



Introduction to Deliverance Ministry

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This is your time for breakthrough! As you work through these materials, you will encounter the Deliverer who loves you so much that He sent his Son to set you free from all the works of the enemy! Whom the Son sets free is free indeed. You will be set free from sin habits, addictions, sickness, selfishness, worldliness, bitterness, fear, and other weapons the enemy uses against you. Know that at the death and resurrection of Jesus and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, everything you need for victory was secured! This introduction is just that – an introduction. After you personally prayerfully go through these worksheets, a deliverance ministry team will pray with you to discern if there are any remaining deliverance needs in your life. It is also an introduction to a lifestyle of learning and applying the truths that set you free and keep you free!!

KEYS TO DELIVERANCE

- Begin with prayer, with intimacy with Jesus – that is where you are safe, under the shadow of His wings. Pray for, believe and receive wisdom, discernment, power and authority for deliverance, as well as activating by faith His righteousness in you, and activate the power of the Holy Spirit. Believe the Lord for power and authority over the enemy and his schemes.
- Read Matthew 6:13, Romans 7:14-8:2. Praise Jesus because He is the Freedom Giver! It was for freedom that Christ set us free! (See Galatians 5:1)
- It is God's will for you to be delivered and set free from all demonic torment and oppression, all fleshliness, all worldliness, danger, and anything holding you captive. (See Isaiah 61:1-3, Luke 4:18-19)
- Understand that believers cannot be possessed by the enemy, but can be tormented, just as Paul was (See 2Corinthians 12:7)

- The same Holy Spirit that anointed Jesus is the same Holy Spirit poured out on all flesh at Pentecost. You have the very same power and authority Jesus had to overcome and be delivered from evil!
- Daily command deliverance from evil (See Matthew 6:13)
- The victory you have over evil is a gift given by God through the cross. He who knew no sin became sin for us (2Corinthians 5:21)! Picture all sin, sickness, disease, poverty, confusion, unrighteousness, addiction, etc., on Jesus as He was on the cross. John 3:14-16 describes salvation as seeing the serpent (representative of sin) dead on the cross. Jesus became sin and that sin was killed. Jesus took that sin and deposited it in hell as the punishment that sin deserves, so you can be totally free from sin and its consequences! Just as believe in your heart and confess with your mouth for salvation (Greek word sozo), we also believe in our heart and confess with our mouth our deliverance (also the Greek word sozo! See Romans 10:9-10)
- Now daily submit yourself to God, lay everything at His feet: all your agendas, personal desires, etc., and put everything under the Lordship of Jesus. Only then can we resist the devil and see him flee. Faith is the victory! (See James 4:7, 1 John 5:4)
- Get to the root issues. We can swat flies or we can get rid of the garbage!
- You will not be delivered from any evil that you love or that you trust. For example, if I love scary movies, I will be hard pressed to be delivered from a spirit of fear. If I love key lime pie, I will have a hard time dealing with a spirit of compulsive eating. If I trust in the world economic system, in a spirit of mammon, or if I love money, I will not be set free from poverty and the devourer and the evil that holds me captive to money problems. So I make a decision who I love and trust.
- Allow the Lord to show you any areas the enemy has trusted in so you can remove his armor and cast him out. (See Luke 11:22)
- Renounce your love for evil, for all evil, and hunger and thirst for righteousness.
- Understand that to live by the flesh leads to a spirit of death while being led of the Spirit leads to the Spirit of Life! (See Romans 8)
- Understand and use the power and authority the Lord has given us over the enemy. Understand also the keys of the Kingdom that have been given to us and how to use them. (See Luke 4:36, 9:1, Matthew 16:19)
- That same power and authority for salvation and deliverance is the same for healings as well. Expect healings!
- You need to quit looking at things naturally and begin operating in the supernatural gift of discernment so you supernaturally see and know what the enemy is doing, how he is attacking and deceiving, and how the Spirit will set you free.

- You can never be possessed by the enemy, but you may have given the enemy legal right to oppress you. But you have someone greater than the enemy who is yours and in His name you will take authority over all the works of the enemy because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world.
- You are seated in the heavenlies so you have an advantage over the enemy. You are at a place of authority seated with Christ, seated with the God of peace, so now you can crush satan under your feet.
- Understand the powerful weapons available to you to obtain freedom: repentance, faith (Matthew 15:22-28, cf. Hebrews 3:19, hindrance of unbelief), name of Jesus, blood of Jesus, word of Jesus, total submission (not loving our life unto death, See Revelation 12:11), truth and the Holy Spirit (2Corinthians 3:17 [AMP]).

THE PROBLEM: OPEN DOOR LIST

Deliverance is about leading a person out of submission to the kingdom of darkness, shutting the doors you have opened (or was opened for you generationally), then leading you into the Kingdom of Light. People must shut doors they have opened to the kingdom of darkness and be taught how to keep that door shut. You must then get filled with the Holy Spirit, with the Kingdom, in that area of your life. The Truth sets us free and keeps us free! The way to do this is to take that area of their life to the cross through repentance, renunciation, and through refilling of the Holy Spirit and grace. You must realize that at the cross, ALL of the works of the enemy against you were defeated! The enemy can in no way touch you or harm you. Yet, sometimes you are attacked or tormented by the enemy because you have given him legal permission to do so. Ephesians 4:27 warns not to give the devil a foothold or opportunity or license to legally come into an area of our life to torment you. Acts 25:16 uses the same Greek word “topos” translated “foothold” or “opportunity” in Ephesians but is translated “license” in Acts, implying legal access. So legally, whatever doors that have been opened to the enemy, you must legally close. You close them through repentance, renouncement, and application of the redemption and justification power and authority of the Name and Blood of Jesus!

Opening prayer: Father, baptize me with the Holy Spirit! (Luke 11 starts with the teaching on the need to seek for and ask for the Holy Spirit; then goes on to teach about casting out demonic torment and oppression and strongholds.) I receive the power source of the Holy Spirit which makes deliverance much easier and quicker! I receive His power to be set free, then I receive His power to stay free! Give me the Spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him so I can see and discern supernaturally the warfare against me and the warfare for me. Lord, thank you that your desire is to destroy the work the evil one has wrought in my life. Please search me and know me in the following areas and bring awareness to my heart and mind anything that stands in the way of my relationship with you. Thank you, in Jesus’ name, amen.

TWO ORIGINAL DECEPTIONS THAT ARE THE ROOTS OF EVERY OTHER STRONGHOLD:

1. I AM INFERIOR AND THE WAY GOD MADE ME IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH. I DO NOT HAVE ALL I NEED FROM GOD; I NEED TO BE BETTER AND EARN GOD'S PLEASURE.
2. I AM FEARFUL AND INSECURE BECAUSE I BELIEVE GOD IS NOT REALLY FULLY FOR ME, I FEEL HE IS HOLDING SOMETHING BACK FROM ME; OR, HE IS NOT ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF ME; OR, DOES NOT LOVE ME ENOUGH TO TAKE CARE OF ME; OR, I AM NOT GOOD ENOUGH FOR HIM TO TAKE CARE OF ME, SO I HAVE TO "HELP" HIM OR DO THINGS MY WAY OR THE WORLD'S WAY.

Both of these lies were loosed in the Garden when the serpent, the devil, originally tempted Adam and Eve. If you can deal with these two issues, every other stronghold will fall like dominoes! What happens is; when you do not trust God, you have to trust something. When you trust something besides God, you make that thing above God because you rejected trusting God and put your trust in something else. That obviously opens the door for that thing you trusted to take over rulership of your life. You must repent of trusting in anything besides God, renounce that thing, and put your trust in God again in that area or those areas of our life, effectively closing the door to the demons that have been given legal right to operate in those areas.

When you believe you are inferior, it causes you to do something to earn God's favor or love. Anything you do to try to earn God's love, favor, or salvation, is religion or law. Law is the power behind sin and sin is the power behind death, and death is the staple of the kingdom of darkness. So not believing what God says about you and what He has done for you causes us to get religious to try to earn what God has freely given, and looses the consequences of the law upon us: death or destruction in that area of your life. You need to repent of not believing what God did for us and not believing what God says about who we are. Then we need to close those open doors of torment from the tormenter and begin to believe by faith who we are which leads to God's blessing on our life.

We now have to take a look at how and why I began to believe the lie. Did God not seem to come through according to my timetable? Did I get hurt unjustly? Did I get traumatized somehow? Did someone hurt my feelings or harm me physically? Did someone lie to me? Did I allow any of those actions to make me doubt God's love for me or doubt who I am in Christ? If I did, then I need to repent of that and change my belief system, forgive those who have wronged me, and close the open door to the enemy that was opened by my doubt, just as Eve opened the door to the enemy through her doubting God's goodness.

SIN: FLESH, WORLD, SOULISHNESS, LUST OF THE EYES, LUST OF THE FLESH, SINFUL PRIDE OF LIFE.

Romans 6:12-14 says that when we give into the flesh it can become our master. It becomes an obstacle to our Christian walk that blocks or hinders the grace of God. James 3:13-18 shows us that soulishness (sensual or natural, Greek work is "psuke" or "soul") leads to demonic open doors. If we are set free from sin, let us walk in the Spirit and live a blessed life of freedom! If we have issues, let us apply the blood of Jesus and be set free from the resulting strongholds. He who knew no sin became sin on our behalf so we can be free from sin and its punishment! Repent and turn from all sin, receive the cleansing and forgiveness purchased for you at the cross!

- **UNBELIEF:** It was unbelief that kept the Hebrew nation from entering their rest, their Promised Land. Unbelief in the Lord implies belief in the natural realm, the fleshly, or the kingdom of darkness. Belief in that system opens the door for demonic works. **Repent of all unbelief.**

business!). The priests were to bless the people every day. We need to consistently bless others as well, but as fathers we must bless our children.

- **RELIGION:** Religion is anything we do to try to earn God’s favor. Religion is based on works, the Law, and self-effort. All cults base themselves on works and self-effort. Many churches base programs on traditions or something that was blessed before but the Lord is not leading them to do now. Religion is based on obligation, guilt, and shame. The true Christian life is based on righteousness, peace, and joy; and is backed up by Holy Spirit power and enablement and freedom! It is the deception that the work of the cross was not enough. When Jesus said “It is finished”, it was finished! The victory won at the cross is applicable for every situation the Christian faces in their life. We just need to live our life led of the Spirit, not led of what we think we need to do today. Sometimes we even are led of the Spirit to do something and God moves powerfully through it, so we think that is how we are to do it the next time so we do it again with no results because we were not led of the Spirit that time. We got into works or religion, trying to find what program or denomination works. Those who are led of the Spirit are sons of God and when the sons of God are manifested, all creation will take notice! The Book of Galatians is about being set free from “the bondwoman and her son” and being set free to “Sarah.” Paul said to the Galatians, “How could you move or fall from grace, having been saved by grace? Why would you then move into works? Repent of your own self efforts to please God.” Religion is especially heinous as it implies that the work of Jesus on the cross was not enough and we have to add our works to it. We need to cast out the bondwoman and her son!

- ⊖ Proclamation to cast off religion (the bondwoman and her son) and to be led of the Spirit (Sarah) from this day forward: I repent of and confess I have walked in religion, trying to earn brownie points with the Lord through my works, through doing it my way or the traditional way or whatever way except for being led of the Spirit. I repent of trusting in traditions or “yesterday’s manna” or whatever worked at another time or place rather than seeking the “now” word of the Lord. I repent of trying to come up with good ideas for how to serve the Lord. I repent of trusting in programs rather than the power of the Lord. I cast off the bondwoman and her son of religion, and I choose to be a son of God that is led of the Spirit. Holy Spirit, from this moment forward, I ask You to lead me in every thought, emotion, and decision for the rest of my life.

- **ANTI-ANOINTING or ANTI-CHRIST:** Repent of any theology that minimizes the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit, or miracles. Repent also of any area of your life that you are not trusting in the power of God or the grace of God to accomplish it. We must believe that we can do ALL things through CHRIST (the Anointed One, the anointing, the grace of God) who strengthens (empowers, dunamis) me. Any time we trust in our own abilities we open the door for the spirit of antichrist to operate in our life.

- ⊖ Proclamation and strategy to bind the spirit of antichrist: I confess and repent of speaking against the Anointing or not believing in the power or gifts of the Holy Spirit. I confess I am blessed by my heavenly Father, my spiritual or natural father, I have victory over the wild beasts in the wilderness, I turn from the world, the flesh, and the enemy by trusting the Word of God, and I seek the Presence of the Lord and the Anointing as my power source for life. I choose to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit and of His anointed leaders leading

from the anointing, not trying to add to it or subtract from their instruction from my own reasoning or my own experiences or desires.

- **UNFORGIVENESS:** List all people or groups of people (churches, organizations, races, etc.) from childhood to the present whom you have or have ever had any unforgiveness or bitterness or resentment (dead or alive) toward or that you have wrongly judged, condemned or cursed. (See Matthew 18:23-35, 2Corinthians 2:10-11) [See worksheet]
 - Proclamation for unforgiveness: Lord, thank you for forgiving me. Now, I want to confess that I have not loved, but have resented certain people and have unforgiveness and condemnation in my heart. Lord, I call upon you to help me to forgive even as you have forgiven me. Now, knowing that I cannot be forgiven unless I forgive, and knowing that if I curse what You have blessed, that curse falls back on me, I choose to forgive and release all judgments and curses against (call out every person or group of people the Lord put in your mind). Now, I forgive and accept myself in the name of Jesus. In place of this unforgiveness and resentment, fill me with a renewed love for you and fill me with your Holy Spirit of love and blessing toward these individuals and groups, and since faith without works is dead, give me clear direction as to how I can actively love and bless these people.
- **BEING UNSUBMITTED TO AUTHORITIES, BEING OUT OF GOVERNMENTAL ORDER:** In order to be properly covered and protected from demonic attack, we must be subject to the authorities in our lives. We must first and foremost be submitted to God, then we can resist the devil and he will flee (James 4:7)! Other authorities include husbands, parents, church leadership (all of us need a spiritual covering, even church leadership must submit properly), laws of the land, bosses, school teachers and principals, coaches, etc. We should also submit to one another, esteeming others above ourselves.
- **OCCULT PRACTICES:** List all involvement you have had with the occult, secret societies such as Freemasonry, any alternative medical practices you have been involved in, etc. (See Acts 19:17-20, Isaiah 29:15) [See handout]
- Proclamation for occult involvement: Lord Jesus, I confess seeking from Satan and his kingdom the help that should have come from God Almighty. I confess as sin (name all occult sins) and even those I do not remember. Lord, I repent and renounce these sins, and ask you to forgive me. (You must renounce each god or each oath made in Freemasonry.) In the name of Jesus, I now close the door to all occult practices. Satan, I renounce you and all your works in my life, in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and I close all the doors of my life to the entry points you previously gained through my involvement in the occult. Enemy, I speak out, in the name of Jesus who defeated you at Calvary, that you no longer have any right to trouble me on these specific issues - which have now been confessed, repented of and forgiven, and from which I have been cleansed by the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, I submit my life totally and completely to you. Now fill me with the Holy Spirit.
- **SEXUAL SIN:** List all people you have been sexually involved with outside of marriage (example: fornication, adultery, rape, molestation, incest, homosexuality/lesbianism, bestiality, premarital sex, even if you eventually got married). (Ephesians 5:3-5)

- Proclamation to be set free from sexual sin: Thank you, Jesus, for dying on the cross, that I might be forgiven. I confess all my sexual sin. I invite you, Jesus, to be Lord of my life, especially my sexuality. And I ask you to set me free from everyone I have had relations with in an ungodly way. I recognize this is sin and I do not want to continue in these relationships. (Name each relationship out loud that you listed). I speak to any spirit in Satan's kingdom that has come into me through these sexual relationships and I break that legal tie and cast you out by the authority I have in Jesus Christ. You have no further right in my spirit, soul, and body, and I order you to leave me now, in the name of Jesus. Lord, fill me now with your Holy Spirit of love, purity, holiness; and Holy Spirit, empower me to keep my eyes and heart focused on Jesus, not my flesh. I now reckon myself dead to sin, alive to Christ, and commit, with Holy Spirit power, my body as an instrument of righteousness.
- **SOUL TIES:** List all people (dead or alive) that have had an ungodly control over you or that you are dependent upon. Also, your mother, father, step parents, spouse, grandparents, spirit guides, aborted babies, hypnotists, ex-spouse, brothers/sisters (full or step), children (full, step, adopted, foster), etc., also include names from #3 above, sexual partners. Also include anyone you have had a lustful relationship with or an "affair of the heart" between you and another (this can be as simple as someone you "caught eyes with" and you could "sense" immediately there was something between you, even if nothing else ever happened, it could result from an "extended" look at another even if nothing else ever happened). List any family members that have died and whose negative traits have been attributed to you. Also, list any experiences with excessive grief (longer than one year), loneliness, or rejection (including miscarriages and abortions). (See 1Corinthians 15:33, 2Corinthians 6:14, Psalm 1)
 - Proclamation breaking ungodly soul ties: Thank you, Jesus, for dying that I might be set free. I invite you, Lord Jesus, to be Lord of my life, and I ask you to set me free. I confess and repent of my sin with (name out loud everyone on list). I forgive and loose in the freedom of my forgiveness those with whom I have ungodly soul ties. I now break and renounce any ungodly soul ties with (name out loud every one on list). I now use the authority I have in Jesus Christ and break and renounce these ungodly soul ties and command any demonic spirits that are tormenting me through these relationships to leave me now. Lord, fill me with your Holy Spirit of love, blessing, honor and purity for my present and future relationships. Holy Spirit, guard my heart and my mind and my eyes from this moment forward.
- **UNRESOLVED RELATIONSHIP CONFLICTS, UNCLEAR CONSCIENCE:** List all the people you have wronged, hurt, or offended yet have not made the relationship right by asking their forgiveness. (See Acts 24:16, 1Timothy 1:19, Hebrews 10:22)
 - Proclamation to restore these conflicts: Lord Jesus, I confess my part in these unresolved conflicts and I repent of them. I close all doors and take back all ground the enemy has taken from me spiritually as a result of these conflicts through the blood of Jesus. Now, please give me the grace to those people and be reconciled as you lead me to do so (See Matthew 5:23-24, Acts 24:16). I ask that You fill me with the Holy Spirit of love and also lead me as to how I need to bless these people now or in the future.

- **COVENANTS, VOWS & CURSES:** List all broken covenants and vows of the past. This may include marriages, bankruptcy, church membership, etc., or curses spoken over your life by friends, parents, family, self or others. Also list any covenants or vows any family members have made concerning you (such as done in fraternal orders or secret societies like the Freemasons). (See Matthew 5:37, Proverbs 20:25, Deuteronomy 30:19)
 - Proclamation on broken covenants/vows: Lord Jesus, I confess that I have broken covenant/vows with you. I recognize this is sin and I ask you, Lord, to forgive me now for breaking (name each one on list). I now use my authority I have in Jesus Christ and break any curses that this has brought upon me and order every spirit in Satan's kingdom to leave me now. I also break every curse spoken over me through any involvement in any fraternal order or Freemasonry. Lord, I submit my life totally and completely to you; now fill me with the Holy Spirit.

- **TRAUMATIC EVENTS, ABUSE, HURTS & REJECTIONS:** (Sexual, Verbal, Emotional, Psychological, Abandonment) Name and forgive all people or groups that have rejected, abused, or hurt you. List all traumatic events (Accidents, Injuries). (See 1Kings 19:1-4) Renounce any recurring nightmares, visions, or imaginations associated with the incidents.
 - Proclamation regarding traumatic events, abuse, hurts & rejections: Father, I confess my involvement in any sin that played a role in any accident, traumatic event, abuse or rejection that happened to me and I ask for your forgiveness. I choose to continue to forgive those who have hurt me (which I had no part of) or who have been involved in these events in my life in any way. I choose to be willing to allow you to open the wounds that have resulted and heal me from the inside out. I trust you, Lord, and yield myself to your healing touch, whatever that involves. I break the hold the enemy has had on me as a result of these events and command the enemy to leave me now through the authority of Jesus' name. I receive, instead, the Holy Spirit of power, love, and discipline.

- **GENERATIONAL CURSES:** Abuse, Prejudice, Occult practices, Sexual Immorality, Divorce, Emotional Death (Masonic), Alcoholism, Sickness or Disease, or any other pattern noted to be passed down generational lines. (See Exodus 20:5)
 - Proclamation breaking generational curses: Lord, I agree with you and confess as sin (name out loud known generational sin) committed by my ancestors. I choose to forgive (name persons) for these sins and ask for your forgiveness for their sin and my part in it. I break these curses over myself and my family and succeeding generations in Jesus' name. I instead receive God's blessings that last for a thousand generations.

- **LIES, DECEPTIONS, CONDEMNATIONS, AND FALSE ACCUSATIONS WE HAVE AGREED WITH OR BELIEVED:** Ask God to show you any lies you have agreed with from the enemy, about you personally (rejection, unloved, forgotten, etc.) or any false belief system or theology that you have (i.e. sinner not a saint) or maybe you feel you are beyond God's help or that you have done something that God is still

mad at you about. Renounce wrong belief systems and receive Spirit of Truth, wisdom, revelation and understanding. (See Acts 13:10, Ephesians 1:17, 6:11, Colossians 1:9, Romans 8:1, Isaiah 11:2)

- Proclamation breaking the lies and tricks of the enemy: Lord, I repent of making an agreement with the enemy and his lies. I choose to believe You, by faith, that I am a saint, accepted by You and being made into the likeness of Christ. I am loved by You and You will never not love me. I choose the Truth that will set me free in Jesus' name. Holy Spirit of Truth, I ask that You give me a Spirit of wisdom and revelation to know Your ways, truths, and paths.
- **FEARS:** List any fears or phobias that you struggle with and their root cause (when and why it started). (See 2Timothy 1:7)
 - Proclamation regarding fears and phobias: Father, I acknowledge the root cause of these fears or phobias and repent of becoming fearful and I break the stronghold of fear and phobias from my life. I take back all ground the enemy has gained in these areas. Lord, replace those fears with power, love, and a sound mind.
- **WRONG JUDGEMENTS:** Matthew 7:1-2 says: "Do not judge so that you will not be judged. For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you." Have you wrongly judged someone and the judgment you used is now falling back on you? Ask the Lord to reveal any wrong judgments. Any wrong judgments you have sown will eventually be reaped by you.
 - Proclamation regarding false judgements: Lord, I repent of these wrong judgments against another person or ministry. By the forgiving and cleansing power of the Name of Jesus, I break off the judgments that have fallen on me. Lord, help me to now judge rightly in the future (John 7:24). I choose now to bless those I have wrongly judged.
- **STRIFE AND GOSSIP:** Strife leads to every evil thing. This can lead to personal bondage as well as corporate bondages such as jezebel spirits and absalom spirits. Above all else, guard your heart. Even the number one prophet in King David's cabinet fell prey to the absalom spirit, so no one is beyond deception when we touch God's anointed or if we speak evil against another. This also leads to defiling others and hindering the grace of God on your life or ministry.
- **NOT UNDERSTANDING OUR IDENTITY IN CHRIST, KNOWING WHO WE ARE:** The last thing the enemy wants is for us to realize that we are saints, not sinners; winners, not losers; kings, not paupers. Find out what God says about you, believe it, and start walking in that truth!

ANY OTHER OPEN DOOR THE LORD REVEALS TO YOU!

Bitterness versus Forgiveness

1. The danger of anger, bitterness and unforgiveness:
 - a. We are commanded to do this in the Lord's Prayer. We are to pray FORGIVENESS, COME!
 - b. Results in us being unforgiven (broken fellowship with God), (See Matthew 6:12-15)
 - c. Gives the devil opportunity, (See Ephesians 4:25-32)
 - d. Blocks God's grace and defiles others, (See Hebrews 12:14-17)
 - e. Opens the door to demonic torment, (See Matthew 18:21-35)
 - f. Allows the enemy to take advantage of us. (See 2Corinthians 2:10-11)
2. What forgiveness is and is not (adapted from Ministering the Steps to Freedom in Christ, Neil Anderson):
 - a. **Forgiveness is not forgetting.** Don't put off forgiving those who hurt you until the hurt goes away, hoping one day the pain will go away. Once you choose to forgive, THEN Christ can come and begin to heal you of your hurts. But the healing cannot begin until you first forgive.
 - b. **Forgiveness is a choice, a decision of the will.** Since God requires you to forgive, it is something you can do. Sometimes it is very hard to forgive someone because we naturally want revenge for the things we have suffered. Forgiveness seems to go against our sense of what is right and fair. So we hold on to our anger, punishing people over and over again in our minds for the pain they have cost us. But we are told by God never to take revenge. (Romans 12:19) Let God deal with the person. Let him or her off your hook because as long as you refuse to forgive someone, you are still hooked to them. You are still chained to your past, bound up in bitterness.
 - c. **By forgiving, you are not saying that what they did was alright.** What they did was wrong, very wrong; but you are saying that you will no longer let it hold you. You are turning them, their sin, and your future over to God.
 - d. **By forgiving, you let the other person off your hook, but they are not off of God's hook.** You must trust that God will deal with the person fairly and justly, something you simply cannot do. You might say, "But you don't know how much this person has hurt me!" You're right we don't, but Jesus does; and He tells you to forgive. And don't you see? Until you let go of your anger and hatred, that person is still hurting you. You can't turn back the clock and change the past, but you can be free from it. You can stop the pain, but there is only one way to do it: forgive!
 - e. **You forgive others for your sake so you can be free.** Forgiveness is a matter of obedience to God. God wants you to be free; there is no other way.
 - f. **Forgiveness is agreeing to live with the consequences of another person's sin, but you are going to live with those consequences anyway whether you like it or not.** The only choice you

have is whether you will do so in the bondage of bitterness or in the freedom of forgiveness. But no one truly forgives without accepting and suffering the pain of another person's sin. That can seem unfair and you may wonder where the justice is in it; but justice is found at the Cross, which makes forgiveness legally and morally right. Jesus took the eternal consequences of sin upon Himself. God "made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him" (2Corinthians 5:21, [NASB]). We, however, often suffer the temporary consequences of other people's sins. That is simply a harsh reality of life all of us have to face.

- g. **Do not wait for the other person to ask for your forgiveness before forgiving him or her.** They may never do so. Remember, Jesus did not wait for those who were crucifying Him to apologize before He forgave them. Even while they mocked and jeered at Him, He prayed, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing". (Luke 22:34)
- h. **How do you forgive from your heart?** You allow God to bring to the surface the painful emotions you feel toward those who have hurt you. If your forgiveness doesn't touch the emotional core of your life, it will be incomplete. Too often we're afraid of the pain so we bury our emotions deep down inside us. Let God bring them to the surface so He can begin to heal those damaged emotions.
- i. **Forgiveness is choosing not to hold someone's sin against him or her anymore.** It is common for bitter people to bring up past issues with those who have hurt them. They want them to feel bad. But we must let go of the past and choose to reject any thought of revenge. This doesn't mean you must continue to put up with the future sins of others. God does not tolerate sin and neither should you. Don't allow yourself to be continually abused by others. Take a stand against sin while continuing to exercise grace and forgiveness toward those who hurt you. You may need help in setting wise limits and boundaries to protect yourself from further abuse.
- j. **Don't wait to forgive until you feel like forgiving.** You will never get there. Make the hard choice to forgive even if you don't feel like it. Once you choose to forgive, Satan will have lost his power over you in that area and God's healing touch will be free to move. Freedom is what you will gain right now, not necessarily an immediate change in feelings.
- k. **You still have unforgiveness if you:** Still feel angry toward that person, secretly desire harm for them, you keep telling others about how they hurt me, you are likely to be negative toward them, you can't thank God for them, you can't ask God how you can bless them.

APPLICATION: List all people or groups of people (churches, organizations, races, etc.) from childhood to the present whom you have or have ever had any unforgiveness or bitterness or resentment (dead or alive) toward or that you have wrongly judged, condemned or cursed. Pray the following prayer from your heart for EACH PERSON you need to forgive:

- ⊃ Proclamation of forgiveness: Lord, thank you for forgiving me. Now, I want to confess that I have not loved, but have resented certain people and have unforgiveness and condemnation in my heart. Lord, I call upon you to help me to forgive even as you have

forgiven me. Now, knowing that I cannot be forgiven unless I forgive; and knowing that if I curse what You have blessed, that curse falls back on me; I choose to forgive and release all judgments and curses against (call out every person or group of people the Lord put in your mind). Now, I forgive and accept myself in the name of Jesus. In place of this unforgiveness and resentment, fill me with a renewed love for You and fill me with Your Holy Spirit of love and blessing toward these individuals and groups, and since faith without works is dead, give me clear direction as to how I can actively love and bless these people.

"MYSTERY BABYLON" IN THE MODERN CHURCH

One of the principal demons worshiped by ancient Babylon was Baphomet, a fierce-looking, goat-headed creature that was half-human male and half female. The beast was winged, with a five-pointed "Eastern Star" in its forehead. Baphomet's other symbol consisted of a vertical shaft with five horizontal bars crossing it. This emblem is of concern to us for two reasons: it is the main centerpiece at Freemasonry's International Headquarters, the Mother Supreme Council of the World, in Washington, D.C., and operates in many Evangelical Churches. The insignia was worn by the Grand Commander, Sovereign Pontiff of Universal Freemasonry, Albert Pike, (1859 to 1891), who blatantly said "The Masonic Religion should be, by all of us initiates of the high degrees, maintained in the purity of the Luciferian doctrine ... yes, Lucifer is God."¹

Baphomet's sign, worn today by the Grand Commander of Freemasonry, was also used by leading Satanists of the 20th century and those who published the satanic bible. Since this demon is a goat-headed deity, in certain Masonic rituals the men place a goat's head covering over their own head to signify the submission of their minds to Baphomet. Contrast this to Paul's statement that Christians should have the "mind of Christ." (1Corinthians 2:16) Can Christians have both? No!

I am not on a campaign against Freemasonry. Such an effort would be futile on my part. Here is my concern: this Baphomet deception is so powerful, so pervasive, that many Protestant Churches jealously protect their Masonic members; pretend they don't know about goats-heads; drinking from human skulls; or swearing blood-chilling oaths with their hands on the Muslim Koran, while the same churches excommunicate members and defrock pastors because they experience the Holy Spirit's baptism and miraculous gifts.² (1Corinthians 12-14) Much of the Church has been converted by the very ones Jesus sent it into the world to convert! God help us! God help us!

Jesus said to such a church, *"I know your works, that you have a name that you are alive, but you are dead. Be watchful, and strengthen the things which remain, that are ready to die, for I have not found your works perfect before God ... hold fast and repent. Therefore if you will not watch, I will come upon you as a thief, and you will not know what hour I will come upon you ... He who overcomes shall be clothed in white garments, and I will not blot out his name from the Book of Life; but I will confess his name before My Father and before His angels. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."* Revelation 3:1-6

But there is more to learn. The familiar "Fez," the red cap, worn by Shriners of the 33rd Masonic Degree and kept under a glass dome in their homes, is named for the city of Fez, Morocco. In the eighth century, Islamic hordes overran the city and slaughtered 50,000 Christian men, women, and children. In honor of Allah, the murderers dipped their hats in Christian blood and paraded in the streets of Fez. This is authenticated history; not religious imagination. Whenever you see that red Fez today, remember the bloodied streets of Morocco and the slaughtered followers of Jesus. Does the Mason under the Arabic-cap know he is acknowledging

Allah's Moroccan victory? Probably not. Masonry is filled with double-meanings of which the initiate is told only part. By the time a Mason has become a "Shriner," having placed his hand on the Koran and swearing oaths, his innocence is gone. He can no longer claim ignorance for his actions.

Why are Babylon and Egypt the two ideologies which Masonry devotedly imitates? This is an easy question to answer: Historically, Babylon and Egypt are the two greatest enemies Israel and the Church have ever faced. Ancient Jews and Christians suffered immeasurably from these two pagan kingdoms. "But" someone argues, "Masonry gives great homage to Christ." Let me explain: Islam has five prophets, one of whom is a strange being named "Jesus." According to the Koran, this Jesus is not the Son of God, was not crucified on a cross, did not die, was never buried--had no resurrection from the dead--and is not the Redeemer of mankind. The Muslim "Jesus" is the Masonic Jesus --not Jesus of the New Testament. Nor does the "Eastern Star" of Masonry commemorate the one that announced the birth of Christ (as some naively believe.) Not at all. It comes straight from the goat-head of Baphomet. Worshiping the Masonic "Jesus" is adoration of a Muslim prophet and utter blasphemy to the Son of God. The New Testament Jesus never exhorted His followers to murderous atrocities and demonic oaths. Never! The mere suggestion that He would is blasphemy.

Someone else argues, "But Freemasonry is a charitable organization, operating children's hospitals, nursing homes, and providing help to the needy." For acts of mercy we are grateful, yes. Spiritually, however, these works glorify Baphomet--not Jesus Christ--and fall into the category of "wonderful works" of those of whom Jesus warned, *"Depart from me, you who work iniquity. I never knew you!"* Matthew 7:23. One absolutely cannot come to Christ by way of the bloody altars of Babylon or by swearing gory oaths to "rip up the wombs of women and crush infant heads against the wall." One former Mason explained that when he made the oath, he was told he did not have to believe it but he did have to say it. But God says to all who make such vows, *"Out of your own mouth will I judge you."* Luke 19:22. Even so, to those who are trapped in Babylon, Jesus exhorts, *"Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her sins, and that you receive not of her plagues."* Revelation 18:4.

But how can Christians, especially deacons and church leaders, be deceived into making such horrible vows? Be aware, in his first step into Masonry, the initiate allowed himself to be blindfolded, hands tied behind his back, a rope lashed around his neck, and in that state of utter submission, was led into Masonic darkness. Once he surrendered his will in such a rite, he became their victim, his mind became their ploy. Freemasonry does not intend that its members understand the organization's mysteries; it intends only that each "shall imagine he understands."³ Dual-meanings obscure everything in Masonry. This is its' ultimate deceit.

During the lifetime of America's Founding Fathers, many of whom were Masons, the cult had not yet plunged into its present depth of paganism. But, by 1827 the change had occurred and Captain William Morgan of Batavia, New York, a former Mason, published an expose of the organization's dark secrets. Morgan was kidnapped, killed, and his body never found. An anti-Masonic war followed that closed half the Lodges in the U.S. and all of them in the state of Vermont. Charles Finney, D.L. Moody, R.A. Torrey, Alexander Campbell, and others, ordered Evangelical Christians to get out of Freemasonry or give up the church. Thousands fled the organization. With Christians gone from Masonry, the process of paganizing the craft became more intense--and more successful.

During Albert Pike's reign as Grand Commander, he successfully maximized Egyptian and Babylonian ideology. Pike also believed in the "Aryan Master Race", passing the concept to his son-in-law, whose writings in turn fortified the beliefs of Adolph Hitler. Pike's book was a best-seller in the Third Reich. I personally ministered

the Christian-rite of "deliverance" to an American woman who as a child had been befriended by Adolph Hitler's personal psychic and medium. The demonic power that manifested in that exorcism defies description. Believe me, such demons are real. It is impossible for Masons to participate in their activity and not become infected by them. Please know that I have only love and concern for men and women trapped in Masonry. I have no ax to grind and no rocks to throw at them personally. They have been deluded by the double-meaning of its teachings and ceremonies.

Masonry remains a daughter of "Mystery Babylon," of whom Scripture says, *"Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a habitation of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird ... And I heard another voice from heaven saying, 'Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.'" Revelation 18:2,4.* I may lose friends and incite opposition because of this article. At the same time, I have no other choice. *"The Kingdom of Heaven is suffering violence and the violent are taking it by force."* Matthew 11:12. As a result, thousands of Christians and church leaders have forfeited the Holy Spirit's power because of the Masonry/Mystery-Babylon fraud. Pray for them! Pray for me! If you are one of those caught in this hellish web, flee for your life! GET OUT!

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¹ A.C. De La Rive, *La Femme et l'Enfant dans la Franc-Maçonnerie Universelle* Page 588.

² My former denomination, the one that canceled my Ordination and expelled me from membership, accepts Masons but not the Baptism in the Spirit.

³ *Masonry's Morals and Dogma*, Page 819

STRONGHOLDS:

HAUGHTY (Proverbs 16:18)

Pride
Perfection
Accusation
Competition
Mockery
Stubbornness
Self-Righteousness
Gossip

DEAF & DUMB (Mark 9:17, 25)

Mental Illness
Insanity
Double mindedness
Suicide
Seizures/ Epilepsy
Obsessive-Compulsive
*Multi-Personality

SLUMBER (Proverbs 6:9-11)

Sleepiness
Forgetfulness
Stupidity
Daydreaming/ Trances

FAMILIAR (Leviticus 19:26,31)

Occult
Astrology/ Horoscope
Fortune Telling
Séances
Spirit Guides
Inherited/ Generational Curses

FEAR (2Timothy 1:7)

Insecurity
Inadequacy
Timidity
Worry
Sensitivity
Fear of Authority
Terror (sense of danger)
Torment
Nightmares
Insomn
Phobias (dark, heights, future)
Anxiety
Panic

HEAVINESS (Psalms 119:28)

Rejection
Victim
Despair
Grief
Fatigue
Guilt
Self-pity
Shame
Loneliness
Depression
Manic depression
Isolation/ Withdrawal
Emotional Weakness

JEALOUSY (Matthew 5:22)

Covetousness
Control
Impatience/ Frustration
Restlessness
Bitterness
Suspicion
Strife
Revenge or Retaliation
Anger/ Rage (Prov. 6:34)
Hatred
Self-Hatred/ Unlovable
Murder

LYING (Isaiah 30:9)

Deception/Lies
Manipulation
Profanity
Hypocrisy
Condemning Others
Theft
Vanity
Word Twisting
Flirting

ANTI-CHRIST (I John 4:3)

Doubt/ Unbelief
Control/ Witchcraft
Rebellion against authority
Self-Exaltation

POVERTY (Malachi 3:8-12, Psalms 10)

Debt
Fear of lack
Devourer
Pockets with holes in them
Mammon

BONDAGE (Gal. 5:7-8)

Hindering (can't call on God, holds back God's call on your life)
Eating disorders (gluttony, bulimia, anorexia, obesity)
Addiction (drugs, alcohol, nicotine, food, caffeine)

INFIRMITY (James 5:14-16)

Inherited/ Generational Illness
Other illnesses
Death
Pain, sickness, disease

IDOLATRY (Hosea 4:12)

Cult
Religious
Legalism
Anything I trust in besides God

SEXUAL PERVERSION (Romans 1:24-27)

Lust
Lesbianism/ Homosexuality
Masturbation
Fornication (sex before marriage)
Adultery
Prostitution
Sodomy (oral, anal sex)
Bestiality
Child Molestation
Exhibitionism
Pornography
Seducing Spirit

Relationships I struggle with the most:

Issues I struggle with the most:

What areas do I struggle with the most?

PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Father, I confess these as sin and ask you to forgive me for my continual vulnerability to the sin of (insert here the specific sin or sins involved). I recognize my own part in choosing to sin in this way and ask you to set me free from the chains that have bound me to this sin. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER OF REPENTANCE: I now turn from my sin in repentance and submit these areas to the Lord. Lord, give me the discernment to recognize temptation and the schemes of the devil and give me Holy Spirit power and grace to resist. Thank you that Jesus' blood was shed that I might be made clean. I ask you to cleanse me now from all uncleanness. In Jesus' name, Amen.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION: Lord Jesus, I give my entire being--spirit, soul, body--into your hands. Through the blood of Christ and the power of His name, I cancel all legal right and assignments the enemy has in these areas of my life. I invite you now, Lord, to fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may be totally empowered by You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Evil Spirits listed in Scripture

The Bible has many names for these spirits, but you have authority over all of them:

- Deaf and dumb spirit (Mark 9:17-29) Evil spirit (Luke 7:21; Acts 19:12-13)
- Familiar spirit (1Samuel 28:7) Foul spirit (Mark 9:25)
- Lying spirit (2Chronicles 18:20-22) Perverse spirit (Isaiah 19:14; Romans 1:17-32)
- Seducing spirit (1Timothy 4:1) Spirit of an unclean devil (Luke 4:33)
- Spirit of antichrist (1John 4:3) Spirit of bondage (Romans 8:15)
- Spirit of death (1Corinthians 10:10, 15:26) Spirit of divination (Acts 16:16)
- Spirit of error (1John 4:6) Spirit of fear (2Timothy 1:7)
- Spirit of haughtiness (Proverbs 16:18-19) Spirit of heaviness (Isaiah 61:3)
- Spirit of infirmity (Luke 13:11-13) Spirit of jealousy (Genesis 4:5-8; Numbers 5:14)
- Spirit of slumber (Isaiah 29:10, Romans 11:8) Spirit of the world (1Corinthians 2:12)
- Spirit of whoredoms (Hosea 4:12, 5:4) Unclean spirit (Mark 6:7; Luke 11:24-26)

How to Stay Free!

1. Go and sin no more!
2. Receive grace from Him daily.
3. Ask for and receive by faith and infilling of the Holy Spirit daily.
4. Stand in your spiritual authority any time the enemy tries to attack; plead the blood of Jesus over yourself, your family, your goods. Stand against every attack knowing that faith is the victory!
5. Be very specific about what you need to receive from the Holy Spirit. For example, if you struggled with pride, be filled with humility daily. If you struggled with bitterness and unforgiveness, receive the Holy Spirit of love and blessing.
6. Die daily. Be clothed with heaven. Reckon yourself dead to sin and alive to God. DO NOT offer your body as instruments of unrighteousness. Fix your eyes on Jesus. Set your mind and heart on things above. See surrender prayer handout.
7. Maintain a spiritually clean house and environment.
8. Become a worshipper. Listen to more worship music and watch much less TV.

9. Know the goal of your Christian walk and keep pressing on until you get there. Forget what is behind and press on toward the high calling. Without a vision, people cast off restraint or in other words, they find it easier to excuse their sin.
10. Spend time with the Father in prayer and in His Word. Do not do it legalistically, do it because you long to know Him more and fellowship with Him, for that is why you were created!
11. Be involved in the Body, there is a powerful presence of the Lord when the Body gathers. Do not forsake the gathering of the believers.
12. Do not be unaware of the enemies' schemes. Know that he will try to come in the back door to trip you up.
13. Put on the full armor of God.
14. Continue to ask the Lord to search your heart.
15. Find your ministry and put your anointing to work! Joy, love, and power come like a flood when you give it away.
16. You always get what you focus on. Begin fixing your eyes on Jesus, think upon good things, set your hearts on things above, focus on being empowered in your calling, focus on His presence and glory!

How to Receive Power to Miraculously Touch Lives Today

Use this as a daily prayer guide to the emptying of self and the refilling of the Holy Spirit.

1. Worship! See Isaiah 6:1-8. Communion, character, calling.
2. Get emptied and cleansed of: Self, unconfessed sin, flesh, world, pride, personal ambition and glory, personal agendas, distractions, disease and weakness, being led of anything but the Spirit, anything I have come across that is unclean (See 1John. 1:9). Ask the Lord to search your heart (See Psalms 139:23-24). Choose to deny yourself today (Luke 9:23). Lord, please **continually circumcise my heart** (Deuteronomy 10:16, 30:6, Jeremiah 4:4) until it is absolutely perfect toward You! I bind the enemy from touching my household or my goods.
3. Ask for and receive (Luke 11:9-13) your inheritance today, receive a refilling or rebaptism of the Holy Spirit of: Covenant manifestations of 1Samuel 18:1-7, royal robes (kingly anointing and authority, everything Jesus did is available to us to take territory), armor (divine protection), sword (Rhema Word, specific Word for any situation), bow (power), girdle (integrity), multiplication, favor. Also Christlikeness, intimacy with the Lord (priestly), love, glory, power and anointing, truth, wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and the fear of the Lord, faith, grace and favor and peace with God and man multiplied, all humility, worship, holiness and righteousness, direction, divine order for my life and church, crooked paths made straight, compassion, unity, jubilee, abundance and generosity, fruit of the Spirit, manifestations of the Spirit, manifestations that eye has not seen nor ear heard yet, manifestations of the powers of the age to come, rivers of living water flowing out of me, heavenly experiences, seeking and seeing the face of Jesus, boldness and courage, evangelism, hunger,

passion and zeal, heavenly body, total healing, spiritual growth, EVERYTHING I need for life and godliness and ministry! I receive these things as my covenant right of inheritance! Believe and confess these things daily! (See Isaiah 59:21, 2Corinthians 3:6, Ephesians 5:18, Romans 10:9-10)

4. Pray: Lord, now give me opportunities to miraculously minister today, to go out as Your ambassador. Freely I have received, now freely I want to give! (Matthew 10:8) Let me hear your voice and see in the Spirit (we must learn this) so I know how to miraculously minister in each situation. (See Acts 4:29-31)
5. Now be led of the Spirit every moment today, bearing much fruit (that remains) to my Father's glory. (See Romans 8, John. 15:8)
6. Have a mindset to be "others" focused! (Philippians 2:4-5) Begin praying for and ministering to others as led by the Holy Spirit (doing this all day is praying without ceasing) (1Thessalonians 5:17)
7. Go out into all the world overflowing with all the love, grace and power of our Lord Jesus Christ! (See Acts 4:31, 33)

Non-Christian Spiritual Experience Inventory

(Mark all that apply)

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| Astral-projection | Christian Science | Buddhism |
| Ouija board | Unity | Hare Krishna |
| Table or body lifting | The Way International | Baha'ism |
| Dungeons and Dragons | Unification Church | Rosicrucianism |
| Speaking in trance | Mormonism | Science of the Mind |
| Automatic writing | Church of the Living Word | Science of Creative Intelligence |
| Magic Eight Ball | Jehovah's Witnesses | Transcendental Meditation (TM) |
| Telepathy | Children of God (Love) | Hinduism |
| Using spells or curses | Swedenborgianism | Yoga |
| Séance | Masons | Echankar |
| Materialization | New Age | Roy Masters |
| Clairvoyance | The Forum (EST) | Silva Mind Control |
| Spirit guides | Spirit Worship | Father Divine |
| Fortune-telling | Self-hypnosis | Theosophical Society |
| Tarot cards | New Age medicine | Islam |
| Palm reading | Black and white magic | Black Muslim |
| Astrology/horoscopes | Blood pacts or Self-mutilation | Religion of martial arts |
| Rod/pendulum (Dowsing) | | |
| Fetishism (objects of worship, crystals, good-luck charms) | | |
| Incubi and succubae (sexual spirits) | | |
| Mental manipulations or attempt to swam minds | | |

Other _____

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