



Life of Freedom MINISTRIES

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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

In Ephesians 6:12, the Apostle Paul makes note of different levels of authority in the spirit realm. There are those in ministry who have done work on differentiating between these groups, or levels of spirits. Certainly, there is a hierarchy. However, for the most part, ministry work at LFM, does not get into the names or distinctions of the different groups. What is experienced is how the spirits seem to “work together.” In this month’s newsletter, I’ll explain what I’ve learned in regard to the authority structure of spirits while helping clients be free from evil spirits. As should be expected, their practices are completely upside down from those of a life in Christ. Sometimes it can be challenging to fully grasp their level of wickedness, but it also shows how great and loving God is, as He’s the opposite of what they are.

Praises:

I praise God for freedom for a young client who was severely attacked in the mind with very anxious thoughts.

I praise God for the growth and healing I’ve seen in a client who has been in a long process of being set free from very traumatic experiences from childhood.

I praise God for His encouraging of a client to trust in Him after years of struggle and turmoil with demonic attack. The experience with Him brought the client encouragement.

Short Report:

As Mr. SS shared his background information with me, the pain was evident in his voice. He said, “I’m not the leader. She is.” He said his wife tells him that he needs to be a leader in the home. However, whenever he tried to lead, she would take control and overrule him. He chose to cope with the turmoil by turning to alcohol. He’d make vows to not drink again, but continually broke those vows. We spent the first session getting on paper all of the known unconfessed sins from his life, sins done by his ancestors, and sins done against him. In the second session, He took time to confess to God all of the sins and burdens to the Lord. In Jesus’ name, I commanded the spirits to admit their presence and tell us if they had a right to stay. Before spirits would identify themselves, Mr. SS had to choose to specifically forgive his wife and two other women who hurt him in a similar way as his wife did. There was still no response, so we prayed to ask the Lord if there was something that we missed in our time of confession. We both felt there was something that must have been missed. An issue of anger came to mind. He also had to confess his anger at himself for not being able to lead and not be controlled by his wife. Finally the spirits obeyed and did acknowledge their presence to him. They did so by speaking to his mind. He would have thoughts that directly answered my questions, but he did not initiate these thoughts. Mr. SS knew that these were not his own thoughts. Only one spirit was identified, the chief over other spirits, and his name was Ouija Board. He had no more legal right to stay and was evicted. The Holy Spirit was invited to fill him and bring blessings of the opposite of what the evil spirits

were doing.

Something to Consider:

Matthew 12:24-26—²⁴ *But when the Pharisees heard this, they said, "It is only by Beelzebul, the prince of demons, that this fellow drives out demons."* ²⁵ *Jesus knew their thoughts and said to them, "Every kingdom divided against itself will be ruined, and every city or household divided against itself will not stand. ²⁶ If Satan drives out Satan, he is divided against himself. How then can his kingdom stand?"*

A case report like the one for this month would often draw a person's attention to the issue of leadership in the home. The trouble of the wife wanting her husband to lead and then not allowing him to do so is a very common problem that I encounter. This, however, is not the focus I have for September. Instead, the main issue of this newsletter is about the organization of the spirits. Since the presenting problem was leadership in the home, it would seem likely that the chief spirit would have been named something like "Control" or "Domination." It might seem surprising that the chief spirit was Ouija board. The highest ranking spirit afflicting the man was connected to involvement in the occult and his ancestry by playing an Ouija board. It tends to be that occult spirits are higher in rank, or power and authority, than other spirits that afflict a person. They command the lesser spirits to cause problems, such as dysfunction in the home like being controlling. The man may have stopped the occult involvement, but the presence of the spirits influenced him and his family lead to spiritual problems.

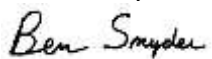
Although an excellent book, one short coming of C.S. Lewis' *Screwtape Letters* is that it portrays the evil spirits as being pals. The reality is they are not friends but are full of hate, even for each other. Unlike God, they have no mercy. The spirits fear the punishment of spirits who are higher in rank even more than they do of God. Therefore, they try to lord it over each other and gain as much power as they can. Any amount of working together is either done in a selfish manner, or because a higher ranking spirit has ordered them to do so. This shows that their kingdom will not stand. Nonetheless, they still can cause a great deal of problems for people. Another aspect of this hierarchy is in regard to counterfeit miracles. For instance, if a person is "set free" of evil spirits, or "healed" of a malady, the burden is actually just shifted to another part of the person, as the evil spirits are now under a higher ranking evil spirit. Worse issues will develop for the person! The spirit was not actually evicted, nor was the illness removed. The function, or assignment, of both has changed. It can be difficult to think in this way because it is upside down from God's kingdom. Nonetheless, it is true that their kingdom will fail because it's divided, and even more so because Jesus Christ has defeated them (Colossians 2:15). Against a kingdom of hateful darkness, the kingdom of a loving, living God will not fail.

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for a client who has the trauma of being separated from family while going through deliverance.

Please pray for a client who is tormented with evil, suicidal thoughts he knows are from the enemy.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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