

# *Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom and Deliverance*



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## **Greetings!**

I hope that the coming of spring is a blessing to you, even if it is still a little cold. More importantly, as we move into the month of April, we as Christians can look forward to celebrating the Resurrection of our Savior! No matter what you do to celebrate, with friends, family, at your church house, or even alone, I pray this season will be a time for you to draw near to the Savior and experience His love in a powerful way.

## **Praises:**

I praise God for His work in ministering to clients in the last month. As always, each case is different, but God meets their needs!

I praise God for how He has blessed LFM with the fundraiser at Bob Evans in March. I still have yet to hear back the results, but I'm so grateful to everyone who came in support of the ministry. Thank you!

I praise God for freedom in Christ! I'm pleased to be able to help others to freedom as well.

## **Short Report:**

The fear of life without the presence of evil spirits can cause a person to not fully embrace deliverance. Such was the case with this particular client. The demons were empowering the client to be able to talk to people and even have physical strength. The person's self-worth was very low, and didn't believe that on their own, it was possible to accomplish what they wanted to do. Because of the uncertainty of a life free of demons, the demons didn't have to depart. It turned into quite a struggle, trying to convince the person to renounce the "gifts" of the evil spirits and believe that Christ could empower the person better than the wicked spirits did. In this case, the demons were rather strong, making it quite a battle. They continued to try and convince the client that life would be better with them. Still, Christ is victor, and when the client renounced the agreement with demons and the desire for their "gifting," the spirits were forced to go and the client was free! Now, the client will need to learn to live empowered by the Holy Spirit and His gifting and not fear life without the dark spirits.

## **Something to Consider:**

**Luke 18:23**—<sup>23</sup> *When he heard this, he became very sad, because he was very wealthy.*

The man in Luke 18 asked Jesus what he needed to do to "inherit eternal life." Jesus shared with him that he was lacking one thing, and he needed to give it up. He was a wealthy man, and Jesus said that he needed to give up the wealth, giving it to the poor, and then follow Jesus. This instruction made the man sad, and he walked away, not wanting to give up his wealth.

I see a similarity between the rich ruler in Luke 18 and the client in the short story above. Both of these people were blessed with something that is seen as important in the world. The client's desire for smooth talking and physical strength was high. These gifts had helped the client greatly to not just get by, but even be seen as something special. Certainly, the ruler was seen as someone special because of his wealth. If he lost it, he wouldn't be special or have a special gift anymore. It appears in the account in Luke that the rich man didn't give up his wealth and follow Jesus. Similarly, the client had to choose to give up the "gift." This client did, and the spirits left. There have been some occasions where clients didn't want to give up the power that the spirits provided. In some cases, the clients simply feared being lonely, and not having anyone to talk to!

The challenge, then, for me as minister is to show the truth that life empowered by the Holy Spirit is far better in the long run than the demon power. It can be hard to convince a person of that, because the person may like the present results of these "gifts." However, the Bible shares the ultimate truth in this case. John 10:10—*The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.* It is clear; the demonic brings destruction, even if it doesn't seem to now. Being in Christ brings life, now and forever. Thankfully, in the short report above, the client chose to believe the truth and be set free and could begin a new experience of walking by the power of Holy Spirit!

### **Prayer Concerns:**

Events: *Life of Freedom Bible Studies*—The next Bible study is Monday, April 14, 2014.

Please pray for me for continued, growing discernment in ministry.

Please pray for boldness and courage to share the truth. Confrontation isn't something I enjoy doing, but there are times when it is necessary, so I need Christ's strength greatly.

I praise God, and am humbled, that He continues to increase the number of people who call *Life of Freedom Ministries* for help. Please pray for those who are calling, and for the scheduling to work out.

### **Final Thoughts:**

It wasn't as evident in the case noted in the short report, but at times I've worked with clients where the demons were telling the client they loved him or her more than God does. The demons challenge the truth of God's love by bringing to mind these kind of lies: "if God loved you this wouldn't have happened...if God loved you, He'd give you this gift too...if God loved you, you wouldn't hurt so much..." It is amazing to see God minister to people and help them see and understand His tremendous love for them. The demons' love is fake, and they are simply using the person, ultimately bringing the person to ruin. God's love is wonderful and truly is a blessing that empowers growth and draws us to Him. At the April Bible study, we will look again at God's love!

*Serving the Lord Jesus Christ,*



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