

# *Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom*



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

## **Greetings!**

The coming of September means that autumn and harvest season is near. I enjoy the beauty of this season, and look forward to the different colors of fall. The enemy likes to try and steal the joy of the season with greater activity due to things like Halloween. Let's not allow them to keep us from having a grateful, thankful, and joyful harvest season!

## **Praises:**

I praise God for how He faithfully ministers to hurting people. Often times, a person feels great peace and healing just by knowing that he or she is forgiven.

I praise God for His provision for me and my family. Being dependent on the donations of loving supporters, I'm so thankful for Him and those who so graciously give. He continues to meet our needs.

## **Short Report:**

Mr. & Ms. G came for help because they were experiencing ghost phenomena in their home, which means they had a haunted house. The ghost activities were not necessarily really scary hauntings, but they were unsettling for the family nonetheless. The wife experienced seeing spirits as a child, and that led to an interest and involvement with a medium. Both husband and wife worked through an inventory. This was to be sure that we addressed as much legal ground as possible that the spirits causing the haunting would claim before confronting them. The inventory identified unconfessed personal and ancestral sins, as well as sins done against them. After Ms. G confessed her sins, the spirits were disturbed enough to begin speaking to her mind without being fully called to attention. Normally, I have to order the spirit to identify himself to the person's mind. In this case, they were so unhappy they were identifying their presence early. Therefore, we went right into confronting the spirits that were claiming residence in her. The first spirit was named Witchcraft, and he was bringing some significant body discomfort for her. Through confronting this spirit, and 13 others, it was found that some of them still had legal rights to stay. All legal rights were cancelled through confession of more sins that were done by her and her ancestors, some of which were occult in nature. She did not know her ancestors were involved in occult activities, which is why we did not confess the sins before confronting the spirits. The demons all admitted they had to go after the confession and canceling their ground in Jesus' name, and did so. I invited the Holy Spirit to fill her and she felt so light and full of joy! When a person gets involved in the occult as Ms. G had done, the danger is demonization. The evil spirits had been tormenting her thoughts repeatedly. Before they departed, I commanded them to confess to her what they were doing. An example of their work was a spirit who would tempt her to look at men other than her husband and bring thoughts like, "He'd be a good husband!" She hated those thoughts, but couldn't stop them! Many of the struggles she had in her life were due to the work of evil spirits, and they enticed her to deal with them through occult means. These practices only increased their presence and furthered the affliction. In spite of all this, Christ is victorious over the evil spirits and she was set free!

## Something to Consider:

**Ephesians 5:11**—<sup>11</sup> *Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.*

**Galatians 5:19-21**—<sup>19</sup> *The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery;* <sup>20</sup> *idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions* <sup>21</sup> *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.*

A growing concern for me is the level of involvement I see in families with popular occult activities. No matter the setting, when I alert people about the dangers of these activities, there tends to be a resistance to the message. Some may respond by telling me that I'm being legalistic because only the Old Testament condemns things like witchcraft. The New Testament also condemns involvement with evil spirits through magic, sorcery, and witchcraft. Above is just one example of that condemnation. I don't share about the dangers because it is my rule or a church rule, but in an instruction from God for our protection.

Others say that I'm exaggerating and making a big deal out of nothing. Mr. & Ms. G are not the only ones to have problems due to involvement in the occult. The Bible shows that bad consequences come from involvement in things like witchcraft. Experience shows this as well. I simply don't want others and their descendants to have to go through such experiences. The problems may not be seen in this generation, but the following ones may have horrible problems. Ms. G was so susceptible to demonic influence because the occultism of her ancestors. My hope is to prevent that!

Another comment I've been told that sharing about the dangers of the occult and helping people to freedom only causes the demons to cause problems. In essence, if we leave the demons alone, they won't be a problem. Unfortunately, that is not the case. They don't go or leave people alone, especially when people get tangled up in occult practices. Making people aware of demons doesn't bring them out. Going into their territory does. Even subtle things like *Harry Potter* books and movies, role playing games that have curses, spells, and incantations in them, or children's movies that have spiritism (which are many), are dangerous. These things make people more inclined to do something like Ms. G did, visit a medium.

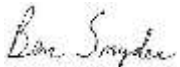
There is a reason we are to expose evil and not participate. We may not seem as fun as other people, but it is the right thing to do. It may be difficult this fall to be different from others, but I encourage you to do so to stand against the evil around us. We don't need to be insulting or accusing, but kindly decline to participate. Perhaps we can prevent someone from having the troubles that Ms. G had.

## Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for your church for the empowerment to stand against the schemes of the enemy.

Please pray for me to grow in my discernment of spirits at work in people. I was just recently reminded of how the enemy likes to hinder discernment for people helping others in spiritual need.

Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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