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Understanding The Opposition

Before We Start

- The nature of this battle is for your mind.
 - **Please** make us aware if you are experiencing any opposition such as confusion, headaches, obscene thoughts or unfamiliar defensive attitudes. It is important that you assume and take responsibility for your thoughts during this weekend.
- The areas we hide in darkness are the areas of our future defeat.
- Satan will NOT continue to assault us in those destructive areas as the revelation of his destructive patterns in destroying us are now working to perfect us, — now knowing what NOT to do and why.

Heavenly Father,

We ask in Jesus name that all interference, demonic turmoil and confusion be removed from this place. We pray, Heavenly Father, that our hearts and minds will be protected from being deceived and that each and every one of us will receive a deeper revelation of the incredible love of Jesus for us.

In Jesus Name we pray, — Amen

REFERENCES: **Romans 12:2** “ Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”

The Orphan Spirit

The love of our heavenly Father is huge, and his plans for us are above and beyond what we could ever think or imagine. But many, have a tough time connecting. Somehow, that much needed Father relationship has turned into more of a long distance relationship, something impersonal that now robs us from receiving the fullness of the Father's love.

We cannot be a manifested son or daughter until we have actually engaged with our heavenly Father on a Father/son or a Father/daughter level, a relationship where we are embrace by our heavenly Father. When we know Him as Father, no different than the Sonship that Jesus had with His Father, then that makes a huge difference when walking into all the opportunities that the family has to offer, and when walking out your part of the family business.

When Jesus showed up, signing all our adoption papers by the shedding of His blood on the cross, ever since that moment, heavenly Father has been gathering His Sons and Daughters.

1.) God is Looking for Sons and Daughters

- God the Father is looking for His sons and daughters. What was lost in the Garden of Eden is about to be restored. Through His Son Jesus, heavenly Father has activated the plan to restore the family.
- The love of the Father has revealed, **that we are His Sons and Daughters**, at the same time the love of the Father has revealed, **that He is our Father**.
 - These two things go hand in hand. You cannot separate one from the other. We are His, and He is ours !
 - He desires to not only embrace us with an amazing Fatherly love, but He also wants to change our hearts so that we would walk with the true heart of a son, the true heart of a daughter.

Romans 8:14 Those led by the Spirit of God are the Sons of God.

- We were designed to be loved unconditionally with a Father's embrace. A love that embraces with the ultimate of fatherhood in its truest form.
- God's love will totally fill every part of us.
 - **He will heal our wounds.**
 - **He will heal our deep loneliness.**
 - **He will heal our traumas.**
- No matter how much our natural parents loved us, we've never had a parent that has been able to love us like our heavenly Father does.
- There is something about the Father-ness of God that He wants us to experience and understand.
- Jesus was God's only Son and it was through Jesus that we would enter into that amazing love the Father. It was the shed blood of Jesus that signed all our adoption papers giving us direct access to the Father.

The Father's Love went Above and Beyond

- He loves us absolutely. The very reason why He sent His Son.
- He has never left us, He has never forgotten us.
- He is the real deal, He is the one that created us.
- It was Him that came up with the original design for our humanness.
- It was Him that initially breathed life into us at the garden.
- The Father's DNA has been engrafted in our being.

Here's a Few Thoughts on Father God

- When we know Him as heavenly Father, we can then begin to walk with Him in a whole new realm as powerful sons and daughters.
- Jesus, Son of God, reveals the reality and the realms that are available to us, as we are now adopted into the heavenly family that He represents.
- **John 14:18** I will not leave you as orphans . . . I will come to you.
- These words were not just coming from Jesus, but were words coming forth from His Father. Jesus was speaking on behalf of His Father.

- When Jesus said “ **I will not leave you as orphans** ”, he was speaking directly to his disciples.
 - He was clearly telling them, “ **You ARE orphans.**”
 - They may **not be orphans** in the natural, but you are in the spirit.
 - Having parents, Jesus clearly stating that **they are still orphans.**

2.) What are the Origins of this Orphan Spirit

- Lucifer was Gods Highest Creation. Adam was Gods Prized Creation. Filled with envy, Lucifer refused to take his angelic position of honoring and watching over the human race.
- Lucifer, knowing he was a much higher created being, started to think to highly of himself. His pride got him stripped from his position and casted out of heaven, along with many angels.
- Adam and Eve were also directed out of the Garden because of their disobedience. They now have the same orphan fate as Satan. Orphaned out, they too have a life outside of Gods presence.
- Adam and Eve were initially living an eternity in the Garden of Eden as sons and daughters to a heavenly Father that would provide everything for them. He was their provider.
- But everything changed for Adam and Eve, and everything changed for Lucifer. When Lucifer was cast out, his spirit changed, his identity changed, his position in heaven changed, and his destiny changed.
- Lucifer, with his new name ‘Satan’, now goes after the sons and daughters of God whom he personally blames for his demise. He is now determined to ruin them and keep them as orphans. His personal vendetta is to inflict pain and misery upon the sons and daughters that once belonged to the Father.
 - **Ezekiel 28:15-16** You were blameless in your ways from the day you were created till wickedness was found in you . . . So I drove you out in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, Oh guardian angel . . .
 - **Isaiah 14:12** How you have fallen from heaven, Oh morning star, son of the dawn! You have been cast down to the earth . . .

Heaven is the place of the Father's love.

- Love is the very essence of the Fathers being.
- This love of the Father, is a love which is above and beyond what we could ever think or imagine.
- And the Fathers love doesn't turn off and on, — it continually flows like a river.

3.) In the Beginning

- Imagine the process when heavenly Father created Adam.
- Imagine the eyes of Adam opening up for the first time when Adam looked into the very eyes of Him who represents absolute love.
- When Adam and Eve sinned, shame fell upon the human race for the very first time as they instantly searched for a cover.
- No longer were Adam and Eve one in spirit. The original design was that the two would walk as one. Separated, they became individuals.
- Also, no longer were they one in spirit with Heavenly Father. Separated, they have now been orphaned out like Lucifer.
- Eating the forbidden fruit, they now walk with forbidden knowledge.
- Heavenly Father had no choice but to banish them from the Garden of Eden, away from the forbidden knowledge of good and evil.
- They were originally designed TO ONLY KNOW about the goodness of God. To have knowledge of evil was never part of their original design.
- It was an act of the Father's love to remove them. And because of His continued love towards His prized creation, the plan for salvation was now in the making.

REFERENCES: **Genesis 3:22** And the Lord God said, “ The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever.”

4.) The Adversary Shows Up!

- With the adversary sticking his head in the garden, it's obvious he had plans to take the family of God in a whole different direction. That rebellious one who was kicked out of the Kingdom of Heaven, stripped from his position, and rightfully displaced, now decides to orphan everyone else out.

Determined to put a Stake in the Heart of God

- Determined, — he now goes after the family. He set the bait in the garden, deception struck, and the family is now separated. Legally separated. Not only from God, but also from God's original intentions for the family. Everybody is now orphaned out.
- The days of walking in the garden with their God have come to an end. The chances of that showing up down the road for anyone else was slim to none. Everything changed, — and I mean everything.
- The devastating affects of taking the bait changed both heaven and earth. According to heaven and how they roll, — the verdict is now a part of our history.
- The garment of light that completely surrounded Adam and Eve instantly faded as they now found themselves completely naked, shadowed by shame, as the glorious light from the Father of lights has now departed. With the glory gone, the DNA has been altered.
- The animal skins needed to cover their obvious nakedness was now brought to the table. The damage was done, the sacrifice was made, and innocent blood was shed. And the orphan spirit was birthed. The ongoing domino effect of disobedience now plows forward as it carves deeper into every generation that follows.
- It was a rude awakening as spirit filled beings found themselves without the indwelling habitation of God's Spirit. The light that was once upon them is gone, — only to now live in the shadows of the once was, along with a whole new environment that looks nothing like the original garden.

5.) Physically Driven Out

- Forced to leave, nothing inside of them could help face the fact that they had to go. There was no previous experience of rejection.
- Driven out, totally shocked, they now walk with a fear of the unknown as they now enter into a whole new environment.
- Walking into the unknown, they were now filled with insecurity.
- They now have to physically work and sweat just to exist. They went from having Gods provision, to now having to provide for themselves.
- Their orphaned spirit just replaced the family spirit.
- A whole new mindset came into being. Everything shifted.
- The ways of the orphan was birthed as they walked out of the garden.
- When they walked out, in a sense, everyone of us also walked out of the Garden with them.
- That orphan-ness in them, was now passed onto every generation that was born after them. The Fathers DNA strand has been altered.
- The Illuminated Spiritual part of the Fathers Glory was now missing, which is the very reason why we need to be Born Again in the Spirit.
- When we become Born Again, that whole missing part of our spiritual DNA came back. The challenge for many is that we have a tough time walking away from a orphan mindset that has so entrenched itself in us.
- Somewhat like an elephant that was once chained, — the mindset of being chained is still there. We're free, but we're still chained.

6.) An Orphan or a Son ?

Adam was created in the image of God

- When God created man, He made him in the likeness of God, He created them male and female and blessed them.

REFERENCES: *Genesis 1:7* So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Going from the Image of God to the Image of Man

- **Genesis 5:3** When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth.
- The children of Adam were not, in a sense, born in the image of God anymore. They were born in the image of Adam.
- Everything that entered into the heart of Adam, was now passed on to every generation throughout all of history.

Orphan Spirit vs. Sons or Daughters

First of all the orphan has no real name, no real identity

- Inside the Garden, Adam and Eve were God's children. Outside the garden, they now reflect on what it was like to be Gods children.
- Inside the garden, Adam and Eve had an identity. Now outside the garden, orphaned out, they are in search of an identity.
- Today, we are no different as we try to do something to create that identity. We attach ourselves to something as we are now in search for a title.
 - **We create a specific personal identity**
 - **We create a specific corporate identity**
- Men create an image through the work they involve themselves in.
 - **I am a doctor**
 - **I am a publisher**
 - **I am a land developer**
- An orphan has no real identity and so identity is now established by the things we do. And those things now give us a title.

Secondly the orphan has no inheritance

- An orphan knows that the only thing he will gain in this world will come by the work and sweat of his own hands.
- Continually striving and working to make a life.

An orphan has no real sense of family

- The original family relationship has been severely altered.
- The orphan has a tough time relating to brothers and sisters.
- The orphan can't relate to older people or younger ones.
- The orphan has no real sense of how to be a true Father.

7.) The Father Wants His Children Back

When Adam walked out of the garden, Father lost His family.

- Father knew, out of love, they had to leave. The situation dictated it.
- **John 14:18** “ I will not leave you as orphans ! ”

What He is saying is that I see you heading into an orphan's life. That was not my call, but I will not leave you as orphans. I will eventually come for you for I am making a way to restore what has been lost.

This is the Father's love for us:

In that He has been watching us for centuries, watching the pain and the suffering. But He has cleared the way for the family to be restored, and His arms of love have been reaching out ever since.

- He has seen the pain of our orphaned life and the loneliness that comes with it.
- Heavenly Father was there the moment we were all born.
- The Father's original plan for you is that when you open your eyes, you'd see the eyes of a loving Father, — the one who created you.
- It's still His plan for our lives today, to see the Father for who He really is.
- He is our real Father; he's not just some religious icon.
- He is our real Father and He wants to be a Father to us. A Father that embraces. A loving Father that cares.
- He doesn't just want to be a Father in position, but a Father in action.

Prayer Ministry Time

Holy Spirit,

I repent and renounce any agreement I have with the orphan spirit. I take authority over that whole way of life and I break its hold over my mind and the effects it has over my body, soul, and spirit in Jesus' name,

Father, I thank you that I truly am your son/daughter, and that you have blessed me with everlasting love. I receive your love and I ask that you would forgive me for embracing the actions, the attitudes, and the mindset, of the orphan spirit.

I come before you today and break all existing ties that I have formed with the orphan spirit in Jesus' name. I speak to my heart, and my whole being, to come into alignment to the Fathers will and purposes that He has for me, in Jesus name.

And to those areas in my life that have been wounded, — I pray for healing to come into those areas now. Holy Spirit let your healing power begin to flow into those wounded areas now.

I pray Holy Spirit that you would heal my mind and my heart from the effects of abandonment, rejection and fatherless-ness, and that those effects would no longer have its way in my life.

I pray Holy Spirit, that where the orphan spirit has caused destruction, that you would come and completely restore, renew, revive, and refresh! Help me Holy Spirit to enter into all that my heavenly Father has for me. Help me to walk with a true heart of a son, to walk with a true heart of a daughter.

I pray this prayer and seal it in the name of Jesus !

*Now take a deep breath and breathe out,
— and let Holy Spirit minister to you !*

The Gift of Forgiveness

One of the most common barriers that block us from receiving emotional, physical, or spiritual healing is the issue of un-forgiveness.

Amongst Christian believers, many have become somewhat numb to the significance and power of un-forgiveness.

They assume that they can keep short accounts and because of that they do not see un-forgiveness as an issue in their life.

However, when we understand the building up of un-forgiveness to be an accumulation of past hurts that have not been dealt with, and that gathering of hurts has created that hidden beast called hard feelings, and then that beast shows up out of nowhere, its not hard to realize that we have some housecleaning to do.

1.) Symptoms of Un-forgiveness in Our Lives

- I feel angry much of the time.
- I avoid certain people.
- I haven't spoken to certain people in a long time.
- I have a lot of negative memories.
- I can't remember much about some of my history.
- I have secretly wished that some people would die.
- I don't like to speak about certain subjects.
- I daydream about how to get even sometimes.

Why Is It a Sin?

It is a barrier between you and God

- It damages you on every level.
- It damages others.

2.) The Stages of Forgiveness

First, there is a Legal Transaction

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Jesus paid the price for our sin, and the sin of all people.

- Dealing with our sin alone where we are trying to handle it is never going to pan out. We need someone greater than ourselves to handle those sins, and the only one who can handle that is Jesus himself.
- He has given us the ability so that we can be released from the legal bonds of un-forgiveness. Legal because we have partnered up with it, and that partnering up has dark spiritual implications.
- Our **agreement to forgive** has a direct connection in our ability to be forgiven.

Secondly, there is an Emotional Transaction

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How do we actually release forgiveness that comes from the heart?

- First we must be honest with others and ourselves. How much did the offence hurt? How deep did it cause me to hate?
- Forgiveness, without touching the place of emotion is most likely incomplete because the pain of it always comes to the surface.
- If we trust God to bring the pain to the surface, — He can then deal with it.

REFERENCES:

Luke 6:37-38 “ Do not judge and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

Matthew 6:9-14 This is how you should pray: “ Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”

3.) Freedom is Found in Forgiveness

The cross of Jesus reveals to us the greatness of God's love and the power of forgiveness. His sacrifice gave us our forgiveness.

- And forgiveness to others needs to come from the heart. When you allow forgiveness to flow through you towards others, it's amazing how quickly things can turn around.
- One of the most common barriers that block, — that absolutely stonewalls us from receiving any kind of healing, be it emotional healing, physical healing, and spiritual healing, is because of unforgiveness.

Darkness is Unleashed when there is Un-forgiveness

- Many have become numb to the unleashing of darkness that comes out of unforgiveness, how it's able to bring lives to a grinding halt.
- Many assume that they can keep short accounts, just push it aside, and press on with unforgiveness, until someone pushes a button.
- However, if we come to understand that unforgiveness, be it from past hurts and past anger, if not dealt with, will only lead us into those knee jerk reactions that will send us back into the arena of hard feelings.
- Forgiveness is crucifying the natural instinct to seek revenge – thinking that it is our right to hurt them back, because they hurt us.
- When you forgive, the chains of resentment and bitterness have no legal right to surface. Those chains, those hard feelings, eventually disappear. It may happen instantly, but for others, it could be a bit of a process.

When we forgive others, there is a freedom where we are no longer shackled by reactive feelings. The defaults we walk in will get broken.

4.) Identifying Un-forgiveness

What Happened ?

How Does it Make Me Feel ?

How Do I Forgive ?

You Bug Me

- You hurt me with your bad mood.
- You crossed my boundaries.
- You were insensitive to me.
- You said something you shouldn't have.

You Surfaced in Me . . .

- Disappointment.
- Impatience.
- Defensiveness.
- Uneasiness.
- Resentment.

It's Easy to . . .

- Count to ten, take a breath.
- Model grace.
- Respond and not react.
- Develop my sense of humor.

I'm Quite Hurt

- You didn't keep my confidence.
- You gossiped about me.
- You really embarrassed me.
- You weren't fair.
- You lied to me.

Deep inside I Feel . . .

- Dishonored.
- Hurt.
- Ashamed.
- Overlooked.
- Unvalued.

I have to Choose to . . .

- Express my hurt appropriately.
- Accept life's unfairness.
- Seek reconciliation.
- Risk self-disclosure Lovingly confront.

My Heart was Broken

- You have encouraged gossip.
- You have been critical of me.
- You have with drawn your love.
- You have bitterly betrayed me.
- You made a spectacle of me.

I Hurt all the Time

- Your hateful words echo in me.
- I feel utterly betrayed.
- I feel revengeful towards you .
- Hatred towards you makes me feel good.

Heart Surgery

- I must renew my mind.
- I must continue to forgive
- I must move in the opposite spirit
- I must release forgiveness

I'm Traumatized

- I have undergone severe childhood suffering.
- I have suffered emotional, physical and / or sexual abuse.
- I have had insurmountable losses in my life.

All Consuming Pain

- I am consumed by self-pity.
- I am incapacitated with my lack of trust.
- I have been utterly overpowered by fear and anxiety.
- Anger and rage are my constant companions.
- I battle overwhelming despair and depression.

I need Godly Counsel

- I need to acknowledge my desperate need of help.
- I need to stop cursing myself and others.
- I need to bless myself and others
- I must determine to choose forgiveness, even if I don't feel it.
- I need to find trustworthy accountable relationships.

5.) Obstacles to Forgiveness

No justice factor

- Why should I let them off the hook ?
- I want revenge for the wrong I suffered.

Power

- By holding your anger inside, it can give you a false sense of power; a false sense of being in control over the person you are angry with.
- The reality is, that most people will end up doing what they want regardless of the fact that you are angry with them. Sometimes they're not even aware of the fact that you are angry with them.
- The challenge ahead is that you are going to live with the consequences of the offence whether you want to or not. That's a given !
- So you can choose either to live in the consequences of that offence from a place of bitterness and bondage, or from a place of freedom that forgiveness brings.

Too painful

- Some have horrifying memories and feel that reflecting on them could send you into the deep end if those memories start to surface.
- Remember – you are living with the consequences of those memories whether you recognize them or not. They need to be dealt with.
- When you're ready to face it, chances are you may become emotional, but Holy Spirit will give you the strength to get through the process.
- Don't wait to forgive until you feel like it. You may never get there. Feelings normally take time to heal after the forgiveness takes place.

Remember

- When there is un-forgiveness in our hearts we build up a huge “ slush-fund ” of pain, which then causes all kinds of anxiety and stress, which may lead to neurotic behaviors and even mental illness.

6.) Making a Prayer List

Holy Spirit,

Thank you for your patience and kindness towards me. I now understand that you have waited for a time such as this, a time for me to walk out the un-forgiveness that is lodged in my being.

During this time of self examination, help me remember any person, or situation, that has caused me to harbor un-forgiveness and bitterness ?

I pray this in the name of Jesus !

Make a list of the people you have hurt, or who have hurt you. Any persons where there are hard feelings should be included on your list. **Take your time and be thorough!**

Prayer Ministry Time

Holy Spirit,

Saturate my mind and direct my thoughts. Help me release the hurt, and help me begin to love as Jesus loves. Help me demonstrate unconditional love through forgiveness today, Help me to see those who have offended me through your eyes of forgiveness Jesus.

Jesus, your love is unconditional. Your desire is that I walk in the love that you exemplified. Forgive me where I have walked in unforgiveness. Help me to forgive even those who have offended me, those who have hurt me, including those that I still have hard feelings towards. Deliver me from all the strongholds that come from unforgiveness.

Holy Spirit, I now pray that every legal right that has gripped my life, because of un-forgiveness, be broken off me now. Forgive me where I have engaged with unforgiveness. May the love that Jesus walked in, come upon me now.

A Short Prayer to Forgive Yourself

Lord, I also ask for forgiveness of all the negative words I have spoken about myself. Transform my thoughts and let me understand how marvelously you have made me. Change me Holy Spirit so that I now speak hope and favor upon my life.

I pray all of this and I seal it in the name of Jesus !

Now take a deep breath and breathe out — and let Holy Spirit minister to you !

What About the Demonic Influence

This is by no means a comprehensive study on the topic of demons; but it is enough to give us an understanding of what Christians have to deal with, — for themselves, and for others.

1.) Demons and their Activities

Mark 1:23-28

“Just then, a man in the synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, “ What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth ? Have you come to destroy us ? I know who you are, — the Holy One of God ! ”

“ **Be quiet** ” said Jesus sternly, “ **Come out of him** ”

The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. The people were all so amazed and they asked each other, “ **What is this ? A new teaching – and with authority ! He even gives orders to evil spirits and they obey him.**”

When Jesus began his ministry, never before had they seen this kind of authority. In the Old Testament, there were no accounts of evil spirits being driven out.

2.) When Jesus Confronted Demons

- He never got into a conversation, he actually muzzled them. “ Be quiet ”
- Dramatic physical manifestations took place, not the kind of thing you would expect to see in a church type of environment.
- Jesus sternly dealt with the demonic – but He took good care of the man.
- Remember – it was the presence of Jesus that stirred up the demonic. The Holy Spirit manifested presence of God that rattled the demonic.

3.) Expelling the Demonic

Mark 1:34 “And Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.”

- Some translations say “ cast out ” which means “ expel.”
A common day example of expelling would be if you inhaled smoke into your lungs, you would expel and force it out.

Mark 1:39 “ He traveled throughout Galilee, preaching in synagogues and driving out demons.” (expelling in a church environment)

- Expelling demons was an ongoing and normal practice in the “ Ministry of Jesus ”. Evidence that His Fathers Kingdom has come.
- He was preaching and expelling demons in the whole of Galilee in multiple synagogues. (multiple churches)
- Jesus was meeting with everyday orthodox Jews – normal, respectable people going about their everyday life. (however, they were being harassed in personal areas by demonic influences)
- It still happens today, Christians being bothered by the surrounding demonic influences, creating all kinds of difficulties, challenges, and bondages in their lives, — even in churches.

Physically - Emotionally - Mentally

A Closer Look

We need to step away from the strongholds of the mind where we create our own arguments that hinder us from walking away from the demonic influences that are so well hidden from us.

REFERENCES: 2 Corinthians 10:5 We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

4.) Possession versus Demonization

- Demonization means being influenced and inflicted by a demon.
- A true believer walking in the Holy Spirit cannot be possessed.
- A born again spirit filled believer is possessed by Holy Spirit.
- Some believers however, have areas in their lives that are demonically afflicted and affected by demons. Not being fully in control, they have areas open in their lives that are susceptible for demonic attacks.
- Demonization is not possession. Possession is the indwelling of the demonic. In Jesus' ministry, demon possession was diverse, in some cases the demonic created sickness, and in others there was complete control.

Luke 4:40-41

“ When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, “ You are the Son of God ! ”

- **Here we read of healing and deliverance, interwoven, the cure from sickness demanded the expelling of evil spirits.**

Matthew 8:16

“ When evening came, many who were demon-possessed were brought to him, and he drove out the spirits **with a word** and healed all the sick.”

- **Some of the deaf, dumb and blind issues Jesus dealt with were caused by evil spirits. It is the same today !**

Luke 13:10-16

“ On a Sabbath Jesus was teaching in one of the synagogues, and a woman was there who had been crippled by a spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not straighten up at all.

When Jesus saw her, he called her forward and said to her, “ Woman, you are set free from your infirmity.” Then he put his hands on her, and immediately she straightened up and praised God.

We know this woman was a believer because Jesus referred to her as “ A Daughter of Abraham ”. The Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 3:7, “ Those who believe are children of Abraham ”. Those born again.

- The evil spirit had doubled her up physically until Jesus said “ you are free! ” or “ you are loosed ” which indicates a release of “ binding ”.
- No one was sent out to evangelize without first having to learn how to deal with evil spirits. Deliverance was included in their “ tool belt ”.
- Jesus did not send them out until He had trained them and released them to deal with demons. It was all part of the Jesus ministry package. When Jesus rose from the grave, Holy Spirit was released by Heavenly Father to give continuation to the ministry of Jesus.

Nothing has changed, — it’s the same Ministry today

Matthew 10:7-8 “ As you go, preach this message, “ The Kingdom of Heaven is near. Heal the sick, raise the dead, and cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. ”

Mark 16:15-17 He said to them, “ Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues.”

Matthew 28:18-20 Then Jesus came to them and said, “ All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

5.) Characteristics and Activities of Demons

Terms you will Hear with Reference to Demons

- Evil Spirits.
- Unclean Spirits.

Variety of Unclean Spirits

- Spirit of Infirmity.
- Familiar Spirits.
- Generational Spirits.
- Spirit of Confusion.
- Spirit of Fear.
- Mocking Spirits.
- Blocking Spirits.

Characteristics of Demons

- Run in packs.
- Liars.
- Sometimes controlled by a “ **Strong Man** ”.
- Terms like “ **I** ” and “ **We** ” are the common two phrases.

Demons are Evil Spirits without Bodies

They are disembodied spirits that have an obsession to get into a body.

- They are totally discontented when outside of a body.
- They want a human body.
- Rather than being disembodied they will settle for an animal.

Where did they come from?

- The book of Revelation tells us Satan and many of the angels were cast down from heaven to earth.
- The Book of Enoch mentions that demons are a result of sexual intercourse between the “ the sons of God ” (fallen angels) and “ the daughters of men ” (human race), referred to in Genesis 6:2. Demons are the direct offspring of the fallen angels.

REFERENCES: **Mark 1:24-25** “ What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth ? Have you come to destroy us ? I know who you are, — the Holy One of God! ” “ Be quiet! ” said Jesus sternly. “ Come out of him! ”

6.) Two Objectives by Satan and the Demonic

- To keep you from knowing Jesus Christ as Savior.
- To keep you from expanding the Kingdom of Heaven.
- And the big one, — to keep you powerless and spiritually blind.

Their Dark Assignments

- **To Entice** – to tempt people to do evil which often comes through a whispering word. Anything that has a voice coaxing you to do evil is usually influenced by a person whose voice is demonically influenced.
- **To Harass** – to follow, to stalk, and to study and know all your weakness as it tries to understand how and when the timing is right to get in.
- **To Torment** – to torment physically (i.e. ongoing illnesses), to torment mentally (i.e. fear of insanity), and to torment spiritually (i.e. a lack of joy or enthusiasm – spiritual flat lining).
- **To Compel** – to drive you into compulsive behaviors such as addictions, drugs, alcohol, gambling, as it steers you into all kinds of disorders.
- **To Enslave** – to drive you into destructive behaviors that gets stronger and out of control, such as compulsive, obsessive, masturbation.
- **To Defile** – to make you feel dirty or unclean, especially before entering into that quiet time with the Lord (worship).
- **To Deceive** – to deceive you into destructive religious doctrines such as cults or false religions (Mormonism, Christian Science, Jehovah Witness, Freemasonry, and many others).
- **To Weaken** – to lull you into spiritual complacency. For example, a slumbering spirit that will put you to sleep while reading your Bible.
- **To Kill** – a spirit of suicide will try to convince you that suicide is an acceptable way or even the only way to solve your problems.

7.) How Do They Get In ? – Breaches In Our Walls

Proverbs 25:28 “ Like a city whose walls are broken down,
is a man who lacks self-control.”

Your city may also have breaches. Ask the Lord to show you ways in which you can mend the walls and fortify your city.

A.) Emotions and Attitudes

- Behind every negative emotion or attitude there lurks a demon. The emotion of rejection is one of the most prominent. It leads to loneliness, misery, self-pity, depression and despair.
- The attitude of rebellion is like witchcraft, which commonly manifests as hatred, resentment, anger and violence.

B.) Mind

- The main battlefield is in the mind. This is where all the bombs go off.
- Common manifestations are doubt, unbelief, confusion, and insanity.
- Those who are involved in the occult almost always have a problem with confusion and depression.

C.) Tongue

- A lying spirit, compulsive lying, compulsive exaggeration, criticism, blasphemy, unclean speech, and negative talking.
- A common root of lying can be traced back to parental rejection.

D.) Sexual Relationships Outside of Marriage

- We are created as sexual beings and God said, “ It is good ” within the boundaries of marriage only.
- Involvement in adultery, fornication, homosexuality and lesbianism absolutely creates a breach in your wall, ensuring that the demonic influence will reinforce and fortify that behavior.

REFERENCES: **1 Samuel 15:23** “ For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king.”

E.) Lusts

- Perverted sexual desires and appetites, including pornography

F.) False Religions

- Satan is an expert in the area of religion, (false religious beliefs).

G.) All Heresy

- Consuming health or self-help programs, positive thinking seminars, Dianetics
- Anything that is made into a religion and keeps us away from the truth of Jesus Christ is of demonic origin.

H.) Occult Backgrounds

- Family history, even though it may not seem fair – the enemy is not fair. Breaking the first commandment in Exodus 20, “ No other Gods before Me”, automatically exposes you to demons.
- Personal occult involvement

I.) Moment of Weakness

- Physical trauma such as auto accidents, severe disappointments, or unconsciousness resulting from drugs and or alcohol.

J.) Soulsh Domination

- Control, manipulation or domination – whenever you meet one or all of these, you have met the devil.

K.) Pressure in Early Childhood

- Disharmony between the parents (before the child is five years old) opens the child up to emotional problems (breach in their wall).

REFERENCES: 1 Timothy 4:1 The Spirit says that in later times, some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons.

Deuteronomy 18:10-11 Let no one be found among you . . . who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead.

8.) Is It My Flesh or Is It Demons ?

Matthew 24:27-28

“ Wherever there is a carcass, there the vultures will gather.”

We need to Discern between Flesh and Demons

- Flesh is the old carnal nature with all its tendencies to sin and lust.
- Human nature is about the way we think, act, and react, — different.
- Flesh is the carcass that is fading from the corruption of carnal desires.
- Demons are the vultures that settle on those carcass.
- Demons move in and occupy those carnal areas of our personality.
- So where there is no corruption of the flesh, there can be no vultures.
- So take note, — that if your flesh and carnality are exposed to the realms of the spirit for all the angelic and the demonic to see, you can be sure that the demonic vultures will start to circle.

Dealing With the Flesh

Galatians 5:24

Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.

Romans 8:12-13

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, — not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

Crucify the Flesh on the Cross

- We cannot expel the flesh, and crucify the demon – we must crucify the flesh and expel the demon.

9.) How To Be Delivered

- **Humble Yourself**
 - Let your pride go where you honor yourself.
- **Be Honest**
 - Evaluate your struggles honestly.
- **Call it what it is**
 - Lust, anger, lying . . .
- **Confess your faith in Jesus Christ**
 - When you confess His name, He comes.
 - Confess and repent of any known (un-confessed) sin.
 - God is unshakeable in this, — confess it all.
- **He already Knows your Sin**
 - Don't pretend to hide it from Him. He already knows.
- **Break Occult Curses and Secret Societies**
 - Freemasonry / Skull and Bones / Illuminati / New World Order.
 - Wicca / White Witchcraft / Black Witchcraft / Spell Casting.
 - Ouija-Boards / Tarot-Cards / Astrology / Cabalism.
 - Shamanism / Spiritualism / Sorcery / Paganism False Gods.
 - New Age Practices / Spirit Guides / Satanism.
- **Forgive Others**
- **Expel Actively not Passively**
 - Action of the will, and from the heart, usually comes with a physical manifestation that you're truly laying it down.

In a Moment, — I'm going to ask you to STAND and PRAY, to Jesus, not to me. If you want to be delivered, you need to go to the one who delivers ! Now when you have said the prayer, the last thing you say is AMEN. No more prayer, and no speaking in tongues. Just breathe out and expel.

Prayer Ministry Time

Jesus,

I believe that You died on the cross for my sins, and rose again from the dead. I believe you have forgiven me and receive me as Your child, and because You receive me, I receive myself, as a child of God. Lord, I now come before you with my struggles. I want to meet Your conditions, and receive Your deliverance in my life.

I forgive every person that ever harmed me, or wronged me. I forgive them all now. I have lay down all bitterness, all resentment, all hatred, and all rebellion.

I renounce every evil contact with Satan, and every occult perversion, every secret society, anything that was in Satan's territory. I repent being in that territory, and I turn my back on it. If there is any curse over my life, I thank You that on the cross You were made a curse for me that I may be redeemed from the curse.

And Lord I come against any evil spirit in me that occupies any area of my personality, and I tell You I hate them. They are my enemies, I will not compromise with them anymore, and they will no longer have a place in me. I turn against them now, and in the authority of Your name, Jesus, I command them to leave me.

I expel them right now in the name of Jesus.

Now take a deep breath and breathe out — and let Holy Spirit minister to you !

Bitter Root Judgments

We call it “ **Bitter Roots** ” as like a root system in a plant, or in a tree, these roots cause a bitterness in life! As roots support the plant and provide all the nutrients for its growth, in a similar way we have roots that allow us to draw the needed strength and nurture from God.

Our environment while growing up has affected these “ **roots** ”. If the environment was filled with love, Joy, peace, kindness, gentleness, then good things were drawn into our lives where we display a character filled with good fruit.

However, if we were exposed to an unsafe environment filled with abuse, neglect, and rejection, then those “ **bitter roots** ” will draw from those polluted waters, and produce bitter fruits that not only affect us, but also those around us.

1.) Bitter Roots

Luke 6:43-45 “ No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. Each tree is recognized by its own fruit . . . The good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For out of the overflow of his heart his mouth speaks.”

- In other words, a good root produces good fruit, and in a similar manner, — a bad root produces bad fruit.

Hebrews 12:15 See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defilement.

- There is an endless source of bad fruit (**Galatians 5**) from what the Bible refers to as “ **Bitter Roots** ”.
 - **Anger**
 - **Selfish ambition**
 - **Envy**
 - **Sexual immorality**
 - **Gossip**
 - **Hatred**
 - **Idolatry**
 - **Drunkness**

- Bitter roots lie well below the surface and are usually hidden from our adult minds.
 - Bitter roots are not the terrible things that happened to us, nor the sins of those who wronged us – **they are our sins.**
 - Normally, we can't outgrow them, and they don't heal on their own. We have to invite Holy Spirit to come in and clean house.

2.) Bitter Roots are Very Powerful

- Bitter roots are powerful because they operate by the power of God's laws, which function just as surely as the physical laws of gravity.

The Law of Reaping and Sowing

- We never do a deed (good or bad) that doesn't produce consequences (good or bad).
- There is no escape from reaping unless Jesus intervenes.
- If we harbor unresolved bitter roots, we can be assured that we will reap from that judgment that automatically follows bitter roots.

The Law of Honoring your Parents

- Whatsoever you do not honor, it will not go well. We can see the faults of our parents, but we must honor their position. Our attitude towards our parents often reflect our attitude towards God.

The Law regarding Judging

- For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.
- A judgment can often be a forgotten thing of our past until we find ourselves getting triggered by a behavior and a situation that we don't understand.

REFERENCES: **Galatians 6:4-8** God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life.

- Conscious and unconscious judgments through our default reactions can be seeds that will bring those ugly crops in our lives, until we deal with them.
- Do not judge or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged. This means we will bring unto ourselves harm in the same areas of life in which we have placed judgments upon others.
- When we judge another, we will come under that judgment.

3.) Judgment

- An opinion or decision reached through judging.
- A decision made on personal observation.

Bitter Root Judgment

- Bitter roots + Judgment = A Bitter Root Judgment

Factors at Work in Bitter Root Judgments

- God's law of increase
 - The longer a bitter root judgment remains unconfessed and unrepented, the bigger the potential of reaping a judgment becomes.
 - **Hosea 8:7** says, " They sow the wind and reap a whirlwind ! "
 - Reaping may or may not be immediate.
 - The seeds of a judgment sown in childhood can be long forgotten when the reaping arrives and destroys adult relationships.
 - And often we draw to ourselves people best designed to deliver that reaping. For example a wife could reap through her husband that for which she judged her father, and vice versa.

4.) How Bitter Roots Form

- Our sinful reaction to hurt
 - Refusal or inability to forgive
- Our condemning judgment upon people will result in:
 - Resentment
 - Anger
 - Hatred
 - Revenge
- Our refusal to forgive someone becomes problematic.
 - Without forgiveness there is no outlet, and the original hurtful event starts to create structures in our character to act as protection from being hurt again. (This is the armor of man not the armor of God - this is self preservation that restricts)

5.) How They Stay in Place

Supporting Structures

- Bitter root expectancy. (we expect the usual results)
- We act in ways that cause this expectancy to actually manifest.
- We imagine an upcoming situation, and we get frustrated with the anticipated behavior that hasn't even happened.
- Our belief is that our judgments will protect us from being hurt again. These structures, these strongholds, behind the judgments, work hard to maintain their control, — at the expense of the Holy Spirit's leading.

REFERENCES: 1 Corinthians 4:4 My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. It is the Lord who judges me.

Romans 2:1-6 You, therefore, have no excuse, — you who pass judgment on someone else. For at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself . . . you are storing up wrath for yourself for on the day of God's wrath. His righteous judgment will be revealed and God will give to each person according to what he has done.”

6.) Bringing Bitter Roots to Death

- Applying forgiveness for sins committed against us removes the core but the structures remain.
- Removing the power of the structure by appropriating the power of the cross, by accepting the fact that Jesus took those structures to the cross. That the shed blood of Jesus totally set me free.

Personal Reflections

- Trace my bad fruit from fruit to root.
- Ask God to give you historical insight where the root isn't obvious.

Name	I Have Judged Them As / For
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Now What ?

- Recognize it and reflect on how it's affecting your life.
- Repent and take those revealed judgments to the cross.
- Receive forgiveness by the word of God.
- Pray death to structures, habits, attitudes, and reflexes that get built into us (carnal practices) and bring them to the cross.

Prayer Ministry Time

Holy Spirit,

I recognize I have judged these people on my list and have locked myself into the same attitude or behavior. I choose to forgive him / her for hurting me, and I choose to release my right to hold this offense against him/her. Lord, forgive me for judging these people.

I recognize that I have been reaping the same pattern throughout my life. I choose to forgive, and release my anger and bitterness to You, Lord.

Please remove it from my heart. Lord, as for the structures of judgment, habits, attitudes and reactions I have built around this judgment, I ask You to bring those practices to death by the power of your cross.

I pray this prayer and I seal it in the name of Jesus !

Now take a deep breath and breathe out — and let Holy Spirit minister to you !

Exposing the Hidden Lies

As Christians, it is sometimes difficult to live in truth because at some point in our development, we have embraced false beliefs.

Some of these false beliefs may be obvious such as cultish thinking, pharisaic religious thinking, or counterfeit religions. But many others are subtly hidden in the back of our minds.

Since our behavior is limited to the data stored in our own mind, we must be renewed in our minds. Believing the truth is a choice, and as Christians, we desire to fully know and live in the truth that Jesus has for us.

True Beliefs

- Are based on the Word of God.
- Support the value and growth of people.
- Are proven by life experiences that result in growth.
- Create an inner peace and an inner rest.

False Beliefs

- End up with fear, loss, and pain.
- Demean, diminish, and devalue people.
- Are proven false by destructive behavior.
- Create tension, anxiety and mental illness.

REFERENCES: **Romans 12:2** Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

1.) Breaking the Power of False Beliefs

- **Have you made Jesus Lord and Savior ?**
 - The power of God used in Jesus' authority leads to freedom.
- **Do you recognize God's Word as the final authority for your life ?**
 - God's word provides all the knowledge and understanding we need to operate in His authority.
- **Are you willing to do as He says ?**
 - He chose us to carry out His work, here on earth.
- **Are you ready to see the Word of God live in your life situation ?**
 - Then let's begin !

2.) Exposing Ungodly Belief Systems / Exposing Lies

- **The worldly " Facts " lead me to believe that . . .**
 - I am a victim and helpless.
 - I will never change.
 - My situation is hopeless.
 - I am different and so is my problem.
- **Often I " Feel " . . .**
 - Purposeless.
 - Things will never change.
 - I am a nobody.
 - Like a failure.
- **Is it really " True " that . . .**
 - I am victorious in Christ and that He will not give up on me ?
 - I am the righteousness of God in Christ ?
 - The truth will set me free ?
 - I am rescued from the Dominion of Darkness ?

God's Word, is All Powerful, Everlasting, and Promises Me . . .

John 14:12-13 I tell you the truth; anyone who has faith in me will do what I have been doing. He will do even greater things, because I am going to the father. And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. I have chosen you to be with me . . . I will also send you out and you will have authority to drive out demons.

Philippians 1:6 being confident of this that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ.

Colossians 1:13-14 For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Jesus came to redeem, restore, reestablish, and release.

3.) Lies that need to be Replaced by Truth

- **The worldly “ Facts ” lead me to believe that . . .**
 - I deserve to be punished and condemned.
 - I cannot face the awful truth about myself.
 - I will always be condemned by my past.

- **Often I “ Feel ” . . .**
 - My sin is too big for God to look at.
 - I will never be rid of these guilty feelings.
 - I have to find ways to continually punish myself.

- **Is it really “ True ” that . . .**
 - There is no sin I have committed too big for Jesus to cover ?
 - My sin is paid for in full by the shed blood of Jesus ?
 - There is no condemnation for those who belong to Jesus ?
 - I became a brand new creation at the cross ?

God's Word, is All Powerful, Everlasting, and Promises Me . . .

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Ephesians 1:7-8 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.

4.) More Lies that need to be Replaced by Truth

- **The worldly “ Facts ” lead me to believe that . . .**
 - I am unworthy to be loved and accepted.
 - I need someone to validate me as a person, to assure me that I do have some value.
 - I need someone to make me whole and complete.

- **Often I “ Feel ” . . .**
 - I don't belong anywhere.
 - I am forsaken and without support.
 - I am incapable of sustaining meaningful relationships.

- **Is it really “ True ” that . . .**
 - I am absolutely and totally loved and accepted by God ?
 - I am one with Christ — He is in me and that I am in Him ?
 - I am eternally secure in Christ — who will never abandon me ?
 - I am God's workmanship ?
 - God Himself, chose me ?

God's Word, is All Powerful, Everlasting, and Promises Me . . .

John 1:12-13 Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God – children not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God.

5.) Even more Lies that need to be Replaced by Truth

- **The worldly “ Facts ” lead me to believe that . . .**
 - I must have everyone’s love and approval.
 - I must meet all the needs of others.
 - I must be perfect.

- **Often I “ Feel ” . . .**
 - I can’t say “ no ” or be honest about my limitations.
 - I can’t even keep up to my own high standards making me miserable.
 - That who I am is totally controlled by other people’s opinions about me.

- **Is it really “ True ” that . . .**
 - Jesus can redeem even my worst mistakes for His purposes ?
 - God’s not looking for winners but those who recognize His Son ?
 - If I admit my weaknesses and failures, He will lift me up ?
 - I cannot disappoint Him, even with all my failures and false starts ?

God’s Word, is All Powerful, Everlasting, and Promises Me . . .

2 Corinthians 12:9 But he said to me, “ My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.

1 Corinthians 1:27 But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

Isaiah 53:5-6 He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

6.) Additional Lies that need to be Replaced by Truth

- **The worldly “ Facts ” lead me to believe that . . .**
 - I can only be happy when life is perfect.
 - I will never overcome my anger. I am just an angry person.
 - I am not safe unless I have control of everything.

- **Often I “ Feel ” . . .**
 - Panic at the prospect of change or things being out of my control.
 - I have a short fuse and hot temper.
 - I control people by moodiness or other manipulation.

- **Is it really “ True ” that . . .**
 - Prayer will really change my life circumstances ?
 - Jesus will meet with me in times of trouble and guide me through ?
 - There is strength available to me in Jesus ?

God’s Word, is All Powerful, Everlasting, and Promises Me . . .

Philippians 4:6-7 Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 84:5-7 Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. As they pass through the Valley of Baca (weeping), they make it a place of springs; the autumn rains also cover it with pools. They go from strength to strength, till each appears before God in Zion.

Psalm 23:1-4 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, He restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

7.) Last of the Lies that need to be Replaced by Truth

- **The worldly “ Facts ” lead me to believe that . . .**
 - I am a lousy Christian because I suffer from depression.
 - I am of little use in the Kingdom of God because I have health issues.
 - There is no hope at the end of this tunnel.

- **Often I “ Feel ” . . .**
 - Sick and tired of being sick and tired.
 - Deeply ashamed of my need of medication.
 - Afraid to explore or unable to find deep feelings.

- **Is it really “ True ” that . . .**
 - I am wonderfully made in the image of God and fully known by Him ?
 - With Jesus, I can safely begin to explore my deepest pain and fears ?
 - The Word is enough to sustain me ?
 - There is hope for me ?

God’s Word, is All Powerful, Everlasting, and Promises Me . . .

Jeremiah 6:16 This is what the Lord says, stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is and walk in it and you will find rest for your souls.

John 8:12 When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “ I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

Hebrews 4:12 For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

8.) Busting Barriers

Ephesians 4:14 Speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Him, who is the head, that is Christ. Therefore, each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbor, for we are all members of one body.

(For us to be united as one, we need to speak as one in truth. To do away with the barriers that default us towards the on going distortions within our communication)

The Following Barriers:

- **Magnification**
 - Magnifying and enlarging a problem to make it bigger than it really is.
- **Personalization**
 - Seeing all of life's events in a personal application / taking it all personal.
- **Polarization**
 - A distorted view of life where everything is either black or white. A good example of this is legalism.
- **Selective Thinking**
 - Giving value to only one part of a larger situation in life.
- **Over Generalization**
 - A blanket statement that obscures the actual situation. Good examples would be: “ you always...” or “ you never . . .”
- **Emotional Reasoning**
 - Distorting the truth, resulting from decisions made that are based only on emotions – feelings are not facts; feelings are only feelings.

Prayer Ministry Time

Holy Spirit,

I come before you recognizing the lies in my life. The lies that I have spoken, and the lies that I have believed. Forgive me for believing the lies and walking in those lies. Forgive me where I have released lies and where I have spoken falsely of others. Change my heart and help me to guard my mouth that I may begin to honor those around me.

I command deceit, and lying, to leave me, in Jesus name.

I command the power of lies spoken over me, be broken in Jesus name. I command that all authority that I have given towards that lying spirit, be broken off my life. Remove from me all deceptive that come from the lying spirit, in Jesus name.

I pray this prayer and I seal it in the name of Jesus !

Now take a deep breath and breathe out — and let Holy Spirit minister to you !

Exposing the Counterfeit

Counterfeit: To imitate or copy with the intent to deceive, something that is likely to be confused with the genuine thing.

To recognize the counterfeit, we must be well acquainted with the true.

1 Corinthians 14:1 Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts, especially the gift of prophecy.

This list is not exhaustive by any means, but is designed to get you thinking and stir you to eagerly desire God's spiritual gifts.

1.) God's Original vs Satan's Counterfeit

True Original	Counterfeit
• Healing, Laying on of Hands	Psychic Surgery / Psychic Healing. Acupuncture, Chakras Energy.
• Gift of Prophecy	Psychic Predictions, Tarot Cards. Astrology, Telepathy, Clairvoyance.
• Words of Knowledge	Ouija Board, Divination, Soothsaying.
• Words of Wisdom	New Age Spirituality, Humanism.
• Discerning of Spirits	Mediums, Séances.
• Visions, trances	Astral travel, Altered States, Hypnosis.
• Gods angels	Spirit Guides.
• Divine Alignment	Sorcery, Yoga, Occult, Incantations.

2.) The Word tells us Very Clearly

That Satan Masquerades as an Angel of Light

Acts 16:16-18 “ A slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future,” followed Paul shouting, “ These men are servants of the Most High God who are telling you the way to be saved.” This was accurate but Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, “ In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her ! ” At that moment the spirit left her.

2 Thessalonians 2:9-10 “ The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, and in every sort of evil that deceives . . . ”

Do not Believe Every Spirit

1 John 4:1 Do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God.

Measuring Rod

Deuteronomy 17:2-5 If a man or woman living among you . . . is found doing evil in the eyes of the Lord your God and in violation . . . has worshiped other gods, bowing down to them . . . and this has been brought to your attention . . . that this detestable thing has been done. Take the man or woman who has done this evil deed to your city gate and stone that person to death.

Deuteronomy 18:10-11 Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead.

Spiritual Authority

Exodus 34:12-14 Be careful not to make a agreements with those who live in the land where you are going, or those agreements will be a snare among you . . . Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God. (Jehovah Qanna)

3.) Long Term Effects of Occult and False Religion

- Disturbed sleep, nightmares.
- Inner voices, lapses of memory.
- Recurrent accidents.
- Physical illness.
- Mental and emotional disorders.
- Turmoil, confusion, torment.
- Financial drain, poverty.
- Generational harm.
- Psychic powers.
- Visual and physical manifestations of evil spirits.
- Wounded spirit.
- False comfort.
- Spiritual blindness, reduced spiritual authority in God.

4.) A Story of False Peace

Barbara Szandorowska writes in *Escape from the Guru* (page 90)

“ At the next Darshan, (Holy ritual meeting with a spiritual deity) I put aside my skepticism and opened myself to whatever would happen. As Sai-Baba (Guru) slowly walked in our direction, for the first time, I was aware of an energy flowing from his body towards me.

I experienced an exquisite sensation, as though a gentle current of liquid love was pouring into me, caressing me. The current came in tender loving waves that grew stronger as he approached.

They rippled through my body, until they permeated my whole being and engulfed me completely. I was filled with peace, such as I hadn't felt in a long time. Even when he left, the feeling of peace remained. ”

But Here Were the Long Term Effects:

Inner mocking voices and evil faces, confusion, fear, feeling tormented and pursued, and an overwhelming force trying to pull her out of her body and control her.

5.) An Understanding of Biblical Energy

In the health field, the words “ **energy** ” and “ **balance** ” are used often in the context of scientific terms.

Colossians 1:29 To this end I labor, struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully works in me.

2 Corinthians 7:1 Since we have these promises, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit,

Genesis 2:7 The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Hebrew meaning for “ **Spirit** ” is “ **breath of life, wind, vital life force** ”
Being born again, we know this life giving force to be the Holy Spirit.
Born again we have received the indwelling gift of the Holy Spirit.

6.) But there is a Counterfeit to this Beautiful Gift

Scientific Energy Source

A natural energy source that which gives power, motion, heat and light.
For example, the detectable physical energy produced by the heart and brain. (measured by “**ECG**” Electro-Cardio-Gram for the heart, or measured by “**PET**” Positron-Emission-Tomography for the brain)

Counterfeit Energy Source

“**Qi**” or “**Chi**” in Chinese, “**Prana**” in Hinduism, or “**Ki**” in Japanese, are counterfeit energy sources that flows through the body channels or meridians. (body organs). It is a mystical energy that is believed to give living organs their vitality, growth, reproduction, and healing abilities.

Counterfeit Energy Healing Theory States

That a disease (mental, physical and emotional) creates energy blockages. Therefore, by balancing energy fields, health will improve.
But the spirit behind all this is not Holy Spirit.

7.) How Do I Get Free ?

I John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

Something to consider

The possibility exists that our personal spirit (vital life force) is being invaded and manipulated by other people's spirits and/or evil spirits through energy-based healing techniques.

To Get Free: You need to identify, renounce, repent and destroy any occult paraphernalia. And beware of any generational sin.

Prayer Ministry Time

Holy Spirit,

I confess to you my participation, knowingly or unknowingly, in witchcraft and idolatry. I ask you to forgive me for my rebellion and pride. Father, I repent and renounce all counterfeit activity in which I participated. I ask for your cleansing, body, soul and spirit.

Please reveal and remove the roots within me that have drawn me to witchcraft and idolatry. I renounce any of these influences from my ancestors and place the cross of Christ between their sin and myself. I renounce any occult powers I may possess through my personal involvement or that of my ancestors. I ask for impartation of the true spiritual gifts.

I pray this prayer and I seal it in the name of Jesus !

Now take a deep breath and breathe out — and let Holy Spirit minister to you !

Breaking the Power of Inner Vows

Inner vows can be made very easily without even knowing we have made them, and can cause us to stick to our guns, even if we are aware of the fact that we are wrong.

Often these vows can be made very easily, and for some, can form our very lifestyle, creating all kinds of defaults to our actions.

1.) What Are They ?

Inner vows are really determinations sent into our inner being, which thereafter control our energies and actions.

Words like **never** and **always** are promises to yourself to be in complete control and be omnipotent.

2.) How Do They Get There ?

They form when we react to an event, creating a reaction in our hearts.

We may Vow stuff like:

- I will **never** be like my mother or father.
- I will **never** act that way again.
- I will **never** again share my feelings.
- I will **always** keep the peace.

Our strong determination to stake the ground have tremendous power over our bodies. (physically, emotionally and spiritually).

In many cases they will **always** the result of a judgment.

3.) What They Do

- **Inner Vows are formed in our minds**, they are often spoken aloud and take over our flesh.
- **Inner Vows form triggers** for habitual behaviors or fleshly reactions.
 - For example, keeping the peace, whatever it costs.
- **Inner Vows become stubborn obstructions** in our nature.
 - Obstructions such as keeping silent, avoiding confrontation, lying, manipulating, or controlling.
- **Inner Vows will conform our thinking, feeling and actions** molding a pattern that is defined by that vow.
 - Lack of integrity, deny true feelings, other cover-ups.
- **Inner Vows will addict you**; they set you up, trap you, and lock you into a pattern you cannot break unless you break the back of that vow.

4.) How They Display Themselves

- Areas covered by inner vows create a **childish and reactive response**.
 - I don't understand why I behaved like that – it's embarrassing !
 - They create a **resistance to the normal maturing** process.
- Inner vows **may not always manifest immediately** in behavior.
 - They may rest totally dormant waiting to be **triggered by a specific person or a specific situation**.
- Some inner vows may seem like good commitments.
 - But they should be broken because most inner vows **inhibit our freedom to interact with the Holy Spirit**.
- Inner vows are often the **hidden force behind stubborn practices**.
 - Compulsive behaviors like alcoholism, eating, hoarding, anxiety, are often rooted in inner vows.
- Often molested children, and rape victims form inner vows resulting in a sexual dysfunction in the marriage.

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Leviticus 5:4-5 If a person thoughtlessly takes an oath to do anything, whether good or evil, in any matter one might carelessly swear about, even though he is unaware of it, — in any case, when he learns of it he will be guilty. When anyone is guilty in any of these ways, he must confess, in what way he has sinned.

5.) Make a List of Your Vows

Prayer Ministry Time

Holy Spirit,

I come to you and ask your forgiveness for making vows. These vows have caused me to control others and myself. I submit my will to you Lord. I demolish, break, and renounce all inner vows that I have spoken intentionally or in ignorance in my life. They are lies from Satan. I apply the blood of Jesus to my sinful reactions and I leave them at the cross. Remove any walls I may have built because of these vows. Heal me from any of the damage caused by the inner vows I have made. Strengthen me Lord from this day forward that when I am tempted to declare a vow, that I would guard myself from entering in.

I pray this prayer and I seal it in the name of Jesus !

Now take a deep breath and breathe out — and let Holy Spirit minister to you !

Soul Ties

The Ties That Bind

1.) What Are They ?

A soul tie is the link that binds one person to another emotionally, spiritually, physically, or in any combination of the three.

This results in a person seeking fulfillment in those areas that were designed to be fulfilled only by Gods provision, or a spouse's provision.

- Some of these ties can happen subtly.
- They may even look good on the surface.
- Ties occurring with someone other than your spouse or God, will become a snare to you. It's a form of entrapment.
- These ties will prevent you from having the kind of intimate relationship you want to have with God and your spouse.

2.) Attachments Through:

Smothering mother / domineering father (being controlled)

Empathic defilement (not able to understand how others feel)

Parental inversion (parent-child role is reversed)

Substitute mate (being isolated to finding a substitute)

Secret societies (without a true spiritual compass, leads to falseness)

Hero figures (hero worship – idolizing)

Cult followings (having no solid foundation leads you to the false)

Soap operas / Movie series (living that imaginary life)

Previous pledges, engagements, and pacts (old covenants)

3.) Spiritual Attachments

Some forms of Occult Activity and New Age Therapies include sending one person's energy/spirit into another, releasing healing, or to realign a persons supernatural state. (using energy that is not Holy Spirit activated)

It is important to remember that the ties we are talking about are those that have a dramatic impact on your emotional and spiritual life.

Questions To Ask

Some good questions to ask yourself if you are dealing with a soul tie are:

- Can I give them / it up ?
- What effect, emotionally and/or physically, does the idea of giving up a relationship, or a situation, have on you ?
- Do you find yourself relating to someone in ways that should only be for your spouse or God ?
- Is the organization you belong to surrounded in secrecy, secret oaths or items, that you're not allowed to share with family ?

4.) Godly Physical Attachments

- Created by God, we were designed to have a mutually fulfilling relationship with our spouse.
- We were designed to become one flesh, a union of our bodies, souls and spirits. Sexual intercourse was the ultimate expression of a marital union, a union where you become one.
 - This soul tie is unique in that through a physical act of sexual intercourse, a soul tie is formed between two people that affects their bodies, souls, and spirits, all for the good.
 - Within the confines of marriage, this soul tie is holy and righteous, and is something God intended for husband and wife to be one.

5.) Ungodly Physical Attachments

- The enemy has convinced many that there is nothing special about sex, that it is strictly a physical act with no permanent consequences.
- Being deceived by this lie, many adopt a promiscuous lifestyle and end up with many soul ties with different partners.
- This results in people becoming fragmented, as a piece of every ones soul is now being parted out, and pieced together as they make their connections. These parts now need to be called back.

6.) We are the re-established Temple of the Holy Spirit

1 Corinthians 6:15-18

Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ himself ? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute ? Never ! Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body ? For it is said, the two will become one flesh.

But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in Spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.

1 Corinthians 3:16

Don't you know that you yourselves are God's temple and that God's Spirit lives in you ? (He resides within us)

Proverbs Tells us that when we are involved in sexual immorality, the soul tie created not only infects our bodies and souls, but our spirits as well – the very place where the Spirit of God resides in us.

Our involvement with the following creates soul ties

Homosexual relationships, lesbian relationships, premarital sex, adultery, incest, rape, molestation, pornography.

What Is the impact ?

- Infects our spirits – the Glory of God within us,
- Invites the demonic influence/disease
- Induces shame

7.) How Do I Get Free ?

- Confession and Repentance.
 - We need to recognize the soul tie for what it really is – sin.
- Receive and give forgiveness.
 - We need to receive forgiveness from God and give forgiveness.
- Break the tie.
 - We need to send back the part of the person tied to you, and call back the parts you have left behind in others.

Prayer Ministry Time

Holy Spirit,

I submit my whole man (body, soul and spirit) to Your Spirit. I confess all my sexual encounters outside of marriage, all emotional ties, and all spiritual ties, that have been created in me by trying to find fulfillment in those areas. I thank you for your forgiveness towards me, and for your cleansing work in me right now. Father, I forgive those who have abused me where unwanted soul ties were created. Father, I pray that all I soulish ties to past sexual partners and ungodly relationships would be cut loose, that all sexual bondage, emotional longings, and dependencies, would be cut loose in Jesus name. I bind and renounce any evil spirits that have reinforced those soul ties. Father, I receive your forgiveness for all my past sinful encounters. Cleanse me and heal my body, soul, and spirit.

I pray this prayer and I seal it in the name of Jesus !

Now take a deep breath and breathe out — and let Holy Spirit minister to you !

Rejection

Feelings of Rejection

1.) Rejection Is Prevalent

- **Rejection is rooted in two things.**
 - A loss of personal value of who you are as a person.
 - A sense of being unaccepted by others.
- **Rejection is all around us.**
 - No one is exempt.
- **Rejection and shame walk hand in hand.**
 - Guilt says we have done something bad.
 - Shame makes us feel we're not good enough.
 - Rejection confirms all of that.

When we walk in rejection, most of us become quite defensive in our relationships, attitudes and opinions, because we feel our personhood is being attacked, or the value of who we are, or what we represent, is being both questioned and rejected.

- **Rejected and Forsaken – It's the Same Thing.**
 - To be left behind.
 - To be left entirely.
 - To be abandoned.
 - To be left over.
 - To be left helpless.
 - To be let go.
 - To be without a place.
 - To be disapproved of.
 - To do away with.
 - To make void or to be nullified.
 - Not making the grade.
 - To be refused.

2.) Jesus Understood Rejection and Addressed It

Mark 8:31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

Mark 12:10 Haven't you read this scripture: "The stone the builders rejected has become the capstone;"

Luke 9:22 And he said, "The Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, chief priests and teachers of the law, and he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life."

Luke 17:25 But first he must suffer many things, and then be rejected by the people of this generation.

Jesus walked in rejection all of His life, but on the cross, He dealt with rejection. His rejection cleared the way for our adoption – and so the choice is ours – hang on to rejection or let it go and walk with the freedoms that come with adoption.

3.) Characteristics of Rejection

- Tells us we are unacceptable, that we have no value, that we are unwanted.
- Tells us we are unloved, and we just don't fit.
- Is communicated to us through others, by way of a disgusted look, disdain, an impatient answer, neglect, silence, abuse or abandonment.
- Will cause us to shut down emotionally when someone tries to love us.
- Allows no comfort, it only brings to remembrance our accumulated past experiences of rejection.
- Clouds our vision, seduces us to scrutinize people – their facial expressions, their every word and action, and even loving words are misrepresented and twisted.

4.) Deep Roots of Rejection

- **The trauma that create the deep roots of rejection.**
 - Manner of conception - rape, violence, control.
 - Our environment in the womb.
 - Birth trauma.
 - Abandonment at birth.
 - Lack of bonding with mother or father.
 - Hereditary spirit of rejection.
 - Self - rejection.
 - Adoption.

5.) Bad Fruit from Rejection

- **Breach in our walls of protection.**
- **Attachment of an unloving spirit.**

You are not loveable, you are not worthy, opens doors to:

- Bitterness. (bitter-root judgment)
- Jealousy. (comparison and competition)
- Self-hatred. (passive aggression)
- Self-rejection. (despair or suicide)
- Fear of man. (people pleaser)
- Fear of rejection. (co-dependency)
- Fear of failure. (missing your full destiny in Christ)
- Shame. (shame bound)
- Guilt. (condemnation)
- Double-mindedness. (confusion, striving, performance)

6.) Progression of Bad Fruit Attitudes

- **Bad Fruit Towards Others.**
 - Refusal to be comforted.
 - Rejection of others before they reject us.
 - Harshness and/or hardness of heart.
 - Skepticism and unbelief.
 - Foul language.
 - Argumentative behavior.
 - Stubbornness and defiance.
 - Rebellion and fighting.

- **Bad Fruit Towards Ourselves**
 - Low self-image.
 - Inferiority complex.
 - Insecure.
 - Inadequate.
 - Sadness, grief, sorrows.
 - Self-condemnation.
 - Anxiety/worry and depression.
 - Pessimism.
 - Hopelessness and despair.

- **Bad Fruit Resulting in Self-Protection**
 - Striving and performance.
 - Withdrawal and isolation.
 - Independent spirit.
 - Self-centeredness.
 - Self-justification.
 - Criticism and judgment.
 - Envy, jealousy.
 - Covetousness.
 - Self pity.
 - Pride – haughtiness and arrogance.
 - Manipulation, possessiveness.
 - Perfectionism, emotional immaturity.

- **Once Seeded, Rejection Continues its Work**
 - Planting seeds of destruction and disunity.
 - Destroying family relationships.
 - Destroying our personal world.
 - Trapping us into seeking acceptance at all costs.
 - Searching in the wrong places for our identity.
 - Immoral relationships, etc.
 - Confusion over who you really are.
 - Confusion of what is our call.
 - Confusion of how to even start back to being whole.

7.) Breaking the Hold of Rejection

- **This is where we break the lie. This is where we look to Jesus and not to man for the truth.**
- **Overcoming rejection is like walking through forgiveness, it cannot be accomplished in one day. However, today we can start the process.**
 - Repent for holding onto rejection.
 - Break off that unloving spirit that comes with rejection.
 - Break off all those attachments that bring rejection.
 - Sever the root of rejection with the axe of God's truth.
 - Break off all those behaviors that feed and re-enforce rejection.

Prayer Ministry Time

Holy Spirit,

I repent for holding onto rejection. I ask you to break any unloving spirit that has attached itself to me. I ask that you break off any and all other attachments that bring rejection to me. I go to the root of my rejection with the axe of your word and truth.

Help me to break off behaviors and structures that feed and re-enforce rejection. Help me to focus on your promises to me and your total love and acceptance of me. And where I am weak, give me the strength to look to you and not men for approval.

I pray this prayer and I seal it in the name of Jesus !

Now take a deep breath and breathe out — and let Holy Spirit minister to you !

The Religious Spirit

Religiousness is a skillfully crafted counterfeit religion, strategically designed to have the Bride of Christ walk in the false bride. This counterfeit is so well designed that it has been able to deceptively displace many to walk in the false on so many levels.

A distractive, disruptive, divisive, and deceptive force created by the adversary, manipulated through our fears, our phobias, and our insecurities, have caused our reactions to create a reality that is nothing close to the real identity that we were designed to walk in.

The adversary's plan has always been to imprison us into who we think we are, or into who we have envisioned ourselves to be, — versus who we have been designed to be according to Jesus.

What Jesus exemplified to His disciples, and his demonstrations of the unfolding Kingdom of Heaven, is exactly what, and where, we need to be.

1.) Deception, Distortion and Destruction

- It's amazing how vast, deep and ugly this thing is. Deception, distortion and destruction is what this religious spirit is all about as it parades itself as an instrument of light, — as it lures us into entertaining something that looks so close to the real thing.
- The religious spirit always shows up when the great commandment to love one another is playing second fiddle to the great commission. It's when the commissioning to expand and build has priority over love. That is when you see the “performance based religious spirit” start to take root.
- As it now protects, defends and fights for its cause, — the strongman now comes carving out one agenda after another. The Kingdom of Heaven that Jesus came with has now been cleverly pushed aside.
- This counterfeit spirit has been around for a few thousand years. It is sharp, it is intelligent, and it always knows what to say, what to do, and how to skirt around as it has perfected the art of manipulation, along with the ability to self-preserve.

- For those that are caught up in this spirit, they usually find themselves playing checkers on the adversary's chessboard where the religious spirit is already 3 moves ahead. When you play by his rules you will always lose.
- Playing by his rules are all the signs that you are completely off your game! Completely off, because you are totally unaware of the one behind the curtain who is pulling all the strings, both in your personal life, and in your corporate life.

2.) Fragments, Separates, and Isolates

- The whole reasoning behind the religious spirit is to send us into the false so that we walk in a powerless counterfeit gospel as it tears us apart mentally, physically and spiritually.
- We make concessions as we now walk in our double mindedness because the answers we are looking for aren't showing up. Now we find ourselves engaging with the things we thought we had conquered long ago.
- The demonic sets up the religious and the religiousness that comes out of all that, fragments and separates us, sending us into some form of isolation, — becoming a personal prison for many. When battling it out, we think we are heading towards freedom, when in reality, because of the religious grip, we are actually caught up in an endless spin cycle.
- The ultimate end game for the religious spirit is to have ultimate control and supreme authority over a gathering. Jesus came with a model of government where we all serve each other, and where we are truly taking care of the Father's Business. Jesus came with a powerful Kingdom, His Father's Kingdom. He came with a finished product. He even said, " It is finished! ". And according to Jesus, it's a done deal. But the religious spirit will always steering us into some form of busyness vs being in that place of rest.

3.) Hindrances from Walking Away

- The spirit of religiousness fuels itself and shields itself with intellectualism, with manipulation and positioning, with perfection, with a self centeredness, with being tough-hearted, with an arrogance that's covered up as righteous indignation, through strife and friction defining it as all part of the refining process, through boasting and self-righteousness calling it wisdom and understanding, through domination as a form of leadership, through the twisting of words as a form of negotiating, through stubbornness as a form of being grounded.
- It's never willing to apologize because its always trying to make a point, and lacking tolerance as it presses forward self-righteously. This thing is vicious and it twists everything, — but it's all tucked under a false humility, false piety. It either comes across very convincing, or it comes out as a bully. In most cases it'll start out piously, but when things aren't going its way, — the bully comes out.

4.) The Effects of the Religious Spirit

- Feelings of BEING ACCUSED or THREATENED, specifically in regards to your IDENTITY.
- PANIC ATTACKS or ANXIETY caused by feeling trapped.
- Desire to RUN FROM THE BATTLE.
- Feelings of QUITTING, DEPRESSION, FATIGUE along with WEARINESS, CONFUSION, and DOUBT.
- SICKNESS or INFIRMITIES that distract us and wear us down.
- Desire to ISOLATE.
- PHYSICAL and SPIRITUAL heaviness.
- DEMONIC dreams.
- Feeling OUT OF CONTROL or CONTROLLED having lost the ability to choose.

Prayer Ministry Time

Holy Spirit,

I renounce every opening, known or unknown, that I have given to the spirit of religion. I renounce every spirit of religion or religious spirit, and every work of darkness connected with it. I renounce every act of rebellion that reinforced the spirit of religion. I renounce all legalism, traditions and religious formulas, and any hardness of heart to the things of God that I have walked in.

I renounce all deception and self-deception, hypocrisy, pride, compromises of attitude, arrogance and self-righteousness, and the twisting of words. I renounce all comparisons, judgments, and criticisms that I have engaged in. I renounce all fears that allowed access of the religious spirit into my life.

I repent, for walking in the counterfeit, and walking in the spirit of manipulation. I repent for being double minded. Break off any mindsets that may have locked themselves in my mind. I pray for restoration and healing in all those areas where the religious spirit has wounded me. I pray that from this day forward that I will attend to the Father's business only. I pray that every legal right where the spirit of religion has gripped my life, known or unknown, be broken off me right now.

I pray this prayer and I seal it in the name of Jesus !

Now take a deep breath and breathe out — and let Holy Spirit minister to you !

Generational Curses

Identified

For many, it feels like the deck is stacked against them generationally. Perhaps alcoholism tends to run in the family. Or maybe abuse has been repeating itself in multiple generations. Perhaps a family has a history of, sickness, disease, mental illness or even suicide. Generationally at times, these tragic legacies come from corrupt values or bad habits getting passed on as genetic factors, such as passed on behaviors. But in many cases it's usually a form of darkness that has spiritually enforced many of these symptoms.

And then there's generational involvement with the occult, with satanism, with black witchcraft, white witchcraft and other ancient psychic pagan practices. Its these demonic activities from past family members through secret societies and secret covens that almost give legal generational rights to be passed down because of some type of dark demonic ritual agreements and sacrifices that have been made.

Whatever it is, it needs to be dealt with.

1.) Generational Curses

- **Disobedience**
 - **Signs:** Unruly children, emotionally distant parents or children, negative feelings toward family members, constant disagreements.
- **Violence**
 - **Signs:** Physical or emotional aggression, chronic frustration, resentment toward family members, frequent insults or arguments.
- **Idolatry**
 - **Signs:** Lack of prayer, loss of faith, neglecting family relationships, spending large amounts of money on luxuries, easily distracted when praying.

- **Behavior Habits**
 - **Signs:** Destructive tendencies like laziness or gluttony, warped morals, tendency to sin rather than turn toward God, difficulty changing behavior, reluctance to seek forgiveness.
- **Illness**
 - **Signs:** Chronic or hereditary illnesses, addiction, mental illnesses like depression or other disorders, fatigue, lack of passion for God or the family.
- **Witchcraft, Occult, Satanism, Cults**
 - **Signs:** Nightmares, Inner voices, lapses of memory, confusion, frequent accidents, physical illness, mental and emotional disorders, torment, demonic visitations. multiple personality disorder, sexual disorder, addictive disorder.

Prayer Ministry Time

Holy Spirit,

In the Name of Jesus Christ, I now renounce all generational curses put on my family through my ancestors, parents, or myself. I break the power, and reject all the sins of my ancestors, by the power and authority of Jesus Christ.

I renounce all satanic assignments that have been put against me, and cancel every curse that Satan and his forces have put on me. I cancel all the power of the evil words or curses spoken out against me from the moment of my conception in my mother's womb, until this moment. I am under the covering of the blood of Jesus Christ. I now command every familiar spirit to leave my presence, and I cut these ties forever.

I pray this prayer and I seal it in the name of Jesus !

Now take a deep breath and breathe out — and let Holy Spirit minister to you !

We Are Free

And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.” - John 8:32

Romans 8:38, 39

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:31

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

2 Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work.

Ephesians 2:5,7

But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ . . . by grace you have been saved.

Luke 10:19

Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

2 Thessalonians 3:3

But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you from the evil one.

Luke 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed.

Mark 16:17

And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.

1 John 4:4

You are of God, and have overcome, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.

1 Corinthians 1:9

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Revelation 3:20

Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

2 Timothy 1:9

Who has saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was given to us in Christ Jesus before time began.

John 15:15,16

No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you. You did not choose Me, but I chose you.

John 14:17,18

The Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

Hebrews 13:5

For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you.

Philippians 1:6

Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

John 4:14

But whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst. But the water that I shall give him will become in him a fountain of water springing up into everlasting life.

1 Peter 5:7

Cast all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Ephesians 1:13

In Him you also trusted, after you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise.

Ephesians 1:4,5

Just as He chose us before the foundation of the world, having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will.

John 14:12

Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father.

Titus 3:5,6

But according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

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