

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Amazing! It is December again, and we are beginning the season to celebrate the birth and coming of our Savior. Christmastime is increasingly becoming a time of thanksgiving and gratitude for me, as I remember how gracious God is in coming to rescue me. I pray this season of celebration is a blessed and special time for you.

Special Note:

If you plan to do your Christmas shopping online this year, and you use Amazon.com, please kindly take the time to help out LFM! By going to the LFM website and entering Amazon.com by clicking on the "AmazoneSmile" icon, LFM will receive a donation from Amazon for the purchase you make. It costs you nothing but a few extra clicks on your device, and helps financially support this ministry.

Also, as we approach the end of 2015, I kindly ask that you prayerfully consider a year-end donation to LFM. The contributions at the end of the year do a great deal to boost the finances for the following year. Also, the contributions have decreased over the course of the year for various reasons, so the year-end would be a big help this year as the need is greater than in years past! Remember that when you give to support LFM, you are supporting many hurting people, many who are not even able to work because of their spiritual and emotional condition. Finally, checks can be made out simply to "LFM" for your convenience. Thank you!

Praises:

Praise God for His healing work in a woman filled with guilt and shame. As she confessed her sins to Him, it visible that she was feeling relief. She then shared she felt so much lighter!

Praise God for the healing and deliverance of another woman troubled by a spirit called "False Love." This spirit confused the woman as to what real love for family really was.

Short Report:

For quite some time, Ms. AA had been struggling spiritually. Her comment to me was, "God seems miles and miles away." She also had lived through the difficulty of reproductive issues. After confessing her sins, we confronted the evil spirits that were at work against her. The chief spirit was named Witchcraft. The reason this spirit had legal ground with her, and he did have a powerful hold on her as she could barely speak when I confronted the spirit, was the practice of using a pendulum. Ms. AA had confessed her own and ancestral involvement in the occult practice. Witchcraft was then cast out to where the Lord Jesus would send him. Although using the pendulum seemed to be harmless, the activity had given ground to an evil spirit that was then tormenting her spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically. Now when the spirit left, her emotional pain immediately decreased. Praise God! The Lord Jesus still delivers us from our sins and the bondage of evil spirits.

Something to Consider:

1 Corinthians 10:20—²⁰ *No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God, and I do not want you to be participants with demons.*

I find it awkward to address this matter at Christmas time, but the recent inundation of helping people who have been burdened by demons due to occult practices leads me to write on the subject. Not only has the issue of occult practices been evident in ministry sessions, I've seen it in numerous other places. These experiences trouble me and bring an anguish to my heart. When I have many, many people who were afflicted because of these things, I cringe inside when I hear young people talking about "teleporting," or see on Facebook the promotion of the practice of reflexology to help a baby sleep, or hear of people using a pendulum on a pregnant woman to determine the sex of the baby. These things seem so harmless, but the question must be asked: what empowers them? Sadly, what makes occult practices work is evil spirits. Paul makes clear in 1 Corinthians 10:20 that we should not participate with the demonic, and too often I see the results of that kind of participation.

At this point, a person may either be getting anxious wondering what these occult practices are and fearing that he or she is involved, or simply is writing it off. "I don't mess with the occult." (I hear that comment *often*). The truth is I use a lengthy inventory in ministry sessions, asking about specific occult practices. Many people are surprised that certain things are empowered by demons. Again, that is the main issue: what is empowering the activity?

If you are curious and want to learn more about this topic, you could contact me and we could discuss the matter. If you like to read, I recommend reading books written from a biblical perspective of the subject. I recommend Dr. Kurt E. Koch's (Dean Hochstetler said it is pronounced "coke," like the soft drink) *Occult ABC's: Exposing Occult Practices and Ideologies*. Also, for a good understanding of occult practices in the area of health and wellness, read *The Biblical Guide to Alternative Medicine* by Dr. Neil T. Anderson and Dr. Michael Jacobson. Finally, *Eyes Opened to Satan's Subtlety* by Emile Kremer is also a good book. (Remember, you can buy them through Amazon.com and enter the website through lifeoffreedom.org).

Finally, and most importantly if you are anxious about this subject, it must be made known there is a way of freedom for the burdens that come from involvement in the occult. Freedom comes from the power of Jesus Christ. He has proven Himself to be faithful in setting the captive free...yet another reason to celebrate the coming of our Savior!

Prayer Concerns:

My prayer is for the truth of Jesus being our Savior will be made known this season in the midst of all of the turmoil around the world. Have a wonderful Christmas season!

Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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