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To our fellow sisters in Christ;

The Lord God wants nothing more than for us to walk this faith journey in victory. He has not set us up for failure. Because of His great love for us, He has given us His Word. The Word is His Son, Jesus. And through this Word, we have Salvation. We simply need to receive Him and we are saved.

But as we grow into the persons God is calling us to be, we cannot stop at simply being saved. We must seek the Lord in prayer to deepen our relationship with Him. We must read His Word to grow in wisdom and discernment and to understand Him better. We must recognize and resist our archenemy, the Devil, who wants nothing more than to take us from the Father's arms and destroy us.

A Defeated Foe

Why do the Devil and his evil demons hate us so much? He despises us because we are made in the image and likeness of the Lord God. Also, because we have professed to give our hearts to God through His only begotten Son, Jesus, finally, he loathes us because any enemy of God is an enemy of ours.

In order for us to recognize and resist this enemy, we need to know him and keep a close eye on him. In "Godfather II", Al Pacino in the character of Michael Corleone, remembers a lesson from his father that resonates so perfectly in this manner; "Keep your friends close but your enemies closer." We must know who we are dealing with if we are going to discern the Devil's false teachings and stay on the straight and narrow path that leads Jesus.

Bible verse after Bible verse warns us of the portals (the Devil's traps) that lead to the wide-open path of destruction. Not only physical destruction (our physical death) but spiritual destruction (our spiritual death). Let's take a look at just a few of these verses:

- **Deuteronomy 18:10** - *There shall not be found among you anyone that makes his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that uses divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch.*
- **Isaiah 8:19** - *And when they shall say unto you, seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?*
- **Leviticus 19:31** *"Do not consult mediums or seek after wizards, to be defiled by them. I am the Lord, your God."*
- **Leviticus 20:6** *"I will turn my face against that person who consults mediums and wizards, and I will cut him off from among his people."*
- **Galatians 5:19** *Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger,*

quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like. I warn you, as I warned you previously, that no one who does such things will inherit the kingdom of God. ²² In contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Now, if there is one saint we can look to, who can speak from experience when it comes to dealing with the spiritual realm, it's Peter. The Devil tried to oppress him many times. But by the grace of God, Peter prevailed and even gave us great words of wisdom to live by:

- **1 Peter 5:6** *Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that at the proper time he may exalt you. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares about you. ⁸ Remain sober and alert, for your enemy the devil is on the prowl like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him and be firm in your faith, for you are well aware that your brethren throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.*

What is the difference between the Devil oppressing us or possessing us? As we have cleared up so many times, the Devil cannot possess someone who has the Holy Spirit dwelling inside of them. If Jesus is your Lord and Savior, you can rest assured, the Devil and his demons cannot possess you.

But...the Devil can most definitely oppress you. He **will** come against you; especially if you are truly living and working for the Kingdom. He wants to shut you up, take you down, and get you to submit to him, not Jesus. If we are not careful, if we do not “remain sober and alert”, this can happen to us.

So, who is Satan? Satan is the fallen angel Lucifer. He was created by God, the Father. He was an angel of light. He was the master musician in Heaven. He was beautiful as described in Ezekiel. He is so manipulative that he convinced 1/3 of the angels of Heaven to turn against the Lord God. These Bible verses give us a little insight into his ultimate fall:

- **Isaiah 14:12** *To what depths have you fallen from the heavens, O morning star, son of the dawn! How you have been cut down to the ground, you who laid the nations low! ¹³ You used to say in your heart, “I will scale the heavens. I will raise my throne above the stars of God. I will sit on the Mountain of Assembly, in the far recesses of the north. ¹⁴ I will ascend above the highest clouds; I will be like the Most High.” ¹⁵ Instead you have been hurled down to the netherworld, to the depths of the abyss.*
- **Ezekiel 28:12** *“Son of man, take up a lament concerning the king of Tyre and say to him: “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: ““You were the seal of perfection, full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ¹³ You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: carnelian, chrysolite and emerald, topaz, onyx and jasper, lapis lazuli, turquoise and beryl. Your*

settings and mountings were made of gold; **on the day you were created,** they were prepared. ¹⁴ You were anointed as a guardian cherub, for so I ordained you. You were on the holy mount of God; you walked among the fiery stones.¹⁵ You were blameless in your ways from the day **you were created** till wickedness was found in you. ¹⁶ Through your widespread trade you were filled with violence, and you sinned. So, I drove you in disgrace from the mount of God, and I expelled you, guardian cherub, from among the fiery stones.¹⁷ Your heart became proud on account of your beauty, and you corrupted your wisdom because of your splendor. So, I threw you to the earth; I made a spectacle of you before kings.¹⁸ By your many sins and dishonest trade you have desecrated your sanctuaries. So, I made a fire come out from you, and it consumed you, and I reduced you to ashes on the ground in the sight of all who were watching. ¹⁹ All the nations who knew you are appalled at you; you have come to a horrible end and will be no more.”

And so, the Lord God cast Lucifer from Heaven, destroying his prideful body. He became an entity, no longer an angel of God. Now known to us as Satan, Son of Perdition, Prince of Darkness, Prince of the Power of the Air, Serpent of Old, Fallen Star, Wicked One, Tempter, Leviathan, Lawless One, or Beelzebub (Baalzebub). And in his fall, he took that 1/3 of rebellious angels with him. They too lost their angelic bodies and became spirit beings, otherwise known to us as: evil spirits, familiar spirits, malignant spirits, unclean spirit, devils, demons, fallen angels, ghosts or ghouls.

Here are a few points on our enemy:

1. He is the prince of the air and has power over the air. His demons are also the principalities and powers of the air. **(Ephesians 6:12)**
2. He roams about the earth and the universe seeking the ruin of souls. **(Job 1:6-7)**
3. He can use other humans (even a Christian) to come against us. **(Mark 8:33)**
4. He is a deceiver. He will tell 10 truths to slip in one lie. **(Genesis 3:1-4)**
5. He is powerful, but he is not God's equal, as he is a created being. **(Ezekiel 28:13)**
6. He is not omnipotent (all-powerful), he is not omniscient (all-knowing), and he is not omnipresent (all-present). **(Isaiah 14:14)**
7. Satan sends his demons to do his bidding. He is a copycat. Just as the Lord God assigns a guardian angel over you throughout your life, Satan assigns his demons to try and destroy you. **(Matthew 12:24)**
8. He especially schemes and attacks Christians. He doesn't need to work so hard for those who don't know the Lord. **(Job 1:9-11)**
9. We should not underestimate his power. Yet, he is limited in what he can do. **(Job 1:12)**
10. He masquerades as an angel of light. **(2 Corinthians 11:14)**

In the book of Job, Satan could not touch a hair on Job's head unless God gave him permission to do so. So why did God allow it? Only because in the end that purpose served to glorify God. Also, the suffering Job endured, God turned into good. The Lord gave back to Job all that he had lost, 100-fold, for staying true to Him throughout his trials!

Keep in mind, that the Devil is already a defeated foe. We know how this story ends. We win! He loses. Still, we must know how to recognize him and how to either flee from him when he attacks or fight back.

Be Aware of Portals (Satan's Traps)

This world we live in is Satan's territory. He has set many traps for us to fall victim to. Not every evil will have a big, bright sign that says, "Satan's trap! Run for your life!". As we mentioned, he often disguises himself as an angel of light. It is our duty to learn what to look for. We need to discern when something comes from God or if it is coming from the enemy. Otherwise, we may end up with demonic attachments known as strongholds/footholds, mental-holds, soul-ties, or generational curses.

Because Satan has infiltrated himself into every facet of society, we can literally find him in almost anything. The bottom line is if it is taking you away from God, it may have Satan's hand.

Below, you will find a list of just a few lures that can lead to a demonic attachment:

- ✓ Witchcraft of any form (No such thing as a Christian witch—don't be deceived—**See Attachment #1** for types of witches)
- ✓ Devil Worship or the worship of anything other than God the Father and His Son, Jesus
- ✓ Visiting an oracle (a seer, fortune teller, soothsayer)
- ✓ Reading Horoscopes or Astrology
- ✓ Seeing psychics or mediums (conjuring the dead)
- ✓ Doing yoga of any kind (Never empty your mind—it allows demons in)
- ✓ Crystal Idolatry
- ✓ Essential Oil Blends that promise spiritual healing
- ✓ Chakra Healing (balancing energy flow through the body)
- ✓ Reiki and other energy work
- ✓ Eastern Meditation (emptying your mind)
- ✓ Interpreting signs and omens
- ✓ Calling upon angels or spirit guides
- ✓ Automatic writing
- ✓ Goddess Worship
- ✓ Sex outside of marital bonds/Sexual abuse or rape
- ✓ Superstitious practices (Turkish coffee readings, needle and thread pregnancy signing, evil eye, burning sage)
- ✓ Using symbols to ward off evil: gargoyles, dream catchers, Italian horn

- ✓ Horror books or movies encouraging death, witchcraft, and demon conjuring.
- ✓ Devotionals that promote spiritual healing outside of Jesus Christ (Ex: Sara Young—claims to receive a word from God, but that word, when vetted, does not match God’s Word.)
- ✓ Board Games/Video Games promoting wizardry and divination (Dungeons and Dragons, Ouija Boards, Squid Games)
- ✓ Any unrepented continued sin (sexual sin, pornography, gossip, stealing)

Any of these portals **will** lead to demonic attachments. To better understand these attachments and how they can manifest, see the breakdown below:

❖ **Strongholds/Footholds:** A stronghold is a lie that Satan has established in our thinking that we count as true but is actually a false belief. Below is a short list of the results of sin leading to a Stronghold/Foothold. (See **Attachment #2** for more in-depth info).

- Spirit of Fear
- Spirit of Anxiety
- Spirit of Anger
- Spirit of Bitterness
- Spirit of Offense
- Spirit of Hate
- Spirit of Unforgiveness
- Spirit of Jealousy
- Spirit of Perversion
- Spirit of Heaviness
- Lying Spirit and many more

❖ **Mental Health Strongholds:** The leading mental health strongholds result from generational curses or unrepented sins. These mental strongholds are often diagnosed as chemical imbalances. But in truth, most of the time, they are learned behaviors that come from demonic attachments passed from generation to generation.

- PTSD
- ADD
- ADHD
- OCD
- Depression

❖ **Soul Ties:** A soul tie sometimes referred to as emotional or spiritual cording, is an inexplicable, powerful, emotional bond to another person. Sins that lead to soul ties:

- Lust
- Pornography
- Adultery

- Fornication
- Masturbation

❖ **Generational Curses:** The generational curse is a passing down of sinful behavior that gets replicated in the next generation. A parent doesn't just pass down physical attributes but also spiritual and emotional attributes as well. These attributes can be seen as a curse and in some respects they are. However, they are not a curse from God, meaning he put them on you. They are a result of sin and sinful behavior.

- Addictions (drug/alcohol, sex)
- Mental illnesses (depression, schizophrenia, bipolar depression)
- Physical illnesses (hypertension, heart disease, cancer),
- Poverty

Seeing these lists can easily discourage us. There are so many traps the Devil has set for us. But have no fear, the Lord has freed us from the bondage of sin.

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Isaiah 54:17 *No weapon used against you will prevail*

Romans 8:31 *Who Can Separate Us from the Love of Christ? What then can we say in response to all this? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

1 John 4:4 *Dear children, you are from God and you have conquered them, for The One who is in you is Greater than the one who is in the world.*

James 4:7 *Hence, be subject to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.*

What more do we need? The Word is filled with encouragement for our walk in this world. Jesus himself promised in **Matthew 28:20** "And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the world." As mentioned in the first paragraphs, He did not set us up for failure. His Word is rich in wisdom and instruction. Our brother in Christ, Paul, left us precise instructions on how to resist Satan and his evil demons. Let's read:

Ephesians 6:10-17 The Christian Warfare ¹⁰ Put on the Armor of God. Finally, find your strength in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the armor of God so that you will be able to stand firm against the deceit of the devil. ¹² For we are not wrestling against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, the powers, and the cosmic rulers of this present darkness, and against the spirits of evil in the heavens. ¹³ Therefore, put on the armor of God, so that you will be able to hold fast on the evil day and to stand your ground with all your strength. ¹⁴ Stand firm, then, with the belt of truth fastened around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness clothing you, ¹⁵ and with your feet shod in zeal to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In all circumstances, hold in your hand the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ And take the helmet of salvation as well as the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

God's power and strength are similar to the imagery of a built, strong man. To look at him you see that he is strong, but you cannot see his strength until he puts his muscles to work. We are like that strong man. Before Satan attacks, we seem strong, but when he blindsides us, without God's strength, we are weak. This is why we must strengthen ourselves in the Lord. How do we do this? That is the million-dollar question. Thankfully, the Word of God comes to our rescue once again.

⌘ **We get into the Word:** And let the Word get into us. When the Word gets into you, it strengthens you and encourages you. **Romans 10:17** *"Faith comes by hearing the Word of God."* Also, the Word is our guide. We are to go to it for learning, judging, and improving. This is how we get spiritually strong. **2 Timothy 3:16** *All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for refutation, for correction, and for training in uprightness.*

⌘ **Know the Enemy:** Wrestling is a full-contact sport. That means getting down on the mat and fighting the enemy with full force. But if you don't know the enemy's tactics, you will not know what to expect. Be vigilant and look for the subtle ways he may be trying to manipulate your life. And you certainly cannot do it without Jesus. Put your faith in Him. **Ephesians 6:12** *We wrestle not against flesh and blood.*

⌘ **Put on your armor: (Ephesians 6:10-17)**

- **For starters, STAND.** Stand against the evil one as St. Paul tells us multiple times in this letter. You can't fight sitting down. Get up and get ready!
- **Put on your Belt of Truth.** Jesus is the Truth. He holds it all together just like a belt does. Pray that His truth will give you the discernment to know the difference between The Word and Satan's lies.
- **Put on the Breastplate of Righteousness.** A breastplate protects your heart. Keep your heart well-guarded in the hands of Lord Jesus. When we walk out of righteousness, we are not walking with Him and become vulnerable to Satan's attacks.
- **Feet in position.** Standing firm, you'll have a solid foundation. Build your foundation on the Rock! Nothing can move you or stop you from spreading the Gospel of Peace.
- **Hold tight your Shield of Faith.** Faith in the Lord Jesus should be held the highest and the strongest. This way you can extinguish the flaming arrows of the evil one.
- **Put in place your Helmet of Salvation.** A helmet protects your head. The Helmet of Salvation protects your mind, which Satan often attacks, with fear, doubt, depression, anxiety, panic, and ignorance of his schemes. Satan cannot read our minds, but he can plant these strongholds over us if we let him. Keep your mind on Jesus all the time to prevent yourself from entertaining the thoughts the evil one wants to plant in your head. Trust in Jesus and be saved.
- **Grasp firmly the Sword of the Spirit.** Sharper than any two-edged sword and able to cut between bone and spirit, is the Holy Word of God—our Jesus! When the Devil came against Jesus in the desert, he waited until Jesus was at His weakest (the end of the 40 days of His

fasting). And still, Jesus prevailed because, although the Devil knew God's Word, he twisted and perverted it to try and trick Jesus. Jesus, rightly dividing and discerning the Word, (because He is the Word) fought back and the Devil fled from Him.

⌘ **We get on our knees:** If the Devil has placed a stronghold, mental hold, or soul tie over you, it is not too late. You can be delivered. Reach out to your brothers and sisters in Christ, your church, your family, faith-filled, Christ-loving people, and pray together. Lay hands and plead aloud: **“I pray in the name of Jesus and by the blood of Jesus to break any curse, stronghold, foothold, soul-tie, mental-hold, or generational curse over...”** and say that person's name. Rebuke those demons in Jesus' name and remember...the demon that flees will try to come back. If he finds that the person he left is now filled with the Holy Spirit and is equipped with the Word of God, he will flee again. But he won't stop coming back. It is imperative that when we are delivered by the name and by the blood of Jesus, that we immerse ourselves in Him. The Word of God is very clear. This is Jesus speaking in **Matthew 12:43**, *“When an unclean spirit goes out of a person, it wanders through waterless regions seeking a place to rest, but it finds none. ⁴⁴ Then it says, ‘I will return to the home from which I departed.’ And when it returns, it finds that home empty, swept clean, and put in order. ⁴⁵ Then it goes off and brings back with it seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they enter and settle there. As a result, the plight of that person is worse than before. So, it will also be with this evil generation.”*

⌘ **Go and sin no more:** In the gospel of **John 8:10**, a woman who was caught in the act of adultery was brought to Jesus for judgment. He forgave the woman because He saw in her, a repentant heart. When those who were hoping to condemn her left, he turned to her and said, *“Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?” ¹¹ She replied, “No one, sir.” “Neither do I condemn you,” Jesus said. “Go on your way, and sin no more.”* Jesus carefully teaches us here, how to stay out of trouble. Go and sin no more. Don't do it again. Don't keep falling into the same sin that will lead to a demonic stronghold. *You can do all things through Christ Who gives you strength (Philippians 4:13).*

Finally, my friends, hold true to the Lord and trust in Him for your salvation.

Joshua 1:9 *I have given you a command. Be strong and brave, do not be afraid nor dismayed. I, the LORD, your God, will be with you wherever you go.*

Declaration Of Confidence In God's Protection

Unleash the tremendous power found in the Bible and declare God's protection over every aspect of your life.

Proclamation

No weapon that is formed against me shall prosper and every tongue that arises against me in judgment I do condemn.

This is my heritage as a servant of the Lord and my righteousness is from You, O Lord of Hosts. If there are those who have been speaking or praying against me, or seeking to harm me, or who have rejected me, I forgive them (name people if you know them).

Having forgiven them, I bless them in the name of the Lord.

Now I declare, O LORD, that You and You alone are my God and besides You there is no other; a just God and a Savior, the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, and I worship You!

I submit myself afresh to You today in unreserved obedience. Having submitted to You, Lord, I do as Your Word directs.

I resist the devil: all his pressures, his attacks, his deceptions, and every instrument or agent he would seek to use against me.

I do not submit! I resist him! Drive him from me and exclude him from me, in the name of Jesus. Specifically, I reject and repel: infirmity, infection, pain, inflammation, malignancies, allergies, viruses, every form of witchcraft, and every type of stress.

Finally, LORD, I thank You that through the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, I have passed out from under the curse and entered into the blessing of Abraham whom You blessed in all things: exaltation, health, re-productiveness, prosperity, victory, God's favor, and God's friendship.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen!

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Attachment #1

Types of Witches

- **Traditional Witch:** the practice of ‘old witchcraft’ before Wicca came along
- **Wiccan Witch:** one who practices Wicca, which was founded by Gerard Gardner, in England 1950s
- **Coven-based Witch:** one who belongs to a group of witches that perform multiple forms of the craft
- **Kitchen Witch:** one who practices their craft in the kitchen and food
- **Sea Witch:** one who practices their craft pertaining to the sea
- **Storm Witch:** one who focuses their craft around storms—any storm
- **Eclectic Witch:** one who practices many forms of witchcraft
- **Secular Witch:** one who does not follow or worship deities or “higher beings”
- **Green Witch:** one who works with the earth and nature
- **Elemental Witch:** one who practices with the elements, or even just one
- **Stitch Witch:** one who works magic with fiber arts, such as sewing, crocheting, knitting, etc.
- **Death Witch:** one who practices death magic
- **Hereditary Witch:** one who is born into the craft or practice, with family who practiced before them
- **Solitary Witch:** one who works out of a coven or group
- **Faerie Witch:** one who believes in the powers of fairies
- **Cosmic Witch:** one who works with the solar system (moon, sun, stars, space)
- **Tech Witch:** one who incorporates technology in their craft
- **Urban Witch:** one who lives in the city and uses what they can with where they live
- **Pop Culture Witch:** one who uses inspiration from media such as TV, shows, music or movies
- **Lunar Witch:** one who practices forms of divination, such as tarot cards
- **Seasonal Witch:** one who works closely with the 4 seasons
- **Bruja Witch:** witches of color, each practicing different forms of the craft (ex: white witch, green witch, black witch)
- **Christian Witch:** one who believes their source of power comes from the one true God.

Attachment #2

Seventeen Strongholds and Their Manifestations

1. SPIRIT OF JEALOUSY

(See in Scriptures: Genesis 4:4-7; 37: 3-4; 37:8; Numbers 5:14, 30; Proverbs 6:34; 10:12; 14:16 -17; 14: 29-30; 27:4; 29:22-23; Song of Solomon 8:6; 1 Corinthians 3:3; 1 Corinthians 13:4-6; Galatians 5:20; James 3:14-15).

Bind: Spirit of Jealousy.

Loose: Love of God (John 13: 34-35; Romans 8: 37-39; 1 John 4:7-8).

The root is works of the flesh: (Galatians 5: 19-21).

Discerning the manifestations: Anger – Competition – Contention – Cruelty- Division – Envious of others – Hate – Jealousy is cruel – Murder – Rage – Fighting – Quarrelling – Restlessness – Revenge – Selfishness – Spite – Suspicion – Wrath – Conceited Provoking – Controlled by own desires – Strife – Divisions – Bitter Envyng – Sensual Devilish – Lie against the truth – Selfish ambition – Covertness – Carnal.

2. LYING SPIRIT

(See in Scriptures: Leviticus 19:11; 2 Chronicles 18: 19-22; Psalm 31:18; 78:36; Proverbs 6:16-19; 10:18; 12:22; 14:5; 17:7; 20:19; 26:28; Jeremiah 23:16-17; 27:9-10; Matthew 7:15-16; John 8:43-45; 14:17; Acts 5:3; Colossians 3:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12; 1 Timothy 4:7; 6:20; 2 Timothy 2:16; 1 John 2:22; 3:7-8; Revelations 22:15).

Bind: The lying spirit (underlying religious spirit).

Loose: Spirit of Truth who is Jesus (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13-14).

The root is works of the flesh: (Galatians 5: 19-21).

Discerning the manifestations: Accusation – Adultery – Criticizes man of God – Deception – Mystification – Deviation – Driving spirits – Esteems self-high – Exaggeration – False prophecy – False teachers – Flattery – Fornication – Gossip – Homosexuality – Hypocrisy – Insinuation – Isolates self – Lies – Profanity – Religious spirit – Satisfies the never win – Slander – Sodomy – Superstition – Says I love you – Loves nobody – Vain imaginations – Vain notions – Vanity – Wants revenge – Witchcraft – Entices men to destruction – Practices unrighteousness – Stands with the majority opinion – Denies the deity of Jesus Christ (that He is God) – Cannot stand the truth.

3. FAMILIAR SPIRIT

(See in Scriptures: Leviticus 19:31; Deuteronomy 18:10-11; 1 Samuel 6:2; 28:7-8; 1 Chronicles 10:13; Isaiah 8:19; 29:4; 59:3; Jeremiah 29:8; Galatians 5:20; Revelations 9:21; 18:23; 21:8; 22:15).

Bind: Familiar Spirit (Python; Astrology – pretends to prognosticate future events).

Loose: Holy Spirit Gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4-10) Signs will follow (Mark 16: 17-18).

The root is works of the flesh: (Galatians 5: 19-21).

Discerning the manifestations: Astrology – Clairvoyant – Demon Smells – Various Incense – Sounds and Beats – Divination of Future Events – Drugs – Esp. Tm – False Prophecy – Fortune Telling – Horoscope – Hypnotism – Medium – Necromancy – New Age – Occult – Passive Mind Dreamers – Peeping and Muttering – Psychic Abilities – Witchcraft – Yoga – Eastern Religions – Spiritism.

4. SPIRIT OF FEAR

(See in Scriptures: Deuteronomy 31:6; Psalm 27:1; 56:3; 91:5-6; 94:19; Proverbs 12:25; 29:25; Isaiah 13:7-8; 41:10; 43:1 54:14; Jeremiah 1:8; John 14:27; Philippians 4:6-7; 2 Timothy 1:7).

Bind: Spirit of Fear and Timidity (under this a spirit of torment, terror, phobias).

Loose: Power Love and Sound Mind: (2 Timothy 1:7; 1 John 4:18).

The root is works of the flesh: (Galatians 5: 19-21).

Discerning the manifestations: Anxiety – Doubtful – Fear/phobias – Fear of death – Fear of man – Heart attacks – Horror – Inferiority – Inadequacy – Timidity – Tension – Stress – Torment – Horror – Untrusting – Worry.

5. SPIRIT OF PERVERSION

(See in Scriptures: Exodus 20:14; 20:17; 21:22-25; Proverbs 1:22; 2:12; 14:2; 15:4; 17:20; 17:23; 19:1-3; 23:33; Isaiah 19:14; Acts 13:10; Romans 1:17-32; Philippians 2:14-16; 1 Timothy 6: 4-5; 2 Timothy 3:2-4; 3:7-9; Titus 3:11; 2 Peter 2:14).

Bind: Spirit of Perversion – (spirit of lust; hates anything to do with God).

Loose: Holy Spirit, Pureness and Holiness (Zechariah 12:10; Matthew 5:8; Hebrews 12:14).

The root is works of the flesh: (Galatians 5: 19-21).

Discerning the manifestations: Abortion – Atheism – Child abuse – Chronic worrier – Contentious spirit – Doctrinal error – Evil actions – Filthy mind – Foolish – Hate – Hatred of God – Homosexuality – Incest – Lust – Perverts gospel – Pornography – Rebellion – Self-lovers – Sex perversions – Turns truth – Twist word – Wounded spirit – Wrong teaching.

6. SPIRIT OF HEAVINESS

(See in Scriptures: Nehemiah 2:2; Psalms 69:20; Proverbs 12:18; 15:13; 18:14; 26:22; Isaiah 61:3; Luke 4:18; Romans 16:20; 2 Corinthians 1:8-10).

Bind: Spirit of Heaviness (spirit of grief, despair and hopelessness).

Loose: The Comforter; Oil of joy; Garment of praise (Isaiah 61: 3; Luke 4:18; Acts 10:38).

The root is works of the flesh: (Galatians 5: 19-21).

Discerning the manifestations: Broken heart – Depression – Despair – Devil is god – Discouragement – Excessive mourning – Fear – Gloominess – Gluttony – Grief – Heaviness – Hopelessness – Idolatry – Inner hurts – Insomnia – Loneliness – Mourning – Rejection – Sadness – Self-pity – Sorrow – Sadness – Suicidal thoughts – Torn spirit – Troubled spirit.

7. SPIRIT OF WHOREDOMS (spirit of prostitution)

(See in Scriptures: Leviticus 17:7; Deuteronomy 23:17-18; Judges 2:17; Proverbs 5:1-14; Ezekiel 16:15; 16:28; Hosea 4:13-19; 5:4; I Corinthians 6:13-16; Galatians 5:19; Philippians 3:19; James 4:4).

Bind: Spirit of Whoredoms (spirit of idolatry and prostitution)

Loose: Spirit of God, Pure Spirit. (Zechariah 12:10; Ephesians 3:16; Hebrews 12:14).

The root is works of the flesh: (Galatians 5: 19-21).

Discerning the manifestations: Adultery – All sexual sin – Chronic dissatisfaction – Emotionally weak – Fornication – Homosexuality – Idolatry – Love of food – Love of money – Love of the world – Pornography – Prostitution (spirit, soul, and body) – Unclean spirit – Foul spirit – Unequally yoked – Unfaithfulness – Worldliness (life style).

8. SPIRIT OF INFIRMITY

(See in Scriptures: Psalm 77:10; Proverbs 18:14; Isaiah 53:4-9; Matthew 8:17; Luke 5:15; 7:21; 8:2; 13:11; John 5:5; Acts 3:2; Romans 6:19; 8:26; 15:1; 2 Corinthians 11:30; 12:5; 12:9-10; Galatians 4:13; 1 Timothy 5:23; Hebrews 4:15; 5:2).

Bind: Spirit of Infirmary (under this spirit is all sickness and diseases).

Loose: Spirit of Life (John 6:63) and Gifts of Healings (Mark 16: 18; 1 Corinthians 12:9).

The root is works of the flesh: (Galatians 5: 19-21).

Discerning the manifestations: All sickness – Arthritis – Asthma – Hay fever – Allergies – Bent body spine – Cancer – Colds – Fever – Viruses – Eyes – Ears – Frail heart – Hunchback – Impotent – Lame – Lingering disorders – Lungs – Muscles – Oppression – Sinus – Viruses – Weakness.

9. DEAF AND DUMB SPIRIT

(See in Scriptures: Deuteronomy 1: 43-45; Psalms 38:13; Proverbs 28:9; Isaiah 6:10; 42: 19-20; Jeremiah 6:10; Ezekiel 12:2; 33:32; Micah 7:16; Zechariah 7:11; Matthew 9:32-33; 12:22; 13:15; 15:30-31; 17:15; Mark 9:17-27; Luke 9:39).

Bind: Dumb and Deaf Spirit (under this spirit is epilepsy and anorexia).

Loose: Resurrection Life and Gifts of Healings (Luke 4:18; Romans 8:11; 1 Corinthians 12:9).

The root is works of the flesh: (Galatians 5: 19-21).

Discerning the manifestations: Blindness – Burn – Bruising- Cannot function – Convulsions – Crying – Deafness – Dumbness – Drown – Drives – Epilepsy – Eye diseases – Foaming at the mouth – Gnashing teeth – Inner ear disease – Insanity – Lunatic – Madness – Mental illness – Mute – Pining away (motionless stupor) – Prostration – Schizophrenia – Suicidal tendencies – Seizures – Tearing – Wallowing.

10. SPIRIT OF ANTICHRIST

(See in Scriptures: Daniel 7:24-25; Matthew 24:5; 24:24; 24:26; Mark 13:6; 13:22; 2 Thessalonians 2:3-12; 1 John 2:18-19; 2:22; 1 John 4:1-6; 2 John 1: 7; Revelations 13:1-18; 19:20; 20:25).

Bind: Spirit of Anti-Christ (denies virgin birth; denies the resurrection of Jesus Christ).

Loose: Spirit of Truth (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13) Lease prayer and intercession (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

The root is works of the flesh: (Galatians 5: 19-21).

Discerning the manifestations: Against Christ and His teaching – Anti-Christian – Appoints self against Christ – Atheism – Attempts Christ's place – Blasphemes – Controlling spirit – Deceiver – Denies atonement – Denies deity of Christ – Humanism – Lawlessness – Legalism – New age – Opposes man of God – Persecutes saints – Speaks against the gifts of God – Substitutes the blood – Suppresses ministries – Teachers of heresies – Worldly speech and actions.

11. SPIRIT OF HAUGHTINESS – (pride)

(See in Scriptures: 1 Samuel 15:23; 2 Samuel 22:28; Psalm 31:23; 131:1; Proverbs 3:34; 16:18-19; 18:12; 21:24; 24:9; 28:25; 29:1; 29:8; Isaiah 2:11; 2:17; 3:16; 5:15; 16:6; Jeremiah 43:2; 48:29; 49:16; Ezekiel 16:49-50; Daniel 5:20; Obadiah 1:3; Luke 18:11-14).

Bind: Spirit of Haughtiness (under the spirit pride, is gossip, stubbornness).

Loose: Humble and Contrite Spirit: (Psalm 51:1-19; Proverbs 16:19;) Humble yourself (1 Peter 5:6-7).

The root is works of the flesh: (Galatians 5: 19-21).

Discerning the manifestations: Arrogance – Smugness – Contentious – Controlling spirit – Egotistic – Gossip – Haughtiness – Idleness – Mockery – Obstinate – Pride – Pretentious – Scornful – Self-deception – Self-righteous – Stubbornness – Strife – Rebellion – Rejection of God – Vanity – Wrathful.

12. SPIRIT OF BONDAGE

(See in Scriptures: Exodus 1:14; 20:2; Deuteronomy 5:6; 7:8; Ezra 9:9; Matthew 6:22-23; Acts 8:23; Romans 6:16; 7:24; 8: 5-6; 8:15; 7:23; 8:15; 8:21; Galatians 2:4; 4:3; 4:8-9; 1 Timothy 3:7; 2 Timothy 2:26; Hebrews 2:14-15; 2 Peter 2:19).

Bind: Spirit of Bondage (under the spirit of bitterness, addictions, substance abuse).

Loose: Liberty, Spirit of Adoption (Romans 8:15; 2 Corinthians 3:17) Christ has set us free (Galatians 5:1)

The root is works of the flesh: (Galatians 5: 19-21).

Discerning the manifestations: Abuse – Bruised – Broken – Addictions – Compulsive sins – Alcohol – Ambition – Anguish of spirit – Bitterness – Spiritual blindness – Bondage to sin – Cancer – Captivity to Satan – Cigarettes – Drugs – Fears – Fear of death – Greed – Lust – Love of money – Over-eating – Destructive Power – Money – Religious spirit – Satanic activity – Servant of corruption – Un-forgiveness – Occultist practices – Demonic dreams – Nightmares – Self harm – Suicide – Premature death.

13. SEDUCING SPIRITS

(See in Scriptures: Leviticus 17:7; Deuteronomy 13:6-8; Proverbs 1:10; 12:26; Matthew 24:5; Mark 13:22; Acts 20:29-30; Romans 7:11; 2 Thessalonians 2:3; 1 Timothy 4:1-3; 2 Timothy 3:13; Hebrews 3:12; 2 Peter 3:3; 1 John 2:18-19).

Bind: Seducing Spirits (those giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons – 1 Timothy 4:1).

Loose: The Holy Spirit of Truth (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13).

The root is works of the flesh: (Galatians 5: 19-21).

Discerning the manifestations: Hypocritical life – Seared conscience – Evil conscience- Deception – Wanders from the truth – Seduces – Enticers – Fascination to evil ways – Attracts false religions systems – Fascinations to false prophets – Lying signs and wonders –Erroneous teaching – Rejects the truth of God's word – Idolater – Leads people into error – Believes doctrines of demons – Unbelief in the ways of God – Hellish doctrines.

14. SPIRIT OF ERROR

(See in Scriptures: Psalm 5:10; 19:12; Proverbs 10:17; 12:1; 13:18; 15:14; 29:1; 30:6; Job 6:24; 19:4; Ecclesiastes 5:6; 10:5; Mark 12:27; Romans 1:27; Ephesians 4:14; 2 Thessalonians 2:11; 1 Timothy 6: 20-21; 2 Timothy 4:3-4; James 5:20; 2 Peter 3:17; 1 John 4:6).

Bind: Spirit of Error

Loose: The Holy Spirit of Truth (John 14:17; 15:26; 16:13).

The root is works of the flesh: (Galatians 5: 19-21).

Discerning the manifestations: Argumentative – Contentious – Covetousness – Defensive – Damnation – Defilement- Discouragement – Discontentment – Doubt – Defeat – Deceptive words – Error – False doctrines – False Teachers – False prophets – Lust of the flesh – Lust of the eyes – New age movement – Pride of life – Servant of corruption – Stubbornness – Unteachable – Unholy spirits – Un-submissive – Wrong companions – Wrong counsel.

15. SPIRIT OF DIVINATION

(See in Scriptures: Exodus 7:11; 8:7; 9:11; 22:18; Leviticus 19:26; Deuteronomy 18:11; 1 Samuel 15:23; Isaiah 2:6; 19:3; 47:13; Jeremiah 10:2; Hosea 4:12; Micah 5:12; Acts 16:16-18; Galatians 5:20; Revelation 9:21; 18:23; 21:8; 22:15).

Bind: Spirit of Divination – A python spirit, (also the worship of false gods like Delphi)

Loose: Holy Spirit – Fruit and Gifts (Galatians 5:22-23; 1 Corinthians 12: 4-10).

The root works of the flesh are evident: (Galatians 5: 19-21).

Discerning the manifestations: Divination – Drugs – Fortune tellers – Palm readers – Tarot cards – Soothsayers – Hypnotists – Black magic – Rebellion – Horoscopes – Ouija boards – Stargazing – Zodiac signs – Warlocks – Warlords – Satanist – Witches – Sorcerers – Water witching (divining) – Satanic ritual abuse – Jezebel spirit.

16. SPIRIT OF DEATH

(See in Scriptures: Exodus 20:13; Deuteronomy 30:19; Job 7:15-16; Psalm 13: 2-3; 30:8-12; 118:17; Ecclesiastes 7:17; Matthew 27:3-5; John 10:10; 1 Corinthians 3:16-17; Hebrews 2:15).

Bind: Spirit of Death and Suicide.

Loose: Spirit of Life (John 6:63; Romans 8:2).

The root works of the flesh are evident: (Galatians 5: 19-21).

Discerning the manifestations: Believes a lie to kill oneself; Lost faith in God; Thoughts of destruction and hopelessness; Curse of death; Certain infirmities; Victimization; Abusive; Violent situations; Self-harm; Near death accidents; Unwanted pregnancies; Attempted miscarriages; Contemplated abortion; Word curses of premature death; Rejection of the unborn child; Abandonment; Depression through and upheaval of broken relationship; Constant talk about dying (death wish); Low self-esteem; Forced bad eating habits; Self-hatred; Drug abuse; Alcoholism; Despair; Mental disorders; Bipolar disorder; Schizophrenia; Clinical depression; Borderline personality disorder. The ultimate purpose of Christ's incarnation was the destruction of the devil and deliverance from fear of death. "But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank Him for His Spirit of Life that indwells me and blesses me." (1 Corinthians 15:57).

17. SPIRIT OF POVERTY – FINANCIAL LACK

(See in Scriptures: Leviticus 25:35; Proverbs 10:4; 13:1-25; 14:20; 15:27; 17:5; 19:4; 20:4; 20:13; 21:5; 22:7; 24:33-34; 28:6; 29:7; 31:8-9; Isaiah 41:17; Haggai 1:6; Luke 6:20-21; John 8:44; 2 Corinthians 8:9; James 2:15-16; 3 John 2).

Bind: Spirit of Poverty and Lack.

Loose: Inheritance and blessing (Jeremiah 17:7-8; Galatians 3:13-14) Spirit of generosity (Psalm 112:5; Proverbs 11:24-25; 22: 9) Giving to the poor (Proverbs 19:17 28:27) Hard Work (Proverbs 21:5; 27:23-27; 28:19) Obedience to God and to His Word (Deuteronomy 5:33; 28:1-6; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:3; 128:2; Proverbs 3:2; 13:21 17:20; 28:13)

The root works of the flesh are evident: (Galatians 5: 19-21).

Discerning the manifestations: – Belief in poverty – Covetousness – Debt – Dishonesty – Greed – Hate rich people – Idolatry of possessions – Laziness – Looting – Lack of generosity – Not believing in covenant blessings – Stealing – Refusing to pay others for their labor – Robbing God by not giving. There are a host of different manifestations of evil spirits and the Christian minister needs to be very sensitive to the Holy Spirit and to the person being ministered to. Listen carefully to the person as they reveal their areas of need. You will discern "the key" given by the person as they explain their problems. Be on guard against a lying spirit seeking to deceive or confuse by keeping you away from the real problem area.

Evil spirits can only be commanded to leave a person's body or soul when that person wants to be set free. Otherwise, we are only trying to violate their will.

Only when they are absolutely willing to renounce the demon spirit(s), does this then give us the authority in Jesus' name to cast out those spirits. It is important to note that when an evil spirit is present in the life of a person that spirit will influence the person to do what the spirit is there to do. For example, a lying spirit makes a person tell lies; an unclean spirit makes people do unclean things; a lustful spirit makes people lust after particular things; a deaf spirit makes people deaf, and so on.