

Deliverance Manual

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The purpose of this seminar is to provide biblically based information for those interested in the subject of deliverance. It is not intended to replace proper medical consultation or appropriate psychological therapy. Anyone attempting a deliverance of an individual should be trained and should be subject to pastoral authority and review.

Appreciation to Righteous Acts Ministries (RAM)

Much of what we have learned about the ministry of deliverance has been gleaned from the late Dr. William Sudduth of Righteous Acts Ministries. Dr. Sudduth graciously granted us the privilege of using files that have greatly helped in developing this manual.

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Beginning a Deliverance Ministry

Selecting Team Members

For a deliverance ministry, selecting team members is probably the most important thing you will need to decide on. Team members should be well-grounded in the Word with a steady devotional time, as well as be persons of integrity.

The applicant's response to question #1 on the application to join the deliverance ministry team is a good indicator as to whether you want them on your team.

Question #1: "Briefly state your reasons for wanting to join the deliverance ministry team."

- The ideal response to question #1 would be:
 - "To see people set free" or "to help other people."

To see others helped or set free should be their only motivation. Team members will be exposed to very sensitive information that could be, not only embarrassing, but also very damaging to the person being ministered to, so use great caution in choosing team members.

Name of Church
Deliverance Team Ministry Application

Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

1. Briefly state your reasons for wanting to join the deliverance ministry team.

2. What type of experience, if any, have you had in counseling or deliverance ministries?

3. Do you understand that this ministry requires confidentiality, even among your family members?

4. Would your schedule allow for 2-3 hours per week for training or ministry time?

5. Are you now involved with other ministries? Please name them.

What days or parts of days are you available?

Monday:	___Morning	___Afternoon	___Evening
Tuesday:	___Morning	___Afternoon	___Evening
Wednesday:	___Morning	___Afternoon	___Evening
Thursday:	___Morning	___Afternoon	___Evening
Friday:	___Morning	___Afternoon	___Evening
Saturday:	___Morning	___Afternoon	___Evening
Sunday:	___Afternoon	___Evening	

Deliverance Team Ministry Application Standards of Conduct Agreement

As a member of the deliverance ministry, I agree to the following:

1. I will abide by all standards of conduct set forth by this ministry team.
2. I will maintain strict confidentiality for those I have the honor and privilege to minister to. I will not discuss any information that I have knowledge of, either written or spoken, from any source, regarding people I have spent time ministering to. I understand this also includes other team members. The only exception is to communicate with the team leader or the pastor to increase the effectiveness of the ministry and those being served.
3. I understand that my authority to work in the area of deliverance is confined to ministry approved by the pastor and the leader of the deliverance ministry.
4. I understand that if I engage in any type of counseling or deliverance on mission trips, street ministry, or any other type of outreach, it must be approved by the leader of that outreach ministry, and that it is not a part of the deliverance ministry of this church.
5. I agree not to work in the area of counseling or deliverance outside of my spiritual covering without formal written approval from the leader of the deliverance ministry.
6. I understand that if I have a breach of confidentiality or fail to abide by the above statements that my status as a team member on the deliverance ministry will be revoked and I will no longer be approved to minister.
7. I hereby release this church and its deliverance ministry from any and all claims of actual or implied liability that may arise now or in the future due to my involvement in this ministry.

I fully agree with the above statements and am applying to be a member of the deliverance ministry.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____

Congregational members outside this church are asked to inform their pastor of their intention to serve on this deliverance team, and for that pastor to give their acknowledgment and approval with their signature.

Signature of Pastor: _____ Date: _____

Printed Name of pastor: _____ Name of Church: _____

Authority of the Believer

As the Great Commission's purpose is to send us forth to the nations to spread the good news, we understand that, like in Jesus' ministry, there will at times be demons that will manifest—even in places of worship. Jesus is to be our example, and everywhere he went, demons manifested through people, and he delivered those that were in that condition.

Luke 4:33 tells us of a demonized man who manifested in Capernaum, and Jesus cast the demon out immediately. However, there are cases where a demon can be difficult to expel. (We do not have the power equivalent to Jesus.) This will usually be determined by the degree of the individual's past or present involvement with such things as sexual perversity, witchcraft, and the occult.

The point here is that we have authority in his name to cast out demons and to pull down strongholds. Jesus said:

- Mark 16:17 – And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues.
- Luke 10:19 – I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.
- John 14:12 – Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

There is a dominion and authority given to believers by Jesus Christ. As we move in that power, we can and will be more than conquerors over the power of the enemy.

- Eph. 1:22 – And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church.
- Eph. 2:6 – And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus.

If we are seated with Christ and all things are under his feet, they are also under our feet. It is time to take back what the enemy has stolen and truly put him under our feet.

Recognize the Authority

It is crucial for believers going into battle to be aware of their authority in Christ. Deliverance is not a benign activity. We are dealing with disobedient spirits. These demons will use any opportunity to bluff, intimidate, lie, oppose, and even hide.

We should have very little faith in our own ability. But if we know Jesus, we are convinced that when he said he was giving us authority, he was telling the truth.

- And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues (Mark 16:17).

In Matthew 8:5-13, Jesus commended the centurion who believed that if Jesus gave the word, his servant would be healed. This centurion understood authority and knew the power of the one giving the healing command.

We must also understand and believe in this authority. It is not a haughty authority but a humble, honest response to who Jesus is and what he has done.

In the natural realm, the reason we stop our car when the lights on a police car are flashing behind us is not because of who's inside but because of what he represents.

The officer in that car may be on the job for the first day. He might be slight of build. He might not be feeling well. Yet, if he flashes his lights, we stop.

Why? He represents the law. He is coming in the name of the law. If we resist, we are resisting to our own calamity. The entire judicial system will back up the police officer.

In the spiritual realm, our authority is derived not from our own strength but from the One who granted it to us. Our authority is no less because we're new at it or because we're young or frail or not very wise. Spiritual authority depends not upon us but upon him.

Cautions

1. **Do not become mechanical in your methods.** No two deliverance sessions are ever alike. Use a notebook to help you stay organized and on track. Spirits will try to confound or confuse you—your notebook will help you stay focused. However, our dependency is not in the notebook. It is in the Holy Spirit and we must remain open and sensitive to him. If you attempt to do deliverance in the flesh and not in and with the Holy Spirit, you will fail, and the results could be disastrous.
2. **Always work in teams of at least two.** Three to five on a team are preferable, and at times are a blessing when a person manifests with unnatural strength. We see in Luke 10:1 that Jesus sent the disciples out in pairs, so never work alone, and certainly never be alone with a member of the opposite sex. It is recommended that at least one woman be present anytime you minister to a woman, and at least one man be present anytime you minister to a man.
 - You need to have witnesses to protect from false allegations and temptations.
 - You need someone to take notes, if there was a crime being reported.
 - Multiple giftings will enhance the deliverance session's success.
 - Continual intercession can be conducted by others during the deliverance.
3. **Laying-on of hands.** While the laying-on of hands to pray for people is certainly scriptural, men should be extremely sensitive to many women's fears of men or of being touched by men. Both men and women need to use extreme caution when touching women and should never touch any part of their body except their arms, hands, shoulders, head, or back. Men should never put their hands on a woman's heart or stomach area. One of the ladies on the team can do this if the team leader deems it necessary. A large number of women that are dealt with have been sexually molested or raped, so be careful. We want to see our sisters set free, not inflict further pain in their lives.
4. **Deliverance should never be done without proper pastoral covering—ever!** The seven sons of Sceva, in Acts 19:13-17, clearly demonstrated that deliverance ministry is nothing to be dabbled in or played with. However, do not be fearful of demons. Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world!
5. **Don't become fascinated by the demonic, or prideful of the power of God working through you.** This is a plot of the enemy to get your focus off Jesus and on him—he wants your attention. When Jesus sent out the 70 in Luke chapter 10, they came back rejoicing that demons were subject to them in his name. Jesus in essence said, “Big deal. I saw Satan cast down from heaven like lightning.” He said, “rejoice because your name is written in heaven. Rejoice because you are saved.” He was telling his disciples to keep the ministry of deliverance in its proper perspective.
6. **Team members.** Be aware of the personal life and struggle of team members.
 - Following a deliverance session, pray for the team members.
 - Family, finances, jobs, minds, marriage, body, etc.

7. **Unpleasant information.** During deliverance sessions you may hear things said that are sickening or very disturbing. It may cause you to relate emotionally to abuse you have previously experienced.
8. **Looking for Demons.** Yes, demons are everywhere, but don't analyze everyone you see and begin thinking they need deliverance.
 - Deliverance is not the key to every problem.
 - People have a free will.
 - People have flesh (the demonic influences are real, but so is the flesh).
 - There is no simple solution that will fix all life's problems instantly.
 - Some may want deliverance, but not discipline.
 - You cannot cast out self.
 - It is easier to cast out a demon in that it is to crucify the flesh.
 - You cannot cast out temptation.
 - You cannot cast out bad habits.
 - You cannot cast out tribulations.
 - You cannot cast out persecution.
9. **Not the Center of Church Life.** People with a strong calling to the deliverance ministry could begin seeing it as the center and focal point of the entire church. Though it is vitally important, it is no more important than all the other aspects and purposes of a local congregation.
10. **No Strategic Discipleship.** Sixty-five percent of churches have no plan for discipleship, and most other churches have an ineffective plan (BGEA Statistic). A deliverance ministry without a structure in place to help people grow spiritually is like a canoe without paddles.
11. **Hyper-Spirituality.** With the level of spiritual power that is manifested during deliverance sessions, those called to this ministry can become manipulated by Satan into thinking they are more spiritual than others, even above the leadership of the church. That is a recipe for chaos!
12. **Do Not Conduct Deliverance on Anyone Who Asks:** Some people will be "plants" of Satan to distract and sap the strength and time of the deliverance minister. If the person seeking deliverance isn't under spiritual authority as a member of a church and has not demonstrated the ability to discipline themselves to walk out their deliverance, do not agree to conduct a deliverance session with them.

Starting the Process

Steps in the Application Process

1. A person must seek deliverance for themselves.
 - It can't be a spouse or parent that forces someone else to receive prayer for deliverance.
 - The reason is because deliverance is what the individual must want for themselves.
 - The person will need to fight to maintain what deliverance they receive. If the person receiving prayer for deliverance isn't an active participant, their condition could get worse after a deliverance session.
2. The person seeking deliverance will fill out a request for an initial interview with a deliverance team leader.
 - This request is a form they will be required to sign, acknowledging that they understand that ministry will be conducted by either ordained, licensed, or lay ministers, and that this ministry does not involve those licensed or trained as psychotherapists, mental health professionals, or professional counselors.
3. During the initial interview with the deliverance team leader, the leader will:
 - Listen to the person's story, their experiences, and why they are requesting this type of prayer (*team leader takes pertinent notes*).
 - Address and minister to the immediate crisis, if any.
 - This is their crisis, not yours. Minister to them as you are able, but don't let their crisis become yours.
4. Determine if they are a candidate for the deliverance ministry team.
 - Are they born-again and repentant? If not, now is the time to lead them to Christ.
 - Casting demons out of an unrepentant person could make their situation worse (Matt. 12:43-45).
 - Are they part of a church? They need a congregation to walk with them to help them maintain their deliverance.
 - Ask if their pastor can be informed of their request for deliverance ministry.
 - Some pastors are opposed to this, so the decision to continue ministering to this person must be approached cautiously.
 - Have they been water baptized? If they are a Christian, and not water baptized, it makes one wonder about their overall obedience.
 - Are they harboring unforgiveness, and do they want to forgive?
 - If they are unwilling to forgive, deliverance ministry will be unproductive.
5. If it is determined that deliverance is in order, homework will be assigned to the individual.
 - Forgiveness Worksheet: This will require the individual to reflect on and make a list of those they need to forgive.
 - Soul Tie Worksheet: This assignment will be for the person to make a list of every person they have had an ungodly relationship with.

- Questionnaire: This document will give the deliverance team leader an overview of the person's life and will point out specific things the deliverance team will need to focus on during the deliverance session. It will also let the deliverance team leader know if the person's situation is beyond their level of competency.
 - Review with the person what they should expect from a deliverance session.
6. A second interview will take place with the person seeking deliverance and the deliverance team leader. At this meeting:
- The completed homework assignments will be discussed.
 - Teaching will take place on:
 - Forgiveness
 - Soul Ties
 - Strongholds, Open Doors, and Entry Points
 - Teaching will take place on what will happen during a deliverance session.
 - The team leader will decide if the person is ready for a deliverance session, and if so, it will be scheduled.
 - Things that may delay the scheduling of a deliverance session:
 - The person hasn't demonstrated seriousness in their desire to be delivered.
 - They haven't taken the time to complete their homework.
 - Be considerate of those who may have a hard time with their homework due to strongholds and demonic influences.
 - They are living in an unrepentant state and are reluctant to change.
 - They are not ready to forgive (if that is needed).
7. A deliverance session will be scheduled with a team—ideally 3-5 people.
- A team is needed for:
 - Witnesses
 - Recording what was said, if a murder or some other crime is reported.
 - Helping if the person gets violent.
 - Different gifts to be applied to the person's need.
 - Scriptural knowledge, discerning of spirits, word of knowledge, experience, etc.
8. Following the deliverance session, a follow-up report will be sent to the pastor.
9. A follow-up meeting is scheduled with the person who received deliverance. This will involve teaching to help them maintain the deliverance they achieved.

Personal Consent to Receive Ministry (Adult)

I hereby do affirm and state that I, _____, consent for the Deliverance Ministry of _____, and all volunteers, to minister to me in the area of spiritual counseling, personal ministry, and the ministry of deliverance.

I understand and acknowledge that all ministers, either ordained, licensed, or lay, that are involved in this ministry are not licensed or trained as psychotherapists, mental health professionals, or professional counselors.

All guidance, counsel, and advice that I receive will be solely based on Scriptural principles and Christian biblical standards as spelled out in the Holy Bible, the written Word of God.

I further understand and acknowledge that all ministry is under the direction and control of the Holy Spirit, and that no guarantees are made, nor can be made, with regard to my healing and/or deliverance.

I state that I have voluntarily sought this ministry for myself and that I hereby release the Deliverance Ministry of _____, and all volunteers, from any and all claims of actual or implied liability that may arise now or in the future as a result of the ministry I receive.

Please Note:

We are a faith-based ministry, and do not charge a fee.

However, we do ask that you prayerfully give a tax-deductible donation for the ministry you receive.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Signature: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

Printed Signature: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Personal Consent to Receive Ministry (Minor)

I hereby do affirm and state that I, _____, am the legal
_____ for _____,
date of birth ____/____/____.

I hereby consent for _____ to receive ministry in the areas of spiritual counseling, personal ministry, and the ministry of deliverance that he/she has requested, and I release the Deliverance Ministry of _____, and all volunteers working with the Deliverance Ministry, to minister to _____ in the area of spiritual counseling, personal ministry, and the ministry of deliverance.

I understand and acknowledge that all ministers, either ordained, licensed or lay, that are involved in this ministry are not licensed or trained as psychotherapists, mental health professionals, or professional counselors.

All guidance, counsel, and advice received will be solely based on Scriptural principles and Christian biblical standards as spelled out in the Holy Bible, the written Word of God.

I further understand and acknowledge that all ministry is under the direction and control of the Holy Spirit, and that no guarantees are made, nor can be made, with regard to healing and/or deliverance.

I state that I have voluntarily sought this ministry on behalf of _____, and that I hereby release the Deliverance Ministry of _____ and all volunteers working with the Deliverance Ministry Team, from any and all claims of actual or implied liability that may arise now or in the future as a result of the ministry received.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Printed Signature: _____

Witness: _____ Date: _____

Printed Signature: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

State: _____ Zip Code: _____

First Interview

First Interview with the Person Seeking Deliverance

This interview must be conducted by someone who is seeking deliverance for themselves, and not someone else forcing them into it—like a wife “forcing” her husband, or a parent “forcing” their rebellious teenager.

During the interview, the team leader needs to allow the person to tell their story and why they have come seeking help. Notes need to be made so a clear record can be kept of what has been communicated. It needs to be determined now if the person is born again, and if not, they need to be presented with the Good News.

After the individual shares their information, the team leader then explains specifics about the deliverance ministry.

1. What Deliverance is:

- Others coming alongside you to help you engage your will. It is the individual’s deliverance that is being sought. The deliverance ministry team is there to assist the person to experience and achieve their own deliverance.
- Rooting out the enemy who has gained access through sin, generational issues, unforgiveness, thought processes, etc.
- A step toward walking in freedom. Deliverance is just one step, along with continuing to resist the enemy and renewing your mind. God delivers in many ways, and he continues to deliver us.

2. What Deliverance is not:

- A cure-all or a miraculous fix. The person must walk it out!
- Something done to the individual seeking deliverance. Rather, it is a team joining with them.

3. What to Expect:

- Compassion—you will not be judged!
- Complete confidentiality.
- To be handled with respect and dignity.

4. Hindrances to Deliverance:

- Continuing in present sin, known or unknown (entry point/open door/legal right).
- Unwillingness to engage your will—you must line up under the truth of God’s Word, not the lies of the enemy. You must have a desire and determination to be free.
- Lack of openness and honesty—you must tell us what is going on.
- Doubt and Unbelief
 - We can be assured that deliverance is as sure as salvation.
 - Acts 2:21 “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

- The word “saved” in Acts 2:21 is the word *sozo*, it means: To save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction, protected, preserved, healed, delivered, to be made whole.
- Unforgiveness issues: if you will not forgive, you will not experience freedom.

5. Fasting

- Fasting is recommended for the person seeking deliverance as well as for the team members who will be ministering. Fasting does something in the supernatural realm and breaks the power of the enemy. In Mark 9:29, Jesus told his disciples this kind of demon only comes out by prayer and fasting (KJV), so we recommend team members fast one day a week and the person seeking deliverance fast as much as they can in preparation.

NOTE: The devil is trying to destroy people because he knows God has a plan for their life. The person’s past hurts and areas of attack in a person’s life are usually proportionate to their calling and gifts.

HOMEWORK

To be completed before the 2nd interview with the team leader.

Forgiveness

The team leader is to give the individual the Forgiveness Worksheet for them to work on it at home.

Soul Ties

The team leader is to give the individual the Soul Tie Worksheet. At their home, the person is to make a list of everyone they have had an ungodly sexual relationship with. That includes those who have forced themselves upon them, as well as relations that were invited. This also includes their spouse, if they had relations with them prior to marriage. Also, they are to list any other ungodly or unnatural relationships with any other person, place, or thing.

Questionnaire

The questionnaire is to be completed and returned for the second interview with the deliverance team leader. The information collected from the questionnaire will help the team leader prepare for the deliverance session and select team members who may be uniquely gifted to help with whatever situation could arise.

Forgiveness Worksheet

How to Forgive

To begin with, you must make yourself vulnerable to God. He has to be allowed to bring to the surface all the painful emotions you feel towards those who hurt you. Do not try to suppress or hide your pain. You need to grant God permission to go down to the emotional core of your being and bring that pain to the surface so those damaged emotions can begin to heal once your decision to forgive is complete.

1. Get alone and ask the Lord to show you the people you need to forgive.
 - Make a list of the names of people he brings to your memory.
 - They may be the little girl from the third grade, or your fifth grade schoolteacher, etc.
 - If applicable, be sure to include yourself.
2. Go over each name with the Lord and express to him how they have hurt you.
3. Write down what they did and why you need to forgive them.
 - Example:
 - Mrs. Smith, my fifth-grade teacher, humiliated me. She made fun of me and I was so angry. I was so vulnerable and not able to protect myself from her.
4. List whatever feelings you had and the degree to which you felt them.
 - Example:
 - I was so angry, I did not care if they fell and hurt themselves. Actually, I wished they had.
 - I wished I could have died because of the humiliation.
5. Write a short note to each person who has hurt you, telling them what they did and how it made you feel. End each note with: “*But I choose to forgive you!*”
 - These notes do not need to be given to the person you need to forgive. These are an act of faith. The Lord will see you are serious.
6. Choose to forgive and release them. Then do it.
 - Pray a simple prayer similar to this:
 - Lord, I want to confess that I have not loved, but have resented, certain people and have unforgiveness in my heart. Lord, I now choose to forgive _____ (*name of the person or persons*), in the name of Jesus, amen.
 - Pray that prayer for each person on your list.
7. Last of all, this step can be the hardest but also the most freeing.
 - Go somewhere alone—the bathroom, or your bedroom—with a mirror. Look at yourself in the mirror. Forgive and release yourself for everything that you need to forgive yourself of.

The Motivation for Seeking Forgiveness for the Wrongs You Did to Others

Matt. 5:23-26 is the key passage for seeking forgiveness. Several points in these verses bear emphasizing. The worshipper coming before God to offer a gift *remembers* that someone has something against him. The Holy Spirit is the One who brings to his or her mind the wrong that was done.

Only the actions which have hurt another person need to be confessed to them. If you have had jealousy, lustful, or angry thoughts toward another, and they don't know about it, these are to be confessed to God alone. An exception to this principle occurs when restitution needs to be made. If you stole or broke something, damaged someone's reputation, and so on, you need to go to that person and make it right, even if he or she is unaware of what you did.

The Process for Seeking Forgiveness for What You Have Done to Others

1. Write out what you did wrong and why you did it (this is not to be given to the person you offended).
2. Make sure you have already forgiven them for whatever they may have done to you.
3. Think through exactly how you will ask them to forgive you. Be sure to:
 - Label your action as “wrong.”
 - Be specific and admit what you did.
 - Make no defenses or excuses.
 - Do not blame the other people, and do not expect or demand that they ask for your forgiveness.
 - Your confession should lead to the direct question: “Will you forgive me?”
4. Seek the right place and the right time to approach the offended person.
5. Ask for forgiveness in person with anyone with whom you can talk face to face, with the following exception: *Do not go alone* when your safety is in danger.
6. Except where no other means of communication is possible, *do not write a letter or send an email*, because these can be very easily misread or misunderstood, and can be read by the wrong people (those having nothing to do with the offense or the confession). A letter or an email can be kept when it should have been destroyed.
7. Once you sincerely seek forgiveness, you are free—whether the other person forgives you or not (Rom. 12:18).
8. After forgiveness, fellowship with God in worship (Matt. 5:24).

Soul Tie Worksheet

Exercise

Write down the names of everyone you've had an ungodly relationship with, either sexually or emotionally, and this includes all fantasies. It includes pornography with accompanying masturbation. It includes lesbianism, homosexuality, and molestation, regardless if you were a victim or the abuser, and any other type of sexual perversion that you may have been involved in. This also includes your spouse if you had sexual relations with your spouse prior to your marriage.

If you don't know or remember the name of the person, you can use a description like: "The girl in the bar," or "The boy at the beach," or "The man at the hotel," or whatever other description can help you identify them.

After praying the prayer below, consider taking that piece of paper and burning it, or tearing it into little tiny pieces, and stomping on it. Put it under your feet. Also be sure to forgive these people. Forgive them for sinning with you, or forgive them for sinning against you, especially if you were a victim of molestation or rape.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, I submit myself completely to you. I ask you to forgive me for any and all unnatural or ungodly relationships with any person, place, or thing. I ask you to forgive me for any and all sexual misconduct or ungodly soul ties specifically with _____ (everyone on your list). And in the mighty name of Jesus, I ask that my spirit be loosed from them according to Matt. 18:18-19, and I tell my spirit to forget the unions. I tell my mind to release responsibility for them, and I tell my emotions to let go and forget the unions. I tell the fragmented pieces of my soul to come back together. I hereby break every ungodly soul tie in the mighty name of Jesus, amen!

Lord, I choose to forgive each person that I have been involved with in any wrong way. I renounce all uses of my body as an instrument of unrighteousness, and by so doing, I ask you to break all bondages that Satan has brought into my life through that involvement. I confess my participation, I choose to forgive myself, and I choose to no longer be angry with myself, or to hate myself or punish myself. I now present my body to you as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you. I reserve the sexual use of my body only for marriage. I renounce the lie of Satan that my body is not clean, that it is dirty or in any way unacceptable as a result of my past sexual experience.

Lord, I thank you that you have totally cleansed and forgiven me, that you love and accept me unconditionally. Therefore, I can accept myself, and I choose to do so, to accept myself and my body as cleansed, in Jesus name, amen.

Deliverance Ministry Questionnaire (Adult)

Questionnaire (Adult)

Confidential Information

(Name of church) desires to help you effectively walk forward in your relationship with God. We believe that through the power of the Holy Spirit, lives can be miraculously changed and transformed into the likeness of Jesus Christ.

We know that every one of us has weights from our past which has the potential to slow us down from consistent spiritual growth. These weights, if not dealt with effectively, restrict our ability to fully love and serve God. Our objective through this ministry is to come alongside you and minister to you, assisting you in overcoming the situations in your life that hinder your Christian growth.

For us to walk alongside you through this process, we ask that you complete this questionnaire and return it when you come to your interview.

Please prayerfully consider your response to each question, asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten you.

You can e-mail this form back to us at _____ or mail to:

Name of Church

Address

City, State, zip

All information is strictly confidential.

We are a faith-based ministry and therefore we ask that you give a tax-deductible donation for the ministry you receive.

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone: _____

Church Attended: _____

Pastor's Name: _____

Your Occupation: _____

Number of Children _____

Age: _____ **Birthday:** _____ **Gender:** _____

Marital Status:

Single	Married	Divorced	Remarried	Widowed
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Name of 1st spouse & years married _____ Number of Children with: _____

Name of 2nd spouse & years married _____ Number of Children with: _____

Name of 3rd spouse & years married _____ Number of Children with: _____

Name of 4th spouse & years married _____ Number of Children with: _____

Please briefly answer the following: *(Attach additional pages if necessary.)*

1. What is your church background? Denomination(s) and/or church experience?

2. When did you accept Jesus Christ into your life? _____

Briefly describe your conversion experience:

3. Was your life really changed? Yes No
If so, how?

4. Have you been baptized in water since your conversion? Yes No
If yes, when _____

5. Do you have assurance of your salvation? Yes No
If no, please explain:

6. Have you been filled with the Holy Spirit? Yes No
 If yes, when _____ and what is the evidence you have seen?
7. Describe the content and frequency of your personal devotion and prayer time:
8. Where were you born? (city, state, nation) _____, _____, _____
9. Have you lived in other countries? Yes No
 If yes, which ones? _____
10. Have you traveled to other countries? Yes No
 If yes, which ones? _____

Family Background and Relationships *(circle all answers that apply)*

11. Where was your father born? (City, State, Nation)
 _____, _____, _____
12. Where was your mother born? (City, State, Nation)
 _____, _____, _____
13. Were you a planned child? Yes No Don't know
14. Were you the "right sex?" Yes No Don't know
15. Were you conceived out of wedlock? Yes No Don't know
16. Were you adopted? Yes No Don't know
 If yes, at what age? _____
 If yes, do you know your natural parents? Yes No
17. Was your mother in trauma during pregnancy with you? Yes No Don't know
18. Were you "bonded" at birth? Yes No Don't know
19. Are your parents living? Father Yes No Don't know
 Mother Yes No Don't know
 If no, how old were you when they died? _____
20. Are your parents Christians? Father Yes No Don't know
 Mother Yes No Don't know

31. Were you lonely as a teenager? Yes No

Briefly explain:

32. How would you describe your family's financial situation when you were a child?

___ Poor ___ Below Average ___ Average ___ Above Average ___ Highly Affluent

33. Do you contribute financially to your church? Yes No

34. Was (is) your father a perfectionist? Yes No

35. Was (is) your mother a perfectionist? Yes No

36. Were you raised in a physically or verbally abusive home? Yes No

If yes, please briefly explain:

37. Were you sexually abused at home? Yes No

If yes, please briefly explain:

38. Were you ever sexually abused outside the home? Yes No

If yes, please briefly explain:

39. Have you, your spouse, your parents, or your grandparents been in any of the following cults:

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|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Occultism | <input type="checkbox"/> Rosicrucian | <input type="checkbox"/> Jehovah's Witnesses | <input type="checkbox"/> Buddhism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritist churches | <input type="checkbox"/> Children of Love | <input type="checkbox"/> Baha'i | <input type="checkbox"/> Mormons |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christadelphians | <input type="checkbox"/> Scientology | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious communes | <input type="checkbox"/> Hinduism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Theosophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Unification church | <input type="checkbox"/> Islam | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christian Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Native religion | | |

Others _____

If you have checked any of the above, state who, what, when and to what extent:

40. Have you, your spouse, your parents, or grandparents been a member of any of the following:

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|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Freemasons (Masonic Lodges) | <input type="checkbox"/> Oddfellows | <input type="checkbox"/> Rainbow Girls | <input type="checkbox"/> Ku Klux Klan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eastern Star | <input type="checkbox"/> Shriners | <input type="checkbox"/> Elks club | <input type="checkbox"/> DeMolay |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Job's Daughters | <input type="checkbox"/> Daughters of the Nile | | |

Others _____

If you have checked any of the above, state who, what, when, and to what extent:

41. Have you, your spouse, your parents, or grandparents suffered from any of the following:

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|-------------------------------------|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> High Fever | <input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis | <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer | <input type="checkbox"/> Virus Infections |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma | <input type="checkbox"/> Hay fever | <input type="checkbox"/> Allergies | <input type="checkbox"/> Impotency |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bent body | <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Sclerosis | <input type="checkbox"/> Muscular Dystrophy | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Blindness | <input type="checkbox"/> Blood disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Lingered Disorders | <input type="checkbox"/> Mental Problems |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Alcoholism | <input type="checkbox"/> Drug Abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> RX Tranquilizers | |
| Others _____ | | | |

If you have checked any of the above, state who, what, when, and to what extent:

42. Did either of your parents suffer from depression? Father Mother Neither
If you circled mother or father, describe their depression and its impact at home:

This is about you:

- | | | | |
|--|-------------|------------|-------|
| 43. Are you easily frustrated?
If yes, do you show it or bury it?
If yes, state what frustrates you: | Yes
Show | No
Bury | |
| 44. Would you describe yourself as: | Yes | No | |
| Anxious | Yes | No | |
| A worrier | Yes | No | |
| Depressed | Yes | No | |
| 45. Have you personally ever had psychiatric counseling? | Yes | No | When? |
| 46. Have you ever been hypnotized? | Yes | No | |
| 47. Do you feel mentally confused? | Yes | No | |
| 48. Do you daydream or have mental fantasies? | Yes | No | |
| 49. Do you suffer from frequent bad dreams/nightmares?
Describe any recurring theme: | Yes | No | |

50. Have you ever been tempted to commit suicide? Yes No

If yes, when and why?

51. Have you tried to commit suicide? Yes No

If yes, how, when, and why?

52. Have you ever wished to die? Yes No

53. Have you been involved in occultism or witchcraft? Yes No

54. Have you ever had involvement with any of the following:

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|---|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fortune Tellers | <input type="checkbox"/> Tarot Cards | <input type="checkbox"/> Ouija boards | <input type="checkbox"/> Séances |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mediums | <input type="checkbox"/> Palmistry | <input type="checkbox"/> Astrology | <input type="checkbox"/> Color Therapy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Levitation | <input type="checkbox"/> Astral Travel | <input type="checkbox"/> Horoscopes | <input type="checkbox"/> Lucky Charms |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Magic | <input type="checkbox"/> White Magic | <input type="checkbox"/> Demon Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirit Guides |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clairvoyance | <input type="checkbox"/> Crystals | <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic Handwriting | <input type="checkbox"/> Native Healer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dungeons & Dragons | <input type="checkbox"/> New Age Movement | <input type="checkbox"/> Witch Doctors | <input type="checkbox"/> Voodoo |

Others _____

Describe your involvement with any of the above:

55. Have you ever read books on occultism or witchcraft? Yes No

If yes, what, and why?

56. Have you made any pacts with Satan? Yes No

57. Do you know of any curse placed on you or your family? Yes No

If yes, when, by whom, and why?

58. Have you been involved in transcendental meditation? Yes No

59. Have you been involved in Eastern religions? Yes No
60. Have you ever visited non-Christian places of worship? Yes No
61. Have you ever done any form of Yoga? Yes No
62. Have you learned/used mind communication or mind control? Yes No
63. Have you ever seen a demonic presence? Yes No

If yes, briefly explain:

64. Do you currently have in your home any symbols of idols or spirit worship such as:

<input type="checkbox"/> Buddha	<input type="checkbox"/> Totem Poles	<input type="checkbox"/> Painted Facemasks
<input type="checkbox"/> Idol Carvings	<input type="checkbox"/> Fetish Objects	<input type="checkbox"/> Pagan Symbols
<input type="checkbox"/> Tikis	<input type="checkbox"/> Native Art	<input type="checkbox"/> Kachina Dolls

65. What type of music did you occupy your mind with before conversion?

<input type="checkbox"/> Rock & Roll	<input type="checkbox"/> Punk Rock	<input type="checkbox"/> New Age
<input type="checkbox"/> Rap	<input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Metal	<input type="checkbox"/> Country
<input type="checkbox"/> Gospel/Christian	<input type="checkbox"/> Classical	

66. What type of music do you occupy your mind with now?

<input type="checkbox"/> Rock & Roll	<input type="checkbox"/> Punk Rock	<input type="checkbox"/> New Age
<input type="checkbox"/> Rap	<input type="checkbox"/> Heavy Metal	<input type="checkbox"/> Country
<input type="checkbox"/> Gospel/Christian	<input type="checkbox"/> Classical	

67. Have you ever learned any of the martial arts? Yes No

If yes, describe and explain:

68. Do you struggle with any sexual issues or problems? Yes No

69. Do you have any tattoos? Yes No

For questions 70 through 87 please place a “P” for past, a “C” for current or “PC” for both.

70. Have you ever utilized any of the following drugs?

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|----------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> LSD | <input type="checkbox"/> Speed | <input type="checkbox"/> Marijuana |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cocaine | <input type="checkbox"/> Crack | <input type="checkbox"/> Methamphetamine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Heroin | <input type="checkbox"/> Other drugs _____ | |

Were you addicted? Yes No

71. Have you been addicted to any of the following?

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|--------------------------------------|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gambling | <input type="checkbox"/> Compulsive Exercise | <input type="checkbox"/> Reckless Spending |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Television | <input type="checkbox"/> Alcohol | <input type="checkbox"/> Tobacco |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Food | <input type="checkbox"/> Coffee/Caffeine | <input type="checkbox"/> Shopping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pornography | <input type="checkbox"/> Sex | <input type="checkbox"/> Rx Drugs _____ |

72. In your Christian experience do you:

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|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have trouble accepting the deity of Christ. | <input type="checkbox"/> Have trouble accepting Christ’s atoning sacrifice. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Have trouble accepting the teachings of Christ. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tend to unknowingly suppress ministries. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tend to gravitate toward humanistic thinking. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tend to have a lawlessness about you. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Not believe you have an anointing on your life. | <input type="checkbox"/> Tend to often be in heretical teaching. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seem to always be persecuted in your walk with Christ. | <input type="checkbox"/> Have trouble accepting God’s forgiveness. |

73. I have in the past or currently struggle with the following:

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lust | <input type="checkbox"/> Satanic interest | <input type="checkbox"/> Control over life |
| <input type="checkbox"/> My ambitions and achievements | <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of death | <input type="checkbox"/> Bitterness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oppression | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual blindness | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Religion | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual deadness | |

74. I have in the past or currently experience problems in the following areas:

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|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental illness | <input type="checkbox"/> Ear problems | <input type="checkbox"/> Near-drowning experience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual deafness or blindness | <input type="checkbox"/> Crippled | <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive crying |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Foaming at the mouth | <input type="checkbox"/> Alzheimer’s | <input type="checkbox"/> Gnashing of teeth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intense depression due to loss | <input type="checkbox"/> Attention deficit | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical imbalance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prostration | <input type="checkbox"/> Suicidal | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-mutilation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hear voices | <input type="checkbox"/> Insanity | <input type="checkbox"/> Seizures |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Senility | <input type="checkbox"/> Schizophrenia | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy | <input type="checkbox"/> Paranoia | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hallucinations | <input type="checkbox"/> Paralysis | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Eating disorders: Type(s) _____ | | |

75. I have in the past or currently experience problems in the following areas:

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Death seems to be lurking nearby | <input type="checkbox"/> Disease | <input type="checkbox"/> Suicide |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clumsiness | <input type="checkbox"/> Fighting | <input type="checkbox"/> Daredevil acts |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Speeding | <input type="checkbox"/> Death to ministry | <input type="checkbox"/> Death in relationships |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Death in marriage | <input type="checkbox"/> Accidents | <input type="checkbox"/> Random acts of violence |

76. I have in the past or currently experience interest with the following areas:

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Divination | <input type="checkbox"/> Water-witching | <input type="checkbox"/> Fortune-telling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stargazing / zodiac / horoscopes | <input type="checkbox"/> Rebellion | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypnotist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mind control / manipulation | <input type="checkbox"/> Birth charts | <input type="checkbox"/> Magic (black or white) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritists | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-will | <input type="checkbox"/> Acupuncture |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Warlock | <input type="checkbox"/> Witches | <input type="checkbox"/> Sorcerer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spirit guides | <input type="checkbox"/> Vampires | <input type="checkbox"/> Lust for power or control |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Animal guides | <input type="checkbox"/> Astral projection | |

77. I have in the past or currently struggle with the following areas:

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|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Error in doctrine | <input type="checkbox"/> Fears | <input type="checkbox"/> An un-submissive attitude |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hindrances to hearing sermons | <input type="checkbox"/> Twisting of scripture | <input type="checkbox"/> Unteachable spirit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mix the holy with the profane | <input type="checkbox"/> Defensive | <input type="checkbox"/> Argumentative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Age movement | <input type="checkbox"/> Contentiousness | <input type="checkbox"/> Maintaining a form of godliness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mental confusion | <input type="checkbox"/> Hindrances to Bible reading | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dullness of comprehension | <input type="checkbox"/> Hindrances to prayer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hindrances to movement of the Holy Spirit | <input type="checkbox"/> Hyper-spirituality | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> False doctrines such as Mormonism, Jehovah's Witness, Catholicism, Buddhism, Hinduism | | |

other _____

78. I have in the past or currently struggle with the following:

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|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addiction to entertainment | <input type="checkbox"/> Unfaithfulness | <input type="checkbox"/> Adultery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prostitution of spirit, soul, or body | <input type="checkbox"/> Love of money | <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive appetite |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Worldliness | <input type="checkbox"/> Fornication | <input type="checkbox"/> Idolatry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic dissatisfaction | <input type="checkbox"/> Love of self | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Addiction to sports | <input type="checkbox"/> Addiction to television | |

79. I have in the past or currently struggle with the following:

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|---|-------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Familiar spirits | <input type="checkbox"/> Divination | <input type="checkbox"/> Witchcraft |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Using mediums | <input type="checkbox"/> Yoga | <input type="checkbox"/> Clairvoyant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inferiority | <input type="checkbox"/> Necromancy | <input type="checkbox"/> Spirit guides / animal guides |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bigotry | <input type="checkbox"/> Séances | <input type="checkbox"/> Low self-esteem |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Racism | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-pity | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Drugs, illegal or prolonged use of legal | | |

80. I have in the past or currently struggle with the following:

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|---|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fear | <input type="checkbox"/> Torment / horror | <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of death |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A desire to be a hermit or recluse | <input type="checkbox"/> Anxiety, stress | <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of abandonment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of trust/ doubt/ worry | <input type="checkbox"/> Migraines | <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of rejection |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of heart attacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of failure |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of heights | <input type="checkbox"/> Panic attacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of spiders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of not being good enough | <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of animals | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fear of saying 'no' | <input type="checkbox"/> Other fears, list _____ | |

81. I have in the past or currently struggle with the following:

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Haughtiness | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious pride | <input type="checkbox"/> Rationalizing pride |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scornful attitude | <input type="checkbox"/> Vanity | <input type="checkbox"/> Professional pride |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regional pride | <input type="checkbox"/> Obstinate | <input type="checkbox"/> National pride |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-righteousness | <input type="checkbox"/> Dictatorial | <input type="checkbox"/> Controlling |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overbearing or domineering | <input type="checkbox"/> Manipulative | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection of God's authority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection of man's authority | <input type="checkbox"/> Rebellion | <input type="checkbox"/> A 'holier-than-thou' attitude |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exalted feelings | <input type="checkbox"/> Gossip | <input type="checkbox"/> Egotistical attitude |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-deception | <input type="checkbox"/> Contentiousness | <input type="checkbox"/> Bragging and boastful attitude |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strife | <input type="checkbox"/> Idleness | <input type="checkbox"/> Performance orientation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attention seeking | <input type="checkbox"/> Interrupting others | <input type="checkbox"/> Impatience |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attitude of always being right | <input type="checkbox"/> Being arrogant and smug | |

82. I have in the past or currently struggle with the following areas:

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|--|--|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self-hate | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-pity | <input type="checkbox"/> A broken heart | <input type="checkbox"/> Many regrets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Life's unfairness | <input type="checkbox"/> Suicidal thoughts | <input type="checkbox"/> Depression | <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive mourning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inner hurts and a torn spirit | <input type="checkbox"/> Gluttony | <input type="checkbox"/> Loneliness | <input type="checkbox"/> False responsibility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Continuous sorrow and grief | <input type="checkbox"/> Discouragement | <input type="checkbox"/> Despair | <input type="checkbox"/> Hopelessness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection | <input type="checkbox"/> Insecurity | <input type="checkbox"/> Abandonment | <input type="checkbox"/> Inferiority |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Low self-esteem | <input type="checkbox"/> Suppressed emotions | <input type="checkbox"/> Insomnia | |

83. I have in the past or currently struggle with the following:

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Jealousy | <input type="checkbox"/> Revenge | <input type="checkbox"/> Spite |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cruelty | <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme competition | <input type="checkbox"/> Causing division |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coveting | <input type="checkbox"/> Selfishness | <input type="checkbox"/> Envy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strife | <input type="checkbox"/> Contentiousness | <input type="checkbox"/> Hatred |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anger and rage | <input type="checkbox"/> Violence | <input type="checkbox"/> Bigotry and racism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Suppressed anger | <input type="checkbox"/> Suppressed rage | <input type="checkbox"/> Desire to murder |

84. I have in the past or currently suffer from the following infirmities:

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|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Infirmity in general | <input type="checkbox"/> Bent body/spine | <input type="checkbox"/> Chemical imbalance |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Extended fever | <input type="checkbox"/> Impotency | <input type="checkbox"/> Frailness |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lameness | <input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis | <input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oppression | <input type="checkbox"/> Tuberculosis | <input type="checkbox"/> Emphysema |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tumors | <input type="checkbox"/> Lingering disorders | <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive pain and affliction |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cysts | <input type="checkbox"/> Warts | <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive fatigue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Viral infections | <input type="checkbox"/> Bacterial infections | <input type="checkbox"/> Asthma |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Hay fever | <input type="checkbox"/> Allergies | <input type="checkbox"/> Epilepsy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seizures | <input type="checkbox"/> Leukemia | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypochondria |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cancer: List type(s) _____ | | |

85. I have in the past or continue to struggle with the following:

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|---|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lying | <input type="checkbox"/> Flattery | <input type="checkbox"/> Driving zeal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Strong deception | <input type="checkbox"/> Gossip | <input type="checkbox"/> Frenzied emotional actions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Exaggeration | <input type="checkbox"/> Slander | <input type="checkbox"/> Melancholy nature |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Accusations | <input type="checkbox"/> Religious bondage | <input type="checkbox"/> Covenant-breaking |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Superstitions | <input type="checkbox"/> Profanity | <input type="checkbox"/> Guilt |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shame | <input type="checkbox"/> Condemnation | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-deception |

86. I have in the past or continue to struggle with the following:

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|---|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perversity | <input type="checkbox"/> Broken spirit | <input type="checkbox"/> Lust |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Past abortion | <input type="checkbox"/> Child abuse | <input type="checkbox"/> Prostitution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Masturbation | <input type="checkbox"/> Atheism | <input type="checkbox"/> A filthy mind |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual perversions | <input type="checkbox"/> Doctrinal error | <input type="checkbox"/> Twisting the word of God |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Molestation | <input type="checkbox"/> Incest | <input type="checkbox"/> Rape |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Date rape | <input type="checkbox"/> Spousal rape | <input type="checkbox"/> Pornography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adultery | <input type="checkbox"/> Chronic worrier | <input type="checkbox"/> Self-lover |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contentiousness | <input type="checkbox"/> Foolishness | <input type="checkbox"/> Fornication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Homosexuality | <input type="checkbox"/> Lesbianism | <input type="checkbox"/> Effeminate Spirit |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rebellion | <input type="checkbox"/> Sexual frigidity | |

87. I have in the past or continue to struggle with the following:

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|--|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Seducing spirits | <input type="checkbox"/> Seared conscience | <input type="checkbox"/> Deception |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fascination with evil ways | <input type="checkbox"/> Seducers | <input type="checkbox"/> Enticers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fascination with evil objects | <input type="checkbox"/> Wander from the truth | <input type="checkbox"/> Hypocritical lies |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fascination with evil people | <input type="checkbox"/> Attracted to false signs | <input type="checkbox"/> Attracted to false prophets |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Attracted to false wonders | <input type="checkbox"/> Controlling spirit | <input type="checkbox"/> Passive spirit |

88. Please describe as clearly as you can what is going on in your life at this time. What was it that prompted you to seek spiritual counseling?

What Do I think?

Please place a check by each statement that describes your thinking about yourself!

89. I am all alone. I have been overlooked. They do not need me.
 I don't matter. No one ever really cares. They are not coming back.
 God has forsaken me, too. There is no one to protect me. No one will believe me.
 I cannot trust anyone. I am afraid they won't come back. I cannot trust pastors/ministers
90. I am so stupid, ignorant, an idiot. I allowed it.
 I was a participant. I should have known better.
 I should have done something to stop it from happening. It was all my fault.
 I knew what was going to happen, yet I stayed anyway. I should have told someone.
 I felt pleasure so I must have wanted it. I was a participant.
 It happened because of my looks, my gender, my body, etc. I should have stopped them.
 I did not try to run away. I am cheap like a slut.
 I was paid for services rendered. I deserved it.
 I kept going back. I did it to him/her first.
 I'm bad, dirty, shameful, sick, nasty. I am just in the way.
91. I am going to die. He/she is going to hurt me.
 I do not know what to do. If I tell they will come back and hurt me.
 If I trust I will die. He/she/they are coming back.
 It is just a matter of time before it happens again. They are going to get me.
 If I let him/her/them into my life they will hurt me, too. Doom is just around the corner.
 Something bad will happen if I tell, stop it, confront it.
92. He/she/they are too strong to resist. I cannot stop this.
 I am going to die and I cannot do anything about it. There is no way out.
 I am too weak to resist. The pain is too great to bear.
 I cannot get away. I cannot get loose.
 I am overwhelmed. I don't know what to do.
 Everything is out of control. I am pulled from every direction.
 Not even God can help me. I am too small to do anything.

93. I am dirty, evil, shameful, perverted, because of what happened to me. My life is ruined.
 No one will be able to really love me. I will never be happy.
 Everyone can see my shame, filth, dirtiness, etc. My body parts are dirty.
 I will always be hurt/damaged/broken because of what has happened. I will never feel clean again.
 God could never want me after what has happened to me.
 I will always be unclean, filthy, etc

94. I am not loved, needed, cared for, or important. They do not need me.
 I am worthless and have no value. I am unimportant.
 I was a mistake. I should have never been born.
 I was never liked by them, because I was _____! God could never love or accept me.
 I am in the way. I am a burden. I could never be as _____ as he or she
 I could never jump high enough to please him/her. I am not acceptable.

95. It is never going to get any better. There is no way out.
 It will just happen again and again. There is no good thing for me.
 I have no reason to live. There are no options for me.
 I just want to die. Nothing good will ever come of this

96. I don't know what is happening to me. Everything is confusing.
 This does not make any sense. Why would they do this to me?

Other Areas of Your Life

97. What is the worst thing that ever happened in your life?

98. Have you received prayer for deliverance?
 If yes, describe your experience:

Yes No

99. Describe your dreams, your goals, and your aspirations for your life.

100. Are there any other problems you believe this questionnaire has not addressed? Please explain:

“The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Isaiah 61:1-2

*Acknowledgement is given to Dr. William Sudduth’s “Deliverance Training Manual.”
This questionnaire is a modified version of his work.*

Deliverance Ministry Questionnaire (Minor)

Questionnaire (Minor)

Confidential Information

Parents,

It is our desire to see your children and family healed, whole, and empowered to live and enjoy the abundant life that Jesus desires us to have.

Please complete the enclosed adult questionnaire for yourself, and the children's questionnaire for your child.

It is very important that the parents complete the adult questionnaire, as it will bring helpful insight to your child's healing. If the child is over 12 years of age, please have them complete the adult questionnaire as well.

If your child is able, please allow and encourage them to complete as much of the children's questionnaire as possible.

Sincerely,
Pastor's Name

Name of Church
Address of church
Phone Number
Email address

Questionnaire (Minor) Ages 2-12 Years

To be completed by child if able. If not able, parent please complete.

Parent's Name _____

Date _____ Cell _____

Parent's Email _____

Minor's Name _____

Address _____

Age _____ DOB _____ Gender _____

Questions: For Child

Are you angry or sad at anyone?

Who? _____

Do you get mad at yourself?

Why? _____

How do you feel at home? _____

How do you feel at school? _____

Do you get mad at your mom?

Why? _____

Do you get mad at your dad?

Why? _____

Has anyone ever touched you in a bad a way?

Who? _____ When? _____ Where? _____

Have you seen bad things on the computer? _____

What did you see? _____

Are there things on the computer, the cell phone, or the TV that make you feel bad after you have seen them? _____

What are they? _____

Do you touch yourself or others? Yourself _____ Others _____

Do you have bad dreams? Yes _____ No _____

What are they about? _____

What kind of things make you scared?

When you get angry, what do you do?

Do you have an imaginary friend? Yes ___ No ___

What is your imaginary friend's name?

Is it hard to obey mom or dad? Yes _____ No _____

Do you sometimes hear voices telling you not to obey mom or dad?

Yes _____ No _____

Do you tell lies? Yes _____ No _____

Do you hit or bite when you are mad? Yes _____ No _____

Can you write down what you would like to get help with, or do better at?

Parents Please Complete the Following:

Does your child have Social Media accounts?

Which One(s): _____

Does your child live with both parents? _____

Explain: _____

Was your child raised around drugs or alcohol? _____

Explain: _____

What kind of video/computer games are played by your child, or others in the home?

Was there any situation during pregnancy or prior, that you can think of, that would have been stressful or traumatic for you or the family?

If so, please explain: _____

Did your child experience trauma at birth?

Explain: _____

Does your child have any bad habits?

Explain: _____

Has your child been diagnosed by a doctor as having any disorders?

If so what? _____

Is your child medicated? _____

Adopted Children Questions

At what age was your child adopted? _____

What country is the child from? _____

Was the child in foster care or an orphanage?

Explain: _____

Was the child abused physically or sexually in the foster home or orphanage? _____

Explain: _____

Were the biological parents addicted to drugs or alcohol?

Explain: _____

Have you bonded with your child? _____

Explain: _____

Is your child able to express love? _____

Explain: _____

What kind of behavior is the child exhibiting that has caused you to seek ministry? Explain:

*Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them,
for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. —Luke 18:16*

Name of Church
Address of church
Phone Number
Email address

How to Use the Questionnaire

The questionnaire has proven to be one of the most valuable tools for personal ministry. It provides a wealth of information that can be used in counseling, inner healing, and deliverance. The questionnaire, if completely and honestly filled out, will give the minister a road map to follow that will expose the root causes and entry points of the demonic attacks for which the person is seeking your help.

The following is a brief summary of what areas are exposed by each grouping of questions.

Questions 1-7 let you know the person's spiritual background, including their salvation experience. You need to know if they are born again. Do they have a personal relationship with Jesus? Do they know they are saved? Were they involved in any cults or false religions? Are they baptized in the Holy Spirit and what is the evidence of that baptism? A person must be baptized in the Holy Spirit if they are to avoid being found swept clean, put in order, but empty, as in Matt. 12:43-45.

Questions 8-12 will clue you in on family, ethnic, and cultural matters that could have a spiritual effect on the person, such as generational curses. They also reveal any unholy places they may have visited. Many people who go to Asia visit temples that honor pagan deities. They may have offered a sacrifice of some kind and thus brought a curse upon themselves. They will need to repent, renounce the god or goddess, and break the curse on them.

Questions 13-38 reveal rejection issues, as well as possible abuse and neglect issues. You will gain valuable information on their relationship with their father. A person's relationship or lack of a relationship with their earthly father is a model for their relationship with their Heavenly Father. If their father was distant and seemingly uncaring, they will see God the same way. If they were raised in a home full of drug and alcohol abuse, there will be a strong possibility of spirits of addiction or bondage in their life. This area will also reveal emotional, physical, and sexual abuses in the home. Note: children brought up in homes dominated by drugs and alcohol are oftentimes physically and sexually abused. Nine out of ten women that receive ministry have been sexually abused by a close family member. Many that receive counseling have never told anyone before, yet many will write it down when they complete the questionnaire. Once this is brought out into the light, Satan loses his power in their life!

Questions 39-42 are looking for generational or family involvement in cults, false religions, and secret societies. They also uncover generational spirits of infirmity.

Questions 43-52 look for areas of mental weakness and illness, both of which are certainly demonic. However, the culture in which we live tends to consider them as medical issues. This can create a liability problem or malpractice issue, not to mention, they may be on a mind-altering drug that may hinder their ability to receive ministry from you.

Questions 53-64 expose the individual's personal involvement in witchcraft and the occult. This is a major open door to the demonic, second only to sexual sin. It is also the toughest to deal with.

Questions 65-68 reveal the spirit of Antichrist, which can enter through various types of music. Martial arts can also be an entry point for demonic influence.

Question 69 deals with tattoos. The Christian culture has changed dramatically as it pertains to tattoos during the last 20 years. Even though there are commands strictly forbidding the tattooing of the body (Lev. 19:28), as well as cuttings, "body art" has become a common practice among Christians. What must be looked at is: What was the purpose of the tattoo? What does the tattoo depict? How does the person requesting deliverance view Lev. 19:28? Do they randomly disregard other Old Testament commands too—like the Ten Commandments, or the prohibition of witchcrafts, sorcery, necromancy, incest, bestiality, etc.?

Questions 70-87 are listings of fruits and/or manifestations of the various spirits or strongholds. As you look down through these questions you can easily see which areas will need to be focused on. (P) means past involvement and (C) current involvement. If there is current involvement, you can be assured there is either a sin issue or a demonic presence to deal with, or both. NOTE: Some will mark (P) but they are actually still struggling in that area and are dealing with embarrassment. If an area has many (P's), it would be good to focus in on that area. The following is a Key to use with their various categories.

#70— Bondage and Witchcraft	#80— Spirit of Fear
#71— Bondage	#81— Pride and Haughtiness
#72— Fruit of Antichrist	#82— Heaviness and Rejection
#73— Bondage	#83— Jealousy and Anger
#74— Deaf and Dumb Spirit	#84— Infirmary, Sickness, and Disease
#75— Spirit of Death	#85— Lying Spirit
#76— Witchcraft Divination and the Occult	#86— Perverse Spirit
#77— Spirit of Error	#87— Seducing and Deceiving Spirits
#78— Stronghold of Prostitution	#89— Rejection
#79— Familiar Spirits	

Question 88 is a good place to start with anyone you counsel. "Why are you here?" Often, their response will be a fruit of an underlying issue.

Questions 89-96 will reveal a list of lies people believe about themselves. Following is a list of areas you will most likely have to minister in, based on the number of lies they believe.

#90—Sexual Abuse	#94—Rejection
#91—Fear and Abuse	#95—Death
#92—Fear and Abuse	#96—Error
#93—Sexual Abuse	

Question 97 will illuminate the major issue affecting the person and will help you pinpoint your approach to their deliverance.

Question 98 is an extremely important question. If they have had repeated deliverance sessions with other ministries, and they are still not walking in freedom, there is usually a reason. They may be looking for a quick fix, or they may be in sin, thus keeping the door open for the devil. They may have a problem with unforgiveness or bitterness. They may have a mental illness or a multiple personality disorder. They could also be a plant by the enemy to distract you. Be especially prayerful in your approach to these individuals.

Question 99 will let you know how serious they are about God and give you a good idea where they are spiritually.

Question 100: Miscellaneous

Second Interview

Second Interview with the Person Seeking Deliverance

At this interview the person requesting prayer for deliverance must have already completed their homework assignments.

Teaching on Forgiveness

During this interview, the team leader and the individual will discuss the list that was made of the persons being forgiven. A brief teaching will then be conducted that will help the person understand how vital forgiveness is in the deliverance process.

Teaching on Soul Ties

The list that the individual wrote will be discussed at this meeting, in addition to teaching about soul ties.

Teaching on Entry Points/ Open Doors/ Legal Rights

This teaching needs to be done to ensure that the person has closed or is closing doors by which demons have been gaining access.

Questionnaire

The questionnaire booklet will be reviewed with the team leader immediately asking clarifying questions on any topics that stand out. Having this information will enable the team leader to prepare for the deliverance session.

Scheduling the Deliverance Session

The team leader will then schedule a deliverance session with the individual, again taking the time to prepare them for what to expect.

Review again what the individual can expect from the deliverance session.

1. What Deliverance is:
 - Others coming alongside you, to help you engage your will. It is the individual's deliverance that is being sought. The deliverance ministry team is there to assist the person to experience and achieve their own deliverance.
 - Rooting out the enemy who has gained access through sin, generational issues, unforgiveness, thought processes, etc.
 - A step toward walking in freedom. Deliverance is just one step, along with continuing to resist the enemy and renewing your mind. God delivers in many ways and continues to deliver us.
2. What Deliverance is not:
 - A cure-all or a miraculous fix. The person must walk it out!
 - Something done to the individual seeking deliverance. Rather, it is a team joining with them.
3. What to Expect:
 - Compassion—you will not be judged!
 - Complete confidentiality.
 - To be handled with respect and dignity.

4. Hindrances to Deliverance:

- Continuing in present sin, known or unknown (entry point/ open door/ legal right).
- Unwillingness to engage your will—you must line up under the truth of God’s Word, and not the lies of the enemy. You must have a desire and determination to be free.
- Lack of openness and honesty—you must tell us what is going on.
- Doubt and Unbelief
 - We can be assured that deliverance is as sure as salvation.
 - Acts 2:21 “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”
 - The word “saved” in Acts 2:21 is the word *sozo*, it means: To save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction, protected, preserved, healed, delivered, to be made whole.
- Unforgiveness issues—if you will not forgive, you will not experience freedom.

5. Fasting

- Fasting is recommended for the person seeking deliverance as well as the team members who will be ministering. Fasting does something in the supernatural realm and breaks the power of the enemy. In Mark 9:29, Jesus told his disciples this kind of demon only comes out by prayer and fasting (KJV), so we recommend team members fast one day a week and the person seeking deliverance fast as much as they can in preparation.

Concluding the Second Interview

Conclude the second interview by building the faith of the person and preparing them for the battle they will encounter following the deliverance session. They must be taught to be prepared to fight so their deliverance will be maintained.

Forgiveness Teaching

There is a dimension of freedom that will never happen in our life until we choose to be a forgiving person. Matt. 18:34-35 says, *In anger his master handed him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother or sister from your heart.*

Torture—that is what is inflicted on the person who chooses not to forgive. It seems quite backwards, because our human instinct expects revenge for the wrong done to us. Strangely, to get back at the people who offend us, we will in effect drink poison, expecting the person who did us wrong to suffer the consequences.

Making the decision not to forgive tortures us and keeps us forever bound to the person who hurt us. Instead of releasing them and letting the offense go, we hang onto it. It is like being tied to a rotting corpse, and that dead body that we carry around causes a stench to impregnate every relationship and area of our life.

The tormentors or torturers in Matt. 18:34 are demon spirits. They have a legal right to torment you if you have unforgiveness. When we plant or water the seed of unforgiveness, bitterness will spring up. Bitterness has been defined as unfulfilled revenge. Bitterness is similar to cancer. We need to forgive others so Satan cannot take advantage of us (2 Cor. 2:10-11 KJV).

When someone hurts you, the pain is real. The hurt is real. Unforgiveness can be likened to being in a prison or in chains. It is like having a chain attached to the offender's ankle and to yours. You are bound to each other. They can continue to hurt you for the rest of your life because every time the video of the offence replays in your mind, up comes the pain. That person hurts you over and over. You, in response, build a wall around your heart so you can protect yourself from being hurt again. But instead of that wall protecting you, it becomes your prison. You don't let anybody into that part of your heart, and the pain on the inside will never leave. Your wall becomes a prison where you get eaten up by the bitter rotting corpse of unforgiveness.

What Forgiveness Is

1. Forgiveness is a “letting go,” a “disregard.” It is “keeping it no longer.”
2. Forgiveness is a command. One of the biggest mistakes we could ever make is thinking forgiveness is an option. It is not an option; it is a commandment. Unforgiveness is a sin issue. If we want forgiveness for ourselves, we must forgive others (Matt. 7:12).
 - Matt. 6:14-15 says: *For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.*
 - Prolonged disobedience to this command causes bitterness to turn into a spreading poison.
 - Letting go of anger and resentment can bring peace, improve your health, and increase your happiness (Prov. 14:30, Matt. 5:9).
 - Even more important, forgiving others is a key to receiving God's forgiveness for your own sins (Matt. 6:14-15).
 - Forgiving others is a prerequisite to our prayers being answered (Mark 11:22-25).

- Harboring unforgiveness grieves the Holy Spirit.
 - *And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you (Eph. 4:30-32).*
3. Forgiveness is an act of obedience to God's Word. It is a choice—an act of your will. It's a decision to obey God. Forgiveness is not a feeling.
 - You cannot wait until you feel like forgiving. Make the hard choice to forgive even if you don't feel like it. Once you choose to forgive, Satan will have lost his power over you in that area, and God can then begin the healing process of what you suffered.
 - When you make the decision to forgive, don't say, "Lord, please help me to forgive," because he is already helping you and will be with you all the way through the process. And don't say, "Lord, I want to forgive..." because that bypasses the hard choice we have to make. Say, "Lord, I *choose* to forgive..."
 4. Forgiveness is releasing the person to God. It is "letting go" of the resentment, the bitterness, the ill-feelings, and the desire for revenge.
 - *Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord" (Rom. 12:19).*
 - Let God deal with the person. Let him or her off your hook because as long as you refuse to forgive someone, you are still hooked to that person. You are still chained to your past, bound up in your bitterness. By forgiving, the other person is off your hook, but he or she is not off God's hook. You must trust that God will deal with the person justly and fairly, something you simply cannot do.
 - Some may say: "But you don't know how much this person hurt me!" You're right. We don't, but Jesus does, and he tells you to forgive. And don't you see? Until you let go of your anger and hatred, the person is still hurting you. You can't turn back the clock and change the past, but you can be free from it. You can stop the pain, but there is only one way to do it —*forgive*.
 5. Forgiveness is agreeing to live with the consequences of another person's sin. You are going to live with those consequences anyway whether you like it or not, so the only choice you have is whether you will do so in the *bondage of bitterness* or in the *freedom of forgiveness*. No one truly forgives without accepting and suffering the pain of another person's sin. That can seem unfair and you may wonder where the justice is in it, but justice is found at the cross, which makes forgiveness legally and morally right.
 - Jesus took the *eternal* consequences of sin upon himself. God "*made him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in him*" (2 Cor. 5:21).
 - Though we often suffer the temporary consequences of other people's sins, that is simply a harsh reality of life all of us have to face.
 6. Forgiveness is what will release us from the torment. The pain and suffering that unforgiveness brings can all be healed, but only once we make the decision to forgive. The

decision to forgive does not always bring immediate relief from the pain inflicted, but it starts the process so the healing can occur.

- Some say forgiveness is a process—it is not. Forgiveness is a decision that must be acted on. There are no sins that are stopped through a process. They are *repented* of. That means a decision is made to turn from it and walk in the opposite direction.
 - Murder is a sin. But we do not stop that sin through a process. It is an immediate decision not to do it again. The same applies to adultery, gossip, or anything else.
- It is true that the memory of the wrong done to you will come back, attempting to stir up unforgiveness and bitterness—after you made the decision to “let it go.”
 - That is Satan, trying keep you trapped. Those lies must be fought against and renounced. You have to stand your ground and say to yourself: “I have forgiven. I made that decision to forgive. It is in the past. I choose to disregard it; I will keep it no longer.”

7. Forgiveness is getting Satan’s foot out of the door of your life.

- *In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold (Eph. 4:26-27).*
- *Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs (2 Cor. 2:10-11).*

8. Forgiveness includes forgiving ourselves: We have to understand we have absolutely no right to hold anyone in unforgiveness. God will not tolerate us doing so, and “anyone” includes ourselves. You must forgive yourself.

- Are you disgusted with your past decisions? —Forgive yourself.
- Are you ashamed of your past actions? —Forgive yourself.

9. God has never done anything wrong, so we don't have to forgive him.

- Sometimes, however, people harbor bitterness toward God because he didn’t do what they wanted him to do. Maybe a child or spouse died. Maybe a job was lost, which resulted in the loss of a home, a vehicle, or a life dream. Those feelings of anger or resentment can become a wall between us and him, so we must let them go. This is a deep theological issue, but when deep, deep tragedies take place, and we hold bitterness in our hearts toward God, we must come to the place where we say: *God, I trust that you know more about your eternal affairs than I do. I have been hurt deeper than words can express. But I choose to believe you have my best interest at heart, and though I have been severely hurt, I choose to let it go. I choose to disregard it. I choose to keep the resentment no longer.*

What Forgiveness Is Not

1. Forgiveness is not saying that what a person did or didn’t do to you is OK.
 - It was not OK. It will never be OK. It was wrong.
2. Forgiveness is not condoning the wrong—you are simply letting it go.

3. Forgiveness is not pretending that the offense never happened.
 - God forgave King David of serious sins, but he did not shield David from the consequences of his actions. God even had David’s sins recorded so that they would be rehearsed for thousands of years (2 Sam. 12:9-13).
4. Forgiveness is not allowing others to take advantage of you. We must set healthy boundaries.
5. When someone repeatedly violates us, we aren’t called to continually endure it. We can physically and emotionally set boundaries to protect ourselves. The key here is to keep our spirit right by forgiving the offense.
 - Suppose, for example, that you loan money to someone, but he wastes it and then cannot repay you as he had promised. He is very sorry and apologizes to you. You could choose to forgive him by not harboring resentment, not rehashing the matter with him continually, and perhaps even canceling the debt altogether. However, you might also choose not to loan him any more money (Ps. 37:21; Prov. 14:15; 22:3; Gal. 6:7).
6. Forgiveness is not about forgetting. Often we hear the phrase *forgive and forget*. This can be misleading. To forgive and forget does not mean that a person who has been wronged develops sanctified amnesia. A person who has been abused will never forget that it happened. A person who has suffered from an adulterous spouse will always remember that experience. A parent who has had a child abducted will probably think about that crime every day of their life. Yet, it is possible for each of these people who have been sinned against to forgive and also to forget, as long as the biblical definition of forget is in view.
 - In the Bible, remembering and forgetting do not have to do with retention of information in the brain. When God says he forgives, and will remember their sin no more (Jer. 31:34), he is saying that he chooses not to act on the basis of those sins. It is similar to the Bible verses that says “*love keeps no record of wrongs*” (1 Cor. 13:5 NIV).
 - The words *forgive* and *forget* are actually synonyms. Both words mean that the person who has forgiven will not continue to hold that sin against the wrongdoer or take their sins into account in future interactions. A person may remember that it happened, but they can choose not to act on it—that is biblical forgetting.
7. Forgiveness is not about waiting for the offending party to ask to be forgiven. Jesus did not wait for those who were crucifying him to apologize before he forgave them. Even while they mocked Him, He prayed, *Father, forgive them; For they do not know what they are doing* (Luke 23:34).

Soul Tie Teaching

The term “soul tie” is not found in the Bible, but the concept certainly is. The terms “knit” and “cleave” are used.

- Knit means: bound together or tied together.
- Cleave means: adhere to, fasten together, to be glued to, or to be linked together.

Some examples of ungodly soul ties are:

- 1 Cor. 6:16 *“or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For ‘the two,’ He says, ‘shall become one flesh.’”*
- Gen. 34:1-3 *“And Dinah the daughter of Leah, which she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. 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 to Dinah the daughter of Jacob.”*

Whenever a person engages in sexual activity with someone other than their spouse, they create an ungodly soul tie.

Some soul ties, however, are good:

- Matt. 19:5-6 *“for this cause a man shall leave his father and mother and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh.”*

We can also have emotional soul ties that can be either good or bad.

- 1 Sam. 18:1 gives us an example of a good emotional soul tie. *“The soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.”*

Every ungodly sexual encounter has created an ungodly soul tie and it must be broken. We can also have non-sexual, ungodly emotional soul ties with other persons, places, and things. This is often seen with people who develop an abnormal emotional attachment to movie stars and musical recording artists.

An ungodly soul tie can be illustrated by taking two pieces of paper and then gluing them together. After the glue is dry, try to pull them apart. When this is done, you will see that bits and pieces of each separate page are stuck to each other. They do not come apart whole. This is no different than what takes place with our souls. Many people have little pieces of their soul scattered all over the place and are in desperate need of restoration and healing.

Control and the Ungodly Soul Tie

We can form ungodly soul ties with anyone, and these typically can happen when someone has ungodly control over us. That is, through guilt, fear, or manipulation they are able to get us to do things we would otherwise not do. These are the soul ties that need to be broken in Jesus’ name. If a friend or person controls you, then there is an ungodly soul tie – mothers with daughters, fathers with sons, pastors with congregations, bosses and employees, just to name a few.

7 Signs that You have an Unhealthy Soul Tie

1. You are in a physically, and/or emotionally, and/or spiritually abusive relationship, but you “feel” so attached to them that you refuse to cut off the connection and set boundaries with them.
2. You have left a relationship, maybe even long ago, but you think about the other person obsessively. In other words, you can’t get them out of your mind.
3. Whenever you do anything—make a decision, have a conversation with someone, etc., you “feel” like this person is with you and is watching you.
4. When you engage in intimacy with your husband or wife, you can hardly keep yourself from visualizing the person you have a soul tie with.
5. You take on the negative traits of the person that your soul is tied to and carry their offenses, whether or not you actually agree with them.
6. You defend your right to stay in a relationship with the person your soul is tied to, even though it is negatively affecting or even destroying the important relationships in your life (husband, wife, kids, leaders, etc.).
7. You have simultaneous experiences and/or “moods” as the person your soul is tied to. This can even include sickness, accidents, and addictions.

Strongholds / Entry Points / Open Doors / Legal Rights

Squatters

In Indonesia (and many other countries), property owners, upon purchasing a new piece of land, will immediately build a wall around it, sometimes as high as 15 feet—with concertina wire at the top. They also have a 24-hour guard that stands watch at the gate. They will open or close the gate based on the rights the person has to enter.

If that wall is not in place, and the guard doesn't keep watch, squatters will come in and set up their homes. When enough squatters have taken up residence, it is next to impossible for them to be removed, because any attempt to do so will be met with mob violence.

A Stronghold Is Not a Demon: A stronghold can be sins, believing lies about God or yourself, bad habits, anger, fear, jealousy, or emotional wounds that have been left to fester. When these issues are left unresolved, a stronghold can result, making them difficult, though not impossible, to remove.

The reason these strongholds are so difficult to remove is because they become like a lightning rod in your life, where Satan and demons are attracted, and when they come around you, they begin to stir up every imaginable problem and ensure that the stronghold remains unchallenged—firmly in place.

Entry Points and Open Doors

The terms “Entry Points” and “Open Doors” are illustrated in the above example of the gate to the property. The entry or door to the property was not guarded, and people freely entered as they desired. That is what takes place in the life of a Christian who has little to no devotional life and they are negligent when it comes to disciplining themselves.

Examples of Entry Points or Open Doors: Unforgiveness, occult practices, sexual sins, soul ties, broken covenants or vows, pride, idolatry, unconfessed sin, emotional wounds, transitions in life, natural disasters, acts of violence, church splits, etc.

Legal Rights

From the above Indonesian example, the squatters, after they have been living on the land for a period of time, can begin claiming they have a “legal right” to be there, stating that they own homes on the land. They can also claim the length of time they have occupied those homes as evidence of their “legal rights.”

In the life of a Christian, demon powers will attach themselves and claim they have a legal right, because the person has condoned their presence and activity through neglect and a lack of response to their initial entry.

During a deliverance session, the legal rights that demons claim to have in the life of a Christian are openly challenged—and ultimately proven wrong—and they are subsequently evicted!

The Deliverance Session

Steps in the Deliverance Session

1. Greet the prayer team as they arrive. Sincerely ask how they are doing.
2. Greet the individual receiving ministry.
 - Reassure and comfort them.
 - When the person to be prayed for arrives, they are often anxious about what will happen. The number of people on the team can, at first glance, seem intimidating. This can be overcome by the way that team greets and treats the individual. If they are greeted with love, warmth, and friendliness, it will do much to set at ease any fear or concern.
3. Open with prayer.
 - Thank the Lord for the opportunity to minister to the individual.
 - Ask Him to come in power and set the person free.
 - Pray a covering for each person present.
 - Anoint the person with oil for their healing and deliverance.
 - Consider opening with a song of praise.
4. Bind all spirits that may attempt to control, hide, or escape notice—in the person, as well as in the room—as well as those that would try to assist from the outside.
5. Have the person pray:
 - Forgiveness Prayer
 - Soul Tie Prayer
 - Break generational curses
 - Break all strongholds that are applicable
 - Prayers of release (if applicable)
6. Conduct inner healing
7. Have the person pray the Deliverance Prayer
8. If present, address Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID)/ Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD)
9. Explore for any demons, and expel them if present
10. Review the “Staying Free” packet with the person
11. Closing the session.
 - Bind and gag all lying spirits.
 - Tell every spirit to leave the person and to never return.
12. With the prayer guide, pray a blessing on the person.
13. Thank the Lord for what He did in the individual’s life.
 - Pray for cleansing of the room, and protection on each person present.

14. Conduct a debrief with the group for their training and remind them of the need for confidentiality.
15. Fill out the Deliverance Session Report.
16. Depending on your workload, you will probably want to go through all stronghold prayers and work with the person until they are totally free. This can take between three to seven 3-hour sessions, the average being about 4 sessions; or you may want to hit just the areas where they have problems of past involvement. The Holy Spirit will guide you.

Forgiveness Prayer

Father, in the name of Jesus I confess that I have held unforgiveness, bitterness, prejudices, hatred, anger, rage, and desire for retaliation in my heart.

I now recognize this as sin and confess it as sin, for you have said in your Word that if we confess our sin, you are faithful and just, and will forgive us our sins and will cleanse us of all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

I confess I have caused harm to others by my behavior and lack of love. You have told me in your Word that to be forgiven, I must forgive.

I choose to obey your Word, and I declare and confirm my forgiveness to each and every person, living or dead, who has in any way hurt, disappointed, betrayed, failed, abused, or caused unjust pain to me.

I also choose to forgive every institution, organization, or authority that has caused undue hardship in my life because of unfairness, theft, or deception.

Father, I wait now for You to bring to my mind, through the Holy Spirit's ministry, any specific person or situation I need to forgive. . .*(Pause here to see what the Holy Spirit brings to mind, then specifically forgive each person or situation.)*

I choose now to forgive all those on my list.

Father, Your Word says that whoever calls on your name shall be delivered.

Father in heaven, I do now receive your forgiveness. I believe your Word that says if we confess our sins you are faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

Thank you for cleansing me from all the effects of unforgiveness and bitterness.

I now believe I am forgiven, knowing there is no condemnation in Christ Jesus.

Soul Tie Prayer

Heavenly Father, I submit myself completely to you. I ask you to forgive me for any and all unnatural or ungodly relationships with any person, place, or thing.

I ask you to forgive me for all sexual misconduct or ungodly soul ties with everyone on my list.

In the mighty name of Jesus, I ask that my spirit be loosed from them according to Matt. 18:18-19, and I tell my spirit to forget the unions. I tell my mind to release responsibility for them, and I tell my emotions to let go and forget the unions. I tell the fragmented pieces of my soul to come back together. I hereby break every ungodly soul tie in the mighty name of Jesus, amen!

Lord, I choose to forgive each person that I have been involved with in any wrong way. I renounce all uses of my body as an instrument of unrighteousness, and by so doing, I ask you to break all bondages that Satan has brought into my life through that involvement. I confess my participation, I choose to forgive myself, and I choose to no longer be angry with myself, or to hate myself, or punish myself. I now present my body to you as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you.

I reserve the sexual use of my body only for marriage. I renounce the lie of Satan that my body is not clean, that it is dirty, or in any way unacceptable as a result of my past sexual experience.

Lord, I thank you that you have totally cleansed and forgiven me, that you love and accept me unconditionally. Therefore, I can accept myself, and I choose to do so, to accept myself and my body as cleansed, in Jesus name, amen.

Generational Curses

Generational Curses Directions

People do not know their great-great grandparents, going back 3, 4, and even 10 generations. Nor do they know the things their ancestors were involved in. That is a lot of people! (Ex. 20:5-6; 34:7; Num. 14:17-19; Deut. 23:2-5; 1 Sam. 3:12-14; cf. 1 Sam. 2:27-33; 2 Sam. 21:1-6; Neh. 9:2; Jer. 2:9; Lam. 5:7; Dan. 9:16; Matt. 27:22-25; cf. Jer. 31:29-30 and Ezek. 18:2-3).

SELF
2 PARENTS
4 GRANDPARENTS
8 GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
16 GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
32 GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
64 GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GREAT-GRANDPARENTS
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Due to this lack of knowledge, this prayer exercise is conducted to break any evil spirit that would attempt to persist in maintaining its grip on your or your descendants' lives. Sometimes people have been set free using this tool during counseling, without even going through deliverance.

The use of this tool during deliverance sessions has proven to be invaluable. This is what has been discovered through its use:

1. There were a lot less violent manifestations.
 - By praying through the list, the “legal rights” of the enemy are taken away.
 - People yawned, burped, and there were a few manifestations, but not as violent as previously experienced.
2. Time was cut in half for deliverance of individuals—after this 40-minute exercise was implemented—and the same results were achieved!
 - People were set free much more easily, because during prayer demons just came out with a lot less struggle.

How to Use this Tool:

Using the “Generational Curses Prayer”

1. Have the person read prayer #1-5 on page 67.
2. After prayer #5, read through the first category on page 68.
3. At the end of that category, and after each subsequent category, read prayer #6-7, and in the blank line, allow the person to mention *the opposite* of what they would want to receive. This would be like praying a blessing on their life.
4. If the individual cannot think of an *opposite*, some suggestions are listed on page 66.

Possible Opposites

Abandonment & Rejection

“Acceptance” / “Adoption”

Poor Stewardship

“Prosperity” / “Godly Stewardship”

Anxiety and Fear

“Love & Peace” / “Trust”

Anger, Rage, and Violence

“Peace” / “Gentleness” / “Safety”

Deception and Rebellion

“Truth” / “Obedience” / “Honesty” /
“Cleansing” / “Respect for Authority”

A Religious Spirit

“Relationship” / “Faithfulness” / “Intimacy” /
“Holy Spirit”

Unworthiness and Unbelief

“Faith” / “Security” / “Self-Acceptance”

Manipulation and Control

“Grace” / “Humility” / “Servant Heart”

Guilt and Shame

“Self-Acceptance” / “Self-Worth” /
“Forgiveness” / “Cleansing” / “Love”

Bitterness

“Forgiveness” / “Forgiving Spirit” /
“Sweetness”

Pride and Mocking

“Humility”

Performance and Failure

“Peace” / “Contentment” / “Success” /
“Excellence in God”

Infirmities / Disease

“Health” / “Wholeness” / “Divine Healing” /
“Divine Health”

Addictions, Escape, and Dependencies

“Freedom” / “Freedom and Cleansing” /
“Reality”

Mental Problems and Depression

“A Sound Mind” / “The Mind of Christ” /
“Sanity”

Sexual Sins and Perversion

“Sexual Purity” / “Restored Innocence”

Witchcraft and Occult

“Truth” / “God’s Power”

Victim, Trauma and Grief

“Joy” / “Victory” / “Safety” / “Comfort” /
“An Overcoming Spirit”

Generational Curses Prayer

1. I confess the sins of my ancestors, my parents, and my own sins.
2. I choose to forgive and release them for these sins, the curses, and the consequences in my life.
3. I ask you to forgive me, Lord, for these sins and for yielding to them and to the resulting curses. I receive your forgiveness.
4. Based on your forgiveness, Lord, I choose to forgive myself for involvement in these sins.
5. I renounce these sins and curses.
6. I break the power of these sins and curses from my life and the lives of my descendants through the redemptive work of Christ on the cross (Gal. 3:13).
7. I receive God's freedom from these sins and curses, along with any unknown or unmentioned sins and curses. Instead of _____, I receive _____
(Choose to receive an opposite).

Have one of the team members make a list of the opposites that they receive in prayer #7 above. Encourage them to make those opposites a part of their daily devotions. They should pray and receive those opposites/blessings every day.

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**These and other prayers can be prayed for self-deliverance, as well as in a small group setting.**

### **WARNING:**

1. If a person is prone to violent manifestations when they receive anointed prayer, it is suggested that they do not pray these prayers alone.
2. Anyone who suffers from any type of personality disorder, Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID)/ Multiple Personality Disorder (MPD), or any other type of mental illness, should not pray these prayers alone.
3. Do not pray these prayers while driving in a vehicle.

## Generational Curses Categories

### **Abandonment and Rejection**

Blocked Intimacy  
Desertion  
Divorce  
Illegitimacy  
Isolation  
Loneliness  
Neglect  
Separation  
Victimization  
Expected Rejection  
Perceived Rejection  
Self-Rejection  
Rejection of God  
Rejection of Others

### **Poor Stewardship**

Bankruptcy  
Covetousness  
Debt  
Deception  
Failure  
Greed  
Idolatry of Possessions  
Irresponsible Spending  
Irresponsibility  
Job Failures  
Job Losses  
Lack / Laziness  
Neglect  
Poverty  
Procrastination  
Robbery  
Robbing God  
Stinginess  
Drug Dealing  
Gambling

### **Anxiety and Fear**

Fatigue  
Heaviness  
Nervousness

Restlessness  
Weariness  
Bewilderment  
Dread and Worry  
Harassment  
Horror Movies  
Intimidation  
Mental Torment  
Over-Sensitivity  
Paranoia  
Phobias  
Superstition  
Fear of Authorities  
Fear of being Abused  
Fear of being Attacked  
Fear of being Wrong  
Fear of being a Victim  
Fear of Disease  
Fear of Demons  
Fear of Exposure  
Fear of Failure  
Fear of Heart Attack  
Fear of Inadequacy  
Fear of Loss  
Fear of Men and Women  
Fear of Performing  
Fear of Poverty  
Fear of Public Speaking / Singing  
Fear of Reading Out Loud  
Fear of Punishment  
Fear of Rejection  
Fear of Success  
Fear of Future  
Fear of Not Being Good Enough  
Unhealthy Fear of God

### **Anger, Rage, and Violence**

Feuding  
Frustration  
Hatred  
Hostility

Cursing / Profanity  
Punishment  
Resentment  
Retaliation  
Revenge  
Temper Tantrums  
Violence  
Arguing / Abuse  
Bickering  
Cruelty  
Death  
Destruction  
Mocking  
Murder / Abortion  
Strife  
Torture / Mutilation  
Injustice

### **Deception and Rebellion**

Blindness  
Cheating / Stealing  
Confusion  
Denial  
Fraudulence  
Infidelity  
Lying  
Secretiveness  
Self-Deception  
Treachery  
Treason  
Untrustworthiness  
Defiance  
Disobedience  
Independence  
Insubordination  
Resistance  
Self-Sufficiency  
Self-Will  
Stubbornness  
Undermining

## **A Religious Spirit**

Anti-Semitism (Jew)  
Antichrist  
Betrayal  
Division  
Hypocrisy  
Injustice  
Legalism  
Liberalism  
New Age  
Excessive Rules  
Spiritual Pride  
Traditionalism  
Ritualism  
Racism

## **Unworthiness and Unbelief**

Inadequacy  
Inferiority / Low Self-Esteem  
Insecurity  
Self-Punishment  
Apprehension  
Double-mindedness  
Doubt  
Mistrust  
Skepticism  
Suspicion  
Uncertainty

## **Manipulation and Control**

Appeasement  
Denial  
Domineering  
Female Control  
Possessiveness  
Always Right  
Stubbornness  
Witchcraft

## **Guilt and Shame**

Anger  
Bad Boy / Girl  
Condemnation  
Defilement  
Different  
Disgrace

Embarrassment  
Hatred  
Humiliation  
Self-Accusation  
Self-Hate

## **Bitterness**

Accusation  
Blaming  
Complaining  
Criticalness  
Gossip  
Judging  
Murmuring  
Ridicule  
Slander  
Unforgiveness  
Hatred

## **Pride and Mocking**

Arrogance  
Conceit and Vanity  
Controlling  
Haughtiness  
Prejudice  
Self-Centeredness  
Self-Importance  
Blaspheming  
Ridicule  
Sarcasm  
Scorn  
Judging Others  
Narcissism  
Negativity

## **Performance and Failure**

Extreme Competition  
Driving Zeal  
Envy  
Jealousy  
People-Pleasing  
Perfectionism  
Rivalry  
Striving  
Workaholism  
Defeat  
Loss

Procrastination  
Pressure to Succeed

## **Infirmities and Disease**

Accidents (falls, cars, etc.)  
Anorexia / Bulimia / Gluttony  
Alzheimer's / Dementia  
Asthma / Allergies / Hay  
Fever  
Barrenness / Miscarriage  
Bone / Joint Problems  
Cancer  
Congestion in Lungs  
Diabetes  
Female Problems  
Mental Illness / Insanity  
Multiple Sclerosis  
Migraines  
Physical Abnormalities  
Premature Death  
T.B. and Emphysema  
Autism  
Hypochondria  
Bent Body and Spine  
Chemical Imbalance  
High Fever  
Bi-polar  
Impotent / Frail and Lame  
Arthritis  
Obesity  
All Oppression  
Back Problems  
Pain and Affliction  
All Lingered Disorders  
Tumors, Cysts, and Growths  
Weakness / Tired / Fatigue  
Infections (Viral / Bacterial)  
Epilepsy and Seizures  
Heart Disease  
Hypertension / Stroke  
Eye Problems

## **Addictions, Escape and Dependencies**

Drugs  
Alcohol  
Caffeine  
Cigarettes

Food  
Overspending  
Sports  
TV and Movies  
Video Games  
Music and Books  
Daydreaming  
Isolation  
Laziness  
Sleep  
Trance  
Withdrawal  
Social Networks

### **Mental Problems and Depression**

Compulsions  
Confusion  
Distraction  
Forgetfulness  
Hallucinations  
Hysteria  
Insanity  
Paranoia  
Schizophrenia  
Senility  
Dejection and Despair  
Discouragement  
Despondency  
Gloominess  
Hopelessness  
Insomnia  
Oversleeping  
Sadness  
Suicide Fantasies  
Withdrawal

### **Sexual Sins and Perversion**

Adultery  
Bestiality  
Demonic Sex  
Defilement / Uncleaness  
Exposure and Voyeurism  
Fornication

Flirtation  
Frigidity  
Homosexuality  
Lesbianism  
Gender Confusion  
Incest  
Sexual Abuse  
Lewdness  
Promiscuity  
Pre-Marital Sex  
Masturbation  
Pornography  
Prostitution  
Seduction  
Sodomy  
Sadomasochism  
All Ungodly Soul Ties

### **Witchcraft and the Occult**

Animal Spirits  
Antichrist  
Astral Projection  
Automatic Writing  
Black / White Magic  
Occult / Witchcraft Books  
Death / Suicide  
Conjuring Demons  
Dispatching Demons  
Demon Worship  
All forms of Divination  
Evil Eye  
ESP  
Eastern Meditation  
Evil Music  
Evil Videos / Movies  
Evil Games  
Martial Arts  
Fascination with Evil  
Handwriting Analysis  
Hypnosis  
Incantations  
Levitation  
Mental Telepathy  
Necromancy  
Non-Christian Exorcism

Past Life Readings  
Reincarnation  
Santeria  
Satanic Worship  
Seances  
Sorcery  
Spells and Chants  
Spirit Guides  
Spiritism  
Superstition  
Table Tipping  
Trances  
TM  
Voodoo  
Wicca  
Yoga

### **Victim, Trauma and Grief**

Appeasement  
Betrayal  
Helplessness  
Mistrust  
Passivity  
Self-Pity  
All Forms of Abuse,  
*Emotional,*  
*Physical, Mental, Sexual,*  
*Spiritual, and Verbal*  
Accident  
Loss  
Imprisoned  
Rape  
Torture / Violence  
Agony / Anguish  
Crying / Despair  
Heartbreak  
Pain / Sadness  
Sorrow  
Torment  
Weeping  
Heaviness  
Bullying

# Strongholds



## Directions for Stronghold Prayers

From the questionnaire the individual fills out, the deliverance team leader will get an idea of the areas in their life where there are potential strongholds. Select the stronghold categories that are most applicable to the person and focus on those specific categories during the deliverance session.

### Renunciation

Ensure the person understands the meaning of the word “renunciation” or “renounce”:

1. To give up, refuse, or resign, usually by formal declaration.
2. To refuse to follow, obey, or recognize any further.
3. To renounce a claim.
4. To repudiate; disown.

After selecting, from the 16 stronghold categories, those that are most applicable to the person, allow the individual to read through the prayers themselves.

## Example of How to Pray

### Stronghold of Anti-Christ

**In Jesus’ name, I renounce the stronghold of Anti-Christ and every spirit of Anti-Christ and its manifestations and fruit.**

#### **I Renounce:**

- Any spirit that:
  - Denies the deity of Jesus
  - Denies the atonement
  - Comes against Christ and His teachings
  - Suppresses ministries

#### **I Renounce:**

- Secular Humanism
- Worldly Speech and Actions
- Profanity
- Anything Anti-Christian
- Lawlessness and Rebellion..., etc.

## **Stronghold of Bondage**

**In Jesus' name, I renounce the stronghold of bondage and its manifestations and fruit.**

### **I Renounce:**

- Bondage to Fear
- Bondage to All Addictions
  - Drugs
  - Alcohol
  - Cigarettes
  - Food..., etc.

### **I Renounce:**

- Bondage to Lust or Perversion
- Bondage to Sin
- Compulsive Behavior..., etc.

## **Stronghold of Fear**

**In Jesus' name, I renounce the stronghold of fear and its manifestations and fruit.**

### **I Renounce:**

- A Spirit of Fear
- Untrusting and Doubt
- Worry and Unbelief
- Anxiety and Stress
- Panic Attacks

### **I Renounce:**

- Torment and Horror
- Fear of the Dark
- Fear of Death..., etc.

## **Stronghold of Anti-Christ (1 John 4:3)**

**In Jesus' name I renounce the stronghold of Anti-Christ and every spirit of Anti-Christ, and its manifestations and fruit.**

### **I Renounce:**

- Any spirit that:
  - Denies the deity of Jesus
  - Denies the atonement
  - Comes against Christ and His teachings
  - Suppresses ministries
- Secular Humanism
- Worldly Speech and Actions
- Profanity
- Anything anti-Christian
- Lawlessness and Rebellion
- The Accuser
- The Deceiver
- Anger towards God
- Any Serpent Spirit
- Any Style of Ungodly Music
- Legalism, Rituals
- Idolatry
- Religious Spirit
- Teachers of Heresies
  - Scientology
  - Mormonism
  - Catholicism
  - Unitarianism
  - Buddhism
  - Hinduism
  - New Age
  - Freemasonry
  - Islam
- Familiar Spirit of Anti-Christ

## **Stronghold of Bondage (Romans 8:15)**

**In Jesus' name I renounce the stronghold of bondage and its manifestations and fruit.**

### **I Renounce:**

- Bondage to Fear
- Bondage to All Addictions
  - Drugs
  - Alcohol
  - Cigarettes
  - Food
  - Sex
  - Pornography
  - Masturbation
  - Computers and Internet
  - TV, Movies, Video Games
  - Shopping
  - Gambling
- Bondage to Lust or Perversion
- Bondage to Sin
- Compulsive Behavior
- Compulsive to Sin
- Religious Tradition
- Idolatry
- Bondage to Ambition and Achievement
- Bondage to Bitterness and Unforgiveness
- Bondage to Oppression
- Spiritual Blindness and Deafness
- Fear of Death
- Spiritual Control
- Insecurity
- Accusations
- Injustice
- Familiar Spirit of Bondage

## **Stronghold of a Deaf and Dumb Spirit (Mark 9:25)**

**In Jesus' name I renounce the stronghold of deaf and dumb spirit and its manifestations and fruit.**

### **I Renounce:**

- Spiritual Deafness
- Spiritual Blindness
- Compulsive Behavior
- Mental Illness
- Insanity
- Senility
- Schizophrenia
- Paranoia
- Hearing Voices
- Hallucinations
- Learning Disabilities (LD)
- Crying
- Ear Problems
- Foaming at the Mouth
- Alzheimer's
- Gnashing of Teeth
- Intense Depression
- Prostration
- Suicidal
- Chemical Imbalances / Bi-Polar
- Seizures and Epilepsy
- Self-Hatred
- Self-Mutilation and Self-Punishment
- Eating Disorders / Bulimia / Anorexia
- Double-Mindedness

## **Stronghold of Death (1 Corinthians 15:26)**

**In Jesus' name I renounce the stronghold of the spirit of death and the curse of premature death.**

**I break all plans of the enemy, past, present, and future, and I break every assignment against my life due to:**

- Accidents
- Assault
- Abduction
- Injury
- Illness
- Infirmary
- Random Acts of Violence
- Disease
- Cancer
- Suicide
- Fighting
- Daredevil Acts
- Speeding
- Murder
- HIV / AIDS

### **I break every assignment of:**

- Abortion
- Miscarriage
- Death
- Destruction
- A Familiar Spirit of Death

### **And I break every assignment of death to my:**

- Ministry and Calling
- Anointing and Spiritual Gifts
- Relationships
- Marriage/ Family
- Finances
- Dreams

## **Stronghold of Divination (Acts 16:16)**

**In Jesus' name I renounce the stronghold of divination, the occult, and witchcraft, and its manifestations and fruit.**

### **I Renounce:**

- Lust for Power and Control
- Fortune Tellers and Psychics
- Stargazer, Zodiac, and Horoscopes
- Warlock, Witch, Sorcerer, Wizard
- Mind-Control
- Manipulation and Control
- Automatic Handwriting
- Handwriting Analysis
- Shaman and Witchdoctor
- Spirit Guides
- Animal Guides
- Astral Projection
- Druid and Celtic Witchcraft
- Rebellion
- Hypnotist and Enchanter
- Acupuncture
- Drug Use, Illegal or Prescription
- Birth Charts
- Black or White Magic
- Spiritism
- Water Witching and Divination
- WICCA
- Numerology
- Voodoo and Santeria
- Imaginary Friends
- Satanism
- Superstitions / Old Wives Tales
- Charms
- Fascination with Evil
- Demonic Movies / Games / Books
- Freemasonry
- Familiar Spirit of Divination / Witchcraft

## **Stronghold of Error (1 John 4:6)**

**In Jesus' name I renounce the stronghold of error and its manifestations and fruit.**

### **I Renounce:**

- A Spirit of Error
- All false prophecies spoken over me
- Un-Submissive/ Hyper-spiritual
- Hypocrisy
- All False Doctrines
  - Mormonism
  - Scientology
  - Catholicism
  - New Age
  - Buddhism
  - Hinduism
  - Islam
  - Unitarianism
  - Freemasonry
- Twisting Scripture
- An Unteachable Spirit
- Mixing the Holy and Profane
- A Defensive and Argumentative Spirit
- Contentions
- Having a Form of Godliness but Denying Its Power
- Mental Confusion and Fears
- Dullness of Comprehension
- Spiritual Hindrances to:
  - Prayer
  - Bible Study
  - Listening to Sermons
  - Moving in the Gifts of the Spirit

## **Stronghold of a Familiar Spirit (Leviticus 19:31)**

**In Jesus' name I renounce all familiar spirits, all knowing spirits, and generational spirits, and their manifestations and fruit.**

### **I Renounce the Familiar Spirit of:**

- Fear
- Death
- Anti-Christ
- Religion
- Bondage
- Haughtiness
- Heaviness
- Prostitution
- Seducing and Enticing
- Deaf and Dumb
- Jealousy and Anger
- Lying
- Infirmary
- Divination
- Inferiority and Low Self-Esteem
- Bigotry and Racism
- Self-Pity
- Divorce
- Abortion
- Slavery
- Poverty and Lack

### **I also renounce:**

- Necromancy
- Medium and Wizard
- Yoga and All Mantras
- Chants and Spells
- Clairvoyance
- Spiritist
- Spirit and Animal Guides
- Drug Use
- False Prophecies

## **Stronghold of a Fear (2 Timothy 1:7)**

**In Jesus' name I renounce the stronghold of fear, and its manifestations and fruit.**

### **I Renounce:**

- A Spirit of Fear
- Untrusting and Doubt
- Worry and Unbelief
- Anxiety and Stress
- Panic Attacks
- Torment and Horror
- Fear of the Dark
- Fear of Death
- A Hermit or Recluse Spirit
- Fear of Men or Women
- Fear of Commitment
- Fear of Relationships
- Fear of Molestation or Rape
- Fear of Rejection
- Fear of Abandonment
- Fear of Heart Attack
- Fear of Sickness & Disease
- Fear of Saying No
- Fear of Failure
- Fear of the Future
- Perfectionist
- Not Good Enough
- Unhealthy Fear of God
- All Phobias
  - Heights / Animals / Spiders and Snakes / Water, etc.
- Fear that Came from Horror Movies
- Fear that Came in the Womb
- Fear of Public Speaking
- Fear of Lack

## **Stronghold of Haughtiness (Proverbs 16:18)**

**In Jesus' name I renounce the stronghold of haughtiness, and its manifestations and fruit.**

### **I Renounce:**

- Arrogant and Smug
- Vain and Vanity
- Professional Pride
- National Pride
- Regional Pride
- Religious Pride
- Bragging and Boastful
- Egotistical
- Scornful
- Obstinate
- Self-Righteous
- Dictatorial and Controlling
- Overbearing and Domineering
- Manipulation and Control
- Rejection of God and All Authority
- False Humility
- Holier than Thou Attitude
- Exalted Feelings
- Gossip
- Division
- Contentious
- Strife
- Self-Deception
- Performer
- Attention-Seeker
- Interruption
- Always Right
- Critical and Fault-Finding
- Familiar Spirit of Haughtiness

## **Stronghold of Heaviness (Isaiah 61:3)**

**In Jesus' name I renounce the stronghold of heaviness and its manifestations and fruit.**

### **I Renounce:**

- Sorrow and Grief
- Self-Pity
- Embarrassment
- Shame
- Injustice
- A Broken Heart
- Inner Hurts and a Torn Spirit
- Regrets from Unfairness of Life
- Excessive Mourning
- Suicidal Thoughts
- Gluttony, Bulimia, Anorexia
- Loneliness
- Heaviness and Depression
- Discouragement and Despair
- Dejection and Hopelessness
- Inferiority and Low Self-Esteem
- Results of Sexual Abuse
- Lack of Praise and Unpacified Emotions
- Suppressed Emotions: (fear, anger, rage, violence, and hatred)
- Self-Hatred
- Self-Mutilation and Self-Punishment
- Insomnia

## **Root of Rejection**

### **In Jesus' name I renounce the stronghold of rejection that entered:**

- While I was in the womb (through violence, or the threat of abortion)
- During childbirth (through trauma or by being the wrong sex)
- While in the hospital
- By not bonding with my mother at birth
- By not bonding with my father
- Through adoption or the threat of adoption
- Through childhood hurts and abuse at home or at school
- Through hurts and abuse at church and church splits
- Through separation or divorce or the threat of divorce
- Through death of a loved one
- By betrayal or a broken engagement
- By loss of a job
- Through depression
- Through perceived or expected rejection
- Through guilt or shame
- Through actual abandonment and rejection
- Through a familiar spirit of rejection

## **Stronghold of Infirmary (Luke 13:11)**

### **In Jesus' name I renounce the stronghold of infirmity, and its manifestations and fruit; and I break every assignment: past, present, and future.**

#### **I Renounce:**

- Hypochondria
- A Bent Body and Spine
- Neck and Back Problems
- Chemical Imbalance
- Hormone Imbalance
- All Mental Illness
- Bi-Polar
- Impotent
- Arthritis and a Root of Bitterness
- Diabetes
- All Oppression
- Pain and Affliction
- All Lingered Disorders
- Migraines
- TB and Emphysema
- Blood Disorders
- Female Problems
- Alzheimer's and Dementia
- Scoliosis
- All Depression
- Cancer
- Tumors, Cysts, and Growths
- Weakness—Tiredness and Fatigue
- All Infections (viral and bacterial)
- Asthma / Allergies / Hay Fever
- Epilepsy and Seizures
- Auto Immune
- Sexually Transmitted Diseases
- Parasites
- Familiar Spirit of Infirmary



## **Stronghold of Jealousy (Proverbs 6:34)**

**In Jesus' name I renounce the stronghold of jealousy, and its manifestations and fruit.**

### **I Renounce:**

- Jealousy
- Murder
- Revenge and Spite
- Cruelty
- Extreme Competition
- Causing Divisions
- Coveting
- Selfishness
- Envy
- Strife
- Contention
- Frustration
- Hatred
- Anger and Rage
- Violence
- Bigotry and Racism
- Abuse and Abuser
- A Vigilante Spirit
- Suppressed Anger and Rage
- Familiar Spirit of Jealousy

## **Stronghold of Lying (2 Chronicles 18:22)**

**In Jesus' name I renounce the stronghold of lying, and its manifestations and fruit.**

### **I Renounce:**

- Deception
- Self-Deception
- Gossip
- Flattery
- Exaggeration
- False Memories
- All lies I have believed about myself
- The lie that I'll never be free
- All Lies—White and Black
- Stealing and Cheating
- Slander
- Accusations
- Driving Zeal
- Covenant-Breaker
  - Bankruptcy
  - Divorce
  - Church Membership
- Familiar Spirit of Lying

## **Stronghold of Perversity (Isaiah 19:14)**

**In Jesus' name I renounce the stronghold of perversity, and its manifestations and fruit.**

### **I Renounce:**

- Uncleaness and Lewdness
- Illegitimacy
- Evil Actions
- Abortion
- Child Abuse and Molestation
- Incest—Physical and Emotional
- Prostitution / Body, Soul and Spirit
- Masturbation and Self-Gratification
- Exposure and Voyeurism
- A Filthy Mind
- Sex Perversions
- Orgies
- Satanic Ritual Abuse
- Satanic Dedications and Marriage Ceremonies
- Ritual Molestation and Rape
- Pornography
- Rape
- Sodomy
- Self-Lover
- Lust
- Homosexual / Lesbianism
- Bisexual / Bestiality
- Sadomasochism
- Frigid Spirit (sexual or emotional)
- Effeminate Spirit (males only)
- Masculine Spirit (females only)
- Fornication and Adultery
- All Sexual Demons:
  - Incubus / Succubus / Lilith
- Familiar Spirit of Perversity

## **Stronghold of a Seducing Spirit (1 Timothy 4:1)**

**In Jesus' name I renounce the stronghold of a seducing and deceiving spirit, and its manifestations and fruit.**

### **I Renounce:**

- All Deception
- All Fascination with:
  - Evil Ways
  - Evil Objects
  - Evil Persons
  - Evil Images
- Flirtation
- Hypocritical Lies
- Double Standards
- Ambush / Setup
- All Attractions to and Fascinations with:
  - Demonic Movies, Videos, and Games
  - Demonic Sexual Books
  - Sexual Movies, Videos, and Games
  - Internet Pornography
- A Controlling Spirit
- A Passive Spirit
- A Familiar Spirit of Seducers

## **Stronghold of Prostitution (Hosea 5:4)**

**In Jesus' name I renounce the stronghold of prostitution, and its manifestations and fruit.**

### **I Renounce:**

- Adultery
- Fornication
- Prostitution / Spirit, Soul, Body
- Love of Money
- Materialism
- Love of Control
- Love of Power
- Excessive Appetites
- Worldliness
- Worldly Speech and Actions
- Idolatry
- Pornography
- Chronic Dissatisfaction
- Love of Self
- Self-Reward
- Familiar Spirit of Prostitution

# **Prayers of Release**

## **Latter-Day Saints / Mormonism Prayer of Release**

### **Prayer of Renunciation and Release**

For those previously involved in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

If you have ever held Bible studies with Mormons, or attended one of their church buildings or temples, or been baptized by the Latter-Day Saints Church, etc., then you will need to repent of these involvements before God, ask His forgiveness, then "...Confess with your mouth (out loud) that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead," (Romans 10:9). Then ask Jesus to come in and be Lord of your life.

Ask the Holy Spirit to come and fill you, removing all traces of the deceptions of the Latter-Day Saints, to help you understand the Bible the way God wrote it, and to help you build up your relationship with Jesus every day. To help you with these matters may we suggest the following prayer.

"Father God, I come to you in the name of Jesus Christ your Son.

I renounce, forsake, and break every covenant I have ever made with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I renounce and forsake the heretical writings of Joseph Smith, Brigham Young, and all other writings published by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

Lord Jesus, help me to honor you by removing all these books and publications from my home and life, and I cut off every bondage I have been under because of those writings, in the name of Jesus Christ.

I now confess that my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed and sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ. I ask you, Lord Jesus, to fill me now with your Holy Spirit, so that He will give me insight and understanding when I read and study your Word. I enthrone you, Lord Jesus in my heart, for you are my Lord and Savior, the source of eternal life.

Thank you, Father God, for your mercy, your forgiveness and your love, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen."

## **Jehovah's Witness Prayer of Release**

For those previously involved in the Watchtower Society of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I renounce every action and word of mine which gave others permission to deceive and control me. I renounce, forsake, and break every covenant I have ever made with the Watchtower Society of Jehovah's Witnesses. I renounce and forsake the false headship and authority of the President and the Governing Body of the Watchtower Society, and their idolatrous usurping of their organization in the place of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I renounce and forsake the heretical writings of Charles Taze Russell, and all other writings published by the Watchtower Society. Lord Jesus, help me to honor you by removing all these books and publications from my home and life, and I cut off every bondage I have been under because of those writings.

In the name of Jesus Christ I renounce and cut off from my life the ungodly Covenants of Baptism and Membership of the Jehovah's Witnesses.

Lord Jesus, I now confess that my body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed and sanctified by the blood of Jesus Christ.

I ask you, Lord Jesus, to fill me now with your Holy Spirit, so that He will give me insight and understanding when I read and study your Word. I enthrone you, Lord Jesus in my heart, for you are my Lord and Savior, the source of eternal life. Thank you, Father God, for your mercy, your forgiveness, and your love, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.”

## Prayer of Release for Roman Catholics

*If you were once a member of the Roman Catholic Church or are a descendant of someone who was, we recommend that you pray through this prayer from your heart. Please read it through first so you know what is involved. It is best to pray this aloud with a mature Christian present. We suggest a brief pause following each paragraph to allow the Holy Spirit to show any related issues that may require attention.*

In the name of Jesus, I renounce and forsake all involvement in Roman Catholicism by myself and my ancestors. I renounce every covenant, every blood covenant and every alliance with Roman Catholicism, or the spiritual powers behind it, made by me or my family.

I choose to forgive and ask for mercy for everyone who has taught me and others false doctrine and ungodly religious practices, including the so-called "Sacrifice of the Mass." I also renounce and reject the calling on the spirits of the dead to protect me that occurs at every mass. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I renounce and repent of every form of idolatry, including the idolatry of the quote, "Holy Mother Church," and any false worship and spiritual adultery I have been involved in.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I repent of and renounce every devotion, veneration, all worship and idolatry of Mary, I renounce the unbiblical belief in Mary's omniscience. I also reject and renounce the falsely claimed Co-Mediatory and Intercessory roles of Mary; the title, "the mother of God," the Immaculate Conception, and her Perpetual Virginity, and her Bodily Assumption into heaven.

Holy Spirit, I ask that you show me anything else that I need to do or to pray so that I and my family may be totally free from the consequences of the sins of Roman Catholicism, witchcraft, spiritism, and all related paganism and occultism.

*(Pause, while listening to God, and pray as the Holy Spirit leads you.)*

Father God, I ask humbly for the blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse me from all these sins I have confessed and renounced, to cleanse my spirit, mind, and every part of my body which has been affected by these sins, in the name of Jesus Christ.

I ask you, Lord, to fill me with your Holy Spirit now according to the promises in your Word. I take to myself the whole armor of God in accordance with Ephesians chapter 6, and I rejoice in its protection as Jesus surrounds me and fills me with His Holy Spirit. I enthrone you, Lord Jesus, in my heart, for you are my Lord and my Savior, the source of eternal life. Thank you, Father God, for your mercy, your forgiveness, and your love. Amen.

## Freemason Prayer of Release

Father God, I come to you in the name of Jesus Christ. I renounce and forsake all involvement in Freemasonry or any other lodge or craft by my ancestors and myself. I renounce witchcraft, the principal spirit behind Freemasonry, and I renounce and rebuke Baphomet, the spirit of Antichrist, and the curse of the Luciferian doctrine.

I renounce the idolatry, blasphemy, secrecy, and deception of Masonry at every level. I specifically renounce the insecurity, the love of position and power, the love of money, greed, and pride which would have led my ancestors into Masonry. I renounce all the fear which held them in Masonry, especially the fear of death, and the fear of men, in Jesus' name. Amen.

I renounce every position held in the lodge by me and any of my ancestors. I renounce all oaths taken, and the curses associated with those oaths, including; the women's Orders of the Eastern Star, the girls' order of the Daughters of the Eastern Star, the International Orders of Job's Daughters, and the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls, the boys' Order of DeMolay, Knights of Columbus, and every university or college Fraternity or Sorority with Greek and Masonic connections, and their effects on me and all my family. In Jesus' name. Amen.

I renounce the fear of insanity, anguish, death wishes, suicide, and death in the name of Jesus Christ. I renounce all anger, hatred, murderous thoughts, revenge, retaliation, spiritual apathy, and false religions, and I renounce all unbelief, especially unbelief in the Holy Bible as God's Word, and all compromise of God's Word. I renounce all spiritual searching into false religions, and all striving to please God. I rest in the knowledge that I have found my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and that He has found me.

I will burn any object in my possession which connects me with all lodges and occultic organizations, including all regalia, aprons, books of rituals, rings, and other jewelry. I renounce the effects these or other objects of Masonry, such as the compass, the square, the noose, or the blindfold, have had on me or my family. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Holy Spirit, I ask that you show me anything else which I need to do or pray, so that I and my family may be totally free from the consequences of the sins of Masonry. In Jesus' name. Amen.

*(Pause, while listening to God, and pray as the Holy Spirit leads you.)*

Father, I ask for the Blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse me from all these sins I have confessed and renounced. Cleanse my spirit, my mind, and every part of my body which has been affected by these sins. In Jesus' name. Amen.

I ask to be delivered of every spirit of sickness and infirmity, and every curse, affliction, addiction, disease, or allergy associated with these sins that I have confessed and renounced. Thank you, Father, for your mercy, your forgiveness, and your love.

I now proclaim that Satan and his demons no longer have any legal right to mislead and manipulate me. In Jesus' name. Amen.



## **Prayer to Break the Curse of Illegitimacy**

I confess the Lord Jesus Christ as my Savior and renounce the Kingdom of Darkness and all the works of the Devil. I renounce all the sins of every one of my ancestors.

I especially renounce all sexual sins of my ancestors and, in particular, the sins of adultery, fornication, rape, and incest.

If any of my ancestors committed these sins, by virtue of the power in the blood of Jesus Christ and the authority in His name, I declare their effect upon me cancelled.

If I am the parent of any illegitimate child, I speak for that child and declare the curse of illegitimacy upon them broken by virtue of the power in the blood of Jesus Christ and the authority in His name.

Every effect of this curse is broken including all hindrances to worship, prayer, giving, acts of charity, reading God's Word, attendance at the House of God, and any inhibition regarding fellowship and Christian communion.

Thank you, Jesus, for your amazing freedom!

# How to Conduct Inner Healing

**Before you start with inner healing, explain to the person the process you are going to use:**

1. You will ask them to close their eyes.
2. You will ask them to reflect on “the worst thing that ever happened in their life”. If nothing comes to their mind,
  - Pray for the Holy Spirit to take them to the point in time that He wants to take them to, to any emotional trauma that He wants to bring healing to.
  - Maybe lead the person in prayer, with the person saying, “Lord, I really want to be healed, please show me what area you want to heal.
  - If nothing happens, bind any hindering spirits, and pray again.
3. Let them know that you want them to allow that “video” of their most painful moment (or any emotional trauma) to replay in their mind, and that you want them to tell you—the team leader—what they sense, feel and hear. Ask for a step-by-step description of what is taking place, even if it doesn’t make any sense to them.
  - Ask them to look around the room, building, or yard, and tell you everything they see.
  - Ask the person open-ended questions for clarification. Do not present leading questions.
  - The person may have been embracing lies about that emotional event, and those lies need exposed through questioning.
4. They need to be told that the release of their emotions is extremely important. What they will be doing is exposing their soul to God, for Him to heal the wound. If those emotions remain hidden, and kept buried, the Holy Spirit will not be able to heal them.
5. After they express what happened to you, and the emotions are released, the team leader will pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show the person, or speak to them about anything He wants to say to them related to that situation. Ask for the Holy Spirit to give the person His perspective of the situation.
6. The person is to then relate to you what they hear God saying.
  - If there is a new revelation of someone they need to forgive, lead them in a forgiveness prayer concerning that person.
7. After they are no longer hearing anything from God, pray for the Holy Spirit to go to the very bottom of that emotional wound and lift out all the emotional bacteria, germs, decay, and take it all away, then heal it, pouring in the “oil and the wine”.

You will do that with each emotional wound they are carrying.

## Deliverance Prayer

Dear Lord Jesus, I believe that you are the Son of God. I believe that you died on the cross for my sins, and you rose again from the dead, and you are at the right hand of the Father.

I accept you and confess you as my Lord and my Savior. I repent of—and renounce—and ask your forgiveness for every sin that I have committed, spoken, or thought in rebellion, disobedience, weakness, or in ignorance.

I repent of and renounce every sinful word that I have ever spoken or thought about you. I break all curses on me or my family due to blasphemy or cursing you by me, my family, or prior generations. I repent of and renounce every sinful thought or word against any servant of yours. I repent for having lifted my hands against your anointed ones. I repent of and renounce every sinful word I have spoken or thought about my parents, and any act that I have committed that dishonored my father or mother. I break every vow and every judgment I have placed on my mother or father for whatever they did or did not do. I now break all curses brought on me by these sins.

I renounce all curses on me handed down by my family or prior generations. I do not choose to practice any sins of my parents or my ancestors. I forgive my parents and ancestors for causing any curses to come upon me.

I repent of all contacts with Satan and his evil works. I renounce all involvement with witchcraft and the occult. I repent of and renounce all demon spirits that I have allowed to enter my life.

Lord, I forgive all others who have wronged me or harmed me. I lay down all resentment, all bitterness, all hatred, and all rebellion.

Lord Jesus, I ask you to forgive and cleanse me with your precious blood. I accept it now. I accept your forgiveness, and I choose to forgive myself!

Lord, you have said, whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord, shall be delivered. I call on your name right now, and I recognize you as my deliverer.

Now, Lord, I loose myself from every demon spirit, in the name of Jesus, and I command them to leave me now, touching or harming no one. In the name of Jesus, amen!

Satan, because of the blood of Jesus, you have no power over me, and you have no place in me. I now cancel any legal right you claim to remain, in the mighty name of Jesus!

## **Ministering to Those with Dissociative Identity Disorder (DID), Multiple Personalities (MPD)**

It is possible for alternate personalities to emerge during prayer for inner healing, or while casting out demons. The simplest way to discern the difference between an alternate personality and a demon, is that the alternate will often use a human name to identify itself (Bobby, Alan, Sally, Becky), whereas a demon will identify themselves with names of demons found in the Bible, or ungodly biblical personalities (Jezebel, Beelzebub, Baal, Leviathan), or a mythological god (Thor, Loki, Lilith, etc.), or by its function (hate, murder, insanity, etc.).

The Bible says that we are to “test the spirits”, and if an alternate personality is suspected, it needs to be tested by asking it if it is a person (a part of the core person) or a spirit. You can also ask it if they believe Jesus came to the earth in human form (1 John 4:2-3).

Most alternate personalities care about the core person and were formed to help and protect them, or to somehow help the core person cope and survive. They came into existence for that purpose. These alternate personalities will almost always want to do what is best for the core person, whereas a demon is bent on their destruction and misery.

The alternate personalities, though at one time served a useful purpose, are always a hindrance to the core person’s total healing. In addition to that, demons will often imbed themselves into the alternate personalities or somehow hide behind them. That is the reason why the alternates must be removed—integrated back into the core personality—and cease to exist.

When the alternate identifies itself, and you are sure it is indeed an alternate, explain to them that their presence is hindering the core person’s total and complete healing. They may tell you that they fear the core person will not be able to cope. You will then tell them that Jesus will fill the role that they had been filling—which is commonly a protector. They must also be made to understand that as long as they are there, the core person will never be totally healed.

### **To get the alternate to release its control and merge back in with the core person:**

1. Gain their agreement, that their presence is a hindrance to the core person’s healing.
2. Ask them to agree to release their control and to merge with the core person.
3. Ask the alternate if there are any other alternates present. If there are, ask for their names.

Write those names down and deal with them one-by-one, using the following steps.

- a. Tell the alternate that when you begin to pray, the Holy Spirit will start healing that area of the core person’s mind, and they are at that time to merge back into the core person. This is referred to as *fusion* or *integration*.
- b. Pray for the Holy Spirit to restore and to heal any fragmented parts of the core person’s mind.
- c. Follow the same steps with any alternate personality that has been revealed.

## How to Expel Demons

After the person has prayed the “Deliverance Prayer”, you are then ready to confront any demon that may be present. At this point there may not have ever been an indication that the person had a demon, yet you will want to investigate to confirm whether there is something there or not.

### Here is a process that can be used to investigate if demons are present:

1. Let the person know that you are going to address any demonic spirit that may be in, on, or around them.
2. Tell the person that you want them to look right into your eyes, and while you speak, you will keep looking into their eyes.
  - a. Looking into the eyes is important because if there is a demon present, you will almost always be able to notice a “switch” between the person and the demon by noticing the change in the eyes or the facial expression.
3. As you begin, simply say:
  - a. I am now speaking to any evil spirit that may be in, on, or around \_\_\_\_\_.
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ belongs to Jesus. Jesus has purchased \_\_\_\_\_ with His blood.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ has forgiven every person. \_\_\_\_\_ has broken every soul tie.
  - d. \_\_\_\_\_ has broken every curse, as well as every stronghold.
  - e. \_\_\_\_\_ has been released from every cult or non-Christian religion.
  - f. The Holy Spirit has healed \_\_\_\_\_’s inner wounds, and you have nothing else to hold onto \_\_\_\_\_ with.
  - g. The gates to your kingdom have been obliterated. Your walls have been demolished. Your kingdom’s reign has come to an end.
  - h. You are a squatter. You have no right to \_\_\_\_\_ any longer.
  - i. If there is an evil spirit present, I command you to separate from the body and soul of \_\_\_\_\_. I command the chief demon, the strongman, to come to the forefront right now and identify yourself—what is your name?

If there is a demon present, they will at this point begin to speak or somehow manifest through the person. The objective is to extract the name of the chief demon, bind it to all the other demons under its control, as a person will almost never have only one demon.

If nothing manifests, you can assume that the person doesn’t have a demon, or that it is very effectively hiding, and through the person’s persistence in maintaining their freedom, it will reveal itself in the coming weeks. You will then be able to deal with it through subsequent deliverance sessions. Please note that most people require multiple deliverance sessions, as some demons are very effective at hiding and avoiding detection. It is the person’s persistence in pursuing Christ that makes the demons so uncomfortable that they can be driven out.

4. Command the chief demon to repeat after you:
  - a. I \_\_\_\_\_ (name of demon), lift every curse off of \_\_\_\_\_ (afflicted person) and bind to myself all other demons in \_\_\_\_\_, and I agree to leave and go where Jesus commands me to go.
  - b. After they repeat that, with authority, command them to leave.

**If you find yourself with a resistant group of demons that won't budge, attempt to extract the following information from them through questioning:**

1. When did you enter \_\_\_\_\_ (the person)?
2. What gave you the right to enter them?
3. Why are you refusing to obey my command?
4. What legal right do you claim to remain?

The demon may remain silent, indicating that they have no right to stay. You must then be ready to fight, using any tool at your disposal to torment and weaken them so that they will eventually relinquish their grip and depart (list of tools available below).

**If the demon tells you they do have a right to remain, it will be one of the following areas that they will claim:**

|                    |                   |                            |
|--------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|
| Direct Willful Sin | Ungodly Soul Ties | Cursed Objects             |
| The Occult         | Curses            | Cursed Buildings           |
| Unforgiveness      | Addictions        | Inheritance – Generational |
| Trauma             | Fears and Phobias | Doubt                      |
| Abuse              | False Religions   |                            |

If they inform you of a legal right to stay, you must then call the core person's personality back by commanding the demon to get out of the way. Then back up in the deliverance process and touch on any area that needs to be given greater detail.

### **How to Break Down and Weaken Stubborn and Resistant Demons**

1. Quote Bible verses to show your authority.
2. Mention the great miracles Jesus has performed.
3. Talk about passages where Satan was defeated in the Bible.
4. Sing songs about the blood or the greatness of God.
5. Ask God to judge and torment the spirits, by enabling them to have a foretaste of what the Lake of Fire will be like.
6. Place the Bible on their back, shoulders, head, etc.
7. Hold up the symbol of Satan's defeat—a cross.
8. Breath on them, telling the evil spirit that it is symbolic of the breath of God.
9. Anoint them with oil.
10. Sprinkle them with water that you have previously sanctified.

Different demons will respond differently to different methods. Keep trying different methods till you find the ones that will work most effectively.

## Lies During a Deliverance Session

Communications need to be kept open with the one being delivered. They need to be asked what they are feeling, what they hear, and what they sense.

Demons have been known to attempt intimidation and fear during deliverance sessions. The deliverance team must be prepared to respond to that attempt, and when demons speak those lies, they must be responded to with truth... “It is Written”!

### Typical Lies

#### You cannot cast me out, I’ve been here too long.

- **Response to that lie:** “I don’t care how long you have been there—this person has pledged their allegiance to Christ Jesus. They have confessed and repented of their sins. They have renounced your hold on them. You must leave now!”

#### You cannot cast me out, you have no power.

- **Response to that lie:** “Jesus Christ has given me His authority and power to cast you out. I am His ambassador. I am the representative of the One who holds all power in heaven and on earth.”

#### You cannot cast me out, they want me here.

- **Response to that lie:** “\_\_\_\_\_ has been bought by Jesus Christ. They are His property. You are trespassing—a squatter—and you must leave. \_\_\_\_\_ does not want you here.”

#### I will not leave.

- **Response to that lie:** “You must leave. You have no option. You are standing before the judgement seat of Christ Himself. You cannot defy Him.”

#### I have a right to be here.

- **Ask:** “What is your name, and what right do you *claim* to have?” They will typically remain silent, and not answer you, a clear indication that they do not have a right. “Your silence is your answer. You have no right, as \_\_\_\_\_ has forgiven everyone, they have broken every curse, they have severed every ungodly soul tie. They belong to Jesus, and you must leave.”

### If They Resist, Break Them Down

- “Father, these demons are defying you. I ask that you give them a foretaste of the Lake of Fire. I ask that You cause them to sense your wrath for taking possession of that which Jesus Christ has purchased with His blood.”
  - Place the Bible on them, a cross, oil, water, your breath.
- Sing songs about the “Blood of Jesus,” and the “Name of Jesus.”
- Read Scriptures— “It is Written...”

## **Jesus' Victory Over Temptations**

Luke 4:1-13; Heb. 4:15

## **Jesus' Victory Over Sin**

John 1:29; 1 Cor. 15:57

## **Jesus' Victory Over Death / His Resurrection**

Rom. 1:4; 1 Cor. 15:20-28; John 11:25

## **Jesus' Victory Over Demons**

Matt. 9:32-34; Matt. 12:24-29; Mark 1:23-27; Mark 1:32-38; Mark 5:1-20; Mark 9:14-29

## **About Their Defeat, and Their Future**

Gen. 3:14-16; Rom. 16:20; Gal. 3:16; Eph. 2:4-5; Col. 2:13-15; Heb. 2:14; James 2:19; 1 John 3:8; Rev. 11:15; Rev. 12:7-10; Rev. 19:11-16; Rev. 20:1-3; Isa. 24:21-22; Isa. 25:7; Rev. 20:7-10; Matt. 25:41

## **About the Blood of Jesus**

Lev. 17:11; Matt. 26:28; John 6:53; Acts 20:28; Eph. 1:7; Eph. 2:13; 1 Pet. 2:24; Heb. 9:14; Heb. 9:22; Heb. 9:14; 1 John 1:7; Heb. 12:24; Eph. 1:7; Rom. 8:1-3; Eph. 2:13; Heb. 10:19-22a; Rev. 12:11

## **Our Authority to Cast Out Demons**

Matt. 10:1; Luke 10:19; John 1:12; Heb. 4:12; Matt. 9:5-8; Matt. 10:1; Matt. 10:7-8; Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:15-20; Mark 6:13; Luke 10:17-19; Luke 13:11-16; Luke 13:32; Acts 8:5-13; Acts 19:13-17; Acts 16:16-19; Rom. 8:37; 2 Cor. 10:4-5

## **Our Position in Christ**

Deut. 3: 22; 2 Sam. 22: 3-4; Psalm 144:1; Isa. 54:17; Isa. 59:19; Rom. 5:1; Eph. 1:7; 2 Cor. 5:20; Rom. 8:31-34; 2 Tim. 1:7; Rev. 12:7-11; John 1:12; Rom. 8:15; Gal. 2:20; 1 Pet. 1:2; Heb. 10:19; Col. 1:20; Col. 1:14; Eph. 1:7; Rom. 5:9; Acts 20:28; John 19:34; Luke 22:44; Matt. 26:28; 2 Pet. 1:4; James 4:7; 1 John 4:4; 1 John 5:4-5; 2 Cor. 2: 14; 10: 3-4; Eph. 6: 11-12; Col. 2: 15; 2 Tim. 4: 18; 1 Peter 5: 8-9

## **Consider passages or stories in the Bible related to the situation.**

Ps. 91

Jezebel: 1 Kings 21:32; 2 Kings 9:30-37



## Blessing Prayer

In the name of Jesus Christ, I bless you \_\_\_\_\_ (name) with the promises of God, which are always reliable and faithful. I pray for the Holy Spirit to make you healthy and strong in body, mind, and spirit. May God's keeping power overshadow you with protection.

- God bless you with ability, with abundance, and with an assurance of His love and grace.
- God bless you with clear direction, and with a controlled and disciplined life.
- God bless you with courage and creativity.
- God bless you with spiritual perception of His truth.
- God bless you with great faith, and with His favor and with man's.
- God bless you with good health and a good spouse (if the person is seeking a spouse).
- God bless your hands to bless others.
- God bless you with happiness, fulfillment, contentment, hope, and a good outlook on life.
- God bless you with a listening ear and with a long life and an obedient heart to the Spirit of God.
- God bless you with His peace, with pleasant speech and a pleasant personality, with promotion, protection, provision, safety, and strength.
- God bless you with success, trust, and wisdom.

May God bless you with goodness and mercy following you all the days of your life, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face to shine upon you and give you peace, the peace of God that surpasses all understanding. I bless you in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **Cleansing of Buildings, Land, and Organizations**

King Ahaz defiled the temple with idols and other idolatrous articles. He also destroyed much of its contents (2 Chron. 28:24-25; 2 Chron. 29:16). After his son Hezekiah became king, Hezekiah ordered the Levites to first cleanse themselves, then cleanse the temple and restore the proper order of worship. The process he used has become the standard process for the cleansing of buildings, land, and organizations (2 Chron. 29).

Steps to conduct the cleansing (a similar cleansing took place in 2 Chron. 33:10-16):

1. Priests were first cleansed. They focused on recent and past sins associated with the temple, and the priests' involvement in those sins.
  - Their "personal temple" had to be cleansed and made pure before they were fit to be able to cleanse the temple of the Lord. Only those with clean hands and a pure heart are permitted to enter the presence of God (Ps. 24:3-5).
2. The priests removed all the idolatrous objects and burned them in the garbage pile located in the Kidron Valley (2 Chron. 29:16).

### **Homes and Buildings with Evil Spirits**

Many people confess that they have been in homes or buildings wherein they have sensed an evil presence. It is common to hear reports of having heard footsteps, doors opening or closing, voices, seeing spirits, and even seeing objects move.

Some people unnecessarily live in torment due to the presence of these evil spirits, not knowing that deliverance is possible. As with the cleansing of the temple in 2 Chron. 29 and 33, the same can take place in buildings and homes.

### **Prayer for Cleansing Building / Land / Home / Apartment / Room**

After removing and destroying all ungodly objects, pray this prayer in every room (Deut. 7:25-26; Acts 19:19):

*Heavenly Father, I acknowledge that you are the Lord of heaven and earth. In your sovereign power and love you have given me all things to enjoy. Thank you for this place to live. I claim my home as a place of spiritual safety for me and my family and ask for your protection from attacks of the enemy. As a child of God, raised up and seated with Christ in the heavenly places, I command every evil spirit claiming ground in this place, based on the activities of past or present occupants, including me, to leave and never return, with all its curses and spells directed against this place. I ask you, Heavenly Father, to post your holy, warring angels around this place to guard it from any and all attempts of the enemy to enter and disturb your purposes for me and my family. I thank you for doing this in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### **Prayer for Living in a Non-Christian Environment**

After removing and destroying all objects of false worship in your possession, pray this in the place where you live:

*Thank you, Heavenly Father, for a place to live and to be renewed by sleep. I ask you to set aside my room (or a portion of this room) as a place of spiritual safety for me. I renounce any allegiance given to false gods or spirits by other occupants. I renounce any claim to this room by Satan based on the activities of past or present occupants, including me. On the basis of my position as a child of God and joint heir with Christ, who has all authority in heaven and on earth, I command all evil spirits to leave this place and never return. I ask you, Lord, to station your holy, warring angels to protect me while I live here. In Jesus' mighty name, I pray. Amen*

## **Cleansing of a Congregation**

When a church (or business) finds itself struggling and has become stagnant and not able to move forward, the cause could be unclean spiritual roots that need dealt with.

### Potential Obstacles

#### 1. Sinful lives

- Sometimes individual leaders in a church are secretly living unrepentant lives, and like Achan, their sin results in the Lord lifting His blessing off the entire congregation. Because of Achan's sin, the Bible says: *"But the Israelites were unfaithful..."* (Josh. 7:1; 22:20). The sin of a single individual, in God's eyes, was a collective sin.
  - When this happens, the Lord lifts His blessing and protective hedge off a congregation, and they become exposed to the attacks of Satan.
  - Paul's dealing with an incestuous man in the Corinthian church shows that a similar response was in order, as the "yeast" of that incestuous man had the potential to contaminate everyone in that congregation (1 Cor. 5). And like the judgment that fell upon Achan, Paul uttered the command to excommunicate that incestuous man (1 Cor. 5:13).

#### 2. Church Splits

- When a Church experiences a division that leads to a split—which is tragically common—it will have its accompanying lack of love, hatred (murder—1 John 3:15), unforgiveness, bitterness, and strife (clearly demonic activity—James 3:16).

#### 3. Spiritual Abuse

- Some congregations have a pattern of abusing their pastors. There may also be leaders in a congregation that abuse the members of that church. This abuse, if not confessed and repented of, could also bring a loss of God's favor and result in the church's stagnation.

When any of these situations are found, the congregation must confess their sin and repent from it. If it took place in the past, the leaders of the church need to identificationally repent, following the pattern we find in the Old Testament (Dan. 9:4-5; Neh. 1:6).

## **Cleansing of a Building for Worship or a Business**

For a place of worship (or business) that is using a building that was formerly associated with sinful or demonic practices, that building, like the temple in 1 Chron. 29 and 33, needs to be cleansed.

Just because a building was dedicated to God, it doesn't mean it is automatically cleansed of everything evil from the past. Dedication deals with the future—not the past. Just as believers may need to deal with specific issues in their lives and then receive deliverance, a similar principle applies to buildings, organizations, businesses, and even congregations.

Some buildings may need cleansing from occult or Masonic influences, and others from the consequences of other types of sin. When the images, emblems, and engraved attachments of the building's past usage are removed, inside and out, according to Deut. 7:25-26, the building can be rededicated to God and tremendous blessing will then flow back into the building.

# Deliverance Session Report

## Confidential Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Ministry: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Hours Worked: \_\_\_\_\_

Deliverance Team Leader: \_\_\_\_\_

Ministering Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Strongholds dealt with in this session:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bondage     | <input type="checkbox"/> Familiar Spirit | <input type="checkbox"/> Rejection   | <input type="checkbox"/> Seducing     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deaf & Dumb | <input type="checkbox"/> Fear            | <input type="checkbox"/> Infirmary   | <input type="checkbox"/> Prostitution |
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# **Maintaining Deliverance**

# Staying Free

Deliverance is not the end; it is the beginning. We receive deliverance from past hurts, wounds, and bondages, and then we press on toward the goal. As we do so, we need to understand that no matter what our nationality or where we are from, we have a new citizenship. We are no longer of this world; our citizenship is in heaven and we are just travelers passing through this world. Knowing this will help us to keep our focus on the goal. We should also note that the enemy is not going to give up. There will still be temptations, trials, tests, and attacks. When we are under an attack, we need to know *that it will pass* (2 Cor. 4:17).

To stay free after being delivered, a couple of scriptures come to mind. The first is Matthew 12:43-45, where Jesus says: “*When an evil spirit leaves a person, it goes into the desert, seeking rest but finding none. Then it says, ‘I will return to the person I came from.’ So it returns and finds its former home empty, swept, and in order. Then the spirit finds seven other spirits more evil than itself, and they all enter the person and live there. And so that person is worse off than before. That will be the experience of this evil generation.*”

We want to make sure when that spirit returns—and they will return seeking reentry—that they find the house full of the Holy Spirit and the power of God. To do this we must be baptized in the Holy Spirit and full of the Word of God.

The next scripture is John 5:1-15, which is the story of the man at the pool of Bethesda. In verse 8, Jesus said to the man, “*Get up! Pick up your mat and walk.*”

The man was instantly cured, and in verse 14 the Bible says, “*Afterward Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, ‘See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you.’*”

Most bondages come in through sin, and most spirits and strongholds are fed by sin. So to walk out our deliverance, and to stay free, we too should “*sin no more!*”

Having made the decision to forgive is huge, as it pertains to maintaining deliverance, as Satan will attempt to get you to undo that decision and open you up to a root of bitterness.

We should also change old habits. Bad habits, as well as sin, open the door for the devil to put hooks in us. We need to ask God to show us any and all bad habits so we can break them. To walk in freedom, we must choose to walk in the truth of the Word of God and not by feelings. Feelings are up and down, and if we walk by our feelings, we too will be up and down. We need to walk by faith, and in the Spirit—then we will walk in freedom.

Rev. 12:11 says, “*we are overcomers by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.*” Our testimony reminds us of where we came from and what God has delivered us from.

## Suggestions for after Your Deliverance

1. Cleanse your home: remove all ungodly music, movies, books, pictures, magazines, letters, photos, knickknacks, idols, witchcraft items, Masonic items and jewelry, and any articles of affection from an affair or an ungodly relationship. The delivered person

should ask the Holy Spirit what should be thrown out, and a good rule of thumb is—when in doubt, throw it out.

2. Follow the practices that would be recommended for a new Christian, because you need to restore the foundation in your life.
3. Learn how to use the armor of God (Eph. 6:10-20).

### **Daily Prayer and Declaration**

*Heavenly Father, I praise you and honor you as my Lord. You are in control of all things. I thank you that you are always with me and will never leave me nor forsake me. You are the only all-powerful and only wise God. You are kind and loving in all your ways. I choose not to love the world or the things in the world, and I crucify the flesh and all its passions.*

*Thank you for the life I now have in Christ. I ask you to fill me with the Holy Spirit so I may say no to sin and yes to you. I declare my total dependence upon you and I take my stand against Satan and all his ways. I choose to believe the truth of God's word despite what my feelings may say. I refuse to be discouraged; you are the God of all hope. Nothing is too difficult for you. I am confident that you will supply all my needs as I seek to live according to your word. Thank you that I can be content and live a responsible life through Christ who strengthens me.*

*I now take my stand against Satan and command him and all his evil spirits to depart from me. I choose to put on the full armor of God so I may be able to stand firm against all the devil's schemes. I submit my body as a living and holy sacrifice to God, and I choose to renew my mind by the living word of God. By so doing I will be able to prove that the will of God is good, acceptable, and perfect for me. In the name of my Lord and savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

### **Bedtime Prayer**

*Thank you, Lord, that you have brought me into your family and have blessed me with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus. Thank you for this time of renewal and refreshment through sleep. I accept it as one of your blessings for your children, for you guard my mind and my body during my sleep.*

*As I have thought about you and your truth during the day, I choose to let those good thoughts continue in my mind while I am asleep. I commit myself to you for your protection against every attempt of Satan and his demons to attack me during sleep. Guard my mind from nightmares. I renounce all fear and cast every anxiety upon you, Lord. I commit myself to you as my rock, my fortress, and my strong tower. May your peace be in this place of rest now. In the strong name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I pray. Amen.*



## Confessions for Overcomers

My body is a temple for the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 6:19), redeemed (Eph. 1:7; Ps. 107:2), cleansed (1 John 1:7), and sanctified by the Blood of Jesus (Heb. 13:12). My members—the parts of my body—are instruments of righteousness (Rom. 6:13), yielded to God for his service and for his glory. The devil has no place in me, no power over me, no unsettled claims on me. All has been settled by the Blood of Jesus (Rom. 8:33-34). I overcome Satan by the Blood of the Lamb and by the word of my testimony, and I do not love my life so much that I fear death (Rev. 12:11). My body is for the Lord and the Lord is for my body (1 Cor. 6:13).

I am not just an ordinary person; I am a child of the living God. I am an heir of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ. I am part of a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation; I am one of God's people (Gal. 4:6-7; 1 Pet. 2:9).

I am not under guilt or condemnation. There is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. Satan is a liar. I will not listen to his accusations. No weapon formed against me will prosper (Rom. 8:1; Isa. 54:17).

My mind is being renewed by the Word of God. I pull down strongholds, I cast down imaginations, and I force every thought to obey Christ (2 Cor. 10:4; Rom. 12:2).

I am accepted by God. If God is for me, who can be against me? Nothing can separate me from the love of Christ (Rom. 8:35-39).

Satan is defeated: the Son of God came into the world to destroy the works of the devil. No longer will he oppress me. I defeat Satan and all his demons by the Blood of the Lamb, by the word of my testimony, not even fearing death. I submit to God; I resist the devil and he must flee from me **NOW!!** (Rev. 12:11; James 4:7-8).

No temptation will overtake me that is not common to man. But God is faithful; He will not let me be tempted beyond my strength but with the temptation will also provide a way of escape that I may be able to endure it (1 Cor. 10:13).

I give no place for fear in my life. That which a man fears comes upon him. The fear of man brings a snare, but perfect love casts out fear. I sought the Lord and he heard me and delivered me from all my fears (2 Tim. 1:7; 1 John 4:18; Ps. 34:4).

The Lord is my light and my Salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? God is my refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore I will not fear (Ps. 27:1; Ps. 46:1-2).

I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God unto Salvation to those who believe (Rom. 1:16).

I am a believer, not a doubter. I have faith towards God. My faith is not in myself or in the realm of my feelings, but in a living God who will never fail me nor forsake me. I walk by faith and not by sight (2 Cor. 5:7).

I will be anxious for nothing. He will keep me in perfect peace, for my mind is stayed upon him (Phil. 4:6-7; Isa. 26:3).

I choose this day to live by faith, to walk by faith, and to see with the eyes of faith. I will go from faith to faith, from strength to strength, from glory to glory (Rom. 1:17; 2 Cor. 5:7).

I look not to the healing but to the healer: Jesus Christ, my Lord. My body is for the Lord and the Lord is for my body. He took away my sickness and carried all my diseases. By his stripes I am healed. The same spirit that raised Christ from the dead is at work in my body, giving me life (1 Pet. 2:24; Matt. 8:16-17).

### **Other Scriptures to Think About**

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Phil. 1:6).

Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus (2 Tim. 2:3).

If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we disown him, he will also disown us (2 Tim. 2:12).

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful (Heb. 10:23).

So, do not throw away your confidence; it will be richly rewarded. You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised (Heb. 10:35-36).

## The Truth About God

| <b>I RENOUNCE THE LIE THAT MY FATHER GOD IS ...</b>    | <b>I JOYFULLY ACCEPT THE TRUTH THAT MY FATHER GOD IS ...</b>                                                                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1. Distant and uninterested                            | 1. Intimate and involved (Ps. 139:1-18)                                                                                            |
| 2. Insensitive and uncaring                            | 2. Kind and compassionate (Ps. 103:8-14)                                                                                           |
| 3. Stern and demanding                                 | 3. Accepting and filled with joy and love (Zeph. 3:17; Rom. 15:7)                                                                  |
| 4. Passive and cold                                    | 4. Warm and affectionate (Isa. 40:11; Hos. 11:3-4)                                                                                 |
| 5. Absent or too busy for me                           | 5. Always with me and eager to be with me (Jer. 31:20; Ezek. 34:11-16; Heb. 13:5)                                                  |
| 6. Never satisfied with what I do, impatient, or angry | 6. Patient and slow to anger (Ex. 34:6; 2 Pet. 3:9)                                                                                |
| 7. Mean, cruel, or abusive                             | 7. Loving, gentle, and protective of me (Ps. 18:2; Jer. 31:3; Isa. 42:3)                                                           |
| 8. Trying to take all the fun out of life              | 8. Trustworthy and wants to give me a full life; his will is good, perfect, and acceptable (Lam. 3:22-23; John 10:10; Rom. 12:1-2) |
| 9. Controlling or manipulative                         | 9. Full of grace and mercy; he gives me freedom to fail (Luke 15:11-16; Heb. 4:15-16)                                              |
| 10. Condemning or unforgiving                          | 10. Tenderhearted and forgiving; his heart and arms are always open to me (Ps. 130:1-4; Luke 15:17-24)                             |
| 11. Nitpicking, exacting, or perfectionistic           | 11. Committed to my growth and proud of me as his growing child (Rom. 8:28-29; 2 Cor. 7:4; Heb. 12:5-11)                           |
| <b>I am the apple of his eye! (Deut. 32:10)</b>        |                                                                                                                                    |

## The Truth About Me

|                         |                                                                                             |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>I Am Significant</b> |                                                                                             |
| Matthew 5:13            | I am the salt of the earth.                                                                 |
| Matthew 5:14            | I am the light of the earth.                                                                |
| John 1:12; 1 John 3:1-3 | I am a child of God.                                                                        |
| John 15:1, 5            | I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of his life.                                      |
| John 15:16              | I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.                                             |
| Acts 1:8                | I am a personal witness of Christ's.                                                        |
| 1 Corinthians 3:16      | I am God's temple.                                                                          |
| 1 Corinthians 12:27     | I am a member of Christ's body.                                                             |
| 2 Corinthians 5:17, 18  | I am a minister of reconciliation for God.                                                  |
| 1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor. 6:1  | I am God's coworker.                                                                        |
| Ephesians 1:1           | I am a saint.                                                                               |
| Ephesians 2:6           | I have been raised up and I am seated with Christ.                                          |
| Ephesians 2:10          | I am God's workmanship.                                                                     |
| Eph. 2:6; Phil 3:20     | I am a citizen of heaven.                                                                   |
| <b>I Am Accepted</b>    |                                                                                             |
| John 15:15              | I am Christ's friend.                                                                       |
| Romans 5:1              | I have been justified.                                                                      |
| 1 Corinthians 6:17      | I am joined to the Lord and I am one spirit with him.                                       |
| 1 Corinthians 6:20      | I have been bought with a price. I belong to God.                                           |
| 2 Corinthians 5:21      | I have been made righteous.                                                                 |
| Ephesians 1:5           | I have been adopted as God's child.                                                         |
| Ephesians 2:18          | I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit.                                        |
| Ephesians 2:19          | I am a member of the household of God.                                                      |
| Ephesians 2:19          | I am a fellow citizen with the rest of the saints.                                          |
| Ephesians 3:12          | I may approach God with boldness and confidence.                                            |
| Colossians 1:14         | I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins.                                           |
| Colossians 2:10         | I am complete in Christ.                                                                    |
| <b>I Am Secure</b>      |                                                                                             |
| John 1:12; Gal. 3:26-28 | I am a child of God.                                                                        |
| Romans 8:28             | I am assured that all things work together for good.                                        |
| Romans 8:35, 38-40      | I cannot be separated from the love of God.                                                 |
| Romans 8:1              | I am free forever from condemnation.                                                        |
| Romans 8:33             | I am free from any condemning charges against me.                                           |
| 2 Corinthians 1:21      | I have been established, anointed, and sealed by God.                                       |
| Ephesians 1: 13, 14     | I have been given the Holy Spirit as a pledge, guaranteeing my inheritance to come.         |
| Colossians 1:13         | I have been delivered from the domain of darkness and transferred to the Kingdom of Christ. |
| Colossians 3:3          | I am hidden with Christ in God.                                                             |
| Philippians 1:6         | I am confident that the good work that God has begun in me will be perfected.               |
| Philippians 4:13        | I can do all things through him who strengthens me.                                         |
| 2 Timothy 1:7           | I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of power, love, and a sound mind.               |
| Hebrews 4:16            | I can find grace and mercy in time of need.                                                 |
| 1 John 5:18             | I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me.                                          |

# Combating Lies About Your Salvation

## God's Promises Can Be Trusted

1. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. (Mic. 7:19)
2. As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. (Ps. 103:12)
3. You have put all my sins behind your back. (Isa. 38:17)
4. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:9)
5. "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more." (Isa. 43:25)
6. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more. (Heb. 8:12)
7. Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. (Rom. 8:1)

## Memorizing Truth Will Set You Free—John 8:32

Memorizing Scriptures will help you grow spiritually, as quoting Scriptures is what Jesus used when tempted. (Matt. 4:4, 7, 10)

*"I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you"* (Ps. 119:11).

1. In a quiet place, pray and ask God to give you the ability to memorize.
2. Always speak out loud when practicing memorization.
3. Speak the reference first, then the verse itself. Conclude with saying the reference.
4. When verses are long, memorize short segments at a time.
5. Frequently reviewing your memory verses will keep them fresh in your mind.

## Overcoming False Assurance and Doubts of One's Salvation

Salvation isn't earned from church attendance, giving money, or other good activities.

1. Salvation is obtained as a free gift from God. (Rom. 6:23; John 3:36; Eph. 2:8-9)
2. Salvation is only attainable through Jesus Christ. (John 14:6; Acts 4:12)
3. We are saved by faith, regardless of how we feel. (2 Cor. 5:7, 17)
4. Salvation is by faith, even if we don't understand everything about it. (1 Cor. 2:14; 1:18)

## Assurance of Salvation

1. You can receive complete assurance that you are saved. (1 John 5:12-13)
2. It is true that secret sins hinder assurance. (Prov. 28:13)
3. Persecution, trials, and sufferings can cause doubt, but in reality they are evidence of our salvation. (1 Thess. 3:3; James 1:2; 1 Peter 1:6-7; Matt. 13:21)
4. If we've repented from our sins and have received Christ by faith, we can have confidence in our salvation. (John 1:12, 5:24, 6:37, 10:28; Acts 2:38; 1 Cor. 1:8-9; 1 John 1:9)

# **You Must Fight to Maintain Your Deliverance**

## **Evil Spirits Will Attempt to Take You Over Again**

1. Evil spirits will seek to return. They will be very deceptive working through human beings, trying to find a crack in your armor. (Matt. 12:43-45)
2. When Satan tempted Jesus, he planned to return at a later time. (Luke 4:13)

## **How to Keep Your Deliverance**

1. Yield every area of your life to the Lordship of Christ. (John 1:11-12; Matt. 7:21-23)
2. Always be filled with the Holy Spirit. (Luke 11:13; Eph. 5:18; Rom. 8:13)
3. Live by the Word of God. (Matt. 4:4; Eph. 6:17)
4. Continually wear the whole armor of God. (Eph. 6:10-18)
5. Renew your mind daily. (Rom. 12:1-2; 2 Cor 10:3-5; Rom. 8:5-7; Col. 3:1-2)
6. Pray in the Spirit. (Rom. 8:26-27; 1 Cor. 14:2, 14-15; Jude 20)
7. Practice praise. (Is. 61:3; 60:18; Heb. 13:15)
8. Cultivate right relationships. (Matt. 18:15-20; 1 John 1:7; 1 John 2:9-11)
9. Build a strong, dynamic faith. (Rom. 10:17; Mark 4:24; Luke 8:18)
10. Practice confessing the Word of God. (Heb. 3:1, 4:14, 10:23)
11. Seek to obey the Lord in every area of your life. If you fail in any area, make an immediate confession. (1 John 1:9)
  - Note: Conviction comes from the Holy Spirit. Condemnation comes from Satan.
12. Make Jesus Christ central in your life. (Gal. 2:20)
13. Daily crucify the flesh. Submit to God and resist the devil. (James 4:7; Rom. 6:6, 11)
14. Avoid those people who are a bad influence on your life. (James 4:4)
15. Keep a humble spirit. (James 4:6)
16. Use your authority in Jesus Christ. (Matt. 16:19)

## **A Few Reasons Why Deliverance Is Not Complete**

1. Lack of true repentance; repentance means a change of attitude and behavior. You must release judgment on others.
2. Failure to confess sins. (1 John 1:9; James 5:16)
3. Failure to forgive others. (Mark 11:25-26; Matt. 18:21-35)
4. Failure to break and renounce occult sins. (Acts 19:18-19)
5. Unwillingness to be completely honest with God. (God knows you inside and out.)
6. Failure to break ungodly soul ties.

# **Deliverance Team Teachings**

## Speaking with Demons

There are no biblical commands that say: “Thou shalt not speak with demons.” Quite the contrary, if demons are going to be cast out of people or places, they have to be commanded, and that requires speaking to them. Spiritual warfare types of prayer often involve the renunciation of Satan and demons, and that involves speaking to them.

Speaking with demons in a conversation, however, is very controversial, and not without good reason. Extreme caution should be taken when talking to them. In Genesis chapter 3, Eve engaged the devil in conversation and the results were disastrous. That episode should illustrate to us that we certainly do not want to get involved in theological debates or any lengthy discussions with them.

Those who say demons should never be talked to say that they cannot tell the truth. However, in Acts 16:16-18, a demon-possessed slave girl followed Paul and Silas around for days saying, “*These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.*” This demon was telling the truth. Some demons stated who Jesus was, which was the truth (Mark 5:7). In Mark 5:9, Jesus asked a demon-possessed man his name and he said “*Legion, for we are many.*” Jesus did not call him or them liars.

Following Jesus’ example, some deliverance ministers will command demons to tell them their name (Luke 8:30) and ask what right the demons claim to have in the person’s life. The command is also given to tell the truth, and usually they do tell the truth, but there are also times when they do not.

If you ask what right the demons have to remain in a person, after the person has repented and renounced all ties to Satan, they will sometimes tell you; while at other times, they will say “none,” yet still refuse to leave. That is why it is recommended that the demon be asked “what right do you claim to be in this person’s life,” not what right they have.

Often a familiar spirit will tell you, “I have always been here,” or, “I have been here since they were in their mother’s womb.” They may even make mention of a sin that was committed years ago by an ancestor, which gave them the right to enter the family line. When this happens, you need to have the person repent and renounce whatever it is and then have them break any curse or any right the spirit has. Then you command it to leave, and it should. You have to be persistent in your commands. If you go on and on and it does not comply and leave, it must have a right, and asking pointed questions is often very helpful.



# Crucify It or Cast It Out?

Most will agree that *under normal conditions* a follower of Jesus can simply say “no” to temptations through the exercise of their will, which involves:

1. Submission to God (James 4:7)
2. Prayer
3. Renunciation of the temptation
4. Self-discipline
5. Trust in God’s power to help them resist (1 Cor. 10:13)

After having done that, *under normal conditions*, the person can then walk past the temptation victoriously. That is what is referred to as crucifying the fleshly lusts and desires (Gal. 5:24).

## Laziness Opens Doors for Demonic Control

Those who are lazy and do not want to fight to resist temptations will simply yield. Wanting to avoid personal responsibility they will often say, “the devil made me do it.” Though the power to resist, using the five steps above, was present, they failed to put them into action.

It is acknowledged that there is an element of truth in the claim of “the devil made me do it,” as human passions and desires are the avenue by which demons gain entrance into a person’s life. Evil spirits are always pushing to get their foot in the door (Eph. 4:27 NIV).

## Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5:1-10)

This husband and wife conceived a plot in their hearts (Acts 5:4), and that opened the door for Satan to fill their “heart to lie to the Holy Spirit” (Acts 5:3). Their sin began through their own sinful nature, (their human passion for recognition) and a driving demonic power drove them to carry out what they had plotted.

## Cast It Out

The five steps at the top of this page work under *normal conditions*. But under *abnormal conditions*, when a Christian has been beaten down through trials or sickness, or is living unrepentantly—when spiritual disciplines have not been practiced and their spirit is weak and their human desires and passions begin controlling them—the ability to resist temptation is greatly weakened.

During *abnormal conditions*, entry points, or open doors, are formed (Eph. 4:27 NIV), allowing demonic powers to exacerbate the Christian’s inability to resist the temptations (“...*drawn away by his own desires and enticed*” —James 1:14).

For a person who has been a Christian for a long time, finding themselves seriously addicted, it may be more than a simple rehab program that they need. The long-term addiction, and the lack of discipline have undoubtedly left many doors open, allowing demonic powers to gain access to their life. Though counseling and group recovery efforts may offer tremendous value, it must be acknowledged that human-generated counseling techniques cannot be used to release a person from an evil spirit’s powerful influence.

In addition to the older Christian who has succumbed to addictions, very few new Christians are granted the grace to immediately resist the strong temptations that had been controlling them

prior to their conversion. Though their spirit is saved and sealed by the Holy Spirit, the mind and body has just begun the process of renewal and deliverance—sanctification.

Being aware of the new Christian’s previous life of having been blinded and driven by demonic powers (2 Cor. 4:3-4; 1 John 5:19), and knowing that those evil spirits are still hovering around wanting to regain occupancy (Matt. 12:43-45), Christians in many countries of the world will immediately conduct deliverance prayer for every new Christian.

### **Deliverance Is a “Spiritual Check-up”**

When a person makes a visit to a medical doctor, they are often asked to give urine and blood samples so the individual can be evaluated. It is only after the urine and blood are analyzed that a proper diagnosis and resolution can be made.

Deliverance is no different. If new Christians are allowed to proceed following conversion to water baptism and then church membership, without deliverance, it can very easily result in them rising to leadership positions in a church while still being highly influenced by demonic powers—thus the many church fights and splits.

### **How to Determine if a Person Needs Deliverance**

Ideally, the gift of discernment is drawn upon to enable one to recognize the presence of a controlling spirit (1 Cor. 12:10). If that gift is absent or is not functioning, the following observations can be made to help determine if a person is demonized (a practical approach).

#### **Four-Part Personal Encounter Spiritual Checklist**

1. Ascertain the physical and mental health status of the person
  - Does the person’s physical or mental state provide an adequate explanation for their condition?
    - Are there physical or neurological issues?
    - Is there a history of delusional thinking or psychotic behavior not caused by drugs or excessive trauma?
    - Has there been brain injury or hormonal imbalances, or a stress disorder, that looks to be demonic, but may not be?
2. Past and present moral condition of their life.
  - Is the person’s past or present moral behavior a cause for demonization?
    - Overindulgence in the occult, promiscuity, anti-social conduct, drug usage, or other forms of spiritual rebellion.
    - Is there evidence of open doors into the person’s life through sinful behavior?
    - Are there generational curses that should be investigated?
3. Consider whether their moral behavior gives them a kind of self-identity that is demonic.
  - Is the person’s behavior a result of characteristics which are endemic to their identity?
    - Are they naturally disposed to quickness of temper, exaggerated reactions, fearful responses, paranoid or delusional conclusions?

- Unregulated behavior and personal lack of moral boundaries may cause an individual to act demonically on their own without any supernatural indicators.
    - It may be such a part of their nature, that they act demonically on their own without demons being present.
4. Family structure—dysfunctional/abusive
- Do the person’s thoughts and actions reflect experiences they’ve encountered in life through a dysfunctional family structure or trauma and abuse?
  - Was their homelife chaotic or lacking in affirmation?
  - Was there evidence of severe physical mistreatment or sexual violation?
  - An answer to the following question may lead one to the conclusion of whether or not demons are present:
    - “*What’s the worst thing that happened in your life?*”

Not everyone fits into these four criteria of evaluation, but this is a valuable checklist as a quick barometer of “*Is it just them, or the devil?*”

### **Other Indicators**

**The Eyes:** Are they glassy? Can the person look into the eyes of other Christians? Oftentimes a demonized person cannot look into a Christian’s eyes for any duration of time.

**Reading the Bible:** Can they read the Bible (1 John 4:1-6; 5:1-12; John 1:1-18)? Do they struggle to get certain words out? Can they pray prayers of confession of Christ and biblical truths, and renounce satanic influence?

**Emotional/Mental Problems:** Hatred, bitterness, unforgiveness, resentment, anger, fear, rejection, self-pity, jealousy, depression, anxiety, inferiority, insecurity, guilt, self-condemnation, suicidal, depression, hearing voices, mental torment, procrastination, indecision, compromise, confusion, doubt, loss of memory, rationalization, compulsiveness, nightmares, anti-social.

**Speech Problems:** Outbursts, lying, cursing, blasphemy, criticism, mockery, gossip, excessive talker.

**Physical Infirmities:** Diseases and physical sicknesses are often associated with a demonic stronghold (Luke 13:11).

**Involvement with Non-Christian Religions:** Hindu (yoga), Buddhism, Islam, Wicca, Mormons, Jehovah’s Witness, Secret Societies/Lodges, Spiritism, and witchcraft and divination.

The following categories are often associated with a repetitious process of: Sin, confess, repent. Sin, confess, repent. Sin, confess, repent. Through this repetition, a stronghold is established, and the bondage falls into the *abnormal condition* described above. The sin is then recognized as being demonically instigated and the person needs deliverance from that stronghold.

**Sexual Behavior & Addictions Out of Control:** lust, perversion, flirtatious, provocative clothing, pornography, masturbation, adultery, homosexuality, incest, alcohol, drugs, food, caffeine.

## **Demons and the Holy Spirit in the Same Body**

It is common for those who have never cast out demons to rapidly say it is impossible for a demon to inhabit the same space where the Holy Spirit is located—inside the Christian. Even though there are no scriptures which categorically say that demons can or can't dwell within a believer, some will extrapolate and insert conjectures, and say that the Holy Spirit cannot inhabit the same space as an evil spirit. Yet, when scriptures are looked at, there is a tremendous amount of information that says the exact opposite. Here are a few:

1. We Christians have a sin nature, as well as the nature of God, inhabiting the same body.
  - Col. 3:5; Rom. 7:25; 8:3; 2 Pet. 1:4
2. Out of the same temple often proceeds “blessings and cursings” (good and evil).
  - James 3:9-10
  - We know that there are many pastors, elders, and other church leaders that are addicted to pornography, and that have even committed adultery. How many times have we heard of a youth pastor's sexual misconduct? How often have church board meetings turned into fights, with vicious words, and at times even fists being thrown? Church splits are not uncommon. How is it possible for the Holy Spirit to dwell in a people like this—Christians who are emitting such evil from their inner being—yet the Holy Spirit is still there (Matt. 15:18-19)?
3. In the same body with the Holy Spirit is often found sickness and disease, a product of the fall.
  - James 5:14-16; 2 Tim. 4:20
4. Christians have been known to unite with prostitutes—joining with and becoming one with them, although they are the temple of the Holy Spirit.
  - 1 Cor. 6:15-17
5. There are Christians that are married to those of non-Christian (demonic) religions. This husband and wife have become united with one another—the holy and the profane.
  - Mark 10:8; 1 Cor. 6:16; Eph. 5:31
6. On several occasions we find Satan inhabiting the same space as God – right in the very temple of God in the heavenlies. That is clear evidence of pure evil and pure holiness inhabiting the same space.
  - 1 Kings 22:19-22; Job 1:6; 2:1; Zech. 3:1-2
7. Satan and demons inhabit the earth and the atmosphere—the same space as the Holy Spirit.
  - Eph. 4:10; 6:12

8. God is presented as being everywhere at the same time—omnipresent—and that means his presence is even in hell.
  - Psalms 139:7-10; Jer. 23:24
9. The apostle Paul had a “messenger of Satan” that was “in his flesh.”
  - 2 Cor. 12:7
10. Prior to king Hezekiah’s reign over the nation of Israel, demonic worship was taking place in the temple of God—this Old Testament temple was a type and shadow of the New Testament Christian’s physical body.
  - 2 Chron. 29:5; 1 Cor. 6:19; cf. Jer. 7:30
11. King Manasseh installed altars and statues to worship Baal, personal gods, and all the host of heaven in the temple of God. During this time divination, witchcraft, and sorcery were conducted. He also consulted mediums and spiritists. Just like number 10 above, this physical temple in the Old Testament is a type and shadow of the temple of the Holy Spirit today—the physical body of the Christian.
  - 2 Chron. 33; 2 Kings 23
12. We see demonic worship taking place in the temple of God again in Ezekiel, where there was every type of idol and image found, with carved demonic images on the walls. In addition, the people were burning incense to demons, while women were praying to the god of fertility (Tamuz). The worship of the sun was also taking place in the temple of God.
  - Ezek. 8:9-16
13. On several occasions the ungodly foreign powers ransacked the temple of God—the profane entering the sacred sanctuary. These natural occurrences have become “types and shadows” which teach us spiritual truths, as indicated in 1 Cor. 15:46 and Heb. 10:1-18.
  - 1 Kings 14:25-26
14. Jesus, God-in-the-flesh (Emmanuel), inhabited the same space on earth with Satan.
  - Luke 4:1-13

### **Various Responses to Demonic Manifestations**

So, what do you do if you pray for a person, who has for many years been known to be a Christian, and a demon manifests through them? There are several possible responses.

1. You classify them as a backslider, who clearly lost their salvation, which opened the door for the entry of the demon (this is the Arminian response).
2. You classify them as never having been a true believer, because (according to this position) a true believer could never have been inhabited by a demon (this is the Calvinist response).
3. You classify them as mentally ill and get them immediate psychiatric care. This approach is often taken by those who deny the inspired scriptures and consider Jesus’ habitual practice of casting out of demons as being a superstitious practice (Jesus himself being

labeled superstitious and uneducated by those of this position), because they deny that such a thing can occur.

4. You recognize the person needs delivered from the demon(s), and you follow Jesus' directive and take steps to cast it out.
  - This is a sign of a "*believer*" (Mark 16:17).

### **What do we recommend when a Christian being prayed for manifests demons?**

Let the theologians debate and argue if they choose, and you take whatever steps are necessary to help the affected individual experience the deliverance they need from that demonic power—regardless of whether the demon is in, on, or around them.

## **Demonic Influence in the Life of the Christian**

A Christian cannot be demon-possessed. 1 Cor. 6:20 and 1 Cor. 7:23 both say, “*You were bought at a price.*”

All Christians, even disobedient ones, belong to God, not to Satan. Possession indicates ownership or total control, and if God bought you, he owns you. It is possible, however, for a Christian to be oppressed by the devil or his demons, and for a lack of a better word, they can become “demonized.” That means demons have the potential for exerting influence in the lives of the people they are oppressing.

When the word *demonized* is used, it means that Satan, through his demons, can exercise direct partial control in an area or areas of a Christian’s life. The spirit of the believer is sealed by the Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 1:22; Eph. 1:13, 4:30), but the body and soul, if spiritual armor isn’t maintained with diligence, could potentially allow for Satan to get a foothold in those areas of a believer’s life (Eph. 4:27 NIV).

This partial control can be likened to hooks in us that Satan or his demons can yank on at any opportune time, to cause us to stumble and fall, or ruin our witness. These hooks can be things like:

1. Addictions
2. Lust
3. Anger
4. Rage
5. Jealousy
6. Selfishness
7. Greed

Satan is content controlling these and other areas of our lives—which prevents us from fulfilling our destiny. And these hooks can be compared to a fishhook, which can cause a lot of damage if not removed properly. Improper removal can cause serious pain and injury, resulting in scars. Satan’s hooks are no different.

A deliverance ministry must be done with much love and compassion, as well as integrity. John 13:34-35 says,

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.*

### **The Potential for Demonic Influence in a Christian’s Life**

If a theologian attempts to tell you Christians cannot be influenced by demons, ask them why we have been given so many warnings about the possibility of it happening, if that were not the case. Here are just a few verses that show the potential demons have in exerting influence in the life of a Christian.



## **Demons Can Potentially Deceive Us**

- *Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons. (1 Tim. 4:1)*
- *For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. (2 Cor. 11:14)*

## **Demons Can Potentially Bewitch Us**

- *O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? (Gal. 3:1)*

## **Demons Can Potentially Hinder Us**

- *Therefore we wanted to come to you—even I, Paul, time and again—but Satan hindered us. (1 Thess. 2:18)*

## **Demons Whisper in Our Ears (voices in our minds—they get into our souls)**

- *Casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ. (2 Cor. 10:5)*
- *But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. (James 3:14-15)*
  - James very clearly states that a demon can gain tremendous influence in a Christian's life by expressing itself through their soul—their mind. The evidence of this is overwhelming.
  - How often have we heard of church-splits? Can we not categorically say that in these sad episodes—with the bitterness and envy that is displayed—that there is something demonic attached to it?
- *The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. (1 Timothy 4:1)*
  - This verse very clearly shows that demons can gain access to a Christian's soul—their mind. How often do we hear of previously orthodox pastors who have had a lie enter their soul, then they believed it, and began teaching it as if it was the truth? That is how almost every cult begins. A Christian gets deceived by a demonic voice in their soul (their mind), then they get others to follow them.
- *Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. (1 John 4:1)*
  - If there wasn't the potential for a Christian to embrace a demonic lie, which has entered into their soul, there would be no reason for such a warning in this verse.

## **Demons Can Potentially Trap Us**

- *Moreover he must have a good testimony among those who are outside, lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. (1 Tim. 3:7)*
- *But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition. (1 Tim. 6:9)*

## **Demons Can Heighten and Intensify Normal Temptations**

- *But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.* (James 1:14)
- *Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.* (1 Peter 5:8)
  - This warning was given to Christians. Peter's admonition shows that if we are not watchful, the devil can devour us. (cf. 1 Thess. 3:5; Matt. 4:3 – *The Tempter*)

## **Demons Can Potentially Steal from, Kill, and Destroy Us**

- *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.* (John 10:10)
  - When we are deceived, and believe the lies, and succumb to fears, we get robbed, and our lives are destroyed.

## **Demons Can Potentially Get a Foothold in Our Lives**

- *In your anger do not sin: Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold.* (Eph. 4:27 NIV)
  - Written to Christians, the warning is very clear evidence that it is possible for the devil to gain partial access to their life.

## **Demons Can Potentially Outwit Us**

- *Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs.* (2 Cor. 2:10-11)
  - In this verse Paul said, “so that we [Christians] would not be outwitted by Satan.” When a Christian harbors unforgiveness, that is clear evidence that they have already been outwitted, and have given Satan a foothold in their life.

## **Demons Can Potentially Wound Us**

- *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.* (Eph. 6:10-17)
  - We have been warned that spiritual warfare is a reality, and that the Christian who neglects the armament that is at their disposal does so at their peril.

## **Inner Healing—Healing of Damaged Emotions**

Inner healing, just like any other aspect of the deliverance ministry, has experienced abuses, causing it to be just as controversial as deliverance, if not more so.

There are New Age teachings on this subject. One is called visionary, and another is called imaging. These are Satan's counterfeits which cause confusion and upset in the body of Christ. Thus, great care must be taken in this area to avoid error and even the appearance of error.

Isa. 61:1 says, "he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted." This is what inner healing involves: going to the root of the problem and ministering healing. A past hurt or wound is like a sore on your body that just will not heal. It stays infected and festers, and at some point, you have to scrub off the scab and clean it out. Then you can apply salve and a clean bandage and let it heal properly. This is binding up the brokenhearted.

There are numerous names used for inner healing, such as soul healing, healing of memories, healing of damaged emotions, healing the wounded spirit, etc. Regardless of what we call it, we need to understand that un-healed hurts hinder our Christian walk and the devil will use them to harm us or damage us and slow down our spiritual growth. What Satan actually does is remind us of what so-and-so did to us. He plays the video in our minds and hurts us over and over. He pokes that festered sore and inflicts pain on us because he is a tormentor.

When we pray for people, we ask the Lord to bring to their mind the thing, place, or incident He wants to deal with. And he is faithful to do so. Then we ask the Lord to heal the pain, anger, fear, or other emotions that are embedded in that memory. We never ask the Lord to cancel or change the memory, but only to come and heal the hurt or wound associated with that memory. Again, this is the work of the Holy Spirit and we do not in any way lead the person to imagine a memory different than it really was. This would be imaging and would open the person up to satanic interference and attack.

We have all experienced hurts and disappointments to varying degrees, and we all deal with them differently. What barely affects one person may totally devastate another. All hurts or wounds do hinder our Christian walk and need to be dealt with. It is God's will that we be totally healed and set free of all hurts that keep us from serving him to the fullest. Most often, for complete freedom, deliverance and inner healing go hand in hand. If a person has a hook in them, it can be pulled out, but the wound still needs to be treated to bring complete healing. This is the purpose of inner healing.

# Manifestations

A demon manifesting is certainly scriptural. In Luke 9:39, the father of a boy with an evil spirit states, “*a spirit seizes him and he suddenly screams; it throws him into convulsions so that he foams at the mouth.*”

We have seen violent manifestations, but the most common manifestations are shaking, choking, gagging, crying, growling, cursing, trances, or distorted voices. When strongholds are broken, people often burp, yawn, cough, spit, cry, or vomit. The Greek word for spirit is *pneuma*. This word also means breath, and most spirits leave via the mouth.

When dealing with witchcraft, spirit guides, or animal guides, people may imitate the animal, such as the bark of a dog or the hoot of an owl. They may flap their arms like a bird, fall to the floor and slither, rattle, or hiss like a snake, or in some other ways display animal-like behavior.

A caution is due here: on occasion, super or unnatural strength is manifested. Regardless of what happens in a session *never ever* show fear. If you do, you have already lost. Also, always keep your eyes open, not only for safety's sake, but because spirits will try to hide during a session, so as not to be exposed and expelled. So, when addressing strongholds or spirits, watch the person's body movements, as well as their face and hands. The eyes are called the windows to the soul, so keep an eye on them.

## Possible Manifestations

1. Mockery
2. Cussing
3. Screams / Roaring
4. Shaking
5. Convulsions
6. Weeping / Crying
7. Hysterical laughter
8. Writhing
9. Fainting
10. Belching
11. Yawning
12. Sighing
13. Groaning
14. Choking / Gagging
15. Retching / Vomiting
  - (foam, phlegm, blood)
16. Rapid tongue movement
17. Hissing
18. Eyes red and piercing
19. Eyes roll up into the head
20. Humanly impossible facial contortions
21. Hands become numb and tingle
22. Fingers become rigid / gnarled
23. Paralysis
24. Skin becomes pale and cold
25. Voice changes (foreign accent, and at times a language never learned)
26. Extraordinary strength
27. Unpleasant odor
28. Bodily posture exhibits pride
29. Dancing / swaying the body
30. Headaches and other bodily pain
31. Threats toward those present
32. They may expose something from the deliverance minister's past life to those present—to create fear and intimidation. Fear is Satan's only tool. He wants to instill fear to crush your faith. It is a delay tactic.

## Public or Private Deliverance

There are several approaches that can be taken with the deliverance from evil spirits.

1. Cast the demon out of a person in a public setting (as in a church service).
2. Take the affected person immediately to a private location for deliverance.
3. Bind the spirits and set an appointment to deal with their issues later.

One argument for immediate public deliverance of a person manifesting an evil spirit is that Jesus always conducted public deliverances (Luke 4:31-37). The great benefit of this is that everyone can see God's power triumph over the satanic powers.

When this is done in a church service, however, it is highly interruptive, and it could be a lengthy drawn-out ordeal. The length of time ministering to this one person could hinder others from receiving ministry, as everyone's time and energy is being expended on just one person.

Many believe that binding the spirits and removing the affected individual to a private place is a wiser alternative. This is because of the high potential for lawsuits resulting from a deliverance session. There would also be the conversations that would take place following a public deliverance by uninformed individuals.

Another argument against deliverance in a public setting is that a person who manifests a demon may not want to be set free, or may have family members who do not want them free. In Acts 16:19-20, when the owners of the slave girl realized that their hope of making a profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and took them before the magistrate. —*Lawsuit!*

Another argument for removing the person from a public setting for deliverance could be answered with this question: "If the person being ministered to were your spouse, parent, or child, would you want it handled in a public or a private location?" During deliverance sessions, one's dignity is not always guaranteed.

One final argument for taking the person to a private setting would be:

- Demons are often identified when they are being expelled. If a demon with the name of "pedophilia" or some other perverse name would be exposed and cast out of a person, suspicions would arise in the minds of those present whether or not the individual engaged in that practice. This would then form a negative stigma in the audience's minds, and the stigma would be attached to that person for the remainder of their life, regardless if they were guilty of ever having practiced pedophilia or not.

# Vows and Judgments

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When I was a little girl, I was mercilessly teased by my family. I was considered stupid and every childish thing I did was ridiculed and laughed at. Such harsh treatment led me to grow up thinking I was dense and stupid. But even worse, in the midst of shame and embarrassment, I vowed to myself "I will never be close and vulnerable to my family again. They are awful people and hurt me every time I am around them."

My family has gone through a lot of awesome changes and so have I, but even though things are so different now, the judgment ("they are awful people") and inner vow ("I will never be close and vulnerable to my family again") had set the course, in my heart, of family's dynamics and built a barrier against them.

Not being aware of the inner vow and judgment that had set a pattern for my life, every time I was around my family, I would hate being there and could not feel comfortable around them. Not only that, but any little thing they would say or do would wound me for a season.

**An inner vow is a resolution**, a decision we make in our innermost thoughts. An inner vow creates a pattern and resists change. No matter how hard we try, we return automatically to what we vowed. Most of the inner vows we make were created when we were children. Those are the most devastating, for they are deep-seated, and we cannot remember speaking them into existence.

**A judgment follows the same path, only it is created when we pass sentence on and condemn others.** We are to judge the fruit, but not the people. Through the years many of my struggles have been self-inflicted, for I judged others. Judging caused me to have to overcome, in my own life, what I had judged them for. "Judge and you will be judged." (Matt. 7:1)

Inner vows do not acknowledge the desires of your will. They run in a separate, individual path. You may desire to do one thing, but the inner vow will take you where it is programmed to go. Listen to your inner thoughts. When you hear yourself say: "I will never..." you are creating a vow.

We must remove the patterns that have been set by our inner vows and judgments and allow the Word of God to set new patterns for us to live by.

"Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. "Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." (Matt. 7:1-5)

"You, therefore, have no excuse, you who pass judgment on someone else, for at whatever point you judge the other, you are condemning yourself, because you who pass judgment do the same

things. Now we know that God's judgment against those who do such things is based on truth. So when you, a mere man, pass judgment on them and yet do the same things, do you think you will escape God's judgment?" (Rom. 2:1-3)

"Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God." (2 Cor. 4:5)

"Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few. As a dream comes when there are many cares, so the speech of a fool when there are many words. When you make a vow to God, do not delay in fulfilling it. He has no pleasure in fools; fulfill your vow. It is better not to vow than to make a vow and not fulfill it. Do not let your mouth lead you into sin. And do not protest to the temple messenger, 'My vow was a mistake.' Why should God be angry at what you say and destroy the work of your hands?" (Eccl. 5:2-6)

It requires the Holy Spirit's involvement to shed light into the deep dark places of the heart and reveal inner vows and judgments. We forget vows we made throughout our lives and only God can reveal them. As God reveals the inner vow and judgment, pray for each one individually and pray it out loud. Here is a prayer of release:

"Lord, please forgive me for judging and setting an ungodly pattern for my life. I ask You to release me from the inner vow of \_\_\_\_\_ I have set into motion. Please release the judgment of \_\_\_\_\_ against \_\_\_\_\_. I release \_\_\_\_\_ (the person you have judged) from this judgment and I ask You to grant them and me freedom from all consequences in the Name of Jesus and by the blood of Jesus. Amen."

"But most of all, my brothers and sisters, never take an oath, by heaven or earth or anything else. Just say a simple yes or no, so that you will not sin and be condemned." (James 5:12)

"For just as you judge and criticize and condemn others, you will be judged and criticized and condemned, and in accordance with the measure you [use to] deal out to others, it will be dealt out again to you." (Matt. 7:2)

# Why Don't You Cast Out Demons Like Jesus?

There is frequently the critical question asked:

*Why don't you cast out demons like Jesus? He just spoke and they left.*

**First**, that is a good question (and I do not mean to sound demeaning), but that question will only be asked by those who have no experience expelling demons.

**Second**, on the surface that question sounds logical, but as you will see from our responses below, there is a real spiritual battle that takes place over people's lives, and demons have rebelled and will continue to rebel and resist God and His people till the end of the ages.

## Why We are Not Able to Cast Out Demons Like Jesus

1. Jesus was God. We are not.

2. Jesus had the Holy Spirit's power, gifts, and graces "without limit" (John 3:34), whereas we individually have been granted merely a small amount the Holy Spirit's gifts and power (1 Cor. 12:7-11).

3. At Gadara (Gadarenes), in Mark 5:8, Jesus commanded the demons to leave, but they resisted His command. There was then a back and forth conversation with the demons, and then Jesus cast them out. This is common during prayer for a person's deliverance from evil spirits. The demons will resist tenaciously.

4. Just like Jesus healed everyone's physical sickness when He prayed for them (Matt. 12:15), he was also 100% successful expelling demons. We know of nobody, throughout all of history, that has ever experienced Jesus' level of success with physical healing or expelling demons.

5. Jesus knew everyone's thoughts and he knew every spiritual dynamic that was taking place. We on the other hand "see things imperfectly" (1 Cor. 13:12).

6. To receive an answer from God, Daniel fasted and prayed 21 days (Dan 10). On the very first day Daniel started his fast and prayer, God immediately sent the answer (vs. 12), but the answer from God was blocked from coming through (vs. 13). It was through Daniel's persistence in prayer that the angels were able to break through the demonic opposition that was opposing God's response from getting through. We often have to battle for an extended period of time with demons as they adamantly oppose, frustrate, rebel, and resist the will of God.

7. The Apostle Paul confessed that "*time and again*" Satan hindered him (1 Thess. 2:18). Though this man experienced many miracles, cast out demons, and great revelations came through him, he did not walk in victory 100% of the time. There were battles in the spirit he fought. Sometimes he won. Sometimes he lost.



## What Can Block a Person's Deliverance

1. The person is not born again. They want what God has to offer them, but they are not willing to submit themselves to him.
2. Lack of true repentance; they have unconfessed sin, or in the back of their mind, they have plans to continue doing something they know they shouldn't.
3. Open Doors/ Entry Points: Another way of saying "lack of true repentance", is that they have open doors they refuse to close, and which allows Satan to have a foothold in their life. Eph. 4:27— "*And do not give the devil a foothold.*"
4. The person is not under Godly authority. They are not part of a church nor submissive to church leadership.
5. They want a "drive-by-deliverance".
6. Lack of desperation.
7. They are passive. Deliverance requires active participation on the part of the individual.
8. There is doubt and unbelief.
9. They enjoy the attention.
10. Drugs (street or prescribed) prevents them from releasing their emotions.
11. Pride prevents them from releasing their emotions.
12. They fail to break from the occult. (Occult—hidden from view, concealed, secret, mysterious)
13. They lack release from a curse.
14. There is an undetected emotional wound (with accompanying alter personalities).
15. There is combination mental-health issue or a neurological disorder.
16. There is a lack of discipline in the local church.
17. The deliverance minister is praying for the wrong thing.
18. It's a mystery. Just like not everybody receives physical healing when prayed for, at times those who are prayed for to receive deliverance do not receive it.

## Why Use A Cross During Deliverance Sessions

The Bible doesn't mention holding a cross when casting out demons. Why then do some use it? And why are demons afraid of it?

Even though the Bible does not give us a manual on how to cast out demons, we still have to obey Jesus' command and carry out that ministry (Mark 16:17). With the absence of biblical directions and information for this type of ministry, people over the years have learned different methods that have worked, through taking steps of faith in their obedience.

This is similar to any type of ministry in the Church. Experience has taught the Body of Christ how to conduct ministry, like ministry to children, seniors, church growth, music, administration, etc. All of these important ministries come with no biblical manual on how to carry them out, yet we all know they are important.

Liberal and progressive Christians who do not believe in a literal Satan and demons, and that people can become demonized, will only mock practices like this. However, some have found that holding a cross or a Bible, sprinkling consecrated water, blowing on them, and even anointing a demonized person with oil, will torment the evil spirits, thus causing them to release their hold on the oppressed person, and ultimately come out.

We have seen demons cringe in terror when they see a cross—the symbol of Jesus' victory over them. We have seen them writhe in pain when a Bible is held against them, and when oil is placed on their forehead or on tattoos which were carrying a curse.

Jesus' command to cast out demons comes with tremendous mystery, yet we choose to obey Him and disregard the mockery of the liberals and progressives, because **this is a ministry for those who believe:**

*“And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils...”*  
(Mark 16:17)

And we also know that

*“...the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”* (1 Cor. 1:18)

Some have said that when they are staring down demons, there is no visible manifestation of what the minister believes, and in what they hope and in what they place their trust. When the cross is used, right in the sight of the demons, the demons are reminded *in Whom* the minister believes and *in Whom* they put their trust.

Where does the power come from to confront demons and cast them out? That power is in the cross. Not the physical cross. That cross is just an emblem—it is representative—just like anointing oil. The cross is a visible, tangible expression of inner faith in the victory of Jesus Christ over Satan at the cross. That is why the cross is used while conducting deliverance sessions, and that is why it frightens demons—because they know that the cross is the symbol of their defeat.

# Tattoos and the Christian

During deliverances we have seen powerful demonic manifestations occur when we have prayed to neutralize tattoos on those receiving deliverance. These tattoos often had an association with inner wounds of the person's past, a connection with a non-Christian religion, or symbols that were satanic in nature.

With such reactions associated with tattoos, it is vital for believers to understand that tattoos cannot be written off as innocent artwork, as they often carry very deep spiritual attachments, and those attachments become links to demonic influences.

## Tattoos in the Bible

The first and only reference to tattoos in the Bible concerns the prohibition of the practice:

*Do not cut your bodies for the dead or put tattoo marks on yourselves. I am the LORD.*  
(Lev. 19:28)

Tattoos were initially used (and still are) in relationship to pagan rituals associated with idolatry and superstitions. Often tattoos were used in honor of some god or as an amulet to protect from evil spirits.

Many today believe that this Old Testament prohibition of tattoos is negated since the New Testament does not mention anything about them, and that whether one gets a tattoo or not falls into the "grey area," which allows each person to be led by their own convictions (Rom. 14; 1 Cor. 10:23-33).

Some say that the prohibition of tattoos was under the Levitical law, that those laws were specifically for the nation of Israel, and that they do not apply to the Body of Christ. But the same could also be said about the prohibition of bestiality (Ex. 22:19; Lev. 18:23). The Old Testament prohibits that act, but with it not being mentioned anywhere in the New Testament, does that make that act acceptable today?

That is indeed a strong comparison, and with the many heated arguments in favor of tattoos, as well as the many godly men and women that do have them today, let's approach this topic rationally with several observations to help determine if the practice is a sin or not.

## Is It a Sin to Get a Tattoo?

There are many faithful Christians with tattoos. Some will point out quickly that they were tattooed prior to their commitment to Christ. Others will confidently say they obtained them after their profession of faith in Christ, and they feel no guilt for having done so.

## What Is the Motive?

One way to discern if the tattoo is sinful or not is to explore the motive behind it.

1. Was it obtained in rebellion to parents (Eph. 6:1-2)? Did the sons and daughters obtain the tattoo against the wishes of their parents? Did they know full well that they would dishonor their parents by obtaining it? It is also important to note that the Bible doesn't

indicate that just because a person passes the age of 18 that they are then permitted to dishonor their parents.

2. Was it obtained to make them stand out and draw attention to themselves, giving clear evidence of pride and vanity?
3. Was the tattoo's purpose to fit in with the culture? Was that tattoo required to make the person feel accepted? A person's acceptance and identity should never be contingent upon whether one has a tattoo.

### **Does the Tattoo Glorify God or Self?**

A Christian's body, soul, and spirit have been redeemed by God—they belong to Him. The body is the temple of the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 10:31). How much modification of this temple is appropriate? Is there a line that can be crossed when the bodily modifications become an obsession?

### **Is There Freedom from Guilt for the Tattoo?**

Whatever is not of faith is sin (Rom. 14:23), so the Christian should be fully convinced that the submission of their body for modification is God's will for them.

### **What Does the Tattoo Depict?**

Does the image tattooed onto the body communicate something vulgar, evil, or ungodly, or does it have an evil connotation?

### **Was Exposure of the Body Required to Obtain the Tattoo?**

Many young ladies (and men), expose their bodies to the tattoo artists.

### **Where Was the Tattoo Received?**

When you walk into a tattoo parlor, the images you see are mostly satanic: skulls, demons, dragons, fairies, phoenix, lotus, tribal, chains, barbed wire, bats, yin-yang, swords/knives. To have someone who mainly places these types of tattoos on people then tattoo a cross or a Bible verse on a Christian is very questionable!

### **Non-Judgmental — but at the Same Time — Sincere Warning**

Though we do not judge people with tattoos, we must warn strongly that we have seen demonic attachments to these tattoos—even ones with an innocent appearance. Please consider the Apostle Paul's statement as you contemplate (and pray) about getting a tattoo:

*"I have the right to do anything," you say—but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive. (1 Cor. 10:23)0*