides. Always try to agree in what you think.

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2 Co 2:10-11 I will forgive anyone you forgive. Yes, for your sake and with Christ as my witness, I have forgiven whatever needed to be forgiven. I have done this to keep Satan from getting the better of us. We all know what goes on in his mind.

Lev 19:17-18 Don't hold grudges. On the other hand, it's wrong not to correct someone who needs correcting. Stop being angry and don't try to take revenge. I am the LORD, and I command you to love others as much as you love yourself.

Rom 14:4, 10 What right do you have to criticize someone else's servants? Only their Lord can decide if they are doing right, and the Lord will make sure that they do right. Why do you criticize other followers of the Lord? Why do you look down on them? The day is coming when God will judge all of us.

Matt 5:22 But I promise you that if you are angry with someone, you will have to stand trial. If you call someone a fool, you will be taken to court. And if you say that someone is worthless, you will be in danger of the fires of hell.

Acts 8:23 I can see that you are jealous and bound by your evil ways."

NOTE: Bitterness restrains openness.

Ex 16:8 Then Moses continued, "You will know it is the LORD when he gives you meat each evening and more than enough bread each morning. He is really the one you are complaining about, not us--we are nobodies--but the LORD has heard your complaints."

NOTE: When we murmur and complain, it is against God.

Ex 15:23:24 They did find water at Marah, but it was bitter, which is how that place got its name. The people complained and said, "Moses, what are we going to drink?"

UNBELIEF

If sin were graded, this would be one of the worst, for you must believe that God is a rewarder of those who seek him. It is failure to trust and believe in God and His Word. It is looking to man for the answers and using our own reasoning. **UNBELIEF ALWAYS GOES TO REASONING. FAITHFULNESS IS GOD'S CHARACTER AND NATURE.** In Eph 2:2 we are told that the natural man walks in disobedience. We are children of disobedience, born to it, it is our natural inclination. The Greek word *APIETHIA* translated disobedience in Eph 2:2 is translated **UNBELIEF** in Heb 4:6. **Disobedience is the opposite of faith.**

Heb 3:12 My friends, watch out! Don't let evil thoughts or doubts make any of you turn from the living God.

Heb 4:6 This means that the promise to enter is still good, because those who first heard about it disobeyed and did not enter.

Rev 21:8 But I will tell you what will happen to cowards and to everyone who is unfaithful or dirty-minded or who murders or is sexually immoral or uses witchcraft or worships idols or tells lies. They will be thrown into that lake of fire and burning sulfur. This is the second death.

Ps 40:4 You bless all of those who trust you, LORD, and refuse to worship idols or follow false gods.

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- Ps 78:21-22 When the LORD heard this, he was angry and furious with Jacob's descendants, the people of Israel. They had refused to trust him, and they had doubted his saving power.
- Ps 125:1 Everyone who trusts the LORD is like Mount Zion that cannot be shaken and will stand forever.
- Pr 3:5 With all your heart you must trust the LORD and not your own judgment.
- Pr 29:25 Don't fall into the trap of being a coward-- trust the LORD, and you will be safe.
- Isa 2:22 Stop trusting the power of humans. They are all going to die, so how can they help?
- Jer 17:5, 7 I, the LORD, have put a curse on those who turn from me and trust in human strength. But I will bless those who trust me.
- Isa 31:1 You are in for trouble if you go to Egypt for help, or if you depend on an army of chariots or a powerful cavalry. Instead you should depend on and trust the holy LORD God of Israel.
- 1 Tim 6:17 Warn the rich people of this world not to be proud or to trust in wealth that is easily lost. Tell them to have faith in God, who is rich and blesses us with everything we need to enjoy life.
- Matt 17:19-20 Later the disciples went to Jesus in private and asked him, "Why couldn't we force out the demon?" Jesus replied: It is because you don't have enough faith! But I can promise you this. If you had faith no larger than a mustard seed, you could tell this mountain to move from here to there. And it would. Everything would be possible for you.
- Mark 16:14 Afterwards, Jesus appeared to his eleven disciples as they were eating. He scolded them because they were too stubborn to believe the ones who had seen him after he had been raised to life.
- Matt 13:58 And because the people did not have any faith, Jesus did not work many miracles there.
- Titus 1:15 Everything is pure for someone whose heart is pure. But nothing is pure for an unbeliever with a dirty mind. That person's mind and conscience are destroyed.

DEPRESSION

- Ps 30:11 You have turned my sorrow into joyful dancing. No longer am I sad and wearing sackcloth.

The following paragraph is from a recent teaching by Paul Sherman, President of World Mission Fellowship: Depression is described as "a morbid condition of emotional dejection and withdrawal, despondency, discouragement and gloom." To depress means to "lower in spirits, weaken, make dull and press down." **There are three basic types or causes of depression: psychological, physical, and spiritual:**

- (1) **SPIRITUAL** – the result of sin.
- (2) **PHYSICAL** – overwork, improper diet, lack of rest can bring on depression.
- (3) **PSYCHOLOGICAL** – things don't work out as planned, loss of health, love, and reputation, helplessness (things out of control, self-pity, feeling of worthlessness with no use or purpose, and bottled up anger and hate).
- (4) **MIXTURE** - all three can be present at the same time.

Depression could be defined in simple terms as an internal tantrum centered primarily in the emotions. The continual use of the personal pronoun – I, me, my – give away the reason the person is depressed. Their focus is inward, a life centered on self. It is when we feel that God has not supplied our need that we begin to

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draw back. In drawing back from God, we become depressed. Depression is a result of our reaction to an insult, disappointment, rejection or hurt of any kind. These can be real or imagined. It is also the result of the burden of sin and guilt. **Often it is the consequence of occult activity.** When a person is depressed, check to see what made them ANGRY prior to their depression:

- (1) Conflict with people (bitterness vs forgiveness).
- (2) Spiritual – guilt (past or current sins or self-justification vs confession).
- (3) Discouragement.
- (4) Loneliness. Depression is our mental attitude toward pressure. When love replaces hate, depression cannot remain. Self-pity causes depression. It is more than sin; it can become a habit. A habit is a conditioned response. Face self-pity squarely as a sin that will destroy you.

YOU CAN'T BREAK ANY STRONG HABIT UNTIL YOU ADMIT ITS EVIL CONTROL OVER YOU.

To come out of self-pity and depression, think on God's goodness – meditate on the works of God.

Depression is one of the results of refusing to forgive people who wrong us. It requires emotional energy to maintain a grudge so we become depressed when our emotional energy runs out.

FOUR TYPES OF SUICIDE

- 1) MENTAL SUICIDE – with drugs or false philosophies.
 - a) DRUGS – decreasing mental responsibility 2 Co 10:5
 - b) FALSE PROPHISIES – leaves Christ out Col 2:8
- 2) MORAL SUICIDE – surrendering to sensuality; consequences of lust = more lust Gal 6:7
- 3) SPIRITUAL SUICIDE – involvement in occult or turning back on calling.

Three stages of destruction of the nation:

- a) Rejection of God's Word.
- b) Acceptance of immorality.
- c) Satanic worship.

CONSEQUENCES: (psychic disturbances)

- a) Irrational.
- b) Unexplained nervousness.
- c) Illogical fragmented thinking.
- d) Inability to respond to God.

- 4) PHYSICAL SUICIDE – Death Heb 9:27.

Luke 4:18 "The Lord's Spirit has come to me, because he has chosen me to tell the good news to the poor. The Lord has sent me to announce freedom for prisoners, to give sight to the blind, to free everyone who suffers,

Ps 32:3-4 Before I confessed my sins, my bones felt limp, and I groaned all day long. Night and day your hand weighed heavily on me, and my strength was gone as in the summer heat.

Ps 40:1-3 I patiently waited, LORD, for you to hear my prayer. You listened and pulled me from a lonely pit full of mud and mire. You let me stand on a rock with my feet firm, and you gave me a new song, a song of praise to you. Many will see this, and they will honor and trust you, the LORD God.

Ps 23:4 I may walk through valleys as dark as death, but I won't be afraid. You are with me, and your shepherd's rod makes me feel safe.

Isa 53:3-5 He was hated and rejected; his life was filled with sorrow and terrible suffering. No one wanted to look at him. We despised him and said, "He is a nobody!" He suffered and endured great pain for us, but we thought his suffering was punishment from God. He was wounded and crushed because of our sins; by taking our punishment, he made us completely well. And we thought his troubles were a

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punishment from God, for his own sins! But he was wounded and bruised for our sins. He was chastised that we might have peace;...

Isa 61:3 ...especially in Jerusalem. He sent me to give them flowers in place of their sorrow, olive oil in place of tears, and joyous praise in place of broken hearts. They will be called "Trees of Justice," planted by the LORD to honor his name.

Ps 38:1-10 When you are angry, LORD, please don't punish me or even correct me. You shot me with your arrows, and you struck me with your hand. My body hurts all over because of your anger. Even my bones are in pain, and my sins are so heavy that I am crushed. Because of my foolishness, I am covered with sores that stink and spread. My body is twisted and bent, and I groan all day long. Fever has my back in flames, and I hurt all over. I am worn out and weak, moaning and in distress. You, Lord, know every one of my deepest desires, and my noisy groans are no secret to you. My heart is beating fast. I feel weak all over, and my eyes are red. *ANGUISH OF HEART*. All my longings lie open before you, O Lord; my sighing is not hidden from you. My heart pounds, my strength fails me; even the light has gone from my eyes.

Deut 28:65-67 You will be restless--always longing for home, but never able to return. You will live in constant fear of death. Each morning you will wake up to such terrible sights that you will say, "I wish it were night!" But at night you will be terrified and say, "I wish it were day!"

Pr 14:13 Sorrow may hide behind laughter, and happiness may end in sorrow.

FEAR

FEAR IS A ROOT OPPRESSION. In other words, it is one of man's main problems. **Fear can keep a believer from maturity.** It chokes the love of God from full manifestation. Fear is indigenous to childhood. Several kinds of fear beset infants and continue to plague them even after maturity. The greatest of these is anxiety, which is a state of apprehension in which our spirit senses something wrong. Anxiety is designed to marshal energies for action. **Satanic fear torments and dominates us.** Jealousy is the fear of being displaced. The first time fear entered the heart of man, Adam became insecure in his relationship with God. As long as a person is insecure, he's going to have a difficult time understanding who he really is.

1 Sam 15:16-18 ...though you were little in your own eyes. Saul had a basic problem of insecurity; Vs 24-25 because I feared the people: Pr 29:25 "the fear of man bringeth a snare." Moses had a fear problem, he said, "I can't speak, God, get someone else."

If fear is a problem of the flesh or the carnal nature (rather than demons), it will improve with prayer and self-discipline. Most fear and most depression stem from the doubts we have temporarily accepted. The greater the impact, the greater the fear of failure ahead of time. God said 366 times not to be afraid or dismayed. It appears to be the first emotion after the fall. Sin brought in fear. The only cure for fear is righteousness. Fear enters through what you think or see. We must replace FEAR IMAGES with FAITH pictures. SEE IT DONE. Rom 12:21 (NIV) Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

EXPRESSIONS OF FEAR:

guilt	discouragement	hopelessness	unworthiness
loneliness	anxiety	depression	haughtiness
suicide	overaggression	doubt	cowardice
claustrophobia	unbelief	suspicion	gloom
inferiority	insecurity	timidity	social shyness
despair	superiority	superstition	indecision
condemnation	bondage	withdrawal	shame
heaviness	passivity	worry	hesitancy
torment	restlessness		

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Pr 17:17 A friend is always a friend, and relatives are born to share our troubles.

WHEN FEAR INVADES:

- 1) The aim is always to destroy our faith and to hinder us from carrying through our commitments.
- 2) Fear is disabling because it underlines where we are weak with powerful negative suggestions.

BASIC FEAR IN LIFE: IF I LET MYSELF BE KNOWN AS I REALLY AM, I WILL NOT BE LOVED.

SECOND BASIC FEAR IN LIFE.

The fear that I'm not useful. The temptation to compare ourselves with what others have or have not done. Fear causes a twisted concept of God.

NEGATIVE FAITH – FEAR GENERATES THE VERY THING THAT WE ARE AFRAID OF.

EFFECTS OF INSECURITY:

- 1) Fear of oneself – afraid can't do job. Insecurity paralyzes with fear – Stand and say “By God's grace, I can do it.”
- 2) Fear of others – Pr 29:25 The fear of man brings a snare:
- 3) Fear of decision – Matt 25:24-26 I was afraid and hid your talent. Fear produces what has the appearance of laziness and indecisiveness.

FIVE CRUTCHES OF FALSE SECURITY:

(False security produces false identity.)

- 1) Our abilities.
- 2) Our achievements (business, athletic, financial)
- 3) Our knowledge or education
- 4) Our placement in society.
- 5) Our religion

SIX AREAS OF FEAR IN OUR RELATIONSHIPS:

- 1) Fear of authority – two basic reasons – disobedience and fear of correction.
- 2) Fear of taking a stand – people don't admire your integrity.
- 3) Fear of acting on what God tells us to do.
- 4) Fear of correction or making a mistake.
- 5) Fear of fellowship- stiff, awkward
- 6) Fear of fear (agoraphobia).

COPING WITH FEAR:

- 1) We need to recognize that the battleground in our struggle against fear is mainly in the mind. Our emotions are basically affected by our decisions; to a large extent we decided what to do with our emotions.
- 2) We need to recognize that fear is basically misplaced faith. When we give into fear, we are placing more faith in our problem than in God.
- 3) Fear is often an outward manifestation of inner guilt. Any darkness in our lives tends to breed fear.
- 4) Another way to cope is to stay busy. Inactivity often leads to unhealthy introspection, which leads to low self-esteem, which leads to guilt, which leads to fear.

AMNIOSIS – means an inability to come out of the amniotic fluid and be born, or flight by regression, to return to the safe hiding place of the womb. Amniotic people want to be taken care of, avoid decisions, confrontations, public speaking or performing, physical tasks, competitions, new situations, meeting people, and creative challenges. They want security, petting but not intimacy, caressing but not fullness of sex, walls rather than open spaces, soft lights rather than glare or darkness, sure things rather than gambles, comfort and not hardship. They tend to bury their talents and usually have learned subtle and/or aggressive ways to

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trap loved ones into their style of life. Amniotic or fearful mothers become smotherers, who cannot let their children be free within the nest or get out of it later. Turtle-neck fathers hide fear behind responsibility to discipline and protect and so curb and kill their children's zest to risk and discover. Amniotics become wheedlers. The overbearing parent may create fear on the part of the child rather than security and control the child by fear. **THIS RESULTS IN EMOTIONAL TIES THAT ARE NOT EASILY BROKEN.**

HELPS IN CONFRONTING FEAR:

- 1) Understanding the source of the fear.
- 2) See fear as our enemy.
- 3) Expose the battle.

NOTE: GOD GAVE A REVELATION THAT WHAT WE FEAR IS WHAT WE WORSHIP. GOD COMMANDS US TO FEAR HIM. Any other fear will cause that fear to come to pass. **THIS IS A SPIRITUAL LAW.** (See the following 12 scriptures marked with *).

Jer 42:15-16 People of Judah, you survived when the Babylonian army attacked. Now you are planning to move to Egypt, and if you do go, this is what will happen. You are afraid of war, starvation, and disease here in Judah, but they will follow you to Egypt and kill you there. None of you will survive the disasters I will send.

Eze 11:8* **and I'll send armies to attack you, just as you fear.**

Pr 10:24* What evil people dread most will happen to them, but good people will get what they want most.

Isa 66:4* You refused to answer when I called out; you paid no attention to my instructions. Instead, you did what I hated, knowing it was wrong. Now I will punish you in a way you dread the most.

Nu 14:28* to give this message to the people of Israel: You sinful people have complained against me too many times! Now I swear by my own life that I will give you exactly what you wanted.

Job 3:25* **and my worst fears have all come true.**

Isa 8:13* I am the one you should fear and respect. I am the holy God, the LORD All-Powerful!

Pr 1:7* Respect and obey the LORD! This is the beginning of knowledge. Only a fool rejects wisdom and good advice.

Pr 9:10 Respect and obey the LORD! This is the beginning of wisdom. To have understanding, you must know the Holy God.

Pr 8:13* If you respect the LORD, you will hate evil. I hate pride and conceit and deceitful lies.

Deut 8:6* Obey the commands the LORD your God has given you and worship him with fear and trembling.

Deut 5:29* I wish they would always worship me with fear and trembling and be this willing to obey me! Then they and their children would always enjoy a successful life.

Ps 27:1 You, LORD, are the light that keeps me safe. I am not afraid of anyone. You protect me, and I have no fears.

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"Do Your Lions Have Lockjaw"? (Simplified)

Clare and Judy Ries

2 Co 7:5-6 After we came to Macedonia, we didn't have any chance to rest. We were faced with all kinds of problems. We were troubled by enemies and troubled by fears. But God cheers up people in need, and that is what he did when he sent Titus to us.

Pr 29:25 Don't fall into the trap of being a coward-- trust the LORD, and you will be safe.

Heb 2:15 But he also died to rescue all of us who live each day in fear of dying.

Deut 20:3-4 and say, "Soldiers of Israel, listen to me! Today when you go into battle, don't be afraid of the enemy, and when you see them, don't panic. The LORD your God will fight alongside you and help you win the battle."

Deut 1:21 and I told you, "We have reached the hill country. It belongs to the Amorites now, but the LORD our God is giving it to us. He is the same God our ancestors worshiped, and he has told us to go in and take this land, so don't hesitate and be afraid."

Ps 46:1-2 God is our mighty fortress, always ready to help in times of trouble. And so, we won't be afraid! Let the earth tremble and the mountains tumble into the deepest sea.

Isa 41:10 Don't be afraid. I am with you. Don't tremble with fear. I am your God. I will make you strong, as I protect you with my arm and give you victories.

Isa 43:1-2 Descendants of Jacob, I, the LORD, created you and formed your nation. Israel, don't be afraid. I have rescued you. I have called you by name; now you belong to me. When you cross deep rivers, I will be with you, and you won't drown. When you walk through fire, you won't be burned or scorched by the flames.

Deut 31:8 The LORD will lead you into the land. He will always be with you and help you, so don't ever be afraid of your enemies.

Deut 31:6 Be brave and strong! Don't be afraid of the nations on the other side of the Jordan. The LORD your God will always be at your side, and he will never abandon you.

Isa 26:3 The LORD gives perfect peace to those whose faith is firm.

Isa 54:14 You will be built on fairness with no fears of injustice; every one of your worries will be taken far from you.

Matt 6:25 25 I tell you not to worry about your life. Don't worry about having something to eat, drink, or wear. Isn't life more than food or clothing? 27 Can worry make you live longer? 34 Don't worry about tomorrow. It will take care of itself. You have enough to worry about today.

Ps 27:1 You, LORD, are the light that keeps me safe. I am not afraid of anyone. You protect me, and I have no fears.

Matt 25:25 I was frightened and went out and hid your money in the ground. Here is every single coin!"

NOTE: Hid divine enabling for ministry thus deprived the body of Christ. Fear of failure, fear of being wrong, fear of being out of order, fear of "being in the flesh" – prevents the step of faith.

1 Sam 15:24 "I have sinned," Saul admitted. "I disobeyed both you and the LORD. I was afraid of the army, and I listened to them instead.

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"Do Your Lions Have Lockjaw"? (Simplified)

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John 14:27 I give you peace, the kind of peace that only I can give. It isn't like the peace that this world can give. So don't be worried or afraid.

Gen 3:8-10 Late in the afternoon a breeze began to blow, and the man and woman heard the LORD God walking in the garden. They were frightened and hid behind some trees. The LORD called out to the man and asked, "Where are you?" The man answered, "I was naked, and when I heard you walking through the garden, I was frightened and hid!"

NOTE: WE ARE STILL DOING THIS. This was one of the first expressions of fear recorded in scripture.

Josh 1:9 I've commanded you to be strong and brave. Don't ever be afraid or discouraged! I am the LORD your God, and I will be there to help you wherever you go.

2 Tim 1:7 God's Spirit doesn't make cowards out of us. The Spirit gives us power, love, and self-control.

Psa 34:4 I asked the LORD for help, and he saved me from all my fears.

1 John 4:18 A real love for others will chase those worries away. The thought of being punished is what makes us afraid. It shows that we have not really learned to love.

PRIDE

No Christian service, counsel, therapy, prayer, ministry, worship, bible reading and meditation, or preaching means much until the issue of our will is settled.

WE MUST SURRENDER ALL TO THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST. A PRIDEFUL person is self-centered. THE MORE EASILY OFFENDED AND HURT A PERSON IS, THE MORE PRIDEFUL THE PERSON IS. PRIDE is the defense of my "rights" – I AM RIGHT. One of the hardest deaths to die is the death to pride.

Pride tries to assure you that you weren't really so bad and they were wrong too. There is something deep within us that resents any kind of authority. We want to be independent. We don't want anyone to tell us what to do or how to do it. Pride says, "I don't need anyone", deep down inside keep your distance. When we feel empty or threatened, insecure or put down, pride is the false comforter. "Be of the same mind toward one another – do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation." Rom 12:16.

Man's greatest problem: his inmate, voracious egotism. For the truth is, you're not O.K., as long as you remain enthroned supreme in the kingdom of self. Leviathan is serpent; prince of PRIDE. **Humility is the opposite of pride.** Pride disrupts unity. Humility and unity go hand in hand. Self-hatred is a manifestation of pride. Insecurity is a basis for over-eating. To confess our sin, instead of the other's, especially when it is the other who hurt us and who is so obviously wrong, humiliates our pride.

BULIMAREXIA AND ANOREXIA:

Bulimarexia is the result of pride. It is the practice of a person, when after eating, includes vomiting in order that the body does not gain weight from the food eaten. This reaches the point where the person can't retain food. Often the person is not overweight to begin with. Anorexia is a condition in which the person feels overweight and will not eat. This can result in severe sickness even to the point of death. These two conditions don't start out as the result of demon activity but do open the person to the point that they must be delivered to be free from these demons.

BULIMAREXIA AND ANOREXIA (CONT)

Ps 107:17-20 Some of you had foolishly committed a lot of sins and were in terrible pain. The very thought of food was disgusting to you, and you were almost dead. You were in serious trouble, but you prayed to the LORD, and he rescued you. By the power of his own word, he healed you and saved you from destruction.

Pr 15:25a **The LORD destroys the homes of those who are proud,**

Deut 8:20 But I'm warning you--if you forget the LORD your God and worship other gods, the LORD will destroy you, just as he destroyed the nations you fought.

Pr 15:33 Showing respect to the LORD will make you wise, and being humble will bring honor to you.

Ps 18:27 You rescue the humble, but you put down all who are proud.

Pr 8:13 If you respect the LORD, you will hate evil. I hate pride and conceit and deceitful lies.

Pr 13:10 Too much pride causes trouble. Be sensible and take advice.

Pr 11:2 Too much pride can put you to shame. It's wiser to be humble.

Pr 16:5, 18 The LORD doesn't like anyone who is conceited- you can be sure they will be punished.
18 **Too much pride will destroy you.**

Pr 21:4 Evil people are proud and arrogant, but sin is the only crop they produce.

Pr 29:23 Too much pride brings disgrace; humility leads to honor.

Isa 13:11 I will punish this evil world and its people because of their sins. I will crush the horrible pride of those who are cruel.

Zeph 3:11b I'll do away with those who are proud and arrogant. **Never will any of them strut around on my holy mountain.**

Matt 23:12 If you put yourself above others, you will be put down. But if you humble yourself, you will be honored.

1 Co 11:31-32 If we carefully judge ourselves, we won't be punished. But when the Lord judges and punishes us, he does it to keep us from being condemned with the rest of the world.

NOTE: the easy way or the hard way.

Isa 5:21 You think you are clever and smart.

2 Ch 32:25-26 But Hezekiah was so proud that he refused to thank the LORD for everything he had done for him. This made the LORD angry, and he punished Hezekiah and the people of Judah and Jerusalem. Hezekiah and the people later felt sorry and asked the LORD to forgive them. So the LORD did not punish them as long as Hezekiah was king.

James 4:6 In fact, God treats us with even greater kindness, just as the Scriptures say, "**God opposes everyone who is proud, but he is kind to everyone who is humble.**"

Luke 1:51-52 The Lord has used his powerful arm to scatter those who are proud. He drags strong rulers from their thrones and puts humble people in places of power.

BULIMAREXIA AND ANOREXIA (CONT)

1 Pet 5:5-6 All of you young people should obey your elders. In fact, everyone should be humble toward everyone else. The Scriptures say, "God opposes proud people, but he helps everyone who is humble." Be humble in the presence of God's mighty power, and he will honor you when the time comes.

NOTE: PRIDE BEGETS UNBELIEF, WHICH PRODUCES SIN. PRIDE IS ALWAYS BUILT ON A LIE.

STRIFE

According to Gal 5, strife is a work of the flesh. To deal with the flesh, we must put on the new man and reckon ourselves to be dead to the lusts of the flesh. This is the work of the cross; however, being a person prone to strife can open us to demon activities. **STRIFE IS A PRODUCT OF PRIDE.** You might say that strife is a child of pride. The antidote to division is not working (striving) to return to oneness (unity), which would result mainly in judging and measuring and so falling further apart, but turning back to worship, to serve the Lord, UNMINDFUL OF SELF. Oneness returns as Jesus returns. Whenever in history men have attempted unity of the flesh (starting with the Tower of Babel), God has broken them apart and scattered them.

As Jesus is lifted up, all men are drawn unto him (and into oneness) John 12:32. As each person seeks Jesus, they are naturally drawn closer together. Anything else perverts God's plan of oneness and fails. In any Christian group, the result of competition is division. Luke 9:46 "There arose a reasoning (which brings unbelief) among them, which of them should be the greatest (this destroys fellowship)". It is the struggle of the natural man for self-justification. This is a process of comparing ourselves with others (measuring and judging) and condemning them. This is a sin God hates (Pr 6:16-19). *COMMIT YOURSELF TO FREEING OTHERS SO THEY CAN GROW AND DISCOVER ON THEIR OWN.*

Pr 6:14-16, 19 14 They are always thinking up something cruel and evil, and they stir up trouble. 15 But they will be struck by sudden disaster and left without a hope. 16 There are six or seven kinds of people the LORD doesn't like: 19 those who tell lies in court or stir up trouble in a family.

NOTE: He that sows discord among the brethren is the 7th abomination. It is a thing that God hates; destroying the body of Christ, being used by the accuser of the brethren to accuse others. If we are going to become perfect (mature), we are going to have to be blind and deaf to the natural appearances but judge righteous judgment. No one is all wheat.

Isa 42:13. The LORD is marching out like an angry soldier, shouting with all his might while attacking his enemies.

Isa 11:3 His greatest joy will be to obey the LORD. This king won't judge by appearances or listen to rumors.

1 Pet 2:1 Stop being hateful! Quit trying to fool people, and start being sincere. Don't be jealous or say cruel things about others.

1 Co 1:10 My dear friends, as a follower of our Lord Jesus Christ, I beg you to get along with each other. Don't take sides. Always try to agree in what you think.

Gal 5:15 But if you keep attacking each other like wild animals, you had better watch out or you will destroy yourselves.

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- 1 Tim 6:3-4 Anyone who teaches something different disagrees with the correct and godly teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ. Those people who disagree are proud of themselves, but they don't really know a thing. Their minds are sick, and they like to argue over words. They cause jealousy, disagreements, unkind words, evil suspicions,
- Mark 9:18-27 18 Whenever the demon attacks my son, it throws him to the ground and makes him foam at the mouth and grit his teeth in pain. Then he becomes stiff. I asked your disciples to force out the demon, but they couldn't do it." 19 Jesus said, "You people don't have any faith! How much longer must I be with you? Why do I have to put up with you? Bring the boy to me." 20 They brought the boy, and as soon as the demon saw Jesus, it made the boy shake all over. He fell down and began rolling on the ground and foaming at the mouth. 21 Jesus asked the boy's father, "How long has he been like this?" The man answered, "Ever since he was a child. 22 The demon has often tried to kill him by throwing him into a fire or into water. Please have pity and help us if you can!" 23 Jesus replied, "Why do you say 'if you can'? Anything is possible for someone who has faith!" 24 Right away the boy's father shouted, "I do have faith! Please help me to have even more." 25 When Jesus saw that a crowd was gathering fast, he spoke sternly to the evil spirit that had kept the boy from speaking or hearing. He said, "I order you to come out of the boy! Don't ever bother him again." 26 The spirit screamed and made the boy shake all over. Then it went out of him. The boy looked dead, and almost everyone said he was. 27 But Jesus took hold of his hand and helped him stand up.
- James 4:1-2 Why do you fight and argue with each other? Isn't it because you are full of selfish desires that fight to control your body? You want something you don't have, and you will do anything to get it. You will even kill! But you still cannot get what you want, and you won't get it by fighting and arguing. You should pray for it.
- Phil 2:3 Don't be jealous or proud, but be humble and consider others more important than yourselves.
- James 3:16 Whenever people are jealous or selfish, they cause trouble and do all sorts of cruel things.
- Pr 15:18 **Losing your temper causes a lot of trouble, but staying calm settles arguments.**
- Pr 22:10 Arguments and fights will come to an end, if you chase away those who insult others.
- Pr 10:12 **Hatred stirs up trouble; love overlooks the wrongs that others do.**
- 1 Co 3:3 because you are not yet spiritual. You are jealous and argue with each other. This proves that you are not spiritual and that you are acting like the people of this world.
- Eph 2:14 Christ has made peace between Jews and Gentiles, and he has united us by breaking down the wall of hatred that separated us. Christ gave his own body...
- Titus 3:2 ...and not say cruel things or argue. They should be gentle and kind to everyone.

Gossip (telling or listening) will keep us from abiding in God's presence. The word "devil" comes from the Greek word "diabolos", which means slanderer. Satan doesn't need the facts; he'll just slander on suspicion. Some translate devil as false accuser. The more we yield to these sins, the more we open ourselves to demonic activity.

2 Ch 18:20-22 (Same as 1 Ki 22:21-23) then finally a spirit came forward and said to the LORD, "I can trick Ahab." "How?" the LORD asked. "I'll make Ahab's prophets lie to him." "Good!" the LORD replied. "Now go and do it. You will be successful." Ahab, this is exactly what has happened. The LORD made all your prophets lie to you, and he knows you will soon be destroyed.

Ex 20:16. (Same as Deut 5:20) Do not tell lies about others.

Luke 18:20 You know the commandments: 'Be faithful in marriage. Do not murder. Do not steal. Do not tell lies about others. Respect your father and mother.' "

Ex 23:1 Don't spread harmful rumors or help a criminal by giving false evidence.

John 8:44 Your father is the devil, and you do exactly what he wants. He has always been a murderer and a liar. There is nothing truthful about him. He speaks on his own, and everything he says is a lie. Not only is he a liar himself, but he is also the father of all lies.

Rev 22:15 But outside the city will be dogs, witches, immoral people, murderers, idol worshipers, and everyone who loves to tell lies and do wrong.

Rev 12:10 Then I heard a voice from heaven shout, "Our God has shown his saving power, and his kingdom has come! God's own Chosen One has shown his authority. Satan accused our people in the presence of God day and night. Now he has been thrown out!

Rev 21:8 But I will tell you what will happen to cowards and to everyone who is unfaithful or dirty-minded or who murders or is sexually immoral or uses witchcraft or worships idols or tells lies. They will be thrown into that lake of fire and burning sulfur. This is the second death.

Ps 5:6, 9 You destroy every liar, and you despise violence and deceit. Nothing they say is true! They just want to destroy. Their words are deceitful like a hidden pit, and their tongues are good only for telling lies.

Ps 62:4 You want to bring me down from my place of honor. You love to tell lies, and when your words are kind, hatred hides in your

Lev 19:11 **Do not steal or tell lies or cheat others.**

Ps 101:5, 7 Anyone who spreads gossip will be silenced, and no one who is conceited will be my friend.
7 No one who cheats or lies will have a position in my royal court.

Pr 6:16-19 16 There are six or seven kinds of people the LORD doesn't like: 17 Those who are too proud or tell lies or murder, 18 those who make evil plans or are quick to do wrong, 19 those who tell lies in court or stir up trouble in a family.

Pr 19:9 Dishonest witnesses and **liars will be destroyed.**

Pr 26:20 Where there is no fuel a fire goes out; where there is no gossip, arguments come to an end.

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Col 3:8 But now you must stop doing such things. You must quit being angry, hateful, and evil. You must no longer say insulting or cruel things about others.

Matt 12:36-37 I promise you that on the day of judgment, everyone will have to account for every careless word they have spoken. On that day they will be told that they are either innocent or guilty because of the things they have said.

Pr 11:9 Dishonest people use gossip to destroy their neighbors; good people are protected by their own good sense.

James 1:26 If you think you are being religious, but can't control your tongue, you are fooling yourself, and everything you do is useless.

SCHIZOPHRENIA – DOUBLE MINDED

Schizophrenia from the standpoint of a demonic problem occurs when two or demons (in a person) get so strong that they attract their own cluster of demons and thus a personality in the person is developed by a demonic cluster. Most often these personality demon clusters are headed by rebellion in one group and rejection in the other. Scripture refers to the double-minded man being unstable in all his ways. This double-mindedness is a common problem that affects many people to varying degrees. According to Ida Mae Hammond in "Pigs In The Pastor", it is a disturbance, distortion, or the disintegration of the development of the personality.

The classic setup for the beginning stages of schizophrenia is a conflicting message to the mind and to the emotions. He knows one thing with his mind and feels another with his emotions. It is a shock to a person to discover that much of his personality is the result of demonic activity. It takes a real determination on the part of the person to be free from this problem. Another condition, that God revealed to us, is what we call "in – line – schizophrenia." It is not two personalities, only one; however, one is arrested. While attending a three – month live – in seminar on "Christian Maturity" (1979) at Martinsville Ministry Center (Daystar Ministries), one of the men share his testimony it was one of repeated counseling and ministry with little victory. He was in his 60's, had just come from a live-in deliverance center and he had been in several V.A. mental hospitals all to little avail.

He was married and had children but had never experienced love. He did not know what it was. The Lord revealed the root problem that at the age of 12, due to great rejection that he felt, he built a wall within himself and started his life over from that point shutting out everyone. His father had committed suicide, and he was the first to find him; this experience caused him to build the wall. All of the ministry and psychological counseling over the years went to the wall and stopped. He said the right things – had the right prayers, but this only gave him a small measure of freedom. After he became aware of what was at the root of his problem, (that he had never forgiven, from his heart, his father and the Lord) a marked change came into his life. In praying about this condition, the Lord said it was true double-mindedness or having a double heart. A section of the mind is walled off and closed to all outside ministry. Three more cases this came to us for ministry after we returned to Florida. In these cases, the rejection was so absolute, the one had even rejected her sex; and in two cases, they took on a new name. As a result of extreme rejection in youth, this caused them to build up a wall, reject God, themselves and others. Later they came to salvation and received ministry, but it would only go to the wall without a total heart change. They had mixture or impure hearts. The Word says, "You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." The first step in their release is to know what the problem is, then repent, forgive from the heart by faith, and by faith to ask God to take down the wall and restore singleness of mind.

The insecure child is still sitting on the throne of his life and HE RULES. He must give up, step down from the throne, repent and forgive to get free. Generally, the wall is built either by hate or fear. A baby can be dropped; a mother and child caught in a fire; child beaten or abused by parent or others; rape; death; some

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great tragedy can build the wall that the child retreats behind. See the deliverance prayer of tearing down walls to get free from this condition.

James 1:6-8 But when you ask for something, you must have faith and not doubt. Anyone who doubts is like an ocean wave tossed around in a storm. If you are that kind of person, you can't make up your mind, and you surely can't be trusted. So don't expect the Lord to give you anything at all.

Rev 3:15-16 I know everything you have done, and you are not cold or hot. I wish you were either one or the other. But since you are lukewarm and neither cold nor hot, I will spit you out of my mouth.

Pr 4:23 **Carefully guard your thoughts because they are the source of true life.**

Pr 28:14 The LORD blesses everyone who is afraid to do evil, but if you are cruel, you will end up

Ps 12:2 Everyone tells lies, and no one is sincere.

Jer 17:9 You people of Judah are so deceitful that you even fool yourselves, and you can't change.

Hos 10:2a You are deceitful and disloyal. So you will pay for your sins, because the LORD will destroy your altars and images.

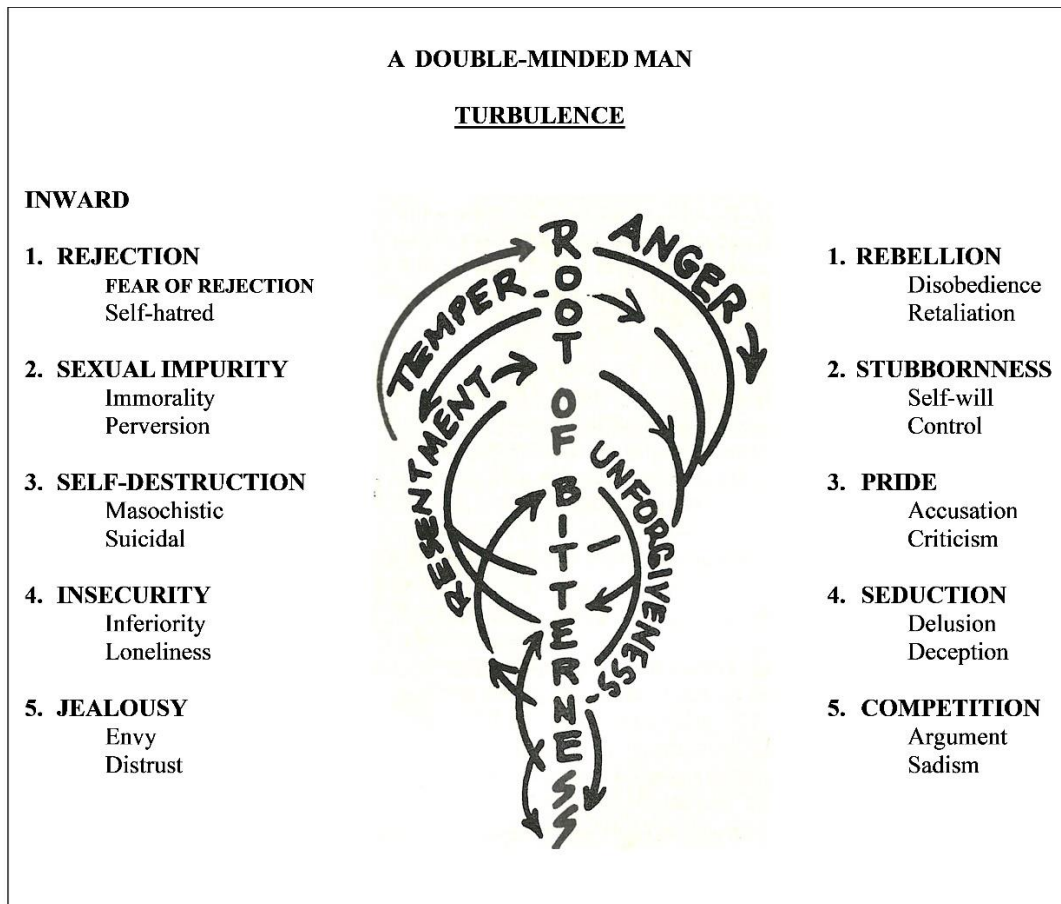
Heb 3:12 My friends, watch out! Don't let evil thoughts or doubts make any of you turn from the living God.

Rom 10:10 God will accept you and save you, if you truly believe this and tell it to others.

Matt 5:8 **God blesses those people whose hearts are pure. They will see him! (NO MIXTURE)**

Mark 7:21-23 Out of your heart come evil thoughts, vulgar deeds, stealing, murder, unfaithfulness in marriage, greed, meanness, deceit, indecency, envy, insults, pride, and foolishness. All of these come from your heart, and they are what make you unfit to worship God.

Luke 6:45 Good people do good things because of the good in their hearts. Bad people do bad things because of the evil in their hearts. Your words show what is in your heart.



SELFISHNESS – LUST – ANGER - GOD OR MAMMON?

Either Jesus is Lord of your life or money is! When you love money (possessions), you begin to obey the dictates of spiritual wickedness with your flesh.

COVETOUSNESS IS IDOLATRY because when we are ruled by greed, *we serve our own personal interests first*, thus obeying the dictates of our flesh rather than the leadings of the Lord God. The problem of becoming one (in marriage) is self-centered selfishness. Generous, kind and compassionate people may still be motivated by self. A problem of becoming one is fear; “fear to die”, self interests; to our own fleshly control. There are many reasons parents reject their children, but the basic ultimate reason is selfishness. This is because children’s presence is a constant imitation and limitation and thus interfere with the self-centered life style. This same self-centered life style is the *ROOT OF THE PROBLEM OF REJECTION*. All the frustration and hostility is vented on the child.

Money is more likely to cause spiritual downfall than anything else. The person who is governed by desire to accumulate possessions has made wealth an idol, and only radical repentance will deliver such a covetous (selfish) person from the clutches of Mammon,

THE DEMONIC PRINCIPALITY who controls this world’s economic scene. How we spend our money shows where our affection is. Do we spend it on the kingdom of God or the kingdom of self? Do we daydream of having more money and what we would buy with it? Are we unhappy with our financial position? We need to set a pre-determined income level to live on and give all over that to the Lord’s work. To claim God’s provision without having a generous heart is to live presumptuously.

We see in the book of Acts, the early church had three things: 1) Unity of fellowship.
2) Miraculous power in their ministry.
3) Generosity of their heart.

When we worship materialism, we also worship the demon behind it. Satan can only oppress us while we are controlled by self. He cannot defeat the life of Christ in us. Self dies hard and will even fake death to keep from giving up control. We see in Eph 4:19 that the natural man is filled with GREEDINESS. He never finds lasting satisfaction in anything.

“Greed” is from the Greek word which means “I will have more”. It gives testimony to the fact that the life outside of Christ is always reaching for something not yet found.

ANGER

ANGER IS THE RESULT OF SELFISHNESS. A person gets angry when his “rights” (in Jesus we have none) get tramped on. **Aggression is a common tool for control.** I have worked with people who think that anger is a good way to get a job done. Anger is soon added to the arsenal of controlling weapons. Dishonest anger manipulates. It is not born of love for the other person but of a desire for the person to get his own way and is used as a tool to that end. Behind this aggression behavior is really a learned tool of flight. Often the wives of milk-toast husbands usually become angrier and more demanding, the more slavishly their husbands perform. Sometimes control is established not by subtle ways of kindness but force, angeriness or loudness. Behind the mad bluff is a fearful little child who has learned to control his world by making others jump.

SOME FORMS THAT ANGER TAKES ARE:

malice	clamor	envy	wrath	unforgiveness	criticism
bitterness	revenge	gossip	hatred	stubbornness	contempt
resentment	attack	rage	frustration	impudence	impatience
intolerance	violence	murder	rebellion	retaliation	seditions
judgment	spite	sarcasm	jealousy		

SELFISHNESS (CONT)

James 1:19-20 My dear friends, you should be quick to listen and slow to speak or to get angry. If you are angry, you cannot do any of the good things that God wants done.

Ex 18:21 You will need to appoint some competent leaders who respect God and are trustworthy and honest. Then put them over groups of ten, fifty, a hundred, and a thousand.

Job 20:15 Then God will make them lose the wealth they gobbled down.

Ex 20:17 Do not want anything that belongs to someone else. Don't want anyone's house, wife or husband, slaves, oxen, donkeys or anything else.

Isa 57:17 Your greed made me furious. That's why I punished you and refused to be found, while you kept returning to your old sinful ways.

Isa 5:8-9 You are in for trouble! You take over house after house and field after field, until there is no room left for anyone else in all the land. But the LORD All-Powerful has made this promise to me: Those large and beautiful homes will be left empty, with no one to take care of them.

Isa 53:6a All of us were like sheep that had wandered off. We had each gone our own way, but the LORD gave him the punishment we deserved.

1 Tim 6:5 and nasty quarrels. They have wicked minds and have missed out on the truth. These people think religion is supposed to make you rich.

Pr 14:12 You may think you are on the right road and still end up dead.

Pr 1:29-31 It's smart to be patient, but it's stupid to lose your temper. It's healthy to be content, but envy can eat you up. If you mistreat the poor, you insult your Creator; if you are kind to them, you show him respect.

Deut 12:8 But after you are settled, life will be different. You must not offer sacrifices just anywhere you want to.

Jdg 17:6 This was before kings ruled Israel, so all the Israelites did whatever they thought was right.

Rom 7:7 Does this mean that the Law is sinful? Certainly not! But if it had not been for the Law, I would not have known what sin is really like. For example, I would not have known what it means to want something that belongs to someone else, unless the Law had told me not to do that.

Eph 5:3,5-7 3 You are God's people, so don't let it be said that any of you are immoral or indecent or greedy. 5 Being greedy, indecent, or immoral is just another way of worshiping idols. You can be sure that people who behave in this way will never be part of the kingdom that belongs to Christ and to God. 6 Don't let anyone trick you with foolish talk. God punishes everyone who disobeys him and says foolish things. 7 **SO DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH ANYONE LIKE THAT.**

Job 1:21 ...and said: "We bring nothing at birth; we take nothing with us at death. The LORD alone gives and takes. Praise the name of the LORD!"

1 Tim 6:7-8 We didn't bring anything into this world, and we won't take anything with us when we leave. So we should be satisfied just to have food and clothes.

SELFISHNESS (CONT)

2 Tim 3:2 People will love only themselves and money. They will be proud, stuck-up, rude, and disobedient to their parents. They will also be ungrateful, godless,

Luke 12:15 Then he said to the crowd, "Don't be greedy! Owning a lot of things won't make your life safe."

Col 3:5 Don't be controlled by your body. Kill every desire for the wrong kind of sex. Don't be immoral or indecent or have evil thoughts. Don't be greedy, which is the same as worshiping idols.

1 Tim 6:9-10 People who want to be rich fall into all sorts of temptations and traps. They are caught by foolish and harmful desires that drag them down and destroy them. The love of money causes all kinds of trouble. Some people want money so much that they have given up their faith and caused themselves a lot of pain.

James 3:14-16 But if your heart is full of bitter jealousy and selfishness, don't brag or lie to cover up the truth. That kind of wisdom doesn't come from above. It is earthly and selfish and comes from the devil himself. Whenever people are jealous or selfish, they cause trouble and do all sorts of cruel things.

Rom 2:8 But he will show how angry and furious he can be with every selfish person who rejects the truth and wants to do evil.

Hag 2:14 So the LORD told Haggai to say: That's how it is with this entire nation. Everything you do and every sacrifice you offer is unacceptable to me.

1 Pet 2:11 Dear friends, you are foreigners and strangers on this earth. So I beg you not to surrender to those desires that fight against you.

Luke 16:10-11 Anyone who can be trusted in little matters can also be trusted in important matters. But anyone who is dishonest in little matters will be dishonest in important matters. If you cannot be trusted with this wicked wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?

Matt 6:22-24 Your eyes are like a window for your body. When they are good, you have all the light you need. But when your eyes are bad, everything is dark. If the light inside you is dark, you surely are in the dark. You cannot be the slave of two masters! You will like one more than the other or be more loyal to one than the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Acts 2:44-45 All the Lord's followers often met together, and they shared everything they had. They would sell their property and possessions and give the money to whoever needed it.

Rom 6:16 Don't you know that you are slaves of anyone you obey? You can be slaves of sin and die, or you can be obedient slaves of God and be acceptable to him.

Rom 12:1-2a Dear friends, God is good. So I beg you to offer your bodies to him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing. That's the most sensible way to serve God. Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him.

1 John 2:15-16 Don't love the world or anything that belongs to the world. If you love the world, you cannot love the Father. Our foolish pride comes from this world, and so do our selfish desires and our desire to have everything we see. None of this comes from the Father.

Col 3:2 Think about what is up there, not about what is here on earth.

SELFISHNESS (CONT)

Matt 13:22 The seeds that fell among the thornbushes are also people who hear the message. But they start worrying about the needs of this life and are fooled by the desire to get rich. So the message gets choked out, and they never produce anything.

James 4:3 Yet even when you do pray, your prayers are not answered, because you pray just for selfish reasons.

Acts 4:32, 34-35 The group of followers all felt the same way about everything. None of them claimed that their possessions were their own, and they shared everything they had with each other. And no one went in need of anything. Everyone who owned land or houses would sell them and bring the money to the apostles. Then they would give the money to anyone who needed it.

Matt 6:19-21 Don't store up treasures on earth! Moths and rust can destroy them, and thieves can break in and steal them. Instead, store up your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy them, and thieves cannot break in and steal them. Your heart will always be where your treasure is.

Luke 12:19-21 Then I'll say to myself, 'You have stored up enough good things to last for years to come. Live it up! Eat, drink, and enjoy yourself.' " But God said to him, "You fool! Tonight you will die. Then who will get what you have stored up?" "This is what happens to people who store up everything for themselves, but are poor in the sight of God."

Heb 13:5 Don't fall in love with money. Be satisfied with what you have. The Lord has promised that he will not leave us or desert us.

THE BONDAGE OF SIN

Sickness of the spirit is what the Bible calls sin. Sin is the hardest thing of all to cure. Some strongholds in the person's life can result from two things: 1) Darkness, which we are consciously hiding or, 2) Things we're not aware of, such as, the hurts of rejection. **SIN LEADS TO SIN.** If you do not pursue God's will, you will pursue sin and be pursued by the roaring lion.

THE CROSS COMES BEFORE DELIVERANCE. No one ever gets away with anything, ever, anywhere (we reap what we sow). **People, who try to be perfect according to the law, are brought to defeat in direct relation to their determination and strength of their attempt.**

"THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH." Rom 6:14 "For sin shall not be your master because you are not under the law, but under grace." In time, sin is always painful. It dries the human spirit like the desert. We are unconscious, unaware of most of our sinful nature and of its deceitful practices within us: we have hidden from our own flesh (Isa 58:7). "The heart is deceitfully wicked, who can know it?" We see in Eph 2:1 that natural man is dead spiritually and driven to commit trespasses and sin. Trespass is passing over the boundary set by God and sin is missing what God wants.

Pr 28:13 **He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy.**

Pr 5:22 Sinners are trapped and caught by their own evil deeds.

Ps 106:36 Then they fell into the trap of worshipping idols.

Ps 32:1-6 Our God, you bless everyone whose sins you forgive and wipe away. You bless them by saying, "You told me your sins, without trying to hide them, and now I forgive you." Before I confessed my sins, my bones felt limp, and I groaned all day long. Night and day your hand weighed heavily on me, and my strength was gone as in the summer heat. So I confessed my sins and told them all to you.

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I said, "I'll tell the LORD each one of my sins." Then you forgave me and took away my guilt. We worship you, Lord, and we should always pray whenever we find out that we have sinned. Then we won't be swept away by a raging flood.

1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away.

Jer 2:19 Your own sins will punish you, because it was a bitter mistake for you to reject me without fear of punishment. I, the LORD All-Powerful, have spoken.

Isa 59:2 Your sins are the roadblock between you and your God. That's why he doesn't answer your prayers or let you see his face.

Pr 5:22 **Sinners are trapped and caught by their own evil deeds.**

Rom 6:12-13 **Don't let sin rule your body. After all, your body is bound to die, so don't obey its desires or let any part of it become a slave of evil. Give yourselves to God, as people who have been raised from death to life. Make every part of your body a slave that pleases God.**

1 John 5:17 **EVERYTHING THAT IS WRONG IS SIN...**

1 John 3:4 Everyone who sins breaks God's law, because sin is the same as breaking God's law.

Isa 53:6 All of us were like sheep that had wandered off. We had each gone our own way, but the LORD gave him the punishment we deserved.

Rom 3:23 All of us have sinned and fallen short of God's glory.

1 John 1:8 If we say that we have not sinned, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth isn't in our hearts.

Eze 18:4 The lives of all people belong to me--parents as well as children. Only those who sin will be put to death.

Rom 8:13 If you do, you will die. But you will live, if by the help of God's Spirit you say "No" to your desires.

John 8:34 Jesus replied: I tell you for certain that anyone who sins is a slave of sin!

Rom 6:16 Don't you know that you are slaves of anyone you obey? You can be slaves of sin and die, or you can be obedient slaves of God and be acceptable to him.

Rom 7:23 But in every part of me I discover something fighting against my mind, and it makes me a prisoner of sin that controls everything I do.

2 Pet 2:19 They promise freedom to everyone. But they are merely slaves of filthy living, because people are slaves of whatever controls them.

INIQUITY:

Definition: Heb: rebellion, lawlessness, perverseness, to be bent or crooked, the tendency to do wrong an innate power that drives a person to sin. Sinful acts are the result of the operation of the iniquity in our natures. Problems can be iniquity or demons. Jesus promised to deliver us from them both. Iniquity has a voice that speaks ideas of rebellion in the heart.

The "works of the flesh" are actually the manifestation of one or more of the iniquity drives. Iniquity manifested itself in Satan through five declarations or "I wills," which he made in his heart.

Isa 14:12-14 You, the bright morning star, have fallen from the sky! You brought down other nations; now you are brought down. You said to yourself, "I'll climb to heaven and place my throne above the highest stars. I'll sit there with the gods far away in the north. I'll be above the clouds, just like God Most High."

Perverse behaviors, sexual immorality, homosexuality, pornography, carousing, drunkenness, and chemical abuse are fleshly symptoms of the iniquity drive that says, "I will arise above the heights of the clouds." Licentiousness, jealousy, selfish ambition, and envy are fleshly works that stem from the iniquity that says, "I will sit on the mount of the congregation on the sides of the north." Seditions and heresies are the manifestation of the attitude that says, "I will ascend into heaven." The iniquity drive that says, "I will exalt my throne above the stars or angels of God" corresponds to the works of the flesh that includes hatred, contentions, outbursts of anger, and selfish ambition. Idolatry, sorcery and witchcraft are the works of the flesh that result from the iniquity drive that says, "I will be like the Most High."

Mic 7:19 ...and pleased to be merciful. You will trample on our sins and throw them in the sea.

CHAPTER 8

DELIVERANCE IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

2 Tim 2:21 That's also how it is with people. The ones who stop doing evil and make themselves pure will become special. Their lives will be holy and pleasing to their Master, and they will be able to do all kinds of good deeds.

DELIVERANCE JUST DOESN'T HAPPEN AUTOMATICALLY! We will never get victory over the flesh until we share God's hatred of it. We must never learn to live at peace with the enemy. We can make no agreements and no compromises with demon activity. Israel did this with their enemies and they were a snare to them. A person needs to have a revelation of his own inadequacy in some manner to force him to see the deceitfulness of his flesh or self-life, with the answer in Jesus. **True spiritual strength follows hard on the heels of recognition of spiritual bankruptcy.** Self confidence fosters independence.

WE MUST RECOGNIZE OUR PROBLEMS AS OUR FAULT:

a) People shift guilt – they don't want to pay.

Pr 28:13 If you don't confess your sins, you will be a failure. But God will be merciful if you confess your sins and give them up.

Jer 17:9 You people of Judah are so deceitful that you even fool yourselves, and you can't change.

Gen 3:8-12 In this scripture we see the first sin, the first response, and the first reaction (pass the buck). We must see it as our fault. Jas 1:13, 14 "tempted by our own evil desires."

b) To be healed, we must admit we are sick.

- 1) Recognize the problem.
- 2) Admit the problem.
- 3) Bring it into the light.
- 4) Admit guilt not blame
- 5) Repent
- 6) Get free

Isa 52:1, 2 Jerusalem, wake up! Stand up and be strong. Holy city of Zion, dress in your best clothes. Those foreigners who ruined your sacred city won't bother you again. Zion, rise from the dirt! Free yourself from the rope around your neck.

Ezek 18:31 Give up your evil ways and start thinking pure thoughts. And be faithful to me! Do you really want to be put to death for your sins?

Matt 3:2 He said, "Turn back to God! The kingdom of heaven will soon be here."

Luke 13:3 Not at all! But you can be sure that if you don't turn back to God, every one of you will also be killed.

Acts 3:19 So turn to God! Give up your sins, and you will be forgiven.

1 John 1:9 But if we confess our sins to God, he can always be trusted to forgive us and take our sins away.

(NOTE: Have you ever individually confessed your sins out loud to the Lord? Did you list them individually or just say, "God forgive me of my sins?" **YOU NEED TO DEAL WITH YOUR SINS INDIVIDUALLY AND SPECIFICALLY. Expanded translation:** When we lay our waywardness out before Him in utter honesty, withholding nothing, we find Him faithful and fair as He releases us from

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those things which have ensnared us, and as He cleanses us from the **perverseness that has come into our being.**)

Deut 7:2 ...the LORD will force them out of the land. Then you must destroy them without mercy. Don't make any peace treaties with them,

Lam 3:39, 40 We're still alive! We shouldn't complain when we are being punished for our sins. Instead, we should think about the way we are living, and turn back to the LORD.

Num 33:52, 55 52 you must force out the people living there. Destroy their idols and tear down their altars. 55 If you don't force out all the people there, they will be like pointed sticks in your eyes and thorns in your back. They will always be trouble for you,

2 Tim 2:19, 22 19 But the foundation that God has laid is solid. On it is written, "The Lord knows who his people are. So everyone who worships the Lord must turn away from evil." 22 Run from temptations that capture young people. Always do the right thing. Be faithful, loving, and easy to get along with. Worship with people whose hearts are pure.

Deut 11:16 But watch out! You will be tempted to turn your backs on the LORD. And if you worship other gods,

Isa 52:2 Zion, rise from the dirt! Free yourself from the rope around your neck.

Matt 23:25, 26 25 You Pharisees and teachers are show-offs, and you're in for trouble! You wash the outside of your cups and dishes, while inside there is nothing but greed and selfishness. 26 You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of a cup, and then the outside will also be clean.

1 Pet 1:14 Behave like obedient children. Don't let your lives be controlled by your desires, as they used to be.

1 Pet 2:1 Stop being hateful! Quit trying to fool people, and start being sincere. Don't be jealous or say cruel things about others.

Eph 4:22 You were told that your foolish desires will destroy you and that you must give up your old way of life with all its bad habits.

Eph 4:24 and make you into a new person. You were created to be like God, and so you must please him and be truly holy.

Rom 12:2 Don't be like the people of this world, but let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him.

Rom 8:6 If our minds are ruled by our desires, we will die. But if our minds are ruled by the Spirit, we will have life and peace.

Col 3:2 Think about what is up there, not about what is here on earth.

2 Cor 10:5 ...and every bit of pride that keeps anyone from knowing God. We capture people's thoughts and make them obey Christ.

2 Cor 5:17 Anyone who belongs to Christ is a new person. The past is forgotten, and everything is new.

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Rev 21:5 Then the one sitting on the throne said: I am making everything new. Write down what I have said. My words are true and can be trusted.

Ps 50:23 The sacrifice that honors me is a thankful heart. Obey me, and I, your God, will show my power to save.

2 Cor 7:1 My friends, God has made us these promises. So we should stay away from everything that keeps our bodies and spirits from being clean. We should honor God and try to be completely like him.

Jas 4:7, 8 Surrender to God! Resist the devil, and he will run from you. Come near to God, and he will come near to you. Clean up your lives, you sinners. Purify your hearts, you people who can't make up your mind.

1 John 3:3 This hope makes us keep ourselves holy, just as Christ is holy.

Lev 20:7 Dedicate yourselves to me and be holy because I am the LORD your God.

Ps 96:9 Everyone on earth, now tremble and worship the LORD, majestic and holy."

Phil 2:12, 13 12 My dear friends, you always obeyed when I was with you. Now that I am away, you should obey even more. So work with fear and trembling to discover what it really means to be saved. 13 God is working in you to make you willing and able to obey him.

1 Thes 4:7 God didn't choose you to be filthy, but to be pure.

Lev 19:2 ...to say to the community of Israel: I am the LORD your God. I am holy, and you must be holy too!

John 1:12 Yet some people accepted him and put their faith in him. So he gave them the right to be the children of God.

Lam 3:40 Instead, we should think about the way we are living, and turn back to the LORD.

2 Co 13:5 Test yourselves and find out if you really are true to your faith. If you pass the test, you will discover that Christ is living in you. But if Christ isn't living in you, you have failed.

1 Co 11:28-31 That's why you must examine the way you eat and drink. If you fail to understand that you are the body of the Lord, you will condemn yourselves by the way you eat and drink. That's why many of you are sick and weak and why a lot of others have died. If we carefully judge ourselves, we won't be punished.

Jos 1:8 Never stop reading The Book of the Law he gave you. Day and night you must think about what it says. If you obey it completely, you and Israel will be able to take this land.

NOTE: Four steps in being successful:

- 1) Meditate in the word day and night.
- 2) Continually confess the word out loud with your mouth.
- 3) Must act on the word.
- 4) Must bring into action the principle of perseverance – persist in any purpose in spite of all difficulties.

CONDITIONS OR REQUIREMENTS FOR DELIVERANCE

In order to have living faith for your deliverance from demonic spirits, you must acknowledge their existence in the world, in people, *and in yourself*.

YOU MUST KNOW THAT YOU HAVE A PROBLEM AND NEED HELP. GOD WILL NOT DELIVER YOU FROM YOUR FRIENDS, so you must hate evil as God does. Deliverance is normally a process walk. The Greek word for spirit is "pneuma" which also means breath. A person's breath normally enters and leaves his body through the mouth or the nose. The same is true of evil spirits. When a demon comes out of a person, it often does it through the mouth. This is not the only way demons leave a person's body, sometimes they just seem to disappear.

CONDITIONS:

- 1) **HUMILITY:** The person must in humility submit himself to God before he can resist the devil. James 4:6,7, "God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you." You **MUST** lay down your pride, stubbornness, and independence. **YOU MUST SUBMIT TO THE ONE MINISTERING TO**
- 2) **BREAK:** You must break all immoral relationships. You must break (as much as this is possible) every relationship with any one who practices occultism or any who continue in any form of demonized religion. Scripture warns, 2 Co 6:14, 15 "Do not be bound together with unbelievers."
- 3) **HONESTY:** This demands a full and frank acknowledgment of the person's condition and of any sins that may have contributed to that condition. Any sin not confessed or repented of gives the demon a "legal" right to remain. You must want help, recognize you have a need, and be willing to repent and change. God will not deliver you from your friends. You must be open, transparent, and teachable, for often pride makes you think you know more than you do. **AVOID GIVING SENSUAL DETAILS.** Eph 5:12, It is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.
- 4) **CONFESSION:** The person seeking help must specifically confess to the person who is praying for him to receive deliverance. James 5:16, "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that you may be healed." **The sin of homosexuality (both sexes) must be confessed as rebellion against God to get free.** Pr 28:13, "He that covers his sins shall not prosper: but whoever confesses and forsakes them will have mercy."
- 5) **REPENTANCE:** It is a determined turning away from sin and Satan to God. **Repentance requires open confession of all sin. IT TAKES AWAY THE "LEGAL" RIGHTS OF DEMON SPIRITS** (Ezek. 20:43).
- 6) **RENUNCIATION:** It is not enough to confess sins without also renouncing it (Isa 55:7). This is true particularly in occult and idolatry. This action, resulting from repentance (Matt 3:7, 8), is forsaking evil, and is evidence that one has turned from his sins (Acts 19:18, 19). Heb 11:25, 26). By faith Moses,....rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season.
- 7) **FORGIVENESS:** The one who desires forgiveness from God must first forgive his fellow man (Matt 18:34, 35; Mk 11:25, 26). **Resentment and an unforgiving spirit are two of the most common hindrances to deliverance.** (Heb 12:15). God freely forgives all who confess their sins and ask forgiveness through his Son (1 John 1:9).
- 8) **CALL OF GOD:** When the preceding seven conditions have been met, then claim the promise of Joel 2:32 "**Whoever calls on the name of the Lord will be delivered.**"

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- 9) **ROOT CAUSE:** If there is no ministry to the root cause of the problem, then you are only ministering to the emotions. The emotions get healed, but the sin itself is never dealt with. You must deal with the "root causes." Don't look only for symptoms to discover the root cause.

BLOCKS TO DELIVERANCE:

- 1) Spiritual (biblical) ignorance – don't know.
- 2) Taught against it.
- 3) Disobedience, unconfessed sin, legal ground
- 4) Previous occult experience
- 5) Pride, embarrassment.
- 6) Fear

HOW WE CAN AND DO RECEIVE DELIVERANCE

Each of the following can result in a measure of deliverance:

- 1) Praising the Lord – worship.
- 2) Love.
- 3) Repentance – confession.
- 4) Restitution (Matt 5:23-26).
- 5) Exorcism (cast out demons).
- 6) Spirit – inspired music.
- 7) Healing of wounded spirit.
- 8) Fasting (Isa 58:6).
- 9) Water Baptism (immersion after rebirth)
- 10) In faith confession (Mk 11:23)
- 11) Intercession
- 12) The infilling of the Holy Spirit
- 13) Obedience to God (Jas 4:7)
- 14) Forgiveness
- 15) Psychological methods (counseling).
- 16) The blood of Jesus (Lev 17:11; Heb 9:22)

DELIVERANCE WORKS BY THE NAME OF JESUS

A person and his name is equivalent, thus we carry His complete authority. The use of Jesus' name is given to us like a power of attorney. God giving us His name to use signifies a close relationship and delegation of authority.

Mk 16:17 Everyone who believes me will be able to do wonderful things. By using my name they will force out demons, and they will speak new languages.

1 King 8:17 So when David wanted to build a temple for the LORD God of Israel, the LORD said, "It's good that you want to build a temple where I can be worshiped. But you're not the one to do it. Your son will build a temple to honor me."

Joel 2:32 Then the LORD will save everyone who faithfully worships him. He has promised there will be survivors on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, and among them will be his chosen ones.

Acts 4:12 (NIV) Salvation is found in no one else, for there is **NO OTHER NAME** under heaven given to men **BY WHICH WE MUST BE SAVED** (Gr. "sozo" delivered – made whole).

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Phil 2:9, 10 Then God gave Christ the highest place and honored his name above all others. So at the name of Jesus everyone will bow down, those in heaven, on earth, and under the earth.

Lk 10:17, 20 17 When the seventy-two followers returned, they were excited and said, "Lord, even the demons obeyed when we spoke in your name!" 20 But don't be happy because evil spirits obey you. Be happy that your names are written in heaven!

John 14:13, 14 Ask me, and I will do whatever you ask. This way the Son will bring honor to the Father. I will do whatever you ask me to do.

1 John 2:12 Children, I am writing to you, because your sins have been forgiven in the name of Christ.

Acts 19:13-17 NOTE: We see in this Scripture that some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits TRIED TO INVOKE THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS over those who were demonized. They would say, "In the name of Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out." Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. The evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know and Paul I know about, but who are you?" Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding. When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the NAME OF THE LORD JESUS WAS HELD IN HIGH HONOR."

John 16:23 When that time comes, you won't have to ask me about anything. I tell you for certain that the Father will give you whatever you ask for in my name.

DELIVERANCE WORKS BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS

Rev 12:11 Our people defeated Satan because of the blood of the Lamb and the message of God. They were willing to give up their lives.

Heb 9:22 The Law says that almost everything must be sprinkled with blood, and no sins can be forgiven unless blood is offered.

Heb 13:12 Jesus himself suffered outside the city gate, so that his blood would make people holy.

Lev 17:11 Life is in the blood, and I have given you the blood of animals to sacrifice in place of your own.

Rom 3:25 God sent Christ to be our sacrifice. Christ offered his life's blood, so that by faith in him we could come to God. And God did this to show that in the past he was right to be patient and forgive sinners. This also shows that God is right when he accepts people who have faith in Jesus.

Rom 5:9 But there is more! Now that God has accepted us because Christ sacrificed his life's blood, we will also be kept safe from God's anger.

Heb 10:19 My friends, the blood of Jesus gives us courage to enter the most holy place.

Eph 1:7 Christ sacrificed his life's blood to set us free, which means that our sins are now forgiven. Christ did this because God was so kind to us. God has great wisdom and understanding,

Heb 9:14 But Christ was sinless, and he offered himself as an eternal and spiritual sacrifice to God. That's why his blood is much more powerful and makes our consciences clear. Now we can serve the living God and no longer do things that lead to death.

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Rev 1:5 May kindness and peace be yours from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness. Jesus was the first to conquer death, and he is the ruler of all earthly kings. Christ loves us, and by his blood he set us free from our sins.

CROWN OF THORNS: Jesus shed his blood to protect our minds (thoughts).

Matt 27:29 They made a crown out of thorn branches and placed it on his head, and they put a stick in his right hand. The soldiers knelt down and pretended to worship him. They made fun of him and shouted, "Hey, you king of the Jews!"

Eph 6:17 Let God's saving power be like a helmet, and for a sword use God's message that comes from the Spirit.

Heb 13:12 Jesus himself suffered outside the city gate, so that his blood would make people holy.

Heb 10:19 My friends, the blood of Jesus gives us courage to enter the most holy place..

1 John 1:7 But if we live in the light, as God does, we share in life with each other. And the blood of his Son Jesus washes all our sins away.

DELIVERANCE WORKS BY LOVE

1 John 4:18 A real love for others will chase those worries away. The thought of being punished is what makes us afraid. It shows that we have not really learned to love.

John 15:17 **So I command you to love each other.** (NOTE: IF WE ARE TO OBEY GOD, WE MUST LOVE ONE ANOTHER.)

Gal 5:6 **All that matters is your faith that makes you love others.**

1 John 3:14, 15 Our love for each other proves that we have gone from death to life. But if you don't love each other, you are still under the power of death. If you hate each other, you are murderers, and we know that murderers do not have eternal life.

1 John 4:20 But if we say we love God and don't love each other, we are liars. We cannot see God. So how can we love God, if we don't love the people we can see?

Rom 13:10 No one who loves others will harm them. So love is all that the Law demands.

1 John 4:7, 8 My dear friends, we must love each other. Love comes from God, and when we love each other, it shows that we have been given new life. We are now God's children, and we know him. God is love, and anyone who doesn't love others has never known him.

Matt 5:44, 45, 48 But I tell you to love your enemies and pray for anyone who mistreats you. Then you will be acting like your Father in heaven. He makes the sun rise on both good and bad people. And he sends rain for the ones who do right and for the ones who do wrong. If you love only those people who love you, will God reward you for this? Even tax collectors love their friends.

1 Pet 4:8 Most important of all, you must sincerely love each other, because love wipes away many sins.

John 14:23 Jesus replied: If anyone loves me, they will obey me. Then my Father will love them, and we will come to them and live in them.

DELIVERANCE WORKS WITH THE SPOKEN WORD

The weight of Scriptures on this subject shows why we must put on a guard on our lips – both the power of **LIFE** (deliverance, health, prosperity, and salvation) and **DEATH** (bondage, sickness, failure) are in the tongue. Thus, as we receive the Word of God and gain freedom from demonic bondage, we will experience a renewed mind, and the fruit of our lips will be deliverance even for others. (Also see the section on slander page 68 and the section on the renewal of the mind page 92).

Rom 1:16 I am proud of the good news! It is God's powerful way of saving all people who have faith, whether they are Jews or Gentiles.

Mk 11:23 If you have faith in God and don't doubt, you can tell this mountain to get up and jump into the sea, and it will.

Pr 10:11 The words of good people are a source of life, but evil hides behind the words of the wicked.

Jer 1:12 "That's right," the LORD replied, "and I always rise early to keep a promise."

Isa 44:26 I will make the message of my prophets come true. They are saying, "Jerusalem will be filled with people, and the LORD will rebuild the towns of Judah."

Job 22:28 He will do whatever you ask, and life will be bright.

Pr 12:6 Bad advice is a deadly trap, but good advice is like a shield.

Pr 6:2 Then you are trapped by your own words,

Pr 18:21 Words can bring death or life! Talk too much, and you will eat everything you.

Nu 14:28 You sinful people have complained against me too many times! Now I swear by my own life that I will give you exactly what you wanted.

John 1:1 In the beginning was the one who is called the Word. The Word was with God and was truly God.

Ps 107:20 By the power of his own word, he healed you and saved you from destruction.

Isa 55:11 That's how it is with my words. They don't return to me without doing everything I send them to do."

Matt 4:4 (Same as Deut 8:3) Jesus answered, "The Scriptures say: 'No one can live only on food. People need every word that God has spoken.' "

Matt 8:16 That evening many people with demons in them were brought to Jesus. And with only a word he forced out the evil spirits and healed everyone who was sick.

Matt 8:8 But the officer said, "Lord, I'm not good enough for you to come into my house. Just give the order, and my servant will get well.

Rom 10:8 All who are acceptable because of their faith simply say, "The message is as near as your mouth or your heart." And this is the same message we preach about faith.

Rom 10:10 God will accept you and save you, if you truly believe this and tell it to others.

DELIVERANCE WORKS BY PRAISE

It's hard for the devil to get anywhere with a grateful man; confess sin quickly and honestly, praise and worship God. As we draw nigh to God in praise and worship, He draws nigh to us and thus we receive deliverance in His presence.

Deut 28:47, 48 If the LORD makes you wealthy, but you don't joyfully worship and honor him, he will send enemies to attack you and make you their slaves. Then you will live in poverty with nothing to eat, drink, or wear, and your owners will work you to death.

Ps 81:8, 9 "Listen, my people, while I, the Lord, correct you! Israel, if you would only pay attention to me! Don't worship foreign gods or bow down to gods you know nothing about.
(NOTE: STRANGE GOD IS A DEMON.)

Ps 149:6-8 Praise God with songs on your lips and a sword in your hand. Take revenge and punish the nations. Put chains of iron on their kings and rulers.
(NOTE: Possible meaning of "kings and nobles" are demons.)

Ps 8:2 With praises from children and from tiny infants, you have built a fortress. It makes your enemies silent, and all who turn against you are left speechless.

Ps 70:4 Let your worshipers celebrate and be glad because of you. They love your saving power, so let them always say, "God is wonderful!"

Isa 61:2b-3 The LORD has sent me to comfort those who mourn, especially in Jerusalem. He sent me to give them flowers in place of their sorrow, olive oil in place of tears, and joyous praise in place of broken hearts. They will be called "Trees of Justice," planted by the LORD to honor his name.

1Chron 16:29 He is wonderful! Praise him and bring an offering into his temple. Worship the LORD, majestic and holy.

Isa 25:9 At that time, people will say, "The LORD has saved us! Let's celebrate. We waited and hoped-- now our God is here."

Ps 50:14, 15 I am God Most High! The only sacrifice I want is for you to be thankful and to keep your word. Pray to me in time of trouble. I will rescue you, and you will honor me.

Acts 16:25, 26 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing praises to God, while the other prisoners listened. Suddenly a strong earthquake shook the jail to its foundations. The doors opened, and the chains fell from all the prisoners.

DELIVERANCE WORKS BY FASTING

Mk 9:29 (Same as Matt 17:21) Jesus answered, "Only prayer and fasting can force out that kind of demon."

Isa 58:6 **I'll tell you what it really means to worship the LORD. Remove the chains of prisoners who are chained unjustly. Free those who are abused!**

ALSO SEE: Matt 6:16-18; Lk 2:37.

DELIVERANCE WORKS THROUGH MUSIC

1 Sam 16:14-16 The Spirit of the LORD had left Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD was terrifying him. "It's an evil spirit from God that's frightening you," Saul's officials told him. "Your Majesty, let us go

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and look for someone who is good at playing the harp. He can play for you whenever the evil spirit from God bothers you, and you'll feel better."

1 Sam 16:23 Whenever the evil spirit from God bothered Saul, David would play his harp. Saul would relax and feel better, and the evil spirit would go away.

Isa 10:27 Then they will no longer rule your nation. All will go well for you, and your burden will be lifted. (NOTE: If the music is anointed by God, deliverance can result, likewise the wrong music can enslave.)

Zech 4:6 So the angel explained that it was the following message of the LORD to Zerubbabel: I am the LORD All-Powerful. So don't depend on your own power or strength, but on my Spirit.

(NOTE: It is by the Spirit of God that one is set free.)

DELIVERANCE WORKS BY PRAYER – INTERCESSION

Deliverance intercession is sometimes referred to as proxy prayer for deliverance. There is no time and space, as we understand it, in the spiritual world. Thus, we can pray for a person in another part of the world for deliverance. We see at least two examples of this in Scripture: the Roman soldier's servant (Matt 8:8) and the Canaanite woman who came to Jesus for her daughter (Matt 15:21-28). Speaking deliverance needs to be in God's due season. Awareness of need may be only for us to intercede. The person in bondage must want to be free (in most cases). Forced deliverance could damage future faith experiences for them. Nerves can shatter when this work is done at the wrong time.

Heb 4:16 So whenever we are in need, we should come bravely before the throne of our merciful God. There we will be treated with undeserved kindness, and we will find help.

(NOTE: We come to the "throne of grace" through the blood of Jesus by prayer and thus can obtain deliverance.)

1 John 5:14, 15 We are certain that God will hear our prayers when we ask for what pleases him. And if we know that God listens when we pray, we are sure that our prayers have already been answered.

2 Chron 7:14 If my own people will humbly pray and turn back to me and stop sinning, then I will answer them from heaven. I will forgive them and make their land fertile once again.

Jas 5:14-16 If you are sick, ask the church leaders to come and pray for you. Ask them to put olive oil on you in the name of the Lord. If you have faith when you pray for sick people, they will get well. The Lord will heal them, and if they have sinned, he will forgive them. If you have sinned, you should tell each other what you have done. Then you can pray for one another and be healed. The prayer of an innocent person is powerful, and it can help a lot.

(NOTE: A personal interpretation of the word "sick" in this Scripture could be replaced with the words, "those with demon problems,")

Matt 8:8 But the officer said, "Lord, I'm not good enough for you to come into my house. Just give the order, and my servant will get well.

Mk 7:25, 26, 29-31 A woman whose daughter had an evil spirit in her heard where Jesus was. And right away she came and knelt down at his feet. 26The woman was Greek and had been born in the part of Syria known as Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to force the demon out of her daughter. 29 Jesus answered, "That's true! You may go now. The demon has left your daughter."

Phil 4:6 Don't worry about anything, but pray about everything. With thankful hearts offer up your prayers and requests to God.

Ps 34:4, 6 I asked the LORD for help, and he saved me from all my fears. Keep your eyes on the LORD! You will shine like the sun and never blush with shame. I was a nobody, but I prayed, and the LORD saved me from all my troubles.

Ps 34:15, 17 If you obey the LORD, he will watch over you and answer your prayers.

Ps 55: 16-18 I ask for your help, LORD God, and you will keep me safe. Morning, noon, and night you hear my concerns and my complaints. I am attacked from all sides, but you will rescue me unharmed by the battle.

Isa 59:1 The LORD hasn't lost his powerful strength; he can still hear and answer prayers.

Mk 9:29 Jesus answered, "Only prayer can force out that kind of demon."

1 Tim 2:1 First of all, I ask you to pray for everyone. Ask God to help and bless them all, and tell God how thankful you are for each of them.

Rom 8:26, 27 In certain ways we are weak, but the Spirit is here to help us. For example, when we don't know what to pray for, the Spirit prays for us in ways that cannot be put into words. All of our thoughts are known to God. He can understand what is in the mind of the Spirit, as the Spirit prays for God's people.

INTERCESSORY DELIVERANCE PRAYER

(2 Cor 10:3-6) We live in this world, but we don't act like its people or fight our battles with the weapons of this world. Instead, we use God's power that can destroy fortresses. We destroy arguments and every bit of pride that keeps anyone from knowing God. We capture people's thoughts and make them obey Christ. And when you completely obey him, we will punish anyone who refuses to obey.

PRAYERS OF DELIVERANCE

NOTE: First bind the strong man (Satan) in order to rob his house (Matt 12:29; 18:18, Lk 11:21, 22). Put on the full armour of God to do battle (Eph 6:10-18). The following prayer is only a suggestion, it is not the words so much as the deliverer, JESUS CHRIST.

In Jesus name, I bind you Satan and take dominion over you. You no longer exercise dominion over (name). In Jesus name, I break the power of the spirit of the air, and I bind you from hurting any person in this room, or at their home. I don the full armor of God by faith over everyone present, and plead the protection of Jesus' blood over this entire house and everyone in it.

(NOTE: This prayer is either by the person conducting the deliverance or person seeking deliverance, if alone.)

By God's law and by an act of my will, in the name and power of the Lord Jesus Christ, I take back all the ground I have given any evil spirit in my will power, in my mind, in my memory, in my imagination, in my thought life, in my body, in my soul, in my emotions, and in my affections.

PRAYERS OF DELIVERANCE (CONT)

{Prayer for in-line schizophrenia to tear down walls:}

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Heavenly Father, in the name Jesus, by an act of faith I tear down the wall I built to protect myself from rejection, hate, pain and fear. By faith, I step off the throne of my life and declare that Jesus Christ is Lord of my life – body, soul and spirit without reservation. I confess the sin rebellion and idolatry and I loose the child locked up within me in the name Jesus. I ask Jesus to come in and heal all the bitter memories and remove all the scars. I ask You Lord Jesus to tear down all the walls that I built that separate me from you. {In the prayer of forgiveness add when dealing with parents, brothers or sisters, self, God: **BY AN ACT OF MY WILL AND BY FAITH FROM MY HEART I FORGIVE AND RELEASE (name)**. I put into the sea of forgetfulness all the pain (name) has ever caused me, to remember it no more, and in the name of Jesus I bless (name) and call for God’s blessing on (him/her). As God has extended mercy to me, so I extend mercy to (name). }

Dear Lord Jesus Christ, I have a confession to make – I dabbled in psychic things – and sought supernatural experiences apart from You. I am sorry Lord, and I want to close my personality on this realm, in the name of Jesus I renounce (*NOTE: name all OCCULT ACTIVITIES, OUT LOUD, ONE AT A TIME, THAT YOU HAVE DONE AND RENOUNCE EACH ONE AS SIN see page 39*) and any I have forgotten Lord. In the name of Jesus, I renounce all these things.

I now break, in the name of Jesus, all psychic heredity and any demonic hold upon my family line as a result of the disobedience of any of my ancestors. In the name of Jesus, I break all racial and national heritage curses placed on me or my family. I also break, in Jesus’ name, all demonic subjugation to my mother, father, grandparents, or any human being. I break any curse placed on me or my family from any source and according to God’s Word; I bless all those that curse me. Specifically, I break any hereditary curse on me in the name of Jesus and I call upon the Lord to deliver me. I send any curse back to its source according to God’s Word. In Jesus’ name I break all soul ties. Amen! (*NOTE: be specific and loose these ties and break the cords that bind. See the section on soul ties – pg.48*)

Dear Lord Jesus, I have another confession to make. I have hated and resented certain people and I am sorry Lord. I want you to help me forgive and release them. I am willing to forgive and release them. In Jesus’ name I forgive and release

(*NOTE: NAME ALL PERSONS WHO COME TO YOUR MIND, DO IT OUT LOUD, USE PERSON’S FIRST NAME. ANYONE WHO EVER HURT YOU, MADE YOU ANGRY*) i.e. ex-relationships, husband, wife, mother, father, grandparents, (both sides of the family), step relationships, any relationships from previous marriage, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, mothers and fathers-in-law, aunts, uncles, cousins, children, brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, family friends, priests, nuns, church people, pastors, elders, doctors, nurses, teachers, students, boyfriends, girlfriends, parents of boy/girl friends, police, judges, attorney, thieves, rapists, employers, employees, military personnel, landlords, neighbors, government clerks, government, IRS, anyone who has ever stolen from you, cheated you, roommates, PLO, IRA, terrorists, whites, Chinese, Japanese, Italians, Germans, Cubans, Haitians, Russians, Jews, Blacks, Catholics, Republicans, Democrats, humanists.) And anyone I do not remember – I forgive them all. Lord, in the name of Jesus, by an act of my will and by an act of faith from my heart I forgive You. In the name of Jesus, by an act of my will and by an act of faith from my heart I forgive and release myself. I accept myself just the way I am right now. Lord, I ask You to forgive me, as I have forgiven them. I call upon the Lord to deliver me. Amen!

I am a child of God. Saved by the grace of Jesus Christ. I know Jesus died on the cross for me. He shed His blood for my sins – Lord Jesus, I confess all my sins to You now (CONFESS ANY UNCONFESED SINS: IDOLATRY, REBELLION, HOMOSEXUALITY, MURDER, ABORTION, etc.) and I ask that I be washed clean in Your blood. Jesus is my Lord and my Savior. I have committed my life to Him. I hereby renounce all the works of Satan. I renounce every evil spirit that binds or torments me. In Jesus name, I command them to leave me now. I call upon the Lord to set me free in Jesus’ name. Amen!

PRAYERS OF DELIVERANCE (CONT)

Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil.

Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven.

The blood of Jesus Christ, God's son, is cleansing me now from all sins.

Through the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, made holy, set apart for God.

Through the blood of Jesus, I am justified, made righteous, just as if I never sinned. My body is a temple for the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed, sanctified by the blood of Jesus. The devil has no more place in me and no more power over me. I renounce him totally. I lift myself from him now and I command him to leave me – NOW – in the name of Jesus. Amen! **END OF PRAYER.**

First, the person receiving the deliverance takes authority over any demons (revealed by those conducting the ministry) and binds them and orders them to leave in the name of Jesus. Then the person conducting the deliverance takes dominion over the demons, binds them with the name of Jesus, and commands them to come out of the person and leave. If we declare to the demon that we are loosed from his grasp through the Death, Burial, Resurrection, Ascension and Enthronement of the Lord Jesus Christ, then he must, and he will, release us. It is a poor idea to call for the demons to manifest themselves because it increases their hold and they are not coming out when they manifest. To ask a demon to identify itself is to invite a lie. Trust God to give you the name of the spirit. The ministry belongs to Jesus and He promises to equip for the ministry. Generally a word of knowledge comes as a thought in your mind. Trust it when you are ministering. Judy and I have been in this ministry for over 14 years and in the last five or so there has been little manifestation. Everything with the Lord is by faith. When the ministry is completed, it is very important to pray for the infilling of the Holy Spirit, healing, and explain, how to stay free.

2 Tim 2:24-26 ...and God's servants must not be troublemakers. They must be kind to everyone, and they must be good teachers and very patient. Be humble when you correct people who oppose you. Maybe God will lead them to turn to him and learn the truth. They have been trapped by the devil, and he makes them obey him, but God may help them escape.

CHAPTER 9

NOW WE CAN WALK

There is a process necessary to stay free that a person must walk after deliverance:

- 1) Make Jesus Lord of your life.
- 2) Be filled with the Holy Spirit (Matt 12:43-45). A complete work of grace is finished on the positive. There must be the “putting in” of something to fill the void.
- 3) Keep praising God.
- 4) Resist Satan when the demons try to get back in, and they will try.
- 5) Live in God’s Word. Note the following progression in Psalm 119:9, 123, 148, 161, 130, 17, 25, 107, 154, 28, 38, 133, 58, 76, 116, 169, 170, 41, 172, 11, 50, 140, 105, 65, 57, 67, 101, 42, 162, 74, 81, 114, 147, 103, 106; Psalm 119:89; John 1:1, 2, 14; 17:17.
- 6) Fellowship with other Christians.
- 7) Each morning by faith in prayer put on the full armor of God (Eph 6:11-18).
- 8) Confess positively (Mk 11:23). CONFESS YOUR DELIVERANCE.

Mk 5:8, 19 The man said this because Jesus had already told the evil spirit to come out of him.

Matt 5:14-16 You are like light for the whole world. A city built on top of a hill cannot be hidden, and no one would light a lamp and put it under a clay pot. A lamp is placed on a lampstand, where it can give light to everyone in the house. Make your light shine, so that others will see the good that you do and will praise your Father in heaven.

Matt 10:32 If you tell others that you belong to me, I will tell my Father in heaven that you are my followers.

- 9) Stick to the counselor you go to. Don’t jump around searching for what you want to hear.
- 10) Follow the instructions and the course of correction given to you. If you’re not willing or don’t do this, then you really don’t want help. Be willing to listen and accept counsel.
- 11) Don’t let discouragement keep you from walking in victory.
- 12) Be grateful for what you receive through the Lord’s servant.

Deliverance is serious business, not to be played with or taken lightly. Note this fact from the following Scriptures. We are called to walk in holiness. Don’t think of deliverance as first aid; it is radical surgery.

Jos 23:1-12, 16 The LORD let Israel live in peace with its neighbors for a long time, and Joshua lived to a ripe old age. One day he called a meeting of the leaders of the tribes of Israel, including the old men, the judges, and the officials. Then he told them: I am now very old. You have seen how the LORD your God fought for you and helped you defeat the nation who lived in this land. There are still some nations left, but the LORD has promised you their land. So when you attack them, he will make them run away. I have already divided their land among your tribes, as I did with the land of the nations I defeated between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea. Be sure that you carefully obey everything written in The Book of the Law of Moses and do exactly what it says. Don't have anything to do with the nations that live around you. Don't worship their gods or pray to their idols or make promises in the names of their gods. Be as faithful to the LORD as you have always been. When you attacked powerful nations, the LORD made them run away, and no one has ever been able to stand up to you. Any one of you can defeat a thousand enemy soldiers, because the LORD God fights for you, just as he promised. Be sure to always love the LORD your God. Don't ever turn your backs on him by marrying people from the nations that are left in the land. Don't even make friends with them. I tell you that if you are friendly with those nations, the LORD won't chase them away when you attack. Instead, they'll be like a trap for your feet, a whip on your back, and thorns in your eyes. And finally, none of you will be left in this good land that the LORD has given you.

Matt 12:43-45 (Same as Lk 11:24-26) When an evil spirit leaves a person, it travels through the desert, looking for a place to rest. But when the demon doesn't find a place, it says, "I will go back to the home I left." When it gets there and finds the place empty, clean, and fixed up, it goes off and finds seven other evil spirits even worse than itself. They all come and make their home there, and the person ends up in worse shape than before. That's how it will be with you evil people of today.

Isa 35:8 A good road will be there, and it will be named "God's Sacred Highway." It will be for God's people; no one unfit to worship God will walk on that road. And no fools can travel on that highway.

Obad 1:17 The LORD's people who escape will go to Mount Zion, and it will be holy. Then Jacob's descendants will capture the land of those who took their land. **(NOTE: If holiness is not followed after deliverance, then deliverance CAN BE FORFEITED.)**

Obad 1: 21 Those the LORD has saved will live on Mount Zion and rule over Edom. Then the kingdom will belong to the LORD. **(NOTE: Esau represents the flesh of nature.)**

ATTITUDES AND MOTIVES

This section is included in this teaching in that it has a bearing on deliverance. In an article by Bob Mumford called "Below the Bottom Line," Bob said that we live our lives on three levels: 1) Overt level which is what we do. 2) Covert activity which is the level of the thoughts and emotions which is known only to ourselves. Sin here includes such things as lust, greed, hatred, and covetousness. 3) The third level is below the bottom line which is the real you. Pr 4:23 (RSV) says of the heart, "from it flow the springs of life." This is the origin or source of our soul life.

Motives are why I act the way I do. Attitudes are why I react the way I do.

Motives are those things which motivate me to action or non-action. Whatever the motivation, certain overt and covert behavioral patterns go along with them; and such behavior is nearly impossible to change unless the motive is changed. An attitude is the reason I react the way I do. Attitudes are my perspective on life, the measuring stick I use to size up and interpret every situation. Some common attitudes that cause problems: 1) "You can't trust people." People with such an attitude are usually fearful of deep or committed relationships, including relationship with God. 2) "I am the way I am because of circumstances, parents, upbringing, education or bad experiences." Such people rarely take responsibility for their own actions, blaming all their shortcomings on someone else. 3) "I deserve more than what I am getting." Such people are envious of others' blessings, unthankful for what they have, and usually resentful toward God or others for their treatment.

Most people's emotional and behavioral hang ups emanate from a root problem in motives or attitudes. Without touching motives and attitudes, behavior rarely becomes truly holy. My basic motivation should be to see that the reign of God comes first in my life. The basic attitude of Kingdom people is to be an obedient servant in all things. If a person is struggling with anxiety in any form, it is a pretty sure indication that someplace in his life there is a problem with motives and attitudes; that some place the Kingdom of God is not in control.

Four principles in dealing with motives and attitudes:

- 1) **RECOGNITION:** willingness to recognize wrong motives and attitudes when they are detected as matter of our will. Buying truth on the installment plan is always more expensive.
- 2) **VIOLENCE:** willingness for spiritual surgery no matter how painful or humiliating.
- 3) **THE FRUIT OF WRONG MOTIVES AND ATTITUDES:** If we don't deal with them, they will grow and affect areas of our covert and overt behavior.
- 4) **THE CLEAR EYE:** Matt 6:22 (AMP) says the eye is to be single.

An **independent spirit** is the basis of **disloyalty**.
A **condemning spirit** is the basis of **self-righteousness**.
An **ungrateful spirit** is the basis of **pride**.
A **lazy spirit** is the basis of **dishonesty** and **poverty**.
A **bitter spirit** is the basis of **selfishness**.
An **impure spirit** is the basis of **self-indulgence**.

It is essential that we recognize and confess wrong actions against those whom we have offended. But it is even more important to discern, confess and change wrong attitudes which are either caused by or resulted from our wrong motives. We are so involved with our thoughts and emotions that we fail to realize the attitudes which we are actually reflecting to the people around us.

RENEWAL OF THE MIND

The carnal mind always produces death; the spiritual or renewed mind produces life and peace. It is not enough to have all the demons cast out, you MUST ALSO PUT ON THE NEW CREATION. This is a process. We see this in 2 Cor 10:3-5.

- 1) Cast down (deliberate choice).
- 2) Just as you nourish your body with the proper diet, feed on the Word (meditate).
- 3) Sing scriptural songs Col 3:16.
- 4) Praise the Lord (worship).
- 5) Think of positive things Phil 4:8.
- 6) Have a positive confession Rev 12:11.
- 7) It is a continuing process 2 Cor 3:18 "from glory to glory."

Heb 3:1 My friends, God has chosen you to be his holy people. So think about Jesus, the one we call our apostle and high priest!

Heb 2:1 We must give our full attention to what we were told, so that we won't drift away.
(NOTE: Drift from the faith.)

Col 3:1-2 You have been raised to life with Christ. Now set your heart on what is in heaven, where Christ rules at God's right side. Think about what is up there, not about what is here on earth.

1 Co 2:11 11 I have done this to keep Satan from getting the better of us. We all know what goes on in his mind. 14 I am grateful that God always makes it possible for Christ to lead us to victory. God also helps us spread the knowledge about Christ everywhere, and this knowledge is like the smell of perfume. 15 In fact, God thinks of us as a perfume that brings Christ to everyone. For people who are being saved, this perfume has a sweet smell and leads them to a better life. But for people who are lost, it has a bad smell and leads them to a horrible death. No one really has what it takes to do this work.

Rom 8:5, 6 People who are ruled by their desires think only of themselves. Everyone who is ruled by the Holy Spirit thinks about spiritual things. If our minds are ruled by our desires, we will die. But if our minds are ruled by the Spirit, we will have life and peace.

2 Co 10:3-5 We live in this world, but we don't act like its people or fight our battles with the weapons of this world. Instead, we use God's power that can destroy fortresses. We destroy arguments and every bit of pride that keeps anyone from knowing God. We capture people's thoughts and make them obey Christ.

Rom 12:1, 2 Dear friends, God is good. So I beg you to offer your bodies to him as a living sacrifice, pure and pleasing. That's the most sensible way to serve God. Don't be like the people of this world, but

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let God change the way you think. Then you will know how to do everything that is good and pleasing to him.

Eph 4:22 You were told that your foolish desires will destroy you and that you must give up your old way of life with all its bad habits.

Eph 4:23, 24 Let the Spirit change your way of thinking and make you into a new person. You were created to be like God, and so you must please him and be truly holy.

Acts 20:32 I now place you in God's care. Remember the message about his great kindness! This message can help you and give you what belongs to you as God's people.

Rom 8:6 If our minds are ruled by our desires, we will die. But if our minds are ruled by the Spirit we will have life and peace.

Phil 2:5 and think the same way that Christ Jesus thought:

Ps 19:7 The Law of the LORD is perfect; it gives us new life. His teachings last forever, and they give wisdom to ordinary people.

Heb 8:10 "But now I tell the people of Israel this is my new agreement: "The time will come when I, the Lord, will write my laws on their minds and hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

1 Pet 1:13 Be alert and think straight. Put all your hope in how kind God will be to you when Jesus Christ appears.

Pr 4:20-23 My child, listen carefully to everything I say. Don't forget a single word, but think about it all. Knowing these teachings will mean true life and good health for you. Carefully guard your thoughts because they are the source of true life.

Ps 1:1-3 God blesses those people who refuse evil advice and won't follow sinners or join in sneering at God. Instead, the Law of the LORD makes them happy, and they think about it day and night. They are like trees growing beside a stream, trees that produce fruit in season and always have leaves. Those people succeed in everything they do.

John 6:63 The Spirit is the one who gives life! Human strength can do nothing. The words that I have spoken to you are from that life-giving Spirit.

Eph 5:26 He made the church holy by the power of his word, and he made it pure by washing it with water.

Rev 12:11 Our people defeated Satan because of the blood of the Lamb and the message of God. They were willing to give up their lives.

Phil 4:8 Finally, my friends, keep your minds on whatever is true, pure, right, holy, friendly, and proper. Don't ever stop thinking about what is truly worthwhile and worthy of praise.

As God renews our mind, He imparts to us a different way of thinking and looking at things – different values, standards, motives. The further we progress in discovering God's will the better it becomes: (Rom 12:2) in the first stage, it is good; in the second stage, it is acceptable; in the third stage, it is perfect. The renewed mind directs us to our right place in the Body. As our mind is renewed, we come to realize that we are incomplete functioning on our own. (*NOTE: SEE DAILY CONFESSON ON LAST PAGE TO HELP YOU RENEW YOUR MIND. SPEAK IT OUT LOUD TWICE A DAY*) We are told in Scripture to bring every thought captive to the Lord Jesus Christ; that we have the mind of Christ.

HOW TO TELL IF YOUR MIND IS RENEWED:

- 1) A renewed mind is not self-centered. Single motivation toward God. Matt 6:10. To the glory of God, do all things.
- 2) The renewed mind is not proud or self-seeking Matt 20:28. The mark of the renewed mind is continual service and giving of self.
- 3) The renewed mind is sober, realistic. It exercises sound judgment. The person whose mind is unrenewed is also easily depressed and moody, tends to isolate himself from others, hides himself in the presence of others.
- 4) The renewed mind discovers the measure of faith allotted by God (Rom 12:3) and then stays within that measure.

WE ARE TO HAVE A CLEAR CONSCIENCE

The greatest single hindrance to gaining a clear conscience is the feeling that the ones we offended were wrong too! In fact, we often feel that they were mostly wrong. **Our focus on blaming them balances our own guilt and forces us to live with both guilt and blame.** It is our natural inclination to find other people or circumstances which are to blame for what we have done in order to justify or excuse our offenses. The greater our guilt, the more we must blame and this results in bitterness and more guilt.

Acts 24:16 And because I am sure, I try my best to have a clear conscience in whatever I do for God or for people.

Acts 23:1 Paul looked straight at the council members and said, "My friends, to this day I have served God with a clear conscience!"

1 John 3:21 Dear friends, if we feel at ease in the presence of God, we will have the courage to come near him.

2 Co 1:12 We can be proud of our clear conscience. We have always lived honestly and sincerely, especially when we were with you. And we were guided by God's wonderful kindness instead of by the wisdom of this world.

1 John 1:6, 7 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not know the truth: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Pr 28:13 If you don't confess your sins, you will be a failure. But God will be merciful if you confess your sins and give them up.

1 Tim 1:5 You must teach people to have genuine love, as well as a good conscience and true faith.

Heb 9:14 But Christ was sinless, and he offered himself as an eternal and spiritual sacrifice to God. That's why his blood is much more powerful and makes our consciences clear. Now we can serve the living God and no longer do things that lead to death.

Heb 10:22 So let's come near God with pure hearts and a confidence that comes from having faith. Let's keep our hearts pure, our consciences free from evil, and our bodies washed with clean water.

Ps 32:1-5 Our God, you bless everyone whose sins you forgive and wipe away. You bless them by saying, "You told me your sins, without trying to hide them, and now I forgive you." Before I confessed my sins, my bones felt limp, and I groaned all day long. Night and day your hand weighed heavily on me, and my strength was gone as in the summer heat. So I confessed my sins and told them all to you. I said, "I'll tell the LORD each one of my sins." Then you forgave me and took away my guilt.

EVIDENCE OF GUILT:

- 1) Defensiveness Pr 21:2
- 2) Rejection Pr 15:12
- 3) Judging Rom 2:1-3
- 4) Compensation 1 Sam 5:12
- 5) Compromise Pr 14:14
- 6) Depression Ps 32:1-4 (drains emotional energy)
- 7) Breakdowns Jas 1:8 (rejecting God's truth results in instability, impatience, frustration)
- 8) Anger

CHAPTER 10

COUNSELORS IN DELIVERANCE

Ecc 4:9, 10, 12 9 You are better off to have a friend than to be all alone, because then you will get more enjoyment out of what you earn. 10 If you fall, your friend can help you up. But if you fall without having a friend nearby, you are really in trouble. 12 Someone might be able to beat up one of you, but not both of you. As the saying goes, "A rope made from three strands of cord is hard to break."

Matt 18:19 I promise that when any two of you on earth agree about something you are praying for, my Father in heaven will do it for you.

THERE IS A TIME TO GO TO WAR AND A TIME NOT TO:

Deut 24:5 If a man and a woman have been married less than one year, he must not be sent off to war or sent away to do forced labor. He must be allowed to stay home for a year and be happy with his wife.

Judg 7:3 So call your troops together and tell them that anyone who is really afraid can leave Mount Gilead and go home." Twenty-two thousand men returned home, leaving Gideon with only ten thousand soldiers.

Deut 20:1, 6-8 1 If you have to go to war, you may find yourself facing an enemy army that is bigger than yours and that has horses and chariots. But don't be afraid! The LORD your God rescued you from Egypt, and he will help you fight. 6 If any of you have planted a vineyard but haven't had your first grape harvest, you may go home. It isn't right for you to die in battle and for somebody else to enjoy your grapes. 7 If any of you are engaged to be married, you may go back home and get married. It isn't right for you to die in battle and for somebody else to marry the woman you are engaged to. 8 Finally, if any of you are afraid, you may go home. We don't want you to discourage the other soldiers.

Ecc 3:1, 8 1 Everything on earth has its own time and its own season. 8 There is also a time for love and hate, for war and peace.

REQUIREMENTS FOR COUNSELORS:

- 1) Anointing – (Isa 61:1) Must have the call of God to minister deliverance.
- 2) Refuse to be defeated by a defeated foe.
- 3) Exercise the gifts of the Spirit: the Holy Spirit moves to set captives free.
 - a) Discerning of spirits
 - b) Word of knowledge
 - c) Word of wisdom
 - d) Gift of Faith
 - e) Gift of healing
 - f) Working of miracles
- 4) Be uncompromising.
- 5) Have a servant's spirit.
- 6) Be willing to lay down own life.
- 7) Be a peacemaker.
- 8) Must love and accept counselee for what he is. Help him to be transparent without fear of rejection or ridicule. A person doesn't care how much you know until they know how much you care. Love doesn't heal until it is communicated.
- 9) Have the compassion of Christ and not the critical eye of censure and judgment.
- 10) Have tolerance.
- 11) Need to determine the level of maturity of the counselee.
- 12) Use a tempered balance of law and grace.

- 13) Needs patience.
- 14) Needs to have a listening ear.
- 15) Needs to have empathy, to relate to problems and burdens as well as joys and victory.
- 16) Needs to detect and deal with “root causes”. Don’t spend all your time doctoring symptoms.
Redemptive counseling involves radical surgery. NOTE: THIS ONE IS VITAL.

- 17) Must be flexible in a variety of techniques. Must have spiritual sensitivity.
- 18) Must understand the nature of God and the nature of man.
- 19) Must be able to confront the counselee with personal responsibility. VITAL.
- 20) Freely you have received, freely give.
- 21) Don’t take for granted counselee is understanding what you are saying. We must communicate on his level.

REASONS COUNSELORS FAIL

- 1) FALL INTO SIN. (THIS ONE IS VERY COMMON.)
- 2) Discouragement, fear, unbelief, negative attitude (VERY COMMON).
- 3) Lack of prayer, intercession, and fasting.
- 4) Must have and maintain the trust and cooperation of the counselee.
- 5) Too soft hearted and failed to hold counselee accountable for his behavior.
- 6) Fail by coming to a conclusion too quickly. Doctor only symptoms and don’t dig for root causes. (THIS IS VERY COMMON).
- 7) Counselor has similar weaknesses, hang-ups, or bondage as the counselee. This then is a blind spot, or counselor is too easy in this area (VERY COMMON). If he teaches, he will reproduce himself; if he goes to the mission field, personality conflicts are likely to develop if he has serious problems to start with.
- 8) Becomes emotionally involved in the wrong way: i.e., taking offense or lust – common need.
- 9) Will fail if his faith and confidence is in his own ability, knowledge, experience, or technique rather than the Holy Spirit.
- 10) May fail if he doesn’t have or know his authority in the Lord Jesus Christ.
- 11) Wrong motives can cause failure:
 - a) Need to feel important.
 - b) Need to have a ministry.
 - c) Desire for power or control over others.
 - d) Opportunity to openly talk about sex or person’s failures in life.
- 12) May fail if he doesn’t speak the truth in love.
- 13) May fail because he didn’t check for the proper foundations in the life of counselee.
- 14) May fail because the problem has an organic cause or chemical imbalance.
- 15) May fail if counselee holds back important information. (VERY COMMON).
- 16) Often when counselee is brought in by someone else, HE (COUNSELEE) MAY NOT REALLY WANT HELP or the other person ministers unbelief. (VERY COMMON).
- 17) May fail if counselee hasn’t given corrective steps to take to stay free.
- 18) May fail if the counselor is unskilled in the Word.

NOTE: The one ministering is Jesus, not you. **YOU HAVE NO SUPERNATURAL ABILITY. IT IS BETWEEN THE COUNSELEE AND JESUS – YOU JUST DIRECT TRAFFIC.**

SOME DON'TS FOR COUNSELORS

- 1) Don’t use clichés or pat answers; i.e., “I know just how you feel,” or “Don’t worry about it,” or “You will get over it,” or “Just pray about it,” or “You shouldn’t have done that,” or “Just remember, that all things work together for good.”
- 2) Don’t feel like you have to come up with an answer for every problem.
- 3) Don’t try to cover too much territory in the first session (stay under two hours).
- 4) Don’t take a “holier than thou” or a “know it all” attitude.
- 5) Don’t become a permanent crutch.

- 6) Don't advise anything that would be contrary to the Scriptures.
- 7) Don't advise anything that would be presuming on God, i.e., take off cast; break glasses; give up medicine.
- 8) Don't be sloppy in appearance during counseling sessions.
- 9) Don't betray the confidence of the counselee.
- 10) Be very careful in any physical contact.
- 11) **DON'T COUNSEL ALONE IN A PRIVATE PLACE WITH A MEMBER OF THE OPPOSITE SEX – VITAL.**

DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS

1 Co 2:14 That's why only someone who has God's Spirit can understand spiritual blessings.

Anyone who doesn't have God's Spirit thinks these blessings are foolish.

A definition of "discernment of spirits" is a knowing or determining supernaturally and sometimes naturally what a spirit operating in the person is, i.e., human spirit, Holy Spirit, or evil spirit. This discernment is, or can be, a determination of location, nature, name, etc. Most books do not adequately explain the gifts of the Spirit. Many are in error in their explanation. Even my definition is grossly inadequate. We serve a big God, and there are many different administrations of the same gift. Often the gift of word of knowledge is confused with discerning of spirits because it functions at the same time. Discernment is an inner witness or inner light. It is a divinely-imparted ability to the senses, the mind, the affections, and different faculties of man which enables him to understand spiritual states and motives of men, though to the natural man this knowledge may be hidden. We see in 1 Co 12:1-6: "Now concerning spiritual (matters), brethren, I do not want you to be uninformed... There are varieties of gifts... there are varieties of service and there are varieties of workings. a) motivations b) ministries; opportunities c) manifestations.

2 Kings 4:27 But as soon as she got to the top of the mountain, she went over and grabbed Elisha by the feet. Gehazi started toward her to push her away, when Elisha said, "Leave her alone! Don't you see how sad she is? But the LORD hasn't told me why."

Gen 3:5 "God understands what will happen on the day you eat fruit from that tree. You will see what you have done, and you will know the difference between right and wrong, just as God does."

Heb 5:14 Solid food is for mature people who have been trained to know right from wrong.

Lk 24:45 Then he helped them understand the Scriptures.

1 John 4:1 Dear friends, don't believe everyone who claims to have the Spirit of God. Test them all to find out if they really do come from God. Many false prophets have already gone out into the world, (NOTE: **WE CAN TRY SPIRITS IN PEOPLE BY DISCERNMENT.**)

1 Co 12:10 ...or the power to work mighty miracles. Some of us are prophets, and some of us recognize when God's Spirit is present. Others can speak different kinds of languages, and still others can tell what these languages mean. But it is the Spirit who does all this and decides which gifts to give to each of us.

1 King 3:9 Please make me wise and teach me the difference between right and wrong. Then I will know how to rule your people. If you don't, there is no way I could rule this great nation of yours.

DISCERNMENT TAKES TWO FORMS: NATURAL AND SUPERNATURAL. THE NATURAL USES OUR SENSES, i.e., sight, hearing, touch, smell, and taste, also dreams and visions.

- 1) **SIGHT:** This takes two forms. **First the natural** in which the spirit appears in the natural and can be seen by all with the human natural eye. Demons often manifest themselves so that you can see this manifestation with the natural eye, such as: stiff fingers, pursed lips, facial expressions, crying, choking, shaking, etc.

DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS (CONT)

- Rev 16:13 An evil spirit that looked like a frog came out of the mouth of the dragon. One also came out of the mouth of the beast, and another out of the mouth of the false prophet.
- Gen 18:1, 2 One hot summer afternoon Abraham was sitting by the entrance to his tent near the sacred trees of Mamre, when the LORD appeared to him. Abraham looked up and saw three men standing nearby. He quickly ran to meet them, bowed with his face to the ground,
- Lk 2:9, 10 All at once an angel came down to them from the Lord, and the brightness of the Lord's glory flashed around them. The shepherds were frightened. But the angel said, "Don't be afraid! I have good news for you, which will make everyone happy.
- Mk 16:12, 14 12 Later, Jesus appeared in another form to two disciples, as they were on their way out of the city. 14 Afterwards, Jesus appeared to his eleven disciples as they were eating. He scolded them because they were too stubborn to believe the ones who had seen him after he had been raised to life.
- Jos 5:13, 14 One day, Joshua was near Jericho when he saw a man standing some distance in front of him. The man was holding a sword, so Joshua walked up to him and asked, "Are you on our side or on our enemies' side?" "Neither," he answered. "I am here because I am the commander of the LORD's army." Joshua fell to his knees and bowed down to the ground. "I am your servant," he said. "Tell me what to do."
- Matt 17:3 All at once Moses and Elijah were there talking with Jesus.
- Matt 28:2-4 Suddenly a strong earthquake struck, and the Lord's angel came down from heaven. He rolled away the stone and sat on it. The angel looked as bright as lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards shook from fear and fell down, as though they were dead.
- Matt 28:17 They saw him (*Jesus*) and worshiped him, but some of them doubted.
- Mk 9:20 They brought the boy, and as soon as the demon saw Jesus, it made the boy shake all over. He fell down and began rolling on the ground and foaming at the mouth.
- Lk 24:36, 37 While Jesus' disciples were talking about what had happened, Jesus appeared and greeted them. They were frightened and terrified because they thought they were seeing a ghost.
- Acts 10:30, 31 Cornelius answered: Four days ago at about three o'clock in the afternoon I was praying at home. Suddenly a man in bright clothes stood in front of me. He said, "Cornelius, God has heard your prayers, and he knows about your gifts to the poor.
- Judg 13:3-20 but one day an angel from the LORD appeared to her and said: You have never been able to have any children, but very soon you will be pregnant and have a son. He will belong to God from the day he is born, so his hair must never be cut. And even before he is born, you must not drink any wine or beer or eat any food forbidden by God's laws. Your son will begin to set Israel free from the Philistines. She went to Manoah and said, "A prophet who looked like an angel of God came and talked to me. I was so frightened, that I didn't even ask where he was from. He didn't tell me his name, but he did say that I'm going to have a baby boy. I'm not supposed to drink any wine or beer or eat any food forbidden by God's laws. Our son will belong to God for as long as he lives." Then Manoah prayed, "Our LORD, please send that prophet again and let him tell us what to do for the son we are going to have." God answered Manoah's prayer, and the angel went back to Manoah's wife while she was resting in the fields. Manoah wasn't there at the time, so she found him and said, "That same man is here again! He's the one I

DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS (CONT)

saw the other day." Manoah went with his wife and asked the man, "Are you the one who spoke to my wife?" "Yes, I am," he answered. Manoah then asked, "When your promise comes true, what rules must he obey and what will be his work?" "Your wife must be careful to do everything I told her," the LORD's angel answered. "She must not eat or drink anything made from grapes. She must not drink wine or beer or eat anything forbidden by God's laws. I told her exactly what to do." "Please," Manoah said, "stay here with us for just a little while, and we'll fix a young goat for you to eat." Manoah didn't realize that he was really talking to one of the LORD's angels. The angel answered, "I can stay for a little while, although I won't eat any of your food. But if you would like to offer the goat as a sacrifice to the LORD, that would be fine." Manoah said, "Tell us your name, so we can honor you after our son is born." "No," the angel replied. "You don't need to my name. And if you did, you couldn't understand it." So Manoah took a young goat over to a large rock he had chosen for an altar, and he built a fire on the rock. Then he killed the goat, and offered it with some grain as a sacrifice to the LORD. But then an amazing thing happened. The fire blazed up toward the sky, and the LORD's angel went up toward heaven in the fire. Manoah and his wife bowed down low when they saw what happened.

2 Sam 24:17 David saw the angel killing everyone and told the LORD, "These people are like sheep with me as their shepherd. I have sinned terribly, but they have done nothing wrong. Please, punish me and my family instead of them!"

The second form of discernment by sight takes supernatural. God opens your eyes so you can see in the spirit. This is not unusual in ministry. What do demons look like? This is a question that is often asked. As you would expect, they vary. In all cases, that I have seen, they have been ugly, angular, full of hate, and in one case very, very old. Sometimes evil spirits will superimpose themselves as a mask in someone's face.

2 King 6:17 Then he prayed, "LORD, please help him to see." And the LORD let the servant see that the hill was covered with fiery horses and flaming chariots all around Elisha.

Nu 22:31 Then the LORD OPENED THE EYES of Balaam, and **HE SAW THE ANGEL** of the Lord standing in the way.

Lk 24:31. At once they knew who he was, but he disappeared.

Gen 21:19 Then God let her see a well. So she went to the well and filled the skin with water, then gave some to her son.

2) **HEARING: This can be both natural or supernatural.** In several of the previous Scriptures, we see that the angels spoke; they were heard naturally. It is recorded over 200 times in Scripture when God spoke and was heard naturally. In the following Scriptures, note the spirits talking with the lips of the person they are in. This is a common occurrence.

Acts 19:15 ...when an evil spirit said to them, "I know Jesus! And I have heard about Paul. But who are you?"

Judg 2:4. The Israelites started crying loudly,

Lk 8:28, 30 28 The man saw Jesus and screamed. He knelt down in front of him and shouted, "Jesus, Son of God in heaven, what do you want with me? I beg you not to torture me!" 30 Jesus asked the man, "What is your name?" He answered, "My name is Lots." He said this because there were 'lots' of demons in him.

DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS (CONT)

- Lk 1:28 The angel greeted Mary and said, "You are truly blessed! The Lord is with you."
- Mk 1:23, 24 Suddenly a man with an evil spirit in him entered the meeting place and yelled, "Jesus from Nazareth, what do you want with us? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are! You are God's Holy One."
- Jos 5:14 "Neither," he answered. "I am here because I am the commander of the LORD's army." Joshua fell to his knees and bowed down to the ground. "I am your servant," he said. "Tell me what to do."
- Lk 4:41 Demons went out of many people and shouted, "You are the Son of God!" But Jesus ordered the demons not to speak because they knew he was the Messiah.
- Matt 17:5 (Same as Mk 9:7, 8) While Peter was still speaking, the shadow of a bright cloud passed over them. From the cloud a voice said, "This is my own dear Son, and I am pleased with him. Listen to what he says!"
- Gen 3:8, 9 Late in the afternoon a breeze began to blow, and the man and woman heard the LORD God walking in the garden. They were frightened and hid behind some trees. The LORD called out to the man and asked, "Where are you?"
- Nu 12:8 He sees me face to face, and everything I say to him is perfectly clear. You have no right to criticize my servant Moses."
- Deut 4:12 and the LORD spoke to you from the fire. You could hear him and understand what he was saying, but you couldn't see him.
- Deut 5:22 When we were gathered on the mountain, the LORD spoke to us in a loud voice from the dark fiery cloud. The LORD gave us these commands, and only these. Then he wrote them on two flat stones and gave them to me.
- HEARING SUPERNATURALLY** – It is also possible to hear supernaturally, if God opens your ears. I have had an experience when God spoke to me, but I did not hear it through my ears. I heard it in my head as loud as if it were spoken.
- Acts 22:7, 9 7 I fell to the ground and heard a voice asking, "Saul, Saul, why are you so cruel to me?" 9 The men who were traveling with me saw the light, but did not hear the voice.
- 2 Kings 7:6, 7 the Lord caused the Syrian troops to hear what sounded like the roar of a huge cavalry.... So they ran out of their camp that night, leaving their tents and horses and donkeys.
- 2 Sam 5:24 Wait until you hear a sound like troops marching through the tops of the trees. Then attack quickly! That sound will mean I have marched out ahead of you to fight the Philistine army.
- 2 Pet 1:18 We were there with Jesus on the holy mountain and heard this voice speak from heaven.
- 3) **TOUCH:** At this point, I will simply give you my experience and that of others. Demons often appear as cold spots in a person's body, or an abnormally cold area in a room.
- Judg 6:21 The angel was holding a walking stick, and he touched the meat and the bread with the end of the stick. Flames jumped from the rock and burned up the meat and the bread. When Gideon looked, the angel was gone.

DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS (CONT)

Acts 12:7 Suddenly an angel from the Lord appeared, and light flashed around in the cell. The angel poked Peter in the side and woke him up. Then he said, "Quick! Get up!" The chains fell off his hands,

1 Kings 19:5, 7 5 Then he lay down in the shade and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel woke him up and said, "Get up and eat." 7 Soon the LORD's angel woke him again and said, "Get up and eat, or else you'll get too tired to travel."

SENSE: I have had this happen a number of times. Job 4:15 ...**and my hair stood on end, as a wind blew past my face.**

4) **SMELL:** Many will testify that where there is the presence of Jesus, there is a sweet smell in the air. He is the rose of Sharon, the lily of the valley. The reverse is also true; demons smell terrible, putrid. 2 Co 2:14-16 (AMP)... "And through us spreads and makes evident **the fragrance** of the knowledge of God everywhere. For we are the **sweet fragrance** of Christ (which exhales) unto God, (discernible alike) among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; To the latter it is an aroma wafted from death to death – **a fatal odor, the smell of doom;** to the former it is an **aroma from life to life** – a vital fragrance."

5) **DREAMS:** See Matt 1:20; 2:12, 13, 19; Gen 31:11, 24

6) **VISIONS:** See Acts 10:3, 4; Dan 10:4-11

WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE

Word of knowledge is just that, a word or a thought given by God concerning a matter. It is insight into a person's problem, what spirit is holding on to (why it will not come out), some past act in a person's life; the name of a demon, a physical problem or sickness, past or future events, etc. The nature of the gift of knowledge is that it makes one to know the facts, conditions, and state of a matter, or a person. Often books indicate that word of knowledge is concerning future events. This is one small part of what it is. Please note in the following Scriptures that few reflect future events.

Matt 12:15 **When Jesus found out what was happening, he left there and large crowds followed him. He healed all of their sick,**

Matt 12:25 Jesus knew what they were thinking, (NOTE: Also see – Matt 9:4; Lk 5:22; 6:8; 9:47; 11:17; Mk 12:15 All of these are the same.)

John 18:4 **Jesus already knew everything that was going to happen,**

Acts 5:3 Peter said, "Why has Satan made you keep back some of the money from the sale of the property? Why have you lied to the Holy Spirit?"

2 King 7:1, 2 Elisha answered, "I have a message for you. The LORD promises that tomorrow here in Samaria, you will be able to buy a large sack of flour or two large sacks of barley for almost nothing." The chief officer there with the king replied, "I don't believe it! Even if the LORD sent a rainstorm, it couldn't produce that much grain by tomorrow." "You will see it happen, but you won't eat any of the food," Elisha warned him.

1 Sam 9:9, 20 Great!" Saul replied. "Let's go to the man who can see visions!" He said this because in those days God would answer questions by giving visions to prophets. Saul and his servant went to the town where the prophet lived.

WORDS OF KNOWLEDGE (CONT)

John 13:1, 3, 11 1 It was before Passover, and Jesus knew that the time had come for him to leave this world and to return to the Father. He had always loved his followers in this world, and he loved them to the very end. 3 Jesus knew that he had come from God and would go back to God. He also knew that the Father had given him complete power. 11 Jesus knew who would betray him. That is why he said, "except for one of you."

1 Sam 9:15 The day before Saul came, the LORD had told Samuel,

Matt 21:2, 3 He told them, "Go into the next village, where you will at once find a donkey and her colt. Untie the two donkeys and bring them to me. If anyone asks why you are doing that, just say, 'The Lord needs them.' Right away he will let you have the donkeys."

Matt 22:18 Jesus knew their evil thoughts and said, "Why are you trying to test me? You show-offs!"

Matt 26:34 Jesus replied, "I promise you that before a rooster crows tonight, you will say three times that you don't know me."

Mk 2:8 Right away, Jesus knew what they were thinking, and he said, "Why are you thinking such things?"

John 2:25 No one had to tell him what people were like. **He already knew.**

Lk 20:23 Jesus knew that they were trying to trick him. So he told them,

John 4:17, 18 The woman answered, "I don't have a husband." "That's right," Jesus replied, "you're telling the truth. You don't have a husband. You have already been married five times, and the man you are now living with isn't your husband."

John 6:15 Jesus realized that they would try to force him to be their king. So he went up on a mountain, where he could be alone.

2 King 2:3 A group of prophets who lived there asked Elisha, "Do you know that today the LORD is going to take away your master?" "Yes, I do," Elisha answered. "But don't remind me of it."

Heb 11:7 Because Noah had faith, he was warned about something that had not yet happened. He obeyed and built a boat that saved him and his family. In this way the people of the world were judged, and Noah was given the blessings that come to everyone who pleases God.

2 King 8:1 Elisha told the woman whose son he had brought back to life, "The LORD has warned that there will be no food here for seven years. Take your family and go live somewhere else for a while."

CONCLUSION

Victory in the Christian life is based on identification with the Word of God, faith in God and relationship with God. John 8:32 says, The truth shall make you free. Rom 10:8 tells us that as the Word of God is in our mouth and in our heart, THAT FAITH IS BUILT. Faith destroys the enemy's hold in our life. Rom 10:9, 10 is the foundation of deliverance. **We confess with our mouth and believe it in our heart and deliverance immediately follows.** Christianity is based on confession. Matt 10:32 clearly teaches that if we confess Jesus here on earth, then He confesses us to the Father. This is not limited to initial salvation; it also includes deliverance from any form of demonic influence in our life. Psychology makes our life dependent on what we have been trained to think experience writes on our character and personality, rather than on the fact that we have an immortal spirit and soul. **Strengthening self is the goal of psychotherapy. The Word of God concludes that self is to be weakened to the point of willingness to accept the act of co-crucifixion.** Therapists work from the outside in by attempting to modify behavior and change the person. **Gospel change results in inner transformation. To be influenced by an evil spirit is simply to be motivated by something not of God which would influence us with evil result in mind.**

Three principles lead to sure defeat when violated:

- 1) You must realize that there is a war going on and you are in it. Anyone who refuses to believe in the reality of war is in real trouble.
- 2) It is vital to know the enemy's strategies and methods. You must study your enemy. A soldier going to war is not to become entangled in the cares of this world (2 Tim 2:4).
- 3) You must know who to fight. You might know (1) and (2) and fail because of (3). A great number of believers think that spiritual warfare is only the battle of their old sinful nature against their new nature in Christ.

WHOMEVER YOU YIELD TO, HIS SERVANT YOU WILL BECOME.

APPENDIX A

SPIRITS NAMED IN SCRIPTURE

- 1) Lev. 20:27 familiar spirit (also 1 Sam 28:8, 14)
- 2) Nu. 5:14 spirit of jealousy
- 3) Judg. 9:23 evil spirit
- 4) Judg. 9:23 spirit of ill will (NKJ)
- 5) 1 Sam. 1:15 sorrowful spirit
- 6) 1 Sam. 18:10 distressing spirit
- 7) Hos. 5:4 spirit of harlotry
- 8) 1 King 22:22 lying spirit
- 9) Isa. 29:10 spirit of deep slumber
- 10) Isa. 61:3 spirit of heaviness
- 11) Isa. 19:3 spirit of Egypt
- 12) Hos. 4:12 spirit of whoredoms
- 13) Zec. 13:2 unclean spirit
- 14) Mk. 9:17 dumb spirit
- 15) Mk. 9:25 dumb and deaf spirit
- 16) Mk. 9:25 foul spirit
- 17) Matt. 7:15 wolf spirit (also Acts 20:38-30)
- 18) Lk. 4:33 spirit of unclean devil
- 19) Lk. 13:11 spirit of infirmity
- 20) Acts 16:16 spirit of divination
- 21) 2 Chron. 21:16 spirit of Philistines
- 22) Ps. 76:12 spirit of princes
- 23) Ecc. 3:21 spirit of the beast
- 24) Rom. 11:8 spirit of slumber
- 25) Rom. 8:15 spirit of bondage
- 26) 1 Cor. 2:12 spirit of the world
- 27) Isa. 19:14 perverse spirit
- 28) 1 John 4:3 spirit of antichrist
- 29) 1 King 22:23 deceiving spirit
- 30) Pr. 16:18 haughty spirit
- 31) Jas. 3:15 spirit of the wisdom of the world
- 32) Rev. 16:14 spirit of devils
- 33) Mk. 5:9 spirit of legion
- 34) Dan. 10:13 prince of Persia
- 35) Dan. 10:20 prince of Greece
- 36) 2 Tim. 1:7 spirit of fear
- 37) 1 John 4:6 spirit of error
- 38) Pr. 14:29 hasty spirit
- 39) 2 Tim. 4:1 seducing spirit
- 40) Gal. 5:21 party spirit

COMMON DEMON NAMES

- FEARS:** Fear of reproof, in trepidation, fear of dogs, fear of germs, fear of people, fear of man, fear of water, fear of heights, fear of being alone, fear of spiders, fear of darkness, fear of death, fear of future, fear of failure, fear of rejection, fear of suffering, fear of pain, fear of the unknown, fear of stealing, insecurity, bondage, doubting, fear of snakes, claustrophobia, constraint, unbelief, undue nervousness, timidity, passivity, jumpiness, trembling, shyness, torment, restlessness, hysterias, fear of accusation, inferiority, loneliness, fear of disapproval, inadequacy, ineptness, fear of judgment, fear of condemnation, fear of pope, fear of nuns, agoraphobia (fear of public places), fear of husband, fear of sex, terror, fear of madness.
- DECEIT:** Deceit, liar, deception, pretense, exaggeration, deliberate lying, falsehood, play acting, false accusation, hypocrisy, wee liar, craftiness, cunning, affectation, fakery, unreality, insincerity, sophistication, double-crossing, daydreaming, fantasy, theatrics, jaunty, aggrandizement.
- EMOTIONS:** Hostile, malice, hatred, rage, anger, temper, strife, envy, jealousy, mischievousness, spite, disputing, misunderstanding, backbiting, argument, aggressive, unreasonableness, pain, despising, derision, stubbornness, opposition, division, vengeance, meanness, hurt, impudence, contention, disobedience, bickering, fighting, sadism, quarreling, unforgiveness, retaliation, cruelty, intolerance, agitation, irritability, impatience, frustration, disturbing, slander, arson, disagreeable, ugliness, discourtesy, injustice, harshness, disloyalty, treason, insubordination, incivility, enmity, revenge, cruel, vindictiveness, inhospitality, anti-golden rule, evil, gossip, cursing, blasphemy, belittling, railing, accusation, pitilessness, rebellion, non-conformity, peeved, indifference, stoic, tense, striving, vengeance, manipulative.
- PSYCHOLOGICAL:** Double-minded, schizophrenia, confusion, chaos, dullness of memory, dullness of mind, crying, psychiatry, hypnosis, psychology, vain imaginations, seared conscience, mania, mental weakness, madness, insanity, barking, uncanny laughter, derangement, roving, control of dreams, paranoia, retardation, senility, hallucinations, tension, worry, frustration, incoherence, forgetfulness, nervousness, headache, migraine, dread, nervous habits, restlessness, excitement, insomnia, apprehension, gloom, depression, despair, despondency, discouragement, defeatism, dejection, death, hopelessness, disgust, suicide, morbidity, burden, heaviness, anxiety, doubt, unbelief, skepticism, dissatisfaction, cowardice, rashness, glum, improvidence, misery, indiscrimination, ignorance, imbecility, hesitation, pessimism, instability, indiscretion, sluggishness, half-heartedness, cheerless, uninterested, despondent, melancholy, mournful, neglectfulness, faltering, faintheartedness, wavering, competition, intellectualism, driving, heartache, rationalization, pressure, grief, sorrow, heartbreak, sadness, fatigue, tiredness, weariness, laziness, idleness, metaphysics, biting, talkativeness, mind control, sectarianism, performance oriented.
- BONDAGE:** Craving for dope, smoking, addiction, addition to sugar, gluttony, nicotine, drugs, caffeine, alcohol, heroin, slavery, bondage, hypodermic needle, spirit of burning, opium, cocaine, ale, bay rum, wine, bourbon, whiskey, vodka, champagne, martini, rum, gin, beer, rock, rye, brandy, physical infirmity, marijuana, appetite, legion, intemperance, possessiveness, dominance, pharmacology, spirit of child-sacrifice, compulsiveness, domination.

COMMON DEMON NAMES (CONT)

- PRIDE:** Pride, anorexia, bulimia, haughtiness, pride of life, pride of evil, spiritual pride, vanity, ego, pride, of accomplishment, covetousness, greed, arrogance, boastfulness, conceit, scorner, vain, glory, snootiness, snobbishness, indignation, mockery, superiority, extravagance, indulgence, miserliness, intellectualism, Leviathan (twisting, fleeing, coiling – king of children of pride Job 41:1), false pride, top dog.
- SEXUAL:** Vice, lust, lustfulness, lust of the eye, sexual desire, perverse, filthiness, abuse, passion, ravishment, wild affections, oral sex, impurity, dirty, fornication, rape, adultery, lasciviousness, masturbation, root of sexual impurity, unclean, carnality, incest, harlotry, provocativeness, filthy thoughts, sodomy, whoredoms, seducing, foul, vulgarity, defilement, filthy conversation, sexual indulgence, homosexuality, immorality, lesbianism, fantasy lust, sexual fantasy, exposure, frigidity, unfaithfulness, unholiness, fellatio, cunnilingus, degradation, debasement, deprivation, bestiality, Astarte, Asherah, animal, depravity, inordinate affection of animals, Moab (incest), hatred of sex, fear of sex, sadomasochism, succubus, incubi, reprobate, compulsive, tempter, seduction, flirt, perverted, thoughts, root of sexual perversion, enticement, Venus.
- INFIRMITY:** Blind, dumb, dumb and deaf, convulsion, cancer, fever, allergy, tumor, epilepsy, pain, weakness, sickness, infirmity, infection, bronchitis, stroke, influenza, congestion, cold, pleurisy, heart trouble, death, pneumonia, diabetes, asthma, sinusitis.
- HUMAN FAILURE:** Foolishness, levity, folly, love of the world, inconsistency, impatience, slothfulness, laziness, abnormal appetite, ugliness, greed, competition, sluggishness, cowardliness, insufficiency, wrong diligence, stealing, pickpocket, impiety, unfruitfulness, petty robbery, ungodliness, unscrupulousness, awkwardness, indolence, stupidity, dishonesty, crookedness, pouting, dishonor, inaction, vacillation, indecision, stinginess, impulsiveness, envy, irresolution, aimlessness, forgetfulness, procrastination, perfectionism, behemoth (hippopotamus), frailty, Ahab (weak men not taking proper place in home), root of bitterness, murmuring, critical, judgmental, insecurity, shallowness, hypocritical, superficial, it isn't real.
- RELIGIOUS:** Witchcraft, spirit of Baal, spirit of Molech, spiritualist, fortune telling, Ouija board, psychic reading, voodoo, tea leaf, cranium reading, numerology, medium, familiar, enchantment, wizard, hypnotism, palm reading, table tilting, crystal ball, occult, water witching, handwriting analysis, automatic writing, horoscope, astrology, pendulum, black/white magic, magic charms, conjuration, incantation, fetishes, religious, ritualism, formalism, legalism, ESP, doctrinal obsession, seduction, doctrinal error, Edgar Cayce, Jeane Dixon, necromancy, false religion, (ALL CULTS, i.e., Islam, Jehovah's Witness, Christian Science, Urantia, Rosicrucianism, Theosophy, Subudd, Unity, Mormonism, Bahaism, Unitarianism), Buddhism, Taoism, Hinduism, piety, antichrist, idolatry, false sacrifice, blind obedience, willful disobedience, penance, apostasy, heresy, delusion, misinterpretation, false burden, persecution, séance, spirit guide, false compassion, false responsibility, darkness, clairvoyant, warlock, witch, Jezebel, catechism, worship of Pope, worship of Mary, Aseamta (love of Chinese), Eckankar (soul travel), Pharisee, Sadducee, Catholic, error, metaphysics, death, and hell.
- WITHDRAWAL:** Daydreaming, fantasy, passivity, escape, withdrawal, stoicism, funk, lethargy, slumber, inaction, control.

COMMON DEMON NAMES (CONT)

SELF: Self-pity, self-will, self-consciousness, self-conceit, guilt, self-righteousness, self-content, self-sufficiency, inferiority, self-justification, shame, slackness, false security, selfishness, superiority, false peace, grumbling, complaints, fault-finding, neglect, judging, criticism, self-rejection, self-delusion, unworthiness, self-deception, self-seduction, self-hatred, self-centered, rejection, self-condemnation, no self-worth, unworthiness, insecurity, suspicion, distrust, martyrdom, self-indulgence, superiority, self-hate.

PRINCIPALITIES:

Islam, Jezebel, Vashti, Herod, Babylon, Leviathan, Behemoth, Apollyon, chongo, gog, magog, Sodom, Gomorrah, Laban, Jubal, Haman, Antichrist, anti-semitism, pride, violence, Beelzebub, chaos (Cush-god of confusion), Hermes (Cush-divider), Molek, death and hell.

WARFARE SCRIPTURES

These (NIV) Scriptures can be used against the enemy during deliverance, if needed. Personalize them as you use them. Change Scripture below to use as: According to Lk. 10:19 Jesus has given me supernatural power and authority over all the supernatural power of the enemies and I can't be touched (harmed).

- Lk. 10:19** I have given you the authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power (*supernaturally*) of the enemy; nothing will harm you.
- Col. 2:15** And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he (*Jesus*) made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.
- Lk. 9:1** When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them the power and authority to drive out all demons and to cure diseases,
- Jas. 4:7** Submit yourselves, then to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.
- Deut. 4:24** For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.
- Ps. 18:13, 14, 8 (RSV)** The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Most High uttered his voice, hailstones and coals of fire. And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them. He flashed forth lightnings, and routed them...and devouring fire from his mouth.
- 1 John 1:9** (NKJ) If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to CLEANSE US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS.
- Joel 2:32** And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved; (*delivered*) for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance.
- Ps 46:7, 9** The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. He makes war to cease.
- Ju 5:13** (NKJ) The Lord made me have dominion over the mighty.
- Mk 1:27** He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him.

Mk 16:17 **And these signs will accompany those who believe; in my name they will drive out demons.**

Ps 34:17 **The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them; he delivers them from ALL their troubles.**

John 14:12 **(NKJ) Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.**

Matt 18:18 **"I tell you the truth, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."**

Rom 8:37 **In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.**

ALSO SEE: **Acts 2L34, 35; 1 Co 15:27; Heb 2:8.**

THESE ARE JUST SOME EXAMPLES OF SCRIPTURES THAT CAN BE USED FOR WARFARE.

BOOKLIST

In the previous teachings we listed over 100 books on the subject of deliverance and is was in way exhaustive. I have been asked to list only those books I recommend:

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| 1. Kurt Koch | Christian Counseling and Occultism |
| 2. Kurt Koch | Between Christ and Satan |
| 3. W. Unger | Demons in the World Today |
| 4. W. Unger | Demon Experiences in Many Lands |
| 5. Don Basham | Can a Christian Have a Demon? |
| 6. Don Basham | Deliver Us From Evil |
| 7. Hobart Freeman | Angel of Light |
| 8. Ken Hagin | I Believe in Visions |
| 9. Ken Hagin | The Origin and Operation of Demons |
| 10. Ken Hagin | Demons and How to Deal with Them |
| 11. Ken Hagin | Ministering to the Oppressed |
| 12. Ken Hagin | Authority of the Believer |
| 13. Glenna Henderson | My Name Is Legion |
| 14. Derek Prince | Expelling Demons |
| 15. Bob Buess | Setting the Captive Free |
| 16. Bob Buess | Deliverance from the Bondage of Fear |
| 17. Watchman Nee | The Spiritual Man (book 3) |
| 18. Maxwell Whyte | Pulling Down Strongholds |
| 19. Maxwell Whyte | Dominion Over Demons |
| 20. Maxwell Whyte | Fear Destroys |
| 21. Maxwell Whyte | The Power of the Blood |
| 22. Maxwell Whyte | Hidden Spirits |
| 23. Maxwell Whyte | A Manual on Exorcism |
| 24. Jessie Penn Lewis | War on the Saints |
| 25. Unknown | Attack From the Spirit World |

"Do Your Lions Have Lockjaw"? (Simplified)

26. Pat Brooks
27. Russell Meade
28. Frank Hammond
29. Ken Copeland
30. C. Thompson
31. Frank Marzullo
32. Alexander Hislop
33. David Alsobrook
34. David Alsobrook
35. David Alsobrook

Clare and Judy Ries

- Out! In the Name of Jesus
- Handbook on Deliverance
- Pigs in the Parlor
- The Trouble Maker
- The Bruises of Satan
- Eight Keys to Spiritual & Physical Healing
- The Two Babylons
- The Accuser
- Free From Fear
- The Precious Blood

DAILY CONFESSION

- Pr 23:7** (NKJ) **FOR AS HE THINKS IN HIS HEART, SO IS HE.**
Rev 12:11 (NIV) **They overcame him (*Satan*) by the blood of the Lamb and BY THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY.**
Mk 11:23 (NKJ) **But believe that those things he says will come to pass, HE WILL HAVE WHATEVER HE SAYS.**
Rom 4:17 (NKJ) **(God) calls those things which do not exist as though they did.**

It is very important in keeping your deliverance to reprogram your mind. To do this, **READ THE FOLLOWING SCRIPTURES OUT LOUD TWICE A DAY. This confession can and will change your life through the power of the Holy Spirit** because it is the Word of God. Identify and personalize these Scriptures. Unless a person can rest in his secure position in Christ, he feels compelled to work to maintain his salvation. The Word of God is true, and it states that I am complete in Christ (Col 2:10) and I have all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ (Eph 1:3). I have been raised up together and made to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Eph 2:6) – **THIS IS A REALITY** – We can choose to believe this and live as though what we see, feel, and experience here (sense data) is **NOT the ultimate reality. Our victory stands or falls based on our choice.**

DAILY CONFESSION

(1 Jo 4:8) God is love. God's love is in me. (1Co 13:8) Love never fails. (1Co 13:4-7) I endure long, I am patient, and I am kind, I am never envious, nor vain glorious, and I don't display myself haughtily. I seek not my own. I am not inflated with pride. I am ready to believe the best, I am not self-seeking, resentful, touchy, rude, or hold grudges. (Ez 36:26) God has placed within me a pure heart and my motives and attitudes are made acceptable in His sight. Jesus Christ is Lord of my life. (1 Pet 5:7) I do not have a care. (Ps 23:1) The Lord is my shepherd - I do not want. (Phil 4:19) My God supplies all my needs according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus. (1 Co 1:30) Jesus is made unto me wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. (Isa 53:4-5) Every sin, sickness, sorrow, grief, pain, poverty, was laid on Jesus; therefore, I am free from them. (Dan 11:32) I know my God; in Him I am strong and do exploits in His name. (Gal 2:20) I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for me. (Pr 3:5-6) I trust in the Lord with all my heart, and lean not upon my own understanding: in all my ways I acknowledge him, and He directs my path. (Phil 4:13) I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. (Ps 46:1) God is my refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. (Rom 8:37) I am more than a conqueror through Him that loved me. (2 Sam 22:33, 34) God is my strength and power: and He makes my way perfect. He makes my feet like hind's feet: and sets me upon high places. (Rom 5:17) I receive abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness, thus do I reign in life by one, Jesus Christ. (Lu 24:45) Then opened He my understanding, that I might understand the Scriptures. (Ju 5:13) The Lord made me have dominion over the mighty. (Isa 50:4, 5) The Lord God had given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary: He wakens me morning by morning; He wakens my ear to hear as the learned. The Lord God hath opened my ear. (Ps 27:1) The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; whom shall I be afraid? (Dan 2:23) I thank you, and praise you, O thou God of my fathers, who has given me wisdom and might. (1 Tim 1:12) And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has enabled me, for He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry. (Ps 23:4) I will fear no evil for You art with me Lord, Your Word and Your Spirit they comfort me. (Mk 16:17, 18) I am a believer and these signs do follow me. In the name of Jesus I cast out demons, I speak with a new tongue, I lay hands on the sick and they do recover. (Col 1:10, 11) I am increasing in the knowledge of God; I am strengthened with all might according to His glorious power. (Col 1:13) I am delivered from the power of darkness and I am translated into the kingdom of His dear Son. (Eph 4:15) I speak the truth of the Word of God in love and I grow up into the Lord Jesus Christ in all things. (Col 3:15) I let the peace of God rule in my heart and I refuse to worry about anything. (Ps 138:8) The Lord will perfect that which concerns me. (Rom 8:29) I am conformed into the image of Christ. (Col 3:10) I have put off the old man and have put on the new man, which is renewed in the knowledge after the image of Him that created me. (Phil 4:7-8) The peace of God which passes all understanding keeps my heart and my mind through Christ Jesus. And things which are good, and pure, and perfect, and lovely, and of good report, I think on these things. (1 Co 2:16) I have the mind and memory of Christ. (Pr 4:21, 22) I will not let the Word of God depart from before my eyes for it is life to me for I have found it and it is health and healing to all my flesh. (Gal 1:4) I am delivered from the evils of this present world for it is the will of God. (Rev 12:11) I am an overcomer, and I overcome by

the blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony. (Ja 4:7) I am submitted to God, and the devil flees because I resist him in the name of Jesus. (Ps 119:25) It is true unto me according to the Word of God. (Ps 32:7) God is my hiding place; He protects me from trouble and surrounds me with songs of deliverance. (Ps 32:8) God instructs me, and teaches me in the way I should go. He counsels and watches over me.

(Ps 27:3) Though an army besieges me, my heart will not fear; though war break out against me, even then will I be confident. (Isa 41:9b) God has chosen me and not rejected me. (Isa 41:10) I do not fear, for He is with me. He will strengthen and help me. He will uphold me with His righteous right hand. (Isa 41:11, 13) Those who oppose me will be as nothing and perish. For the Lord is God, who takes hold of my right hand and says to me, "Do not fear; I will help you." (Isa 49:15, 16) God will not forget me. He has engraved me on the palms of His hands. (Isa 54:14) Terror will be far removed; it will not come near me. (Isa 54:4) I am not afraid; I will not suffer shame and I will not be humiliated. I do not fear disgrace. (Isa 26:3) God keeps me in perfect peace. My mind is steadfast because I trust in God. (Rom 8:35) Nothing can separate me from the love of Christ. (1 Pet 2:9) I am a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a person belonging to God. He has called me out of darkness into His wonderful light. (Ps 52:8) I am like a green olive tree in the house of God. I trust in the mercy of God forever. (Hos 14:8) I am like a green fir tree. From me is God's fruit found. (Eph 3:16-19) I am strengthened in the inner man by the Spirit according to God's riches of His glory that Christ dwells in my heart and I am rooted and grounded in love and all strength needed to lay hold of what is the breadth, length, depth, and height, and I know the love of Christ and I am filled with all the fullness of God. (Eph 1:17-19) The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, has given me the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him and the eyes of my understanding are enlightened, that I know that is the hope of His calling and what is the exceeded greatness of His power toward us who believe, according to the working of His MIGHTY power. (Col 1:9-11) I am filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding and I walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; and strengthened with all might. (1 Jo 4:4) I am of God and have defeated them because the One that is in me is greater than the one who is in the world. (Rom 6:6, 11) **When Christ died, I died; His death was my death, His resurrection was my resurrection, His life is my life, therefore I am dead to sin and all my old nature.**