

Supporting Pastors by Ministering to Christians in Need of Guidance and Deliverance



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Dear APF Supporter:

Greetings!

As I begin writing this newsletter, the snow is falling outside, and the calendar says December. It is the Christmas season again. The excitement of Christmas begins to flood in as I remember how much fun the Christmas was as a child. I hope that everyone can experience the joy that comes to my mind of Christmas.

Praises:

I praise God for the snow! I really do enjoy winter. Sure it's cold, but with enough clothing, it is just fine.

Another praise is that our family is feeling better. Some days are worse than others, but for the most part, we are doing better.

It may seem like a broken record, but each month I must give praise to God for the healing that He has done for those who have come for help. People have come with many different issues, and Jesus has met each person as he or she needed.

Praise to God that the office building now has permanent electricity: no more temporary cords draped across the yard. I give a special thanks to Chuck Bender for his electrical expertise in directing the electrifying work.

Something to Consider:

While working with Chuck on the wiring, he explained to me how important it is have good connections. With loose connections, there is danger of fire. The discussion brought to mind something from ministry. I deal with connections too. Electricity and wiring doesn't draw a neat parallel, but understanding to whom we are connected is important like making sure wires are connected properly.

In the spirit realm, connections can also exist and must be monitored for safety. Families can be connected. Friends can be connected. Groups can be connected. These connections can be good, but also can be dangerous. Blessings flow through connections, but also can curses. In ministry, one area that is addressed is looking for negative connections. Once the connections are identified, the person can nail them to the cross, breaking the connection. A connection means a tendency or a "bend" toward something. When families, friends, and groups have a "way" about them, it should analyzed to be sure that it is Christ-like. If it isn't Christ-like, it could become a connection with negative consequences.

Evil spirits use connections to attack people, a very negative consequence. An example would be with families. After family get-togethers, children often act like cousins or relatives—sometimes for the better and sometimes for the worse. Obviously, just being around people can influence our behavior. A spiritual component is there as well. If families are connected, then demons that are afflicting one family member may attack others. If the attacked person does not resist the attack, eventually the demon can claim a right to that person too! Eventually, a family can be connected and look like a building wired for electricity, only instead of electricity being shared, it is evil spirits. If it seems that your family is acting out in negative ways after being with family, nail to the cross the connections. We should love our family, but we don't always know what they're into!

The same type of connections and sharing spirits can happen with friends. Strong emotional relationships and sexual relationships almost guarantee a connection, and spirits can be shared. Emotional connections are often made during the dating years. Sexual activity for sure, but even a serious relationships without sexual activity can create a tie that allows for evil spirit sharing. Now, imagine a person with many partners! Spirits can be shared, creating something like a spider web of connections. I believe that is why sexual activity is a major part of occult worship: to create ties that allow spirits to move from one person to another.

Groups, such as churches, business, teams, or clubs, can have connections. If vows or contracts are made, it is especially likely for connections. Some organizations are occult themselves, like Freemasonry, that creates connections to powerful demons. It is a good idea to break negative connections to groups in the Name of Jesus Christ, especially if the group has a strong influence on the person.

In ministry sessions, once the connection is broken, I command in the Name of Jesus that all the parts and helpers that are shared with other people to be brought to the demon in question. Then they are all cast out! I have encountered one time a person who dealt with all the issues with demons except for breaking connections. When it was time to order the spirits out, they weren't there. We thought the person was free, but problems persisted. In the following ministry sessions, it was discovered that the person was connected to a friend, and the spirits fled to the friend when we wanted to confront them. Then the spirits came back later. Once the connection was broken, the person was set free. Now I make it standard procedure to break connections for every demon and cast them out of the other people as well. (Note: This does help other people, but if their issues aren't addressed other demons may take up residence in place of the ones cast out).

So should connections be avoided? Not necessarily. As I noted above, good can be shared as well. When negative connections are discovered, they simply need to be broken by being taken to the Cross. Just as a bad connection in the wiring stops the electricity, so breaking a connection in the Name of Jesus Christ stops the freedom of evil spirits from being shared. Ecclesiastes 4:12 says, "Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A cord of three stands is not quickly broken." Being connected to other believers is good for spiritual battles. The powers of darkness try to counterfeit that and make bad connections too. Such bad connections are can be hard to break without the power of the Cross. The Cross breaks the connection faster than a good electrician can disconnect a cord from an outlet!

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for continued healing of ailments in our household.

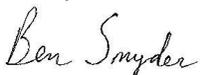
Please pray for an increase in financial donors. Our donations have decreased in the last two months.

Please pray for God's working in scheduling. Many more are calling for help, especially families who need to meet in the evenings. I need God's direction to organize the time well.

Final Thoughts:

Matthew 18:20—"For where two or three come together in my Name, there I am with them." This is a powerful verse in regard to this month's newsletter. Connections are powerful in the spirit realm. I encourage us to use our connection as the body of Christ in a powerful way in battling the powers of darkness.

In Christ,



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