Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Is it time for back to school already? It sure is, whether or not my children are ready. They look forward to being with their friends, but frown at the thought of homework assignments, tests, and quizzes. In the end, the good education, learning how study (more than just asking Google for the answer ③), and growing as a person is worth the hours of homework and studying. Certainly, there are parts of life that we must do, even if they aren't fun! The same can be for me. I certainly enjoy seeing a person being set free and encounter healing from the Holy Spirit. In order to do so, though, we must do the difficult, and sometimes tedious, work of unloading the freight the person is carrying. It can be trying to hear the many experiences of sin, abuse, and torment that people endure. In the end, the healing of the Holy Spirit is worth the hard work that is done.

Praises:

I praise God for the work and support of the LFM oversight board. We had a good meeting in July. I am so blessed by their help for the ministry.

I praise God for His work in never letting go of those He loves. I have clients that sometimes feel like they can't press on and won't make it through, but they do! He carries them through and encourages them to continue on seeking Him and the freedom He gives.

I also praise God for His provision for me and my family. This August, we'll have been at our new home for two years. We are very blessed to be here, and enjoy the property very much. We've worked hard to add to what was already a very nice place to make it our own, and are immensely grateful to God.

Short Report:

Since he was a boy, Mr. EE had issues with strong sexual desires. He was abused as a child, and indeed had received inner healing from the Holy Spirit at another ministry. Still he struggled with occasionally looking at pornography, and just didn't feel free. He wanted to check and see if there were spirits there. He had previously confessed all known personal and ancestral sin, including involvement in occult activities. We then confronted the evil spirits that were at work against him. Sure enough, a number of inherited spirits were present. Anger, Lust, Pornography, Suicide, Rage, were there. Mr. EE's ancestors before him struggled with these very same issues. Also, a spirit claimed the name Hunger, as it made his appetite for food to continue on, even after eating. A spirit that was shared with his wife in regard to inherited issues of occult practice was there. The root cause of the sexual sin, the rage, and suicide was participation in the occult by generations back. All the demons were cast out in the name of Jesus Christ! He felt lighter and at peace. The best part of the session, though, was the ministering work of the Holy Spirit. Mr. EE also felt that he was not good enough. The Holy Spirit showed him truth of what God's Word says about him and his worth and value. He can have confidence because God determines his worth and value. He no longer needed to go to pornography and a fantasy world to find someone who supposedly valued him. Now, he could be fully devoted to his wife as well. Mr. EE left the office in peace.

Something to Consider:

1 Corinthians 10:20-21—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. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot have a part in both the Lord's table and the table of demons.

Exodus 22:18—18 "Do not allow a sorceress to live.

The topic of this newsletter is to prepare us for the coming two months. Beginning in mid-September going through October, our country celebrates in increasing measure the ways of darkness. On one hand, many make light of evil and look to enjoy spooks and scary things. The real evil that is the occult is disregarded, and only the fun parts are emphasized. On the other hand, there is blatant celebration of Satan, the demonic host, and the ways of the occult. I greatly discourage participation in such celebrations and activities.

The reason for the discouragement is simple: I often see in ministry sessions the very negative consequences of participation in occult activities. I learned from Dean Hochstetler that 80% of demonization comes from ancestral burdens. Moreover, the demonization that shows up is the "fruit" of sexual sin. It is highly likely the root entrance of the demonic is not a sexual activity to start with, but involvement in the occult. Mr. EE was burdened unnecessarily with sexual perversion that he felt powerless to overcome because of demons gaining access through his ancestors' involvement in the occult. The Apostle Paul makes it clear: we can't have part in both the Lord's table and that of the demonic. The presence of the demons will bring negative consequence. Even if these consequences are very small, are they worth involvement in, or even just taking lightly, the occult? I don't believe so. Even worse, Dean noted that the longer the history of the occult in the family without it being addressed, the greater the likelihood of the descendants not even coming to saving faith. That note alone leads me to want to have no part in the occult.

I much prefer the attitude a friend of mine expressed when I asked about doing yoga. His response was, "I will *never* bow down to a Hindu deity!" Now, I highly doubted he did yoga. Yet, he was very forthright in his answer for himself, without being condemning of those who do participate. He recognized that yoga is occult in that each position is designed to worship a Hindu god. Why participate at the table of demons? The consequences can be disastrous. Therefore, I discourage any participation with the ways of darkness.

Prayer Concerns:

Recently, I've had a number of new clients. Please pray for them in continuing the process to freedom.

Also, in the last few weeks, a few clients from quite a distance away have contacted me about help. Please pray for them for the ability to meet with me, or find a minister near who can lend a hand.

Finally, as always, please pray for continued growth in wisdom and discernment for helping troubled people.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,

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