



Life of Freedom MINISTRIES

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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

We have now entered the season where evil and darkness is celebrated. It makes me sad that so many minimize the reality of the evil forces. At the same time, there are Christians who respond to the celebrations with condemnation. Although I'm opposed to celebrating Halloween and the activities connected to the holiday, I want to encourage us to remember to "love your neighbor as yourself." Getting angry, critical, condemning, and fearful isn't going to convince people of the real dangers of participating in activities that aren't redeemable. It also likely isn't going to show them to Christ. Instead, we can lovingly and kindly share a different way to live that doesn't celebrate the darkness.

Praises:

I praise God for the freedom and healing brought to a man for whom I've requested prayer. There is likely still some work to do, but freedom is apparent.

I praise God for His blessing of seeing a young lady be healed of wounds that she experienced as a child. The pain in her heart was very great to the point of death, but the Lord showed her how much He cared and that she was valued by Him.

I praise God for how He brought healing to a client's mind. Many years of trauma caused her mind to have extreme confusion.

Short Report:

Can spirits inherited from ancestors cause addictions like being in bondage to food? Although evil spirits do not cause it every time, the answer is, yes, they can. Ms. EEE had problems with overeating, buying too much, and needing to constantly find comfort. She also was tormented with voices that would converse with her through the day. After a couple of sessions, we were able to confront the chief inherited spirit. The spirit's name was Food. She had an ancestor during the Great Depression who was in need of food. The ancestor cursed his children, and cursed the idea of having children because the children took his food. The bondage to food was found in the following generations, especially for Ms. EEE. The evil spirit Food also began to punish her for planning to have children. He admitted he instigated an accident that could easily have killed her. The trauma brought in another spirit, who then tormented her mind with the conversations, especially at work where the accident happened. Ms. EEE put the curses on children, on having children, and the traumatic experience on the cross, declaring them broken in Jesus' name. Food admitted he could no longer stay, and he and his host were all evicted from her. We also cancelled the inherited curses on behalf of her entire family, going back to the ancestor who spoke the curse. We commanded the evil spirits residing with every descendent to go from them as well. Finally, we invited the Holy Spirit to fill those places where the evil spirits were working, asking Him to bring blessings of healing and restoration to them.

Something to Consider:

Galatians 5:19-21—¹⁹ *The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;* ²⁰ *idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions* ²¹ *and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

The Short Report above has a number of aspects on which I could focus for the newsletter. For this month, I'm focusing on how the enemy took advantage of a traumatic, difficult situation to create addictions in a family. Out of fear and selfishness, an ancestor of Ms. EEE spoke curses on his children. Essentially, the man did witchcraft against his own family. The fruit of his actions only created even more bondage for himself to the acts of the flesh. The following generations, then, were also subject to more struggles of fighting the acts of the flesh. The witchcraft and the repeated acts of the flesh then gave ground to evil spirits who worked continually to enhance their hold on Ms. EEE, and likely other members of her family.

Did Ms. EEE experience the kingdom of God? At the very least, it was minimized. This is not to say she was not a Christian. In our ministry sessions, she clearly expressed faith in Christ. However, she, on her own, could not overcome the strongholds, no matter what discipline she tried. The presence of the spirit, Food, prevented her from having any kind of success. She needed to confess to God the ancestral sins of selfishness, witchcraft, hatred, and more. She also need to confess the inherited burdens from the witchcraft done against her, as well as the lies she believed from traumatic experiences she had herself. By confessing these sins to God and declaring the ground claimed by the enemy was cancelled in Jesus' name, the evil spirits could then be evicted. With evil spirits gone, she could then be disciplined to overcome the strongholds in her life.

Are all addictions, like over eating or uncontrollable spending, due to the presence of evil spirits? No, they aren't. However, if one is struggling to overcome addictions, isn't it worth exploring the possibility of evil spirits being involved? I do believe it is wise to do so. Checking on the possibility of evil spirits being at work doesn't mean that a person is saying, "The devil made me do it," and not taking responsibility. Instead, by taking the burdens to the cross for oneself and for the whole family, the person is the one who actually is taking responsibility and addressing the situation from a spiritual perspective. If you struggle with addictions, or if you know someone who struggles with addictions, I encourage you to check things out from a spiritual perspective. If it is indeed a spiritual issue, there is freedom in Christ!

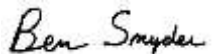
Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for the clients who have connection to Satanism. Halloween is usually a difficult season for them.

Please continue to pray for a client who is in need of medical care as much as spiritual care. Please pray for the funding he should receive for the care to be given.

Please pray for another client who has been working through refocusing on spiritual truth. The enemy had nearly destroyed him with confusion.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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