

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Welcome to July. Perhaps it will be a month that we can dry out from all of the June rain. For me and my family, June turned into a rough month. We had to say good bye to a good buddy. Since October, Dalton the dog lived with us. We loved him dearly and were very sad to see him go, but he returned to his original owners (my cousin and his family). I sure miss him greeting me on my walk to and from the office each day. He loved riding along when we picked the children at school. I know we will miss seeing him perk up and get excited when they would come out of the school house. He's a good dog and a faithful friend. Our experience with him has given me a great appreciation for foster parents. As hard as it was for us to see Dalton return to his original family, a family who loves him and cares for him, I can't imagine how trying it would be for a family to part with children that they have cared for during a span of time. Certainly, God's grace must be at work in them!

Praises:

June turned into a very busy month. Through it all, I had the joy of seeing one person come to saving faith and be set free of some spirits. Usually, people who come are already believers. In this case, I was able to share the Gospel first, and then lend a hand so the tormenting voices were gone!

I praise God for how He helps with scheduling, even with the number of appointments, there seemed to be only a few situations that made it difficult to set times to meet.

Short Report:

A family called wanting help because one of their children was having problems. The child was of upper elementary age, and had been stubborn even as a young child. The trouble was that in the previous two to three months, the stubbornness, rebellion, and defiance greatly increased. The parents were at wits end, not knowing what to do. Therefore, they called, wondering if the demonic could be involved. So we set up a time for a ministry session.

The normal process that I use was followed to try to discern any areas in the child or parent's lives that allows the demonic to afflict them. Through the process, it was found out that there was involvement with water divining and reflexology by the parents. Both are occult practices, meaning evil spirits empower the techniques to work. They confessed their sin and canceled the curses on them for the sin.

After we had addressed sins that were in the area of occultism, we then turned to the issue of resentment. At first glance, neither of them believed that they had resentment for anyone. Resentment is a fancy word for hatred, and 1 John 3:15 makes clear that hatred is equal to murder. It is an area that demons will quickly claim as legal ground. As I asked them questions about their lives, two areas of resentment came to light. The child had self-resentment due to feelings of not being good enough. The child even spoke self-curses ("I wish I was dead"). The root of this self-hatred was the second area, and the parents shared about a particular incident.

At an event, a person harshly accused the child, in front of many other people, of being malicious and a liar. Also, the individual made it clear that the parents were not doing a good job as parents, even mocking their efforts. The event

was very traumatic for the child, and the parents continually struggled with an attitude of forgiveness. Also, they noted that it was after that event that the child's problems increased greatly. The family addressed the event as a curse because of a sin against them: it was traumatic for them and the person actually spoke curses over them and the child. The family then nailed to Calvary's Cross the curses that were spoken over them and the curse on them from the trauma.

After the closing prayer, the family reported feeling peaceful. They were worn out, but their faces showed joy. They left anticipating a different home life. A few weeks later, the family reported that it was indeed much more peaceful at their home. The child's behavior is much better, without rebellion and defiance.

Something to Consider:

Luke 6:28—²⁸ *...bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you.*

Romans 12:14—¹⁴ *Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse.*

James 3:9-10—⁹ *With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. ¹⁰ From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.*

This "Short Report" isn't as short as normal. Nonetheless, it does point out the importance of how we speak to people. Even at times when we are joking, like calling someone an "idiot," can be taken the wrong way. As is seen in the report, children are especially vulnerable to hurtful words. Let's have our words be encouraging, even in times of instruction. Also, in those times when we don't do so hot at speaking kindly, it is powerful to confess our wrong doing and ask for forgiveness.

I personally experience the challenge of blessing and not cursing those who criticize me because of this ministry. For some reason, it seems that ministries like LFM get attacked for the idea that Christians can be afflicted by the Evil One and his host and other reasons as well. I too must choose to forgive and bless those who are in opposition. I also must recognize and remember that it is quite possible that the enemy may be behind those words of criticism. I encourage you also, counter words of criticism with blessing and edification. It certainly isn't always easily, but in the end it frees us as well.

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for those debating on calling for help so they will have the courage to set up a time and come for ministry as the Holy Spirit would lead them.

Please pray for those clients who are struggling between choosing God's way and that of the world that they choose the way of the Lord and Freedom in Him.

Serving Christ Jesus,



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