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Curses

Christians walking in the knowledge and power of their spiritual authority are especially targeted for attention by the enemy. When curses are broken and spirits reversed to the ones who sent them (Psalm 109:17) reverberations are generated in the spirit world, causing witches to become more cautious. Demons returning to those who sent them can be vengeful, angry, vicious and dangerous to the senders.

Higher level witches will "scan" the person on whom the curses are to be placed. By communication with demons, they learn of areas still vulnerable and open to attack. In most cases something in the intended victim allows him to fall into agreement with the curse.

For example: a woman whose parents were witches was hesitant to break curses and send them back to the source for fear they were coming from her relatives in witchcraft. Actually this was not true, but the woman underwent much torment until she finally broke the curses. Demons work hard in their destructive activities and use any means to prevent knowledgeable believers from using their highly effective weapons against the kingdom of darkness.

For some reason women seem more susceptible than men to attack through curses. Perhaps her emotional makeup and her weakness in the area of spiritual deception (I Timothy 2:14) make her more vulnerable. Women are often first snared, and then used to bait a trap for men, just as Satan got to Adam through Eve. Most men tend to make a decision and stick by it, while a female may debate in her mind all the pros and cons of a situation, wondering if the decision she has made is correct. This mental vacillation can give opportunity for demonic onslaught.

God's chain of command establishes the father, the husband or the male members of the Christian assembly as a spiritual covering and counseling resource for the women. Submission (I Corinthians 11:10) means to "come under the protection of." Therefore, when a wife submits to her husband she is given special protection from the evil spirit world. Had Eve consulted Adam before she ate the forbidden fruit, things could have been very different (I Timothy 2:14). (Cf. Battling the Hosts of Hell)

People often state they are not under any curses. As regarding final salvation, no; but as far as your life here and now, yes you can definitely be affected. You did not automatically shed them when you were born again. Some deny this, stating the fact that Jesus died to take away the curse. He also died for the sins of the entire world (John 3:16). Following this line of reasoning
everyone would automatically be saved. This is not true. The potential is there and the price is paid, but only appropriation of the provision puts it in force. Likewise, deliverance from these curses is available. However, it must be invoked in order to receive freedom from these legal grounds for demonic activity. Curses have long-lasting, drastic or even catastrophic effects and we need to be aware of this.

When man broke God's law and brought black people from Africa to America as slaves it opened the way for many curses. The northeastern ship owners brought and sold them to southern plantations. As a result, God almost wiped out the entire nation with the Civil War, the bloodiest war in our history.

You cannot get away from judgment for breaking God's law. Filled with bitterness and hatred because of being forced into slavery, the Africans struck back they only way they could - by invoking the curses of their ancient demon gods upon their white tormentors with witchcraft and voodoo. These demons have confessed that the slaves, filled with hate, resentment and anger, laid curses all over the southland. Even to this day, Louisiana is ruled by the Prince of Southern Curses and Arkansas by the Prince of the Occult.

Those from the northern United States have forbearers in Europe who brought witchcraft curses from the Black Forest, Scandinavia and the Druids in England. What I hope you will see is the thoroughness with which the devil has done his work. From southern Europe, Russia and the Balkans, gypsy and other witchcraft curses predominate.

When you came into contact with occult practices (such as the OUIJA board, horoscopes, fortune tellers, hypnosis or ESP) you were cursed, your children were cursed, your grandchildren were cursed and your great grandchildren were cursed, all in one operation!

Anything in the occult realm requires two steps to destroy the grounds for attack. Every contact must be confessed as sin to eliminate the ground of unconfessed sin as a legal hold for demonic bondage. We must find every single inch of territory held by the enemy, then take it back. Every demon within, not ruthlessly hunted down and expelled, will become a thorn in our flesh, a constant irritation and handicap. God will forgive every occult contact (I John 1:9). Next notify Satan that you are closing every door that you may have opened to him through these contacts.

People ask if every single occult contact will open the door to Satan. Not necessarily, but because it is difficult to gauge how psychically sensitive you are, it is wise not to assume there is no problem and include all of them. Better to include a dozen contacts which did not "take" than to miss one which did.
Take no chances and state this: "I am closing any door I may have opened to you, Satan, through contact with the Ouija board, astrology, fortune telling, hypnosis, ESP, etc." Go down the list and when you finish renouncing them, notify the devil: "I am closing the door against all these things I know about and all the things I don’t know about. I renounce you and all your demons and I am closing every door I may have opened."

Because you or someone else opened the door to invite attack, you are now legally closing that door and putting Satan on notice about it. This is a simple but necessary step to eliminate all legal loopholes through which you may be invaded and oppressed.

The occult is a deadly and dangerous area. Witchcraft, voodoo and American Indian curses have been found to be strong. Some question this because the Bible says, "a curse shall not causeless come." Certainly it is true; a curse must have cause to operate. Unfortunately we have so many "causes" that the devil can almost shoot at will and hit us with demonic attack. Never do our imperfections stand out more prominently. Ignorance of Scripture and biblical principles in us, our parents, ancestors and churches has given satanic forces a field day.

Most people are unaware that the witches in Africa have been fasting thirty and forty days to break up Christian marriages in Africa and this country, especially for those among the leadership. Satan’s tools and dupes have that much dedication and determination to serve him! How many thirty and forty day fasts have believers undertaken to break the power of Satan and destroy demonic bondage? No wonder we are wide open! Satan is succeeding and we are failing. Servants of the enemy have dedication and devotion which shames the lazy and complacent servants of the Most High God!

One thing to remember about fasting is that basically it opens one to the spirit world. It is not just leaving off food, but runs far deeper. Fasting can be commendable and profitable, but remember that everything you see, hear or experience while fasting is NOT from the Lord Jesus.

Across the country I have found people doing and teaching weird, strange and peculiar things. When I protest, they piously proclaim that "the lord told them" to do it. If I point out Scriptural discrepancies, many times their defense is that they know it is from the Lord because they were on a fast when this beautiful "revelation" came.

When on a fast, check everything very carefully. There are two stations broadcasting. Although you may think you are Super Christian Number One, you can be fooled if you are not cautious. There is no need to walk in fear, but do carefully check everything by the Word of God.
A curse causeless cannot come, therefore, when they do hit we must seek out the reason and eliminate it. There is a curse which comes because of murder (Genesis 4:11). In Matthew 5:21, 22, Jesus seems to equate hatred with murder. Dislike grows into hatred; hatred into murder.

A curse from the law comes from attempting to obey the letter of the law rather than trusting in the Lord. Many are seeking to make their own righteousness by going through a list of do's and don'ts. Certainly there are do's and don'ts in the Bible and we must observe them, but we are also to become sensitive to the Holy Spirit's guidance. The curse of the law comes by going about trying to establish righteousness by doing good things. We should do good because we have been saved and not because we are trying to be saved. Motivation is all important here, along with heart attitudes.

Christ redeems those who put their trust in Him (Deuteronomy 11:28, 26:16; Galatians 3:10-15). Jesus Christ became a curse on the cross for us and blotted out the handwriting of ordinances against us. This will break any curse if claimed and applied.

If you suspect a curse is rooted in the occult, it must be broken back at least four generations. God curses occult dabbling to the third and fourth generations. If it is rooted in open practice of witchcraft, break it back fifteen to twenty-five generations on both sides of the family. Witchcraft is very tenacious, so don't hesitate to go far back to destroy its rotten roots.

When a demon seems to resist the breaking of a curse, break it back fifteen or twenty generations. On occasion when I declared curses broken on both sides of the family back to ten generations, the demon responded that was not far enough and laughed. I then said, "OK, I break it back to fifteen, twenty generations." The spirit then sobbed, "Now why did you have to do that?"

Never hesitate to break a curse for it is quite simple. If you are mistaken, no harm is done. An overlooked curse can cause many problems. Curses act as a kind of fence to protect demons and give them legal grounds to operate. When breaking a curse say, "I break this curse in Jesus' name." If you suspect an inherited family curse: "I break the curse back to ten generations on both sides of the family and destroy every legal hold and every legal ground that the demons have to work in my {or other} life."

We must destroy the curses for they are all around us to entangle and hinder. They constitute some of the "weights" we are told to lay aside (Hebrews 12:1). Fortunately we can destroy them and plug up the gaps. It is neither a hopeless nor endless job for once we begin stopping some of these leaks, growth, progress, and victory will follow. God is raising an army which will give the demons a hard time.
Some say they want no part of it, but there is a curse on those who will not fight or are slack in the Lord's battle (Judges 5:23; Jeremiah 48:10). Some become weary and decide to coast for awhile, forgetting that you can only coast downhill. Stay in the fight and keep going. There is a curse if we fail to give to the Lord's work (Malachi 3:9; Haggai 1:3, 6, 9). If you are stingy with the Lord, a curse comes upon you. No wonder you have no money. There are curses on thieves; on those who swear by God's name falsely; a curse on the house of the wicked; and those who fail to see the needs of the poor.

Seeing to the needs of the poor does not mean to be a gullible goose, but to be prayerful and see exactly what God wants you to do. Do you know that everyone is not your neighbor? Unfortunately churches are filled with gullible gooses. The poor things spend all their time and money helping people who cannot be helped. God did not tell them to help. However, the devil has convinced them that if you are a Christian you must behave stupidly and apart from wisdom.

What would have happened to the good Samaritan if he had helped everyone he saw in need on the road that day? By the time he reached the man God had equipped him to help, he would have been drained of strength, time, money and supplies. We are intended to help certain people. Other people God has equipped to help the needy ones. It is actually a misplaced kind of pride which makes you think you are supposed to do the whole job.

We must tune in with the Lord's will and follow Him to discover which persons are our responsibility; those He has equipped you to minister to financially, spiritually and in every way. Some are laboring under judgments from the Lord. This is why they are poor and if you give them money, it will only delay the judgment which will be even worse when it finally comes.

These will fritter away all your money and God will judge you for foolish interference. Eventually both are financially exhausted and nothing has been gained. There are those under judgment for being stupid, and God is teaching them something through privation so they will not repeat the same unwise actions again. Unfortunately we live in a society in which big government has fostered this kind of "do good" ethic. It is time that believers learn to be sensitive and obedient to the voice of God.

There is a curse on ministers and any believer who will not give glory to Christ (Malachi 2:2; Revelation 1:6). This results in their blessings be cursed. There is a cult based in California, who specialize in mouthing slogans: "Bless you, sister; bless you, brother, bless you." With them, every time they open their mouths they are "blessing." When delivering a former member of this cult we cast out Bless You spirits. Cultic soul ties had to be destroyed.
If the wrong people "pray" for you, it can hit like a curse. In the month of May many converted Catholics in our church have a rough time, for this is Mary's month. Misguided relatives go to prayer and pay for masses and novenas to be said for that person they feel has strayed from the true church. This sets in motion hosts of occult spirits to pressure the objects of prayer. I repeat - wrong kinds of prayer operate like witchcraft!

Often you find groups presided over by a charismatic witch. You can spot them easily. They rule by "prophesies" and "revelations." Actually this is no different from many other cultic movements. Mohammed ruled in this same way and established his religion. When a previous "revelation" blocks the leader, a fresh one reverses or revises things to suit him. This is common in these "special revelation" groups.

Stay very close to God's written word and let everything else be strictly supplementary, to be checked and cross-checked by the Word of God. Be wary of so-called "deeper teachings," for they are usually pure garbage. The Bible truths we need are opened by the Holy Spirit as the believer has need. Many have forsaken Bible study to constantly run to some leader for "a word" or teaching from the lord. Often soulish and self-appointed leaders give you more than a word and you had better watch out. Let God deal with you and look in His Word for your main substance. You can depend on it, there is never failure here. Other things always have to be checked and cross-checked by the Word of God.

There is a curse on improper family structure which causes defective priesthoods (Malachi 4:6).
The proper family structure is for the father to lead the way in all things. What has Satan done in our society? By changing God's Word, mother does all the loving and we have produced a bunch of neurotic men.

There is a curse from trusting in man instead of God, depending on the flesh instead of the spirit (Jeremiah 17). There is a curse on a molten or graven image and on those who make light of parents. TV programs regularly make light of fathers and mothers, presenting them as dummies. TV has done great damage. We have found spirits from soap operas and spirits of violence, brutality and sadism coming from football and other sporting events.

Of course some are more susceptible than others. You need to become aware of where you are weak and brace against it. What one can watch without bother may wipe another person out. All are open in some areas and this often explains why curses succeed against us.

In sexual areas there are many kinds of curses which can cause trouble. Sexual relations outside the marriage relationship help load special curses on those who indulge. Deuteronomy 27:26 curses those who refuse to conform to all the Word of God. Are we really doing all the Word of God we know to do? How embarrassing if a demon found out about this and began to work on
that area. We should not walk in fear, but we certainly need to be aware of these weak areas open to satanic attack. We have got to learn how to plug these loopholes.

**Biblical Curses**

“The Curse causeless shall not come” (*Proverbs 26:2*).

Any sin worthy of death is also cursed by God (*Deuteronomy 21:22, 23*).

1. Those who curse or mistreat Jews (*Deuteronomy 27:26; Genesis 27:29, 12:3; Numbers 24:9*)

2. Those who are willing deceivers (*Jos. 9:23; Jeremiah 48:10; Mal. 1:14; Gen. 27:12*)

3. An adulterous woman (*Numbers 5:27*)

4. Disobedience to the Lord’s Commandments (*Deut. 11:28; Daniel 9: 11; Jeremiah 11:3*)

5. Idolatry (*Jer. 44:8; Deut. 29:19, 5:8, 9; Ex 20:5*)

6. Those who keep or own cursed objects (*Deuteronomy 7:25; Joshua 6:18*)

7. Those who refuse to come to the Lord’s help (*Judges 5:23*)

8. House of the wicked (*Proverbs 3:33*)

9. He who gives not to the poor (*Proverbs 28:27*)

10. The earth by reason of man's disobedience (*Isaiah 24:3-6*)

11. Jerusalem is a curse to all nations if Jews rebel against God. (*Jeremiah 26:6*)

12. Thieves and those who swear falsely by the Lord’s Name (*Zechariah 5:4*)

13. Ministers who fail to give the glory to God (*Malachi 3:9; Revelation 1 :6*)

14. Those who rob God of tithes & offerings (*Malachi 3:9; Haggai 1:6-9*)

15. Those who hearken unto their wives rather than God (*Genesis 3:17*)

16. Those who lightly esteem their parents (*Deuteronomy 27:16*)

17. Those who make graven images (*Deuteronomy 27:15, 5:8; Exodus 20:4*)

18. Those who willfully cheat people out of their property (*Deuteronomy 27:17*)
19. Those who take advantage of the blind (Deuteronomy 27:18)
20. Those who oppress strangers, widows or fatherless
(Deuteronomy 27:19; Exodus 22:22-24)
21. He who lies with his fathers' wife (Deut. 27:20)
22. He who lies with any beast (Deut. 27:21; Ex. 22:19)
23. He who lies with his sister (Deut 27:22)
24. Those who smite their neighbors secretly (Deuteronomy 27:24)
25. Those who take money to slay the innocent (Deuteronomy 27:25)
27. The proud (Psalm 119:21)
28. Those who trust in man and not the Lord (Jeremiah 17:5)
29. Those who do the work of the Lord deceitfully (Jeremiah 48:10)
30. He who keep back his sword from blood (Jeremiah 48:10; I Kings 20:35-42)
31. Those who reward evil for good (Proverbs 17:13)
32. Illegitimate children (Deuteronomy 23:2)
33. Children born from incestuous unions (Genesis 19:36-38)
34. Murderers (Exodus 21:12)
35. To murder indirectly (Exodus 21:14)
36. Children who strike their parents (Exodus 21:15)
37. Kidnappers (Exodus 21:16; Deuteronomy 24:7)
38. Those who curse their parents (Exodus 21:17)
39. Those who cause the unborn to die (Ex 21:22, 23)
40. Those who do not prevent death (Exodus 21:29)
41. Those involved in witchcraft (Exodus 22:18)
42. Those who sacrifice to false gods (Exodus 22:20)
43. Those who attempt to turn anyone away from the Lord (Deuteronomy 13:6-9)
44. Those who follow horoscopes (Deut 17:2-5)
45. Those who rebel against pastors (Deut 17:12)
46. False prophets (Deuteronomy 18:19-22)
47. Women who do not keep their virginity until they are married (Deuteronomy 22:13-21)
48. Parents who do not discipline their children, but honor them above God (I Samuel 2:11; 27-36)
49. Those who curse their rulers (I Kings 2:8, 9; Exodus 22:28)
50. Those who teach rebellion against the Lord (Jeremiah 28:16, 17)
51. Those who refuse to warn them of sin (Eze 3:18-21)
52. Those who defile the Sabbath (Ex. 31:14; Num. 15:32-36)
53. Those who sacrifice human beings (Leviticus 20:2)
54. Participants in séances and fortune telling (Lev 20:6)
55. Homosexual and lesbian relationships (Lev 20:13)
56. Sexual intercourse during menstruation (Lev 20:18)
57. Necromancers and fortune tellers (Lev 20:27)
58. Those who blaspheme the Lord's Name (Lev 24:15, 16)
59. Those who are carnally minded (Romans 8:6)
60. Sodomy (oral and anal sex) (Genesis 19:13, 24, 25)
61. Rebellious children (Deuteronomy 21:18-21)

Dealing With Curses

Witches and those who practice Black Magic are afraid of a curse, hex, etc., coming back to them for they know the power of them. Anything that is sent out is like a boomerang, it goes back to the one who sent it and they will tremble. We need to know and stand firm in this
knowledge and have no fear. Before it reaches us, like the boomerang, it will return or we can duck or step aside.

Unless we open the door by fear, we can be secure against most moves of the enemy. With daily binding and loosing we can revoke and break all curses. When we break already existing curses, we can even post an angel to deflect curses. God's people must be educated not to fear or accept curses from the enemy but to resist and counterattack.

**Notes on Soul Ties**

**Soul ties between friends (I Samuel 18:1)** - David and Jonathan's souls knit together. {Knit - 7194 - to tie physically (gird, confine, compact) or mentally (in love, league); to bind up (make); conspire, conspiracy, conspirator, to join together, knit, stronger work, treason}. (Strong's Concordance)

**Soul ties between father and son** - "Seeing that his {the father, Jacob} soul is bound up with his {the son Benjamin} soul" (Genesis 44:30). His life is bound up in the lad's life. Life is the same word used for soul in 5315; this embraces them with the closest love (cf. I Samuel 18:1; Proverbs 22:15). (Gesenius Hebrew-Chaldee Lexicon).

A soul tie in the Bible can be described not only by the word knit, but bound up, and clave or cleave. Cleave has a double meaning: to separate or to bring closer together.

Cleave (1692) - a primitive root; to impinge, i.e., cling or adhere; figuratively to catch by pursuit; abide fast, cleave (fast together), to follow close (hard after), be joined (together); keep (fast); overtake, pursue hard, stick, take (Strong's Concordance).

To cleave, to adhere, firmly, as if with glue; to be glued; hence to be attached to anyone, to be lovingly devoted. God desires that we be soul-tied to Him: "Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God; Him shalt thou serve, and to Him shalt thou cleave, and swear by His Name" (Deuteronomy 10:20; 11:22; cf. I Samuel 25:29; Gesenius lexicon).

There can be a soul tie to a pastor or leader: "So every man of Israel went up from after David, and followed Sheba . . . but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from Jordan, even to Jerusalem" (II Samuel 20:2).

Soul ties to the world are forbidden for they turn us back to old things and will hinder deliverance. "Else if ye do in any wise to back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, even these that remain among you, and shall make marriages with them, and they to you: know for a certainty that the Lord your God will not more drive out of any these nations from before thee; but they shall be snares and traps unto you; and scourges in your sides, and thorns in your
eyes, until ye perish from this good land which the Lord your God hath given you" (Joshua 23:13, 13).

Soul ties formed by fornication and immorality: "And when Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, prince of the country, saw her, he took her and lay with her and defiled her. And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel ..." (Genesis 34:2, 3). Solomon had a similar problem in I Kings 11:2.

Soul ties can be formed in marriage relationships: "Therefore shall a man leave his father and mother and shall cleave unto his wife and they shall be one flesh" (Genesis 2:24).

See Numbers 30 and note the word "bound." You can bind your soul with a promise and it is up to you to keep it or it may forever haunt you. Bound - to yoke or hitch; by analogy, to fasten in any sense, to join battle; bind fast, gird, harness, hold, keep, make ready, order, prepare, prison(er), put in bonds, set in array, tie (Strong's Concordance). Gesenius Lexicon (pg 68) to bind, a bond or prohibition upon oneself; i.e., to bind oneself with a vow of 3bstlnence, promising to abstain from certain things otherwise permitted (Numbers 30:3). Perhaps if we make a promise or a vow, and find we cannot fulfill it, it may be wise to break the soul tie to that promise, in the Name of Jesus Christ.

Bound (688) - to cramp, literally or figuratively, as adversary, (be in) affliction; besiege; bind (up); (be in, bring) distress; enemy; narrower; oppress; shut up; be in a strait (trouble); vex (I Samuel 25:29).

Gesenius Lexicon (p. 719) to bind up, to bind together; metaphor, "the life of my Lord shall be bound up in the bundle of the living with God," i.e., shall be under the protection of God (I Samuel 25:29).

Soul ties with fellow Christians (Colossians 2:2, 19). Knit (4822) to force, causative (by reduplication) of the base of 939; to drive together; i.e., unite in association or affection; (mentally) to infer; show; compact; assuredly gather; instruct; knit together; prove. Thayers Greek Lexicon (p. 595) to cause to coalesce, to join together; of the parts of the body; knit together into one whole compacted together (Ephesians 4:16); to unite or knit together in affection (Colossians 2:2, 19).

Self Deliverance

In my ministry, I discovered self-deliverance in a rather odd way. We had been delivering people for some time in the services, week after week and seeing great victories. One night as I was driving to the church on an errand I began to sing choruses, then I prayed a while. I felt
impressed to pray in tongues. At first I paid little attention to the words which were coming; then it registered. I had heard many of the same words and phrases in tongues when I prayed with people for deliverance attacking the demons in them.

Startled, I wondered, could the Holy Spirit (who gives the words for the tongues) be speaking to evil spirits in my body? I did the same thing I counseled persons in deliverance to do. I stopped praying with my mouth and began to exhale slow deep breaths. About the third or fourth one, I choked violently and something besides air came up. I prayed again, paused and breathed out and, retching and heaving, spirits began to boil out of me. I coughed, gagged and spewed out demons all the way to church as the unsuspected squatters were dislodged by persistent prayer and my determination that they leave me.

After this happened, every morning as I showered, I began to make it a habit to pray and expel any spirits which had gained lodgment. This way I got a spiritual and physical bath simultaneously. I find it spiritually invigorating to shed the unwelcome visitors who are trying to set up housekeeping. I do not fear the demons, but detest them and want none to have a place to rest in me.

Every believer must learn to throw out demons from him-self as well as from others. If a curse is suspected to be the grounds for demonic activity, it must be broken in Jesus' name (Philippians 2:10). Any legal ground or legal hold must also be broken by claiming the cleansing power of the blood (I John 1:7). If unconfessed sin is the ground it must be dealt with (I John 1:9). A demon betrays his presence by driving, harassing, or tormenting and produces compulsive positive or negative behavior.

A demon is a spirit, which means wind or breath and most leave through the breathing passages. When an ambulance goes through town, all traffic is removed to expedite its passage. Therefore, when praying for yourself, you should cease just before expelling (breathing out) the demons in order that prayer or praise will not obstruct their leaving.

The Greek word for "cast out" (Mark 16:18) means to throw out violently, to vomit. Begin by breaking curses; destroy legal holds and legal grounds; bind spirits (if in doubt about names, call out the manifestations); then demand firmly in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ that they leave you. It can also be helpful (but not essential) at this point to pray in tongues. You need not yell or shout - demons hear quite well and power is in the name and blood of Jesus, not in the volume of your voice. Next, take three to five deep breaths and expel forcefully. If you breathe deeply repeatedly you will hyperventilate and get dizzy, so take a pause occasionally.

Demons can come out by simple breathing, coughing, gagging, retching, choking, moans, groans, shrieks, etc. The manifestations or lack of them depend on many factors involving the
individual and the demons and are difficult to predict. Spirits not deeply rooted will usually yield fairly easily. However, stronger, heavily entrenched spirits will require more time and effort to dislodge. The more stubborn and tenacious ones may require the help of other believers.

In spite of the fact that we are dealing with a defeated foe and all their legal grounds have been destroyed, strong demons are no pushovers. Even in retreat the enemy can and will put up a fierce and determined rear guard action. Because of the cleverness of spirits, many are fooled into thinking a strategic retreat is a wholesale surrender and rout and prematurely rejoice over a victory which is strictly partial.

Real persistence and the gift of discernment are very necessary here. It is exceedingly rare to see a demonic structure which took many years to build destroyed in a single session. However, the enemy can be mortally wounded and hurt in such an encounter. The order of the day is Attack! Attack! Attack! Give the enemy no time to regroup his forces. Keep him off balance by determinedly demanding the occupied territory; physical, emotional, spiritual or mental.

When demons leave, there will be a difference within the person, a noticeable cessation or slackening of pressures and/or torment in the areas of his activity. Remember that in the case of multiple spirits of the same kind, all must be removed before complete victory is assured. For every inch of ground regained from the enemy there will be definite Improvement.

**Binding and Loosing Spirits**

Demons can be imparted by the laying on of hands, therefore be careful who prays for you. While we are not to live in fear or apprehension, caution would lead us to pray to cover our body, mind and spirit with the blood of Jesus Christ for continuous protection.

We are in an all-out war with many pitfalls and hurtful attacks. The scripture admonishes us to walk soberly and vigilantly because our savage adversary, Satan, is always ready to attack the careless. To become presumptuous and underestimate the power and cunning of the enemy can be fatal.

In these dark days of the unleashed supernatural powers of the forces of darkness, none but supernaturally empowered believers will be able to stand. Rigid, legalistic dogmas, quoting proof texts or loud emotional outbursts of attack or praise will be equally ineffective to stop the fury of the end-time darkness.

Only believers, armed with the Word and practice in using supernatural power in their everyday lives will be able to cope with the tides of wickedness sweeping the world. That we have
superior weaponry, equipment and power is beyond question. Unfortunately, most believers are woefully ignorant and living far, far beneath their birthright.

As we crash headlong into the beginnings of the terrible darkness of the end-times, religious cliches and formulas will be splintered beyond repair. In any confrontation with the raw supernatural power of the Evil One, only power from the third heaven will avail. Easy believeism must be replaced by virile, living faith (James 2:18). In days ahead the ability to lay hold on the power of the God may easily determine the difference between life and death.

Those unaware of or denying the power of the demonic realm shall be helpless in the face of the coming all-out assault from the spirit world. Truly how slow of heart we are to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

It is vital for us to learn to exercise authority to bind evil spirits, and also to loose the spirits of God (Matthew 18:18, 1 John 4:4, Hebrews 1:7, 14).

It is not complicated. A simple prayer will do: "I take authority over the spirits of [name them] in [name of person], in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and command them to be bound. By binding f mean you are not to manifest in any way until you come out in deliverance."

To loose spirits (angels) of God: "Father, I ask You in the name of Jesus Christ to send spirits of [name the ones desired] to hinder and stop the work of the enemy in [name of person]."

Our heritage as born again Christians is to tread on serpents and scorpions (Luke 10:19). We are to exercise the authority of our Lord when He said that all power was given Him in heaven and earth.

Another interesting variation of binding and loosing which has proved effective is to bind evil and negative thoughts in yourself and other people. Specific edifying and positive spirits can be released at the same time (Matthew 18:18). One young man employing this method reported that his attitude toward parents, school and work had undergone a radical change for the better after employing these techniques.

When you attempt to bind and box demons in order to stop deliverance proceedings they will resist. However, determined commands to "be bound in Jesus' Name" will eventually prevail. Ask the Father to send angels with boxes (Joshua 10:17-26; Job 14:17) to put them in. Order them to be chained and gagged and ask that an angel be stationed inside the box to read Scriptures to the spirit night and day in order that he have no rest. We call this process "marinating" and after a few days or weeks of this confinement, many stubborn demons will agree to leave.
In battling evil spirits, keep up a barrage so they can get no rest. You can loose angels to spin their minds round and round so the spirits cannot think and become confused. Another way to discomfit the enemy is to ask the angel of the lord to chase and harass them. I often ask that the angels bruise, crush and flatten the heads of the serpentine spirits and snip off the tails (stings) of the scorpion spirits.

Another useful tactic after demons manifest is to order the princes and rulers to be bound with chains and thrown down before the other spirits (Psalm 149). Ask that on their foreheads be written in red letters "Jesus Christ is my Lord." Next, tell all the little spirits inside (who are already programmed to destroy) that there are traitors in the camp and they must attack them and throw them out. They are, of course, chained and have the signs on their heads. Sometimes it takes a lot of prodding, but often the bigger demons are savagely attacked and thrown out while they are bound and helpless. This is because the believer takes authority.

At times it is useful to release on the foe the spirit which came on the Midianites in Gideon's day. It causes them to attack and dispatch each other. This in effect causes civil war inside.

Psychological warfare is in order. Spirits are not equally susceptible, so the approach must be suited to whatever will cause the demon to slip and be defeated. With many, an appeal to their enormous vanity is effective: "My, you must be very strong/wise/powerful. I guess you are very intelligent. Have you done your job well? Let's have a friendly little chat."

Some are too wise to fall into the flattery net, therefore shift to irritation and aggravation. Find a weak spot to provoke and harass him to anger. Angry and wrathful spirits lose control and often blurt out helpful clues to dislodge them. Workers must be relaxed and alert for the Holy Spirit's leadership as to what to do and confirmation of bits of information extracted from the demons.

Frequently cross-check a spirit's remarks by asking, "Will that answer (statement) stand in the judgment?" Sometimes the demon will query, "What judgment are you talking about?" Tell him you mean the fiery one he faces. Force him to answer questions yes or no. If he hedges and says he does not know or maybe so, you know he is lying. This will really annoy the spirits.

Skillful, harassing interrogation of "prisoners of war" has yielded a great deal of useful information for use in destroying the works of the devil. The higher the rank, the more he knows of enemy plans and warfare. Do not make the mistake of being drawn into a "fortune telling" session; stick to warfare.

It is effective to remain relaxed and nonchalant when parrying with the enemy. Maintain an air of bored detachment and skepticism, even when the spirits give you startling information.
Express doubt and unbelief, even when you are sure they are telling the truth. If you react strongly to a bit of information they may realize the mistake and clam up.

Often the demon will become incensed that you do not accept his true statements and angrily will blurt out other useful information to convince skeptical humans. Demons are very proud of their cunning, intelligence and superiority over human beings, who they regard with extreme disdain. Take advantage of this and play dumb in order to lure them to betray more insights which can be used against the spirits.

There is an occupational hazard of which deliverance workers ought to be aware. For two or three years after actively becoming involved in the deliverance ministry, there will be mental attacks about every three or four months. Without warning, the worker will suddenly find his mind spinning, full of doubts and unbelief about the entire matter of casting out evil spirits.

In spite of recurring deliverance for himself and successfully ministering to others, the worker will be shaken and wonder if the whole concept is just a gigantic hoax. Repeatedly the idea will be driven home that the worker is deceived and should abandon this unpopular course without delay. After all, none of the "great" ministries, large denominations or nationally known leaders approve, endorse or practice deliverance.

Almost 100% oppose and attack it. How could so many spiritual leaders be wrong? These questions pepper the beleaguered believer in an all-out attempt to turn him away from the ministry. Hang on, for in a matter of hours or days the air will clear and you will wonder how you were ever able to doubt the validity of this most scriptural of ministries.

Workers need to become skillful in the harassment of demons who stubbornly refuse to leave people when challenged. Many times when they resist giving their names, I bait them by saying that perhaps they are ashamed of it or are so small they only have a number instead of a name. Spirits fiercely resent this belittling and needling. They often strike back by dropping valid pieces of information in an attempt to impress the worker. By nagging the demon about what he does to the person, clues are often given to his name.

To punish reluctant demons I ask the Father, in Jesus' name, to send warrior angels with swords to chain the rulers and throw the fire of God on them. Sometimes I threaten a struggling demon by telling him I will have him carved up in pieces or chopped into confetti and scattered over the dry places where it will take a hundred years to put all the pieces together.

Reading **Job 30:3-8** aloud repeatedly is tormenting to the enemy. Force a manifesting demon to look at you (although they can see without eyes and hear without ears). They hate this and it is
debilitating to them. Chide them for being a coward and a "little one", Tell them that Satan must be scraping the bottom of the barrel if this is the best he has.

When working on a spirit, watch for telltale signs of manifestations. Some are watering eyes and very slight movements of the head as you repeat, "You are defeated by Jesus, aren't you?" or "You're going to have to leave now in the Name of Jesus."

Breaking Demonic Walls

In an article in Reader’s Digest in May of 1980, the importance of physical contact in all warm-blooded animals was reported. Even in animal experiments a lack of touching produced: loss of appetite, slower growth, decline in intelligence and abnormal behavior patterns.

Touching in tender, caring ways can be healing and therapeutic. There is a difference between a caring and comforting touch and one designed to produce sexual arousal.

Many children are fortunate to have their skin hunger satisfied, resulting in openness, warmth and relaxation. If this hunger is thwarted, it can lead to withdrawal; a proneness to fantasy and hostility; and a diminished sense of their own worth. It has been noted that often this surfaces at school in tripping, shoving, wrestling, fighting, pushing down stairs and throwing food.

The macho image for men in our society has caused serious problems with far-reaching implications for the individual man and the home. At a very early age, little boys learn that "men don't cry when they hurt.. That is "sissy stuff." The little fellow learns to hide his feelings inside and cry inside; not outside.

If a father is reasonably affectionate with his family, he will show physical affection by hugging and kissing his children. In the case of daughters, this will continue even when they are grown and married. However, at a very early age the little boy learns that "men don't hug and kiss." It is not masculine!

He certainly wants to be masculine. After being rebuffed a few times, he carefully suppresses and hides his hunger to have physical affection from his dad, after being rebuffed for it a few times. To protect himself and prevent someone from knowing his hunger for closeness with his father, he begins to build a wall inside, behind which he can hide. By the time he is into his early teens the wall is very high and strong. He is safe and can take a pretty fierce jolt from the outside and no one can tell if he is affected or not.

Soon he makes a terrible discovery; he has constructed for himself a prison cell! When he reaches out to establish close ties with people, he can only reach so far and then he hits the
wall. Likewise, when they reach toward him, they too encounter the wall and there cannot be the closest of ties.

This problem compounds when he marries. Here is the girl he dearly loves and desires to give himself to totally. However, when he tries to do this, he again hits his implacable foe, the wall. He is frustrated and angry as he repeatedly attempts to break out. He wife also reaches toward him, desiring to be totally one with him, but she too hits the wall.

She senses this in her spirit and is puzzled and troubled by his failure to give himself completely. He can be doing and saying all the right things, but there is still a reserve. Being a woman, her first reaction is to accuse herself. Thus, she carefully checks to see what she is doing or failing to do which has produced the problem. When she realizes she is indeed doing all she knows to do, she wonders what is the matter with him, that he is not reciprocating. The marriage is just beginning and already there is hidden stress and strain on the relationship.

No woman, mother or wife, can break this prison wall in a man. It was created by a father and must be removed by one. When I go through this explanation, many men readily agree that this pattern is in their life and ask for help.

If the man desires it, the wall can be broken and release obtained. I simply step in and offer to adopt the man as my spiritual "son," becoming his spiritual "father." If he is agreeable, I take him in my arms, hold him close and embrace him warmly, kissing his cheek. I ask that the Father will use me as a channel of agape love to this man who is so bound.

Repeatedly, I tell my "son" what he has always secretly wanted to hear his father say: "I love you, son; I accept you just as you are, and I love you. I'm proud of you and am glad that you are my son." At the same time I hug and kiss him on the cheek repeatedly. Remember that all this must be genuine on the part of the father figure, or it will certainly not work.

Of course at first, it is like hugging a chair. The fellow is anything but relaxed and free, but this must not dissuade you. In the beginning, his willingness to break the wall is critical, not his ability to cooperate, in the beginning. I can hear some who read this saying, "Well, I certainly would never get involved in anything like that" My rejoinder to that is that God knew you wouldn't, therefore He told me, and not you. He knew that I would do whatever was necessary to free the captives. Wrong kinds of attitudes have left many thousands stranded in cruel bondage with no hope.

"Righteous" people may wring their "holy" hands in horror, saying such conduct smacks of homosexuality. Actually they are telling you something of their own hang-ups without intending
to do so! As a matter of fact this loving approach has been used to put into torment and extract multitudes of vile homosexual spirits also.

If you think the demons do not know the difference between virile agape love and lust, you are sadly mistaken and know little of spiritual warfare. They react violently to genuine love and Christian affection. The Scripture is quite clear on the subject but has been ignored and bypassed in this matter as in many others (Acts 20:1; 1 Thessalonians 5:26).

The church gave up a great deal when they lost "breast to breast" communication and substituted a sterile handshake. It is sad when people are so lustful that they are unable to embrace and demonstrate Christian love and tenderness, especially in the church. No longer does the world stand in awe marveling, "See how they love one another!"

In being the substitute "father," I must first persuade the man to accept the love I offer him. Surprisingly, this is very difficult for one who has hungered for this very thing. Patiently and lovingly, I must persuade him to let me come through that wall and break it down. I emphasize that without his cooperation it is impossible, for I cannot crash the wall without his willingness to let me do it. This may take some time, for it is a frightening thing to risk letting an outsider behind that wall where none has been before.

The first sign of a breakthrough is when I perceive in my spirit that he is beginning to open up and receive the love I am offering. Of course it is all new to him, but I need to get him to express love back to me. I help him by asking if he loves me (only after he has begun to receive the love I give to him). The usual response is to shyly nod his head. I urge him to tell me and when he does, I tell him to show me. Very stiffly and shyly he begins to return my embrace. I encourage him. The expressing of all that pent-up but unexpressed love he always had for his father is crucial to the destruction of the wall and setting him free. When he begins to move in this direction, I ask him to give me a kiss on the cheek. Expressing his feelings and love is essential to a breakthrough.

Of course people differ, but the results from this sort of procedure is a little short of revolutionary and staggering. When that blocking wall comes down, I know it. He suddenly begins to respond freely and embrace enthusiastically. Usually he will break into sobbing tears as the release comes from inside of him. I let him enjoy being free and it is a good time to command the spirits of Inability to Give and Receive Love Freely and Bound Emotions to come out of him.

The next step is to ask if his wife is present. Usually she is and I ask him to hug and kiss her and tell her that he loves her. When he does, she invariably bursts into tears, clinging to him. This
reaction is produced by her sensing for the first time in their life together that he is coming toward her with all that he is. That cursed wall is down and she knows it. What a blessing to see freedom which results from the destruction of the walls within.

I always caution him never to be duped into rebuilding these walls of false protection again, but to depend solely on the Lord for help. There are many women and girls who have experienced a similar rejection pattern from their mothers and have suffered in much the same way described above. In their case, godly, knowledgeable women can step into the role of a spiritual "mother" and do a mighty healing work. We have witnessed this happening many times.

I personally have dozens and dozens of adopted "sons" all across the country who will testify that this experience was a turning point in their spiritual growth and progress. Many of them are now turning to others in similar straits, ministering the same help they themselves received. It is in response to the requests of many that I write this section to encourage that the emotionally bound and crippled everywhere be extended the opportunity to be free by deliverance workers who care.

There are undoubtedly fellows who have had bad relationships with their mothers as well as girls with sever father problems who may need ministry of a similar sort. This is yet another valid field of deliverance to be explored. In this case, I would offer a word of caution that all things be handled discreetly and modestly.

One of the advantages of doing deliverance work openly in a group setting (besides being scriptural), is that there is little likelihood of scandal or gossip striking. This could happen if held in a closed session. We must of course strive at all times to do all things decently and in order, avoiding the very appearance of evil, lest our good be spoken evil of (I Thessalonians 5:22: Romans 14:16).

**Should Demons Manifest?**

Everywhere I travel, I meet with some who are sincerely convinced that it is wrong to force or allow the demonic entities in persons to manifest openly. They say this is not necessary, that you "speak and it is done" (Mark 11:23). I certainly have no quarrel with the scripture and it is the basis for crushing much of the enemy's fortifications. However, this is NOT the only scripture in the Bible which regulates prayer.

We must balance this blessed truth with others, equally valid. For example, an important lesson in praying is illustrated with an outrageously insistent neighbor who pounded at the door until he got the bread he sought. There is also an equally persistent little widow who would not give up until she got her request (Luke 11:5-10; 18:1-8).
I cannot say I am of the "*speak and it is done*" persuasion, but rather "*speak until it is done.*" There are other examples where people persisted in asking until they received their requests.

We have found many evil spirits hidden away in persons who had been pronounced "delivered" by those who only pray once and "it is done." I am sorry to disagree, but such an approach simply does not dig out deep demonic roots.

We do not seek specific manifestations, neither do we avoid them. The skeptic will never believe the supernatural strength, ugliness, and utter horror of the enemy until confronted with the harsh realities of them in deliverance sessions. Strength, contortions and speaking out by evil spirits has been the clinching convincer for many who had believed that we were merely dealing with psychological or purely natural happenings. I am convinced that God often permits such displays to stop the mouth of the gainsayers.

There are those who argue that workers should never be pummeled, tossed around, bitten, spit on, etc. I point out that soldiers who join close quarter battle with a vicious enemy will occasionally receive battle scars - but nothing that the lord cannot handle.

I have had an eye laid open by a Karate chop, but instead of five stitches, prayer by fellow workers stopped the bleeding instantly, healed it and took away all pain. It never bled again, was not bruised, sore or even tender and the miracle caused people to praise the lord.

Recently in a threshing battle one of four men had his nose broken when the demon snapped a man's head against it. There was severe pain, of course, but it instantly ceased as we prayed and the nose healed completely on the spot with no swelling or after effects.

To say one will never be attacked if walking in the will of God is to ignore incidents such as Stephen being bitten (Acts 7:54) and later stoned to death (Acts 7:58). Paul and others often suffered ill treatment physically and this was no reflection on their spiritual condition. We must "endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ" as Paul instructed Timothy (II Timothy 2:3).

**Tongues and Demons**

In deliverance we often times find a spirit names False Tongues which must be cast out in Jesus' name. Now any evil spirit can, at will, speak in tongues, but I am referring to a specific demonic spirit which gets into people, usually through the laying on of hands. This is a counterfeit of the real gift of tongues (the occult and psychic realm has many such counterfeits). Because this is from the enemy, the results of the use of the tongue are detrimental. Commonly false tongues can cause deep depression and/or sexual arousal.
Use of the real gift of tongues brings edification to the believer (I Corinthians 14:4) and rest for the mind (I Corinthians 14:14, the Greek words translated "unfruitful" mean "at rest"). Naturally Satanic counterfeits would do the opposite. If false gifts have been picked up, they need to be renounced and rejected by the believer, destroying their legal ground and legal right to be there. By revoking the former acceptance of these, the demons are "set up" for expulsion in Jesus’ name.

As previously explained in Battling the Hosts of Hell by Win Worley, tongues are an invaluable aid to expelling demons. When God wills, the demons are able to understand tongues spoken by the believers ("tongues of man and angels," I Corinthians 13:1). Because the Holy Spirit supplies the words spoken, He is able to zero in on the evil spirit with great exactness. We have often seen demons react with great fear and rage to a tongue lashing given them in such a fashion. Many times demons will answer questions or statements made in tongues. Sometimes they respond in English, or occasionally in tongues.

Alternating prayer with the understanding (English) and prayer in the Spirit (tongues) seems to bring maximum pressure on the enemy and at the same time relieves tension on the worker. In other words, the believer is edified and relaxed while the spirits are kept under constant and spiritually exhausting pressure.

Demons can be cast out without tongues, but this charismatic gift is definitely useful in the warfare. I cannot prove, but do believe that with much prayer in the Spirit (tongues) by individual believers, the Holy Spirit attacks spirits hidden in the Christian. Hence there is great resistance theologically and otherwise to receive tongues.

Further Suggestions About Deliverance

Passivity of mind is a great binder and hinderer to deliverance. To overcome passivity, learn to take the initiative. Do what you can for yourself, rather than to always wait for others to do and think for you. Live moment by moment, step by step and do not borrow trouble from tomorrow. Know that God has given you a mind and expects you to use it to the best of your ability.

Watchman Nee lists symptoms which characterize the passive mind: flashing thoughts, pictures, dreams, insomnia, forgetfulness, lack of concentration, inactivity, vacillation, talkativeness, obstinacy, and dazed eyes.

When you have demonic problems, one of the first things the enemy will do is to attempt to convince you that the problem is the flesh and not evil spirits. When they are harassing, tormenting and driving, producing either positive or negative behavior contrary to what you
know is right, you need to recognize that they are at the root of the problem. Bind them, harass them and allow them no rest. In other words, take the offensive. To hold your ground against the enemy forces, keep on claiming the protection of the Blood, and resist them in every area. Ask the lord to feed you from His Word; never give up hope and avoid morbid introspection, dwelling on your weaknesses and failures. Get actively involved in helping others get free from the clutches of the devil. This will quicken your own deliverance. Do not wait until you are perfect - God gives "on the job" training. If He was waiting for a perfect instrument, He would have to wait for Jesus to return!

Many times deceptions cling to those needing help. One of the most common is the failure to realize that it is possible to be deceived or to imagine protection is automatic to those who are born again. Some believe that God would never allow them to be fooled while others fantasize that they are free of sin and therefore are in no danger from demonic subversion and manipulation. All are wrong and unscriptural theories, supported only by pride.

A tactic found very useful in dealing with spirits who stubbornly refuse to leave is to bind them (Matthew 18:18). Also ask the Lord to put them in a box and seal them in with an angel to read the scriptures to them day and night, until they are cast out. Helpful are scriptures on the death and resurrection of Christ, the Blood of Jesus, final judgment of angels and hell. After the demons have been "marinating" a while, they are usually much weaker and more likely to give up the fight. One wailed he was going crazy because he had not gotten any rest. That "damned angel" had not stopped reading that "awful book" night nor day since we had bound him. Because demons hate being alone and love darkness, we often ask that the spirits be sealed from each other and that their "boxes" be filled with the glory of the Lord.

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John 9:4 I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.

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