

# *Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom*



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## **Greetings!**

The month of July was quite a month of some major ups and downs, as we experienced a number of changes. In some ways it was difficult, like seeing friends lose a loved one. In other ways it was a blessing, like seeing God minister to the hurting family. Through it all, I'm grateful for God carrying us through the ups and downs.

We do have an offer pending for our home. Should the finances for us and them work out, we will be relocating. More information will be given on the location. I need to make clear that I will continue on in full time ministry. The only change will be in the location of the ministry.

## **Special Note:**

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## **Praises:**

I praise God for His promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ. Without Him, what other hope do we have?

I praise God for His work recently in helping a young client come to understand that at times, even though the enemy ultimately wants to destroy us, he will enable a person to be successful and appear to have a good life. Realizing this helped the client see that some of his "gifts" were not of God and he needed to renounce the abilities he saw as from God.

## **Short Report:**

Mr. T admitted that he struggled with a critical attitude. When working with people, especially his family, he would tend to be short and harsh in the way he spoke to them. It was noted that such an attitude was present in his childhood home as well. We spent time in prayer confessing his sins to God, especially the critical attitude that he and his ancestors had. We then confronted any spirits that were with him, and they admitted their presence by speaking to his mind. The chief spirit's name was Jealousy. His helping spirits were named Anger, Resentment, Frustration, Critical, and Gossip. They were inherited from his parents. The purpose of these spirits was to ruin his testimony as a Christian by enticing him to be verbally mean to others. Mr. T felt relief when they departed.

## **Something to Consider:**

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

**Romans 14:19**—<sup>19</sup> *Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.*

**James 3:9-10**—<sup>9</sup> *With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness.* <sup>10</sup> *Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.*

A majority of the time working in this ministry of lending a hand to people for freedom and spiritual healing, three key areas get the focus of the attention. The first is on involvement in the occult by the person and the near ancestry. The second is traumatic events the person or near ancestry endured. Finally, the third area is carrying resentment or unforgiveness. At times, though, different kinds of sinful choices can lead to demonization. In the case with Mr. T, the family had a continued practice of being critical of others. In my experience these kinds of sins, like being critical, or angry, or a gossip, for example, are recognized as not being good and is due to the flesh, but not demonic. The idea that the demonic can be involved, enhancing the sinful habit and making it even more difficult to overcome, isn't considered. The good news is that if there are demons involved and they are evicted, the people have been able to overcome the bondage of those sins!

Two points come to mind in regard to demonization due to these types of sins. First, when I share this information with a group, there tends to be a fear that a person is demonized if this sin is a problem. Connected to that is the fear that committing the sin just one time will cause demonization. In regard to both, the answer is that we don't need to be fearful. I don't know exactly at what point a repeated sin becomes a stronghold and a demon would gain residence. I cannot guarantee that it won't happen after the first time. However, I can guarantee that there is freedom in Christ! Therefore, I highly encourage people to not jump to conclusions and be fearful about the presence of spirits. If they are there, in Christ we have the ability to deal with them. If they are not there, a person needs the power of the Holy Spirit to overcome the stronghold of sin. We are dependent on Him to sustain us and empower us to live in victory.

Second, just as we shouldn't jump to conclusions about ourselves in regard to demonization, we should not do so toward others. Just because a person is struggling with a sin does not mean we should stigmatize them and judge them. As I wrote in the previous paragraph, the victory is in Christ, whether in dealing with demons or not. Yes, demons may be involved, but looking down on someone struggling doesn't edify the person. I'm not trying to make light of demons residing in a person, as it is definitely not desirable. However, just as cancer does not make a human unhuman, demonization does not make a believer an unbeliever. The issue isn't the demon, but the work of the Holy Spirit in the person to bring freedom from whatever is leading the person to the bondage of sin and demons. Therefore, they need our encouragement, blessing, and words of edification instead of judgment and condemnation. Through it all, Christ is our deliverer so lift others to Him!

May God bless you that you can enjoy these last couple of months of summer in His creation!

**Prayer Concerns:**

Please continue to pray for my family as we work out the details in regard to moving.

Please pray for the ministry for the adjustments that moving may bring, if the sale goes forward.

Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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