Choosing Your Future The Whole Truth About Fortune Telling

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FOREWORD

I am happy to commend Anthony Lee's book, *Choosing Your Future*, for the following reasons:

It is biblical. The author does not give easy answers to the problems arising from traditions because he believes they have spiritual causes and therefore need spiritual answers found only in the Scriptures. Accordingly, he looks carefully into the biblical teaching relevant to the subject.

It is practical. Each chapter provides application. The reader is encouraged to take practical steps to apply what he has learned to his experience. This may take the form of a personal inventory, prayers for specific insight, or aids to developing spiritual disciplines and relationships which will assist in achieving victory over darkness.

It is spiritual. There is no shortage of books in the self-improvement category and there are plenty of customers for such books. At first glance this book may appear to be yet another, but this is not the case. The author leads people to become what God created and redeemed them to be.

It is pastoral. Many case studies from the author's personal ministry are used to establish his principles. The reader can discern a fine blend of compassion and firmness. The firmness has its roots in the authoritative Word of God and the compassion springs from the heart of one who has struggled and overcome.

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Choosing Your Future

Introduction:

My name is Anthony Lee, and I am the Senior Pastor of "Soldiers for God Ministries" located in Chicago, Illinois. I felt led by the Holy Spirit to write this Book, because there are many people practicing the art of fortunetelling who do not understand what they are involved in; they believe it is just a scam or a way to make money. I wrote this book not to expose fortune tellers to people, but to expose the truth to fortune tellers so they may be set free from the deception of the devil. In this book, I will share what the Word of God says about the many Sins that accompany the practice of Fortune telling.

I have written this book, because I frequently come into contact with people who do not understand the seriousness of the practice of Fortune telling. It is my desire to help people understand what the word of God says, and what the **consequences** of fortune telling are. The majority of this Book is filled with scripture more then my own comments, and the reason I have presented it in this way, is because I want people to realize that the words in this book are not my personal opinions, but what the Bible has to say about the subject.

I am no stranger to the art of fortunetelling, for I myself have practiced it in my life prior to my salvation. I am not speaking out of ignorance, but from personal experience. I myself have been delivered from this evil, and I want to help other people find their deliverance, also. The Bible says "the truth shall set you free" and it is my prayer that as you receive this truth, you will be set free just as I have found freedom in Jesus Christ. If you read this book with a desire to know the truth, I guarantee you will be amazed and surprised in what God will reveal to you. This book will answer many of your questions and respond to your excuses about fortune telling, including:

- What about all the other "scam" businesses people are involved in?
- Why is fortune telling so bad?
- God knows my heart.
- I really help people.
- It is not really witchcraft.

All these questions will be answered and more.

Many pastors I have talked to about fortune telling say, "win them over with love," and that is a great answer, but loving means telling the truth. If you seen a burning building and you knew people were inside, would you lightly tap on the door and whisper "there's a fire," or would you try to bust the door down and scream to the top of your lungs, "There is a Fire!"? Of course, you would scream out to save the people inside? It is our responsibility to inform the people who tell fortune the truth, so their souls can be saved them from the fires of hell!

These are the reasons I wrote this book

- 1. As a Pastor and a teacher, the Bible tells me that I will stand in judgment for what I did or did not teach. *James 3:1 My friends, not many of you should become teachers. As you know, we teachers will be judged with greater strictness than others.*
- 2. The Bible says if I do not tell the people the knowledge I have received, their lives will be destroyed and God will reject me from being a Pastor and teacher. Hosea 4:6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I reject you from being a priest to me. And since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.
- 3. The Bible also tells me that if I do not tell people the truth, their blood will be on my hands. Ezekiel 33:7-9 "Now, mortal man, I am making you a lookout for the nation of Israel. You must pass on to them the warnings I give you. If I announce that an evil person is going to die but you do not warn him to change his ways so that he can save his life, then he will die, still a sinner, and I will hold you responsible for his death. If you do warn an evil person and he doesn't stop sinning, he will die, still a sinner, but your life will be spared."

Hopefully, now you can see my convictions about this subject, and why I feel God has given me a clear mandate to write this book. I have heard various leaders say about this subject, that it would take a miracle for some people to give up their ways. That is absolutely true; it will take nothing less then the miracle of the truth of Jesus Christ and the word of God...and it is our job to give

them the truth. So please help me give this truth to the people who so desperately need it.

My wife, Gina, began telling fortune at the age of 10 years old and continued to practice the craft until she was 19. Gina grew up in a family that practiced fortune telling, and I also grew up in a family that practiced Fortune telling. When Gina and I were married, we continued to Practice Fortune telling. Together, we deceived many people to get what we desired from them. We did this for about a year, until we became TRUE Christians and were convicted by the Holy Spirit, and stopped telling fortune along with many other sins that were in our lives.

I wrote this book to give truth to the fortuneteller. Not to condemn people, but because I have concern and love for people, and I desire to teach what God has taught me. In 2005, my Mother Janette Lee died. I was so depressed and worried, because I thought she went to hell for the sin that was in her life...including the sin of fortunetelling. However, through some good Christian brothers and sisters, God revealed to me that she had repented before she died. I am so glad that she got a chance to repent, but we are not all given that chance. The Bible says that we are not promised tomorrow. ..You never know what can happen at any moment. The truth needs to be revealed before it is too late!

So please take time to read this book so you will know the truth. Many people say, "What I don't know wont hurt me," well that is not true. The Bible says in Acts 17:30, "there once was a time when God winked at ignorance, but no more." Please read

this book with an open mind and an open heart. Please pray before you read, and ask God to open up your heart and mind to the truth. I pray that God will reveal to you the Truth and that you will receive deliverance.

Chapter 1:

Becoming Their God.

The Bible says in Exodus 20:2-3 "I am Jehovah thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. Thou shalt have no other gods before me." When you start telling fortune to people, they begin calling and placing their trust in you, but they are supposed to call and place their trust in God. We should take advice from God first and foremost—not people. When we tell fortune to people, they want our advice and council, and they begin to lean on us instead of God. The Bible says tells us;

- Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in Jehovah with all thy heart, And lean not upon thine own understanding: In all thy ways acknowledge him, And he will direct thy paths.
- Psalm 1:1-2 <u>Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel</u>
 of the wicked, Nor standeth in the way of sinners, Nor sitteth in the
 seat of scoffers: <u>But his delight is in the law of Jehovah</u>; And on
 his law doth he meditate day and night.

These scriptures tell us that we should acknowledge God and Meditate on his word. These passages emphasize that we are to take our advice first and foremost from him, and if we do this, God promises to direct our paths and to bless us.

An idol is something you put in front of God, and when you do this, the thing or person you put in front of God becomes your god. This is how you can become a God to others. If you give them the answers they are looking for, and they continue to come to you for guidance, then you are becoming their god and they are putting you before the one true God. Jesus said John 14:6 "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me." The fortuneteller tells the customer that they have to go through her, and then she will go to the higher power on their behalf. The fortuneteller is obviously in front of God, meaning they have become a god or an idol. One of Webster's Definitions for Idol is; a person loved and honored to adoration. This is also a good definition of Worship. Mediate on these scriptures;

- Leviticus 19:4 Turn ye not unto <u>idols</u>, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am Jehovah your God.
- Exodus 34:14 for thou shalt Worship no other god: for Jehovah, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God:
- 1Corinthians 6:9-10 Surely you know that the wicked will not possess God's Kingdom. Do not fool yourselves; people who are immoral or who worship idols or are adulterers or homosexual perverts or who steal or are greedy or are drunkards or who slander others or are thieves---none of these will possess God's Kingdom.

Think of the implications here. First, you are making the customer commit idolatry. What does this mean for the customer? It means death. Do you really desire to cause their death? Second, you are keeping them from knowing the one True God and the True Jesus. Finally you keep them and **vourself** from a true HEAVEN!!! You might respond by saying, "I tell them not to

give me the glory, but I tell them it is God," but the problem is they still obviously trust in you or they would simply go to God on their own. If you really desire to glorify God, you will lead people to God and not stand in between him and them. We are called to lead people to God. Only Jesus can save and help people, and what people really need is salvation. Jesus is the only one who can TRULLY rescue the people from Gods anger and judgment.

• IThessalonians 1:9-10 All those people speak about how you received us when we visited you, and how you turned away from idols to God, to serve the true and living God and to wait for his Son to come from heaven---his Son Jesus, whom he raised from death and who rescues us from God's anger that is coming.

Chapter 2

Helping for a Price

All fortune tellers claim they are helping their customers, but listen to what Jesus says in Mat 10:7-8 Go and preach, 'The Kingdom of heaven is near!' Heal the sick, bring the dead back to life, heal those who suffer from dreaded skin diseases, and drive out demons. You have received without paying, so give without being paid. Jesus was telling His disciples to go and help people without being paid for their services. Jesus also said "do unto others as you would want them to do to you." The truth is free; we do not pay for it. Jesus also tells us who The True Helper is...

- John 14:25-26 "I have told you this while I am still with you. <u>The</u>
 <u>Helper, the Holy Spirit</u>, whom the Father will send in my name,
 will teach you everything and make you remember all that I have
 told you.
- John 16:7 But I am telling you the truth: it is better for you that I go away, because if I do not go, <u>The Helper</u> will not come to you. But if I do go away, then I will send him to you.
 - What about Pastors, why do they get paid?
- 1Timothy 5:17-18 The elders who do good work as leaders should be considered worthy of receiving double pay, especially those who work hard at preaching and teaching. For the scripture says, "Do not muzzle an ox when you are using it to thresh grain" and "Workers should be given their pay."

Pastors get paid because they are preaching the true Word of God and instructing God's people so the people may learn to be faithful to **the true Helper**. The true Helper is The Holy Spirit, and the Holy Spirit is given to those who repent and obey. The Bible says in Acts:

Acts 5:30-32 The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from death, after you had killed him by nailing him to a cross. God raised him to his right side as Leader and Savior, to give the people of Israel the opportunity to <u>repent</u> and have their sins forgiven. We are witnesses to these things---we and the <u>Holy Spirit</u>, who is God's <u>gift to those who obey him."</u>

If you truly want to help your customers, tell them about Jesus. Tell them to go to church, read the Bible, obey God, and repent (which means to turn from sin). If they really need help, point them to God. He will give the True Helper—the Holy Spirit. Then, tell them that you cannot help them anymore.

If you tell fortune, you need to repent and turn to God, because it is very serious. The things you tell people are false and made up, and you charge a price for it. Listen what the Bible says:

• 2Peter 2:3-4 In their greed these <u>false teachers</u> will make a profit out of telling <u>you made-up stories</u>. For a long time now their Judge has been ready, and their Destroyer has been wide awake! <u>God did not spare the angels</u> who sinned, but threw <u>them into hell</u>, where they are kept chained in darkness, waiting for the Day of Judgment.

If God threw the angels who disobeyed him into Hell, He will throw the people who are disobedient to His word into Hell, also.

Chapter 3

Advice that comes true

Why are millions of people calling upon Psychics Today?

"Founded in 1990, the Psychic Friends Network brings in about \$100 million per year," said Richard Dworman, editor of the Infomercial Marketing Report, a monthly industry publication. Millions of people are paying psychics, watching physic TV programs, chatting with psychics on the internet, and calling psychic lines. There was a King in the Bible who fell into this same trap, King Saul. He began his ministry in obedient to God, but then became jealous and bitter when he stopped listening to the prophet God had sent to him. King Saul became disobedient and rebellious toward God, so God abandoned him and took His spirit from him.

• 1 Samuel 16:14 The LORD's spirit left Saul, and an evil spirit sent by the LORD tormented him.

King Saul was in a situation where he needed help, and he knew God was not with him anymore because of his disobedience. Out of desperation, Saul went to a fortuneteller, one of the last fortune tellers in the land because King Saul had thrown all the fortunetellers out when he became King. Now, in the height of his disobedience, he needed a fortuneteller. King Saul was desperate, and needed to get in contact with the prophet Samuel. The problem is that the prophet Samuel was dead. So in a desperate

attempt, King Saul went to a fortune teller to try and contact Samuel from the dead.

1Samuel 28:8-16 So Saul disguised himself; he put on different clothes, and after dark he went with two of his men to see the woman. "Consult the spirits for me and tell me what is going to happen," he said to her. "Call up the spirit of the man I name." The woman answered, "Surely you know what King Saul has done, how he forced the fortunetellers and mediums to leave Israel. Why, then, are you trying to trap me and get me killed?" Then Saul made a sacred vow. "By the living LORD I promise that you will not be punished for doing this," he told her. "Whom shall I call up for vou?" the woman asked. "Samuel," he answered. When the woman saw Samuel, she screamed and said to Saul, "Why have you tricked me? You are King Saul!" "Don't be afraid!" the king said to her. "What do you see?" "I see a spirit coming up from the earth," she answered. "What does it look like?" he asked. "It's an old man coming up," she answered. "He is wearing a cloak." Then Saul knew that it was Samuel, and he bowed to the ground in respect. Samuel said to Saul, "Why have vou disturbed me? Why did vou make me come back?" Saul answered, "I am in great trouble! The Philistines are at war with me, and God has abandoned me. He doesn't answer me any more, either by prophets or by dreams. And so I have called you, for you to tell me what I must do." Samuel said, "Why do you call me when the LORD has abandoned you and become your enemy?

The LORD has done to you what he told you through me: he has taken the kingdom away from you and given it to David instead.

God allowed Samuel to come back in order to show Saul how God had become his enemy because of his disobedience. God had given his position to David, a man who loved God and would be obedient to his word. **How do people become Gods enemy?**

James 4:2-4 You want things, but you cannot have them, so you are ready to kill; you strongly desire things, but you cannot get them, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have what you want because you do not ask God for it. And when you ask, you do not receive it, because your motives are bad; you ask for things to use for your own pleasures. Unfaithful people! Don't you know that to be the world's friend means to be God's enemy? If you want to be the world's friend, you make yourself God's enemy.

Now to answer the question I posed earlier; why are millions of people seeking physics today? They are seeking out physics because they are disobedient to God, they do not trust God, and they have become God's enemy. Like King Saul, they do not want to repent! So they turn to the fortuneteller for hope, but just like this fortune teller could not help King Saul, they will never be helped. God commanded the people of Israel not to go to fortunetellers for advice, because He would send them someone ordained by him to advise them.

• **Deuteronomy 18:9-15** When you have come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, do not take as your example the disgusting ways of those nations. Let there not be seen among you

anyone who makes his son or his daughter go through the fire, or anyone using secret arts, or a maker of strange sounds, or a reader of signs, or any wonder-worker, Or anyone using secret force on people, or putting questions to a spirit, or having secret knowledge, or going to the dead for directions. For all who do such things are disgusting to the Lord; and because of these disgusting things the Lord your God is driving them out before you. You are to be upright in heart before the Lord your God. For these nations, whose land you are taking, give attention to readers of signs and to those using secret arts: but the Lord your God will not let you do so. The Lord your God will give you a prophet from among your people, like me; you will give ear to him;

The name Samuel means "Heard of by God," and only leaders who are telling Gods true Word and ordained by God can advise people how to live a life that Pleases God. This is why God has given the people pastors, shepherd or leaders to give the people God's word and God's word alone.

Have you ever given advice or predicted something for one of your customers and it came true? The answer is probably a yes. Why did those things come true?

• Ephesians 2:1-2 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience

The prince of the power of the air is the Devil, and when we are disobedient to God we are under the influence of the devil. Have you ever wondered how you predicted something that came true? Of course you have. The reason you have is because you are in direct disobedience to God, and so the devil has the rights to put it in your head. You then repeat what the Devil says, and the Devil is working in you because you are in disobedience. You might say how am I disobedient to God? You are disobedient to God when you tell fortune, because when you tell fortune you are using sorcery, lying, and idolatry.

• Revelations 21:8 But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

You are not only being disobedient, but you are causing those people who come to you for advice to also be in direct disobedience to God. The Bible tells us plainly;

• Leviticus 19:26"Never cast evil spells, and never consult fortunetellers.

Now the enemy is working through both of you; the thing you have predicted to the customer has come true because of both of your disobedience to God, and the devil will continue making it come true to keep the customer from leaving you and fortune telling behind. Basically, Satan's plans are to keep the disobedience going in both your lives until it is too late...God comes back or one of the two die. If we are living in disobedience

when God returns or if we die in sin, then we will go to hell and be lost for eternity.

And of course, everyone is a sinner and everyone makes mistakes, but there is a huge difference between making a mistake and tripping, and falling on purpose. The very definition of sin is a willful act done against God and his law, and if you die in your sins, you will spend eternity in Hell and not Heaven. Jesus' first message was to repent (turn from your sin) for the kingdom of God is at hand.

• Hebrews 10:26-27 For there is no longer any sacrifice that will take away sins if we purposely go on sinning after the truth has been made known to us. Instead, all that is left is to wait in fear for the coming Judgment and the fierce fire which will destroy those who oppose God!

Sometimes the reason why the prediction of the fortune teller comes true is because God is testing the Customer.

- Deuteronomy 13:1-2 "Prophets or interpreters of dreams may promise a miracle or a wonder, in order to lead you to worship and serve gods that you have not worshiped before. Even if what they promises come true.
- Deuteronomy 13:3-5 <u>do not pay any attention</u> to them. The <u>LORD</u> <u>your God is using them to test you, to see if you love the LORD</u> <u>with all your heart.</u> Follow the LORD and honor him; obey him and keep his commands; worship him and be faithful to him. But put to death any interpreters of dreams or prophets that tell you to rebel against the LORD, who rescued you from Egypt, where you

were slaves. Such people are evil and are trying to lead you away from the life that the LORD has commanded you to live. They must be put to death, in order to rid yourselves of this evil.

God is clearly saying in these passages that the people who give this advice must be put to death. Why? Because God is a jealous God that does not want His people to listen to anyone but Him, and he knows that the enemy will only lead people away from the real truth. God alone has the words and the ways to righteousness. The advice fortune tellers give is **not advice** to repent, turn from sins, and worship God alone. If we do not listen to God and God alone, then we do not live a life God desires us to live. God will destroy any person who would try to mislead His People...and after death, comes the second death.

• Revelation 20:14 Then death and the world of the dead were thrown into the lake of fire. Those who did not have their name written in the book of the living were thrown into the lake of fire.

Listen to what God has to say about taking advice from fortunetellers.

Isaiah 8:19-20 But people will tell you to ask for messages <u>from</u> <u>fortunetellers</u> and mediums, who chirp and mutter. They will say, "After all, people should ask for messages from the spirits and consult the dead on behalf of the living." You are to answer them, "Listen to what the LORD is teaching you! <u>Don't listen to mediums---what they tell you cannot keep trouble away."</u>

The "advice" that you give the customer is against God... even though it might come true. You are not helping, but you are actually hurting them. What we need to do is direct them to the Wonderful Counselor for true Advice,

• Isaiah 9:6 A child is born to us! A son is given to us! And he will be our ruler. He will be called, "Wonderful Counselor," "Mighty God," "Eternal Father," "Prince of Peace."

That is Jesus Christ, the Living Son of God. He is the Wonderful Counselor.

You too need to stop giving advice, and take some advice from the Wonderful counselor

• Acts 3:19, Repent then, and turn to God, so that he will forgive your sins. If you do,

Chapter 4

Using the Church.

Many fortune tellers use the Church, the name of Jesus, and God to get the people to trust them. They might say things like, "we will give the money to the Church" or things of that nature that make the customer believe he or she is actually a servant of God. Read what happened to a couple that lied about giving money to the church.

Sapphira sold some property that belonged to them. But with his wife sapphira sold some property that belonged to them. But with his wife's agreement he kept part of the money for himself and turned the rest over to the apostles. Peter said to him, "Ananias, why did you let Satan take control of you and make you lie to the Holy Spirit by keeping part of the money you received for the property? Before you sold the property, it belonged to you; and after you sold it, the money was yours. Why, then, did you decide to do such a thing? You have not lied to people---you have lied to God!" As soon as Ananias heard this, he fell down dead; and all who heard about it were terrified.

Basically this couple said, "let's keep some of the money we got from the property we sold, and we will say the rest is actually the full amount we received from the property." They did this so they could look good in front of the Disciples. The end result was that both of them died for lying. They did not have to give the money to the church, they were not pressured into doing it, but they wanted to look good. They thought they could deceive the

Disciples, but what they failed to realize is that they were not lying to the disciples, but they were lying to God. If you use the church to help push your own agenda, you might not die physically, but you will definitely die spiritually.

You might say, "I never claimed to give the money to the churches," but do you use Gods name at all?

Exodus 20:7 "Do not use my name for evil purposes, for I, the LORD your God, will punish anyone who misuses my name.
 Do not use the name of God at all, because God will punish you.

Some fortune tellers say things like "I Pray with them, I read the Bible to them, I bring them to church." Well, read these scriptures...

- Isaiah 59:1-4 Don't think that the LORD is too weak to save you or too deaf to hear your call for help! It is because of your sins that he doesn't hear you. It is your sins that separate you from God when you try to worship him. You are guilty of lying, violence, and murder. You go to court, but you do not have justice on your side. You depend on lies to win your case. You carry out your plans to hurt others.
- Jeremiah 9:5-9 Everyone deceives his neighbor, and no one speaks the truth; they have taught their tongue to speak lies; they weary themselves committing iniquity. Heaping oppression upon oppression, and deceit upon deceit, they refuse to know me, declares the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD of hosts:

"Behold, I will refine them and test them, for what else can I do, because of my people? Their tongue is a deadly arrow; it speaks deceitfully; with his mouth <u>each speaks peace to his neighbor, but in his heart he plans an ambush for him.</u> Shall I not punish them for these things? declares the LORD, and shall I not avenge myself on a nation such as this?

The fortune teller acts like they care for people, but really they deceive their concern is for themselves. People who use God's word, but do not have it hidden in their heart are setting up an ambush for themselves. This is what the devil did in the Garden of Eden; he twisted the words of God to get Adam and Eve to sin. If you do this, God says he will punish you.

• Jeremiah 23:31-32 I am also against those prophets who speak their own words and claim they came from me. Listen to what I, the LORD, say! I am against the prophets who tell their dreams that are full of lies. They tell these dreams and lead my people astray with their lies and their boasting. I did not send them or order them to go, and they are of no help at all to the people. I, the LORD, have spoken."

Another important point is that some "so called Christians" know the truth about what God wants, but does not tell the people because of greed. God's anger will come upon these people.

• Romans 1:18-19 God's anger is revealed from heaven against all the sin and evil of the people whose evil ways prevent the truth

from being known. God punishes them, because what can be known about God is plain to them, for God himself made it plain. It's not just about praying with them, reading the Bible to them, or taking them to church, but it is about doing all of these things with no hidden agenda and without charging them money and acting like they need you to do it. Listen to what God tells people who do not take His name seriously;

• Malachi 2:2 If you will not give ear and take it to heart, to give glory to my name, says the Lord of armies, then I will send the curse on you and will put a curse on your blessing: truly, even now I have put a curse on it, because you do not take it to heart.

It is time to get your heart right with God.

There was a man named Simon who used witchcraft, sorcery, and fortune telling to amaze the people, and many people thought it was the power of God. Jesus' Disciples came to his region preaching and teaching the true word of God, and <u>Simon Believed</u> in the name of Jesus and got baptized, but Simon still did not receive the Holy Spirit. Why was this? Because Simon's heart was not right with God. Simon believed in the miracles the disciples where performing more then he believed in the Master, Jesus Christ. Simon even followed the disciples around, hung out with them, and ate with them. Simon even offered money to the disciples if they could give him this power he seen manifesting in their lives. Read what happened:

Acts 8:11-24 For a long time, Simon had used witchcraft to amaze the people, and they kept crowding around him. But when they believed what Philip was saying about God's kingdom and about the name of Jesus Christ, they were all baptized. Even Simon believed and was baptized. He stayed close to Philip, because he marveled at all the miracles and wonders. The apostles in Jerusalem heard that some people in Samaria had accepted God's message, and they sent Peter and John. When the two apostles arrived, they prayed that the people would be given the Holy Spirit. Before this, the Holy Spirit had not been given to anyone in Samaria, though some of them had been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Peter and John then placed their hands on everyone who had faith in the Lord, and they were given the Holy Spirit. Simon noticed that the Spirit was given only when the apostles placed their hands on the people. So he brought **money** and said to Peter and John, "Let me have this power too! Then anyone I place my hands on will also be given the Holy Spirit." Peter said to him, "You and your money will both end up in hell if you think you can buy God's gift! You don't have any part in this, and God sees that your heart isn't right. Get rid of these evil thoughts and ask God to forgive you. I can see that you are jealous and bound by your evil ways." Simon said, "Please pray to the Lord, so that what you said won't happen to me."

Simon desired to use the church for his own personal gain. He claimed he wanted to help others, but he really needed help

himself. He desired to give the Holy Spirit to other people, but he did not even have the Holy Spirit in his own life! Fortune tellers say they want to help people, and they want to use God's name while doing it... but every one of them need help themselves. They say things to their customers like, "your husband or boyfriend is not good to you," or "people in your life are not your true friends," or "you are smiling on the outside, but you are really miserable on the inside." The fortune teller is telling the customer that they can help them with all these things, when they really need help themselves...and they cannot even help themselves. Only the Holy Spirit can produce true happiness in people's lives.

patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled. There is no law against behaving in any of these ways. And because we belong to Christ Jesus, we have killed our selfish feelings and desires. God's Spirit has given us life, and so we should follow the Spirit. But don't be conceited or make others jealous by claiming to be better than they are.

Fortune tellers say they can produce these benefits in people's lives, but the truth is they cannot even produce them in their own lives. They claim to do what only the Holy Spirit can do, and they do not even have the Holy Spirit! How can I say this?

• Acts 5:30-32 The God of our ancestors raised Jesus from death, after you had killed him by nailing him to a cross. God raised him to his right side as Leader and Savior, to give the people of Israel the opportunity to repent and have their sins forgiven. We are

witnesses to these things---we and the Holy Spirit, who is God's gift to those who obey him."

• Titus 3:5 he saved us. It was not because of any good deeds that we ourselves had done, but because of his own mercy that he saved us, through the Holy Spirit, who gives us new birth and new life by washing us.

Are you obeying God? Do you have a new life? Have you been cleansed by God? Have you stoped your old ways?

Notice that right before the fruit of the spirit is mentioned, the fruit of the flesh is mentioned.

• Galatians 5:19-21 What human nature does is quite plain. It shows itself in immoral, filthy, and indecent actions; in worship of <u>idols</u> and <u>witchcraft</u>. People become enemies and they fight; they become jealous, <u>angry</u>, and ambitious. They separate into parties and groups; they are envious, <u>get drunk</u>, have orgies, and do other things like these. I <u>warn you</u> now as I have before: those who do these things <u>will not possess the Kingdom of God.</u>

If you have these things present in your life, what makes you think you have Gods Holy Spirit in your life? Stop trying to use the church to further your own agenda. Stop saying you have "gifts" when you know you do not. Stop saying you can help people, when you cannot even help yourself. Stop using pictures and statues to make people believe you are a Christian. Simon tried to use the Church for his own corrupt ways and he was warned what

would happen if he did not change. If you do not stop, the Bible is very clear about what will happen to you. You too are being warned.

- Act 8:20-21 Peter said to him, "You and your money will both end up in hell if you think you can buy God's gift! You don't have any part in this, and God sees that your heart isn't right.
 Money cannot buy God or the gift of the Holy Spirit. Only obedience, repentance of sin, and complete submission is how we receive this wonderful gift.
- Act 8:22-23 Get rid of these evil thoughts and ask God to forgive you. I can see that you are jealous and bound by your evil ways."

Instead of using the church, start going to church. Instead of trying to help others, go get some help. Simon had his Revelation. He did not get mad. He did not deny he was wrong. He received it. He received the rebuke, the correction, and he submitted and changed his ways. Do not get mad or upset if you are feeling convicted, these are not my words, just like they were not Peter's words to Simon. These are the words of God. Receive this revelation, and pray to God to help you. Instead of using the church, start going to church so you can be shown how to truly follow Gods ways. Instead of using God's name in vain, call upon His name and **repent from your sin**.

• Act 8:24 Simon said, "Please pray to the Lord, so that what you said won't happen to me."

- Romans 10:9-10 Because, if you say with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and have faith in your heart that God has made him come back from the dead, you will have salvation: For with the heart man has faith to get righteousness, and with the mouth he says that Jesus is Lord to get salvation.
- God desires to forgive you, all you have to do is cry out to him and confess his Lordship.
- No matter what you have done or where you have come from, God is right there waiting
- on you, and he has a better future planned for you then you have for yourself.
- Instead of using God's name in vain call upon His name to help you repent from this wrong in your life.

Chapter 5

Witchcraft or just a Scam?

Here are a couple of Webster's Dictionary definitions regarding Witchcraft.

WITCH, n. 1. A woman who by compact with the devil, practices **sorcery** or enchantment. **2. A woman who is given to unlawful arts.**

CRAFT, n. 1. Art; ability; skill. 2. <u>Cunning</u>, <u>art or skill</u>, <u>in a bad sense</u>, <u>or applied to bad purposes</u>; artifice; guile; skill or dexterity employed <u>to effect purposes by deceit</u>.

According to these definitions, people who tell fortune are obviously practicing witchcraft. First, they are practicing unlawful arts. Secondly, they practice deceit, and their skills are applied in a bad sense. So ask yourself, "Is fortune telling witchcraft?" You might try and argue the matter, and that is exactly what Satan wants you to do. He desires that you stay deceived and stay in your sins. The Bible calls him the father of all lies and it also says there is no truth in him.

• John 8:43-45 Why do you not understand what I say? It is because you cannot bear to listen to my message. You are the children of your father, the Devil, and you want to follow your father's desires. From the very beginning he was a murderer and has never been on the side of truth, because there is no truth in him. When he tells a lie, he is only doing what is natural to him, because he is a liar and

the father of all lies. But I tell the truth, and that is why you do not believe me.

Jesus was speaking to people who would not accept His message. I hope you're not rejecting the message you are reading right now, because this message has been given to you to save your soul from hell.

Think about the things you tell your customers to do. I will not mention any of the tricks and scams, but just think about them for moment. Now read the definitions again.

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Now read this definition of both words put together in the Webster's dictionary

WITCHCRAFT, [witch and craft.] The practices of witches; **sorcery**; enchantments; **communication with the devil.**

The wording here is very strong—too strong to ignore. Hopefully you will understand that this is not just another scam, but it is witchcraft in its purest form. Whether you accept it or not, you are

doing Satan's work. You are hiding the truth, and acting like those tricks and charms truly work. You are keeping people from God.

You might still be arguing the point that this is not witchcraft. Well, do you agree that stealing and lying is wrong? Of course it is! If you agree these things are wrong, and you keep on doing them, then you are in rebellion against God. Read these two scriptures:

- 1Samuel 15:23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as idolatry and teraphim. Because thou hast rejected the word of Jehovah, he hath also rejected thee
- Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, <u>Idolatry</u>, <u>witchcraft</u>, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, <u>Envyings</u>, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, <u>that they which do such things shall not inherit the</u> <u>kingdom of God.</u>

This is serious stuff with serious consequences. I pray that you will receive the Word of

God and not reject it! **If we repent**, which means "changing your ways, God will forgive

us.

• Jeremiah 33:8 I will purify them from the sins that they have committed against me, and I will forgive their sins and their rebellion.

Uninvited Guests

When we practice fortune telling, which we found out in the previous chapters is witchcraft, sorcery, idolatry, and clearly Satan's work... demons are present. When my wife Gina told fortune, she would sometimes see demons in human form. Many people who tell fortune see and sense Spirits. Many people, especially fortune tellers, feel that when they see "ghosts," whether they are family or not, they believe it is actually a deceased person walking around on earth. The Bible says:

- Hebrews 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:
- 2 Corinthians 11:14 Well, no wonder! Even Satan can disguise himself to look like an angel of light!

When a person dies, he or she will either go directly to Heaven or Hell. If they were walking according to God's word, they will be permitted into heaven. If they were walking against the word of God, they will be sentenced to hell. When a person dies, they will be judged for every work they have ever done, good and bad. There is no limbo, no purgatory, and no wandering spirits...only Heaven or Hell. Think about it this way, have you or someone you know ever seen a "ghost" in child form? Many people have. Children are pure... why would God leave them behind? He would not. He does not. God does not leave anyone to wander the earth, nor can anyone escape judgment. What people see is not "ghosts," but they are demonic spirits (demons) disguising

themselves as people, adults or even children. They are demons disguising themselves as angels of light. It is not your family member or your friend. It is not the person who lived in the house before you and maybe even died there...it is a demon.

Ephesians 6:12 For we are not fighting against human beings but against the wicked spiritual forces in the heavenly world, the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers of this dark age.
 The Bible tells us that our true fight takes place in the Spirit World against demons. When we disobey God, we are giving into the demons and giving them control of our lives.

• Ephesians 2:1-2 In the past you were spiritually dead because of your disobedience and sins. At that time you followed the world's evil way; you obeyed the ruler of the spiritual powers in space, the spirit who now controls the people who disobey God.

When you are disobedient to God, the Spirit of Satan controls you (demons).

• 1Timothy 4:1-2 The Spirit says clearly that some people will abandon the faith in later times; they will obey lying spirits and follow the teachings of demons. Such teachings are spread by deceitful liars, whose consciences are dead, as if burnt with a hot iron.

That is all fortune telling is; **deceit, lying** and the twisting of the truth. Look what King David wrote:

• **Psalms 19:13** Keep me safe, also, from willful sins; don't let them rule over me. Then I shall be perfect and free from the evil of sin.

Many People get angry when you tell them they are doing wrong. The demon who is influencing them, tells them they are different, they are exempt, or that whoever is pointing out their wrong is judging, condemning, and just picking on them (Satan comes as an Angel of light). They are being deceived by the teaching of these demons.

In the Book of Acts, the Bible talks about a fortuneteller that was possessed by a demon

we were met by a young servant woman who had an evil spirit that enabled her to predict the future. She earned a lot of money for her owners by telling fortunes. She followed Paul and us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God! They announce to you how you can be saved!" She did this for many days, until Paul became so upset that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I order you to come out of her!" The spirit went out of her that very moment. When her owners realized that their chance of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them to the authorities in the public square.

The fortune teller was saying the truth; she was saying that Paul the apostle was going to tell people how to be saved. Why was Paul frustrated? He was frustrated because Satan was trying to get glory for telling the people in advance why Paul was coming. Satan was trying to make the fortune teller look good in front of

the people. Most fortune tellers mix the truth with lies, and they do it to make themselves look good and more credible in front of the customer.

Right about now some of you are getting angry because you are insulted by me saying that you have a demon in your life, but it is the truth. If you are partaking in any type of sin, you are being influenced by demons. There was a time when I had many demons in my life. The demons influencing me were; adultery, lying, addiction, rage and immorality. The truth of the matter is that people who are disobedient to God are under the influence of demons. How do you think your predictions come true? Because like I said before, the customer and the fortuneteller are in disobedient to God, so the demons can make these things come true to keep both the customer and the fortuneteller in bondage. The sign you have in front of your house to advertise your business is something like, "readings by _______" or "Psychic reader and astrologer." In the spirit world is an advertisement for Demons to come in.

Demons bring <u>Sickness, depression, fighting, anger, unforgiveness, bitterness, adultery, and sexual immorality.</u> Are any of these things in your life? If they are, then listen to a few verses about how to destroy the works of Satan in your life.

• 2Corinthians 10:3-5 It is true that we live in the world, but we do not fight from worldly motives. The weapons we use in our fight

are not the world's weapons but God's powerful weapons, which we use to destroy strong holds. We destroy false arguments; we pull down every proud obstacle that is raised against the knowledge of God; we take every thought captive and make it obey Christ.

When you feel like doing wrong or a suggestion of sin runs through your head, take that thought captive and make it obey God by choosing to not do wrong, and by asking Jesus' help get you through it!

Romans 6:12-13 Sin must no longer rule in your mortal bodies, so that you obey the desires of your natural self. Nor must you surrender any part of yourselves to sin to be used for wicked purposes. Instead, give yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life, and surrender your whole being to him to be used for righteous purposes.

Give your life fully to God. Surrender your life to God. This way God can use you to be a Servant of Jesus and no longer a servant of the devil and his demons. You might say, "but I believe in God" or "I do Love God." If you do, then you need to prove it with your actions! The Bible says;

• James 2:19-20 Do you believe that there is only one God? Good!

The demons also believe—and tremble with fear. You fool! Do you want to be shown that faith without actions is useless?

Prove your faith by your actions. Repent from fortune telling and turn from your wicked ways, because with that in your life, you will never please God.

And always remember Demons will always be present in your life until you truly submit to God resist the Devil and them he will fleet.

Your boss behind the scenes

Most fortune tellers believe they are their own boss, but little do they know that their boss is really Satan. How? Well let's look at the facts.

- (1) God has ordained the use of something called Christian tracks. These are evangelistic literature and pamphlets that tell how God can help you. Sometimes it will say the address of the church that passed them out. Satan has ordained something for fortune tellers called "hand bills." This literature tells how the fortune teller can help them and the address to their place of business.
- (2) God uses a Building called the Church where people can go to get the true word of <u>God and Worship Him.</u> Satan uses a building fortunetellers call an "offisa," where people go to get the lies of Satan, and worship Satan without realizing it.
- (3) God has appointed Pastors who council people in the right ways of God. Satan has appointed fortune tellers to council people in the wrong ways of God through Satan
- (4) God has made the Bible to direct people in worshipping and living in the right way so they will be able to live a blessed life and inherit the Kingdom of God. Satan has made Tarot Cards to deceive the people to be directed in the wrong way and continue to live a cursed life.
- (5) God has given people Gifts through the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:6-9) to help people in there Christian walk with God. Satan has

influenced the people who tell Fortune to lie and tell the people they have gifts that come from God...but really their gifts are from Satan.

• Romans 6:14-15 Sin must not be <u>your Master</u>; for you do not live under law but under God's grace. What, then? Shall we sin, because we are not under law but under God's grace? By no means! Surely you know that <u>when you surrender yourselves as slaves to obey someone, you are in fact the slaves of the master you obey---either of sin, which results in death, or of obedience, which results in being put right with God.</u>

How do you get set free from this boss or master? Listen to what Jesus said...

• John 8:31-36 So Jesus said to those who believed in him, "If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples; you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." "We are the descendants of Abraham," they answered, "and we have never been anybody's slaves. What do you mean, then, by saying, 'You will be free'?" Jesus said to them, "I am telling you the truth: everyone who sins is a slave of sin. A slave does not belong to a family permanently, but a son belongs there forever. If the Son sets you free, then you will be really free.

Surrender your life to Jesus and allow Him to set you free from your master of sin and Satan. God gave us his laws so that we could be set free from the bondages of sin and this world. If you really believe in Jesus like you say you do, then you will obey him. When you obey him, you will be set free...and when Jesus sets you free, you will be free indeed. Your boss and master will then be Jesus Christ, the living son of God.

Fear, Lies and Curses.

In fortune telling, the whole objective is **to lie** to people. One way fortune teller's lie is by saying that the customer has **curses** or some negative energy in their life. They do this to get them **afraid.** Fortune Tellers literally scare people into relying on them. Listen to what the Bible says:

- Psams 63:11 Because God gives him victory, the king will rejoice.
 Those who make promises in God's name will praise him, but the mouths of liars will be shut.
- Proverbs 12:22 The <u>LORD hates liars</u>, but is pleased with those who keep their word.
- Revelation 21:8 But for the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and fornicators, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, their part shall be in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone; which is the second death.
- Proverbs 6:16-19 There are six things which Jehovah hateth; Yea, seven which are an <u>abomination unto him: Haughty eyes, a</u> <u>lying tongue, And hands that shed innocent blood; A heart that</u> <u>deviseth wicked purposes, Feet that are swift in running to</u> <u>mischief, A false witness that uttereth lies, And he that soweth</u> <u>discord among brethren.</u>

All of these things are done in fortune telling and there all abominations!!!

Usually the lies consist of telling the customer that they have negative energy or they have a curse upon their life, but really the curse is on the fortune teller.

Read what the Bible says about this...

- John 8:44 You are the children of your father, the Devil, and you want to follow your father's desires. From the very beginning he was a murderer and has never been on the side of truth, because there is <u>no truth in him</u>. When he tells a lie, he is only doing what is natural to him, because he is <u>a liar and the father of all lies.</u>
- 2 Peter 2:14-15 They want to look for nothing but the chance to commit adultery; their appetite for sin is never satisfied. They lead weak people into a trap. Their hearts are trained to be greedy. They are under God's curse! They have left the straight path and have lost their way; they have followed the path taken by Balaam son of Beor, who loved the money he would get for doing wrong
- 1 Corinthians 16:22 Whoever does not love the Lord---<u>a curse on</u>
 <u>him!</u> Marana tha---Our Lord, come!
- John 14:23-24 Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will obey my teaching. My Father will love them, and my Father and I will come to them and live with them. Those who do not love me do not obey my teaching. And the teaching you have heard is not mine, but comes from the Father, who sent me.

Proverbs 3:32-33 because the LORD hates people who do evil, but he takes righteous people into his confidence. The LORD <u>puts</u>
 <u>a curse on the homes of the wicked</u>, but blesses the homes of the righteous.

When we continue in evil and disobey God, the curse is on the fortune teller. When we tell the customer they have a curse on them and this strikes fear into their hearts, it can sometimes cause them make irrational decisions. Listen to what the bible says about fear

- Rom 8:14-15 Those who are led by God's Spirit are God's children. For the Spirit that God has given you does not make you slaves and cause you to be afraid; instead, the Spirit makes you God's children, and by the Spirit's power we cry out to God, "Father! my Father!"
- **Timothy 1:7** For <u>God did not give us a spirit of fear</u>, but of power and of <u>lov</u>e and of self-control. Satan is the only one who tries to intimidate us and tries to strike fear in us. Listen to what the bible says.
- 1Peter 5:8 Be alert, be on watch! Your enemy, the devil roams around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour.

 This is what a fortune teller does, they look for someone who is weak or unstable to strike fear into, much like a lion who seeks out his prey to devour it. When we try to strike fear in people, we take on the character of Satan.
- 1John 4:18-21 There is no <u>fear in love; perfect love drives out all</u> <u>fear</u>. So then, love has not been made perfect in anyone who is

afraid, because fear has to do with punishment. We love because God first loved us. If we say we love God, but hate others, we are liars. For we cannot love God, whom we have not seen, if we do not love others, whom we have seen. The command that Christ has given us is this: whoever loves God must love others also.

If we say we love God, then we have got to love all people. We have got to love even those we are tempted to cheat scam and deceive. We should love people and tell them the truth. The way you search for people to tell fortune to, is the same way you should search for people to share God's love with...especially if you claim to be a Christian. We should not prey on other's weaknesses, but try to help them overcome their weaknesses. God's love casts out all fears. God desires to cast out all fears from people by His Love, and so when you prey on people's fears, you are doing the opposite of God.

Basically, what we have learned from this chapter is that when you lie and strike fear in to people, you are following the ways of Satan. Also, a curse will be on your house as well as theirs. Finally, if we do not repent, we will go to Hell!

If you want that curse lifted from you and your families listen to what the Bible says

Galatians 3:13-14 <u>But by becoming a curse for us Christ has</u>
 <u>redeemed us from the curse</u> that the Law brings; for the scripture

says, "Anyone who is hanged on a tree is under God's curse." Christ did this in order that the blessing which God promised to Abraham might be given to the Gentiles by means of Christ Jesus, so that through faith we might receive the Spirit promised by God. Jesus took the curse upon himself, so when we abide and remain in Jesus then we will be set free from the curse... and from Hell.

John 15:4-7 Remain united to me, and I will remain united to you. A branch cannot bear fruit by itself; it can do so only if it remains in the vine. In the same way you cannot bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine, and you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me. Those who do not remain in me are thrown out like a branch and dry up; such branches are gathered up and thrown into the fire, where they are burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, then you will ask for anything you wish, and you shall have it.

Instead of abiding in lies, curses and fear, and living in danger of the fires of Hell...Abide in Jesus, so that you will live a life of Truth, blessings and Power. (John 15:6) You receive this by remaining in God, remaining in his word, and being obedient.

Business is great (God is Blessing me)

Many people believe that God is blessing them because he sends them Customers, and they make money. They say things like "God blessed me with an offica,"

"God blessed me with a good Customer," or "God blessed me with a large sum of

Money," but God does not bless disobedience and he does not bless those who break his

laws. Let's look at the Commandments;

- 1. Exodus 20:3 "Worship no god but me. The People start worshipping the fortuneteller.
- 2. Exodus 20:5 Do not bow down to any idol or worship it, again, you are the idol the customer places in front of God. Also, there are images in the offica like; statues of Jesus, pictures, and crosses. These sometimes lead the costumer to believe in a certain "object" rather than God.
- 3. Exodus 20:7 "Do not use my name for evil purposes.

 Fortunetellers will use the name of God in their business for personal gain.
- **4.** Exodus 20:8 "Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy. The customers are usually not permitted to go to church unless the fortune teller takes them.

- 5. Exodus 20:12 "Respect your father and your mother. The customer is told not to listen to their family members, and then told to keep their visits with them a secret.
- 6. Exodus 20:13 "Do not commit murder. Jesus said that when you have hate in your heart for a person, you are considered a murderer. Usually the Customer begins to hate certain people because the fortuneteller will tell things like "they mean bad for you" or they are "Negative" for you.
- 7. Exodus 20:14 "Do not commit adultery. In some cases costumers are told to leave there spouses. The customer then gets remarried and has committed adultery. The Bible says the only way you will be permitted to leave your spouse is if they cheat on you. In other cases, the customers are told to cheat on their spouses. But even if there is no physical adultery being done, there is definitely Spiritual adultery being done. The Bible says in Hosea 4:12 My people inquire of a piece of wood, and their walking staff gives them oracles. For a spirit of whoredom has led them astray, and they have left their God to play the whore. (Spiritual adultery)
- **8.** Exodus 20:15 "Do not steal. There is not much I need to say about this commandment, because it is obvious that tactics fortune tellers employ; they steal people's money by deception.
- **9. Exodus 20:16 Do not accuse anyone falsely.** Sometimes the customer starts accusing people of things they are not guilty of simply because they feel the fortune teller is right about the people in their life.

10. Exodus 20:17 Thou shalt not covet. The fortuneteller covets the customers money, jewelry, and other things they might have....that is the whole purpose of the business

You might say "well, I do not break all of the Commandments," but the bible says in **James 2:10 that whoever breaks one commandment is guilty of breaking them all.** You might even say, "Well then everyone is going to hell," but Read this;

• Hebrews 10:26 For there is no longer any sacrifice that will take away sins if we purposely go on sinning after the truth has been made known to us.

There is a big difference between tripping and making a mistake, and truly falling on purpose.

How about these verses?

- Leviticus 19:11 "Do not steal or Cheat or lie.
- Deuteronomy 25:16 The LORD hates people who cheat.
- 1Corinthians 6:9 Surely you know that the <u>wicked</u> will not possess God's Kingdom. <u>Do not fool yourselves</u>; people who are immoral or who worship <u>idols</u> or are adulterers or homosexual perverts
- 1Corinthians 6:10 or who <u>steal</u> or are <u>greedy</u> or are drunkards or who slander others or are <u>thieves---none of these will possess</u> God's Kingdom.

How can God Bless you when what you are doing is against His Word. God cannot bless sin, and God cannot go against His own word!!!

• Deuteronomy 30:16 <u>If you obey the commands</u> of the LORD your God, which I give you today, <u>if you love him</u>, obey him, and keep

all his laws, then you will prosper and become a nation of many people. The LORD your God will Bless you in the land that you are about to occupy.

When you Obey God, then you will see the Blessings of the Lord!!!

You might respond, "well who is blessing me, then?"

Before Jesus started His Ministry He was tempted by the devil.

Mat 4:8-9 Then the Devil took Jesus to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in all their greatness.
 "All this I will give you," the Devil said, "if you kneel down and worship me."

Jesus was tempted by the devil, but He did not give in to temptation. The devil showed Jesus everything in the World and all that it has to offer; money, fame, power and even authority. Jesus only needed to do one thing and it would all be his; bow down and worship the devil. One of the definitions for Worship is "to do whatever is pleasing." Living a life that pleases God is an act of Worship. On the other hand, it is also an act of Worship when you please the devil by how you live your life. When you steal, scam, lie, cheat, and take people from the True God, this pleases the devil. When you tell fortune, you are worshiping the devil, and to reward you, he gives you the things of the world!

Jesus said it's Possible for you to gain the whole world and still loose you soul!

• Mat 16:24-26 Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and

follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

Money from fortune telling is not a Blessing from God, but it is a trap, and a snare of the devil to keep you doing his will. His will is that you lie, cheat, steal and keep people from God, and when you do this, he will give you the things of the World to keep you ensnared. Have you ever noticed how the money you make from fortune telling never lasts, why is this?

- Proverbs 21:6 The riches you get by dishonesty soon disappear, but not before they lead you into the jaws of death.
- **Proverbs 13:11** Money wrongly gotten will disappear bit by bit; money earned little by little will grow and grow.
- Proverbs 10:2 Wealth you get by dishonesty will do you no good, but honesty can save your life.

Or maybe you are a person that has actually saved there money but is probably living in misery.

- 1 Timothy 6:10 for the Love of Money a root of all kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows. (this is why you are miserable)
- Proverbs 11:7 When the wicked die, their hope dies with them.

 Confidence placed in riches comes to nothing.

Listen to what Jesus said about putting Money in front of God.

- Matthew 6:24 "You cannot be a slave of two masters; you will
 hate one and love the other; you will be loyal to one and despise
 the other. You cannot serve both God and money.
 - Obey God! Be Faithful to God! Do something you can be honest in. The money is not worth going to hell over. REPENT! Do what Jesus did Mathew 4:10 Then Jesus answered, "Go away, Satan! The scripture says, 'Worship the Lord your God and serve only him!'"
- Proverbs 22:4 Obey the LORD, be humble, and you will get riches, honor, and a long life.

How do you repent of the Love of Money?

• Revelation 3:17-19 You say, 'I am rich and well off; I have all I need.' But you do not know how miserable and pitiful you are! You are poor, naked, and blind. <u>I advise you</u>, then, to buy gold from me, pure gold, in order to be rich. Buy also white clothing to dress yourself and cover up your shameful nakedness. Buy also some ointment to put on your eyes, so that you may see. I rebuke and punish all whom I love. <u>Be in earnest, then, and turn from your</u>

<u>sins.</u>

Basically what Jesus is saying in this passage is "let me help you, because you cannot help yourself." Ask for His help right now, and Jesus will help you. Jesus will deliver you. He will save you and sustain you. Remember he is Jehova-Jirah the Lord our provider.

God understands (God knows my heart)

I have heard fortune tellers say things like, "God understands I have to do this because this is all I know," or "God understands I have to do this, because I'm married to a man that is forcing me do it," or even "God understands because of my culture, I am a Gypsy.

Listen to God's own words concerning this matter...

- Romans 1:20-22 Ever since God created the world, his invisible qualities, both his eternal power and his divine nature, have been clearly seen; they are perceived in the things that God has made.

 So those people have no excuse at all! They know God, but they do not give him the honor that belongs to him, nor do they thank him. Instead, their thoughts have become complete nonsense, and their empty minds are filled with darkness. They say they are wise, but they are fools;
- Jude 1:4-7 For some godless people have slipped in unnoticed among us, persons who distort the message about the grace of our God in order to excuse their immoral ways, and who reject Jesus Christ, our only Master and Lord. Long ago the Scriptures predicted the condemnation they have received. For even though you know all this, I want to remind you of how the Lord once rescued the people of Israel from Egypt, but afterward destroyed those who did not believe. Remember the angels who did not stay within the limits of their proper authority, but abandoned their

own dwelling place: they are bound with eternal chains in the darkness below, where God is keeping them for that great Day on which they will be condemned. **Remember Sodom and Gomorrah**, and the nearby towns, whose people acted as those angels did and indulged in sexual immorality and perversion: they suffer the punishment of eternal fire as a plain warning to all.

God did not spare the Angels when they rebelled against Him, but they were cast out of Heaven and into Hell. God did not spare the people of Sodom and Gomorrah when they rebelled against Him; God sent fire from the sky to destroy them. God destroys and judges wickedness. Listen to what the Bible says about people who are warned to stop what they are doing but continue in it any way because they feel Gods grace will cover them.

Hebrews 10:26-31 For there is no longer any sacrifice that will take away sins if we purposely go on sinning after the truth has been made known to us. Instead, all that is left is to wait in fear for the coming Judgment and the <u>fierce fire which will destroy those who oppose God!</u> Anyone who disobeys the Law of Moses is put to death without any mercy when judged guilty from the evidence of two or more witnesses. What, then, of those who despise the Son of God? who treat as a cheap thing the blood of God's covenant which purified them from sin? who insult the <u>Spirit of grace</u>? Just think how much worse is the punishment they will deserve! For we know who said, "I will take revenge, I will repay"; and who also said, "The Lord will judge his people." <u>It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God!</u>

Jesus gave us a Parable in the Bible to illustrate just how we have all been called to serve God and enter into the great feast in heaven.

Luke 14:16-20 Jesus said to him, "There was once a man who was giving a great feast to which he invited many people. When it was time for the feast, he sent his servant to tell his guests, 'Come, everything is ready!' But they all began, one after another, to make Excuses. The first one told the servant, 'I have bought a field and must go and look at it; please accept my apologies.' Another one said, 'I have bought five pairs of oxen and am on my way to try them out; please accept my apologies.' Another one said, 'I have just gotten married, and for that reason I cannot come.'

Have you been putting God off and making excuses? Listen to what Jesus said about those servants that made excuses...

• Luke 14:24 I tell you all that <u>none of those who were invited</u> will taste my dinner!' "

You will not enter in to the great Feast of God!!!

What should a fortuneteller do? Stop making Excuses, repent of your ways, and then give it up. God will provide. Jesus says in Revelation...

• Revelation 3:20-21 Listen! I stand at the door and knock; if any hear my voice and open the door, I will come into their house and eat with them, and they will eat with me. To those who win the

<u>victory I will give the right to sit beside me on my throne,</u> just as I have been victorious and now sit by my Father on his throne.

God is giving you a chance to enter into the Great Feast, and He wants you to sit next to Him on His Throne! Isn't that worth giving it up? There are no more excuses after you have received the truth, and when you purposely go on sinning, there is no more sacrifice. (Hebrews 10:26) God understands that you need to repent.

Still NO Peace

Have you ever noticed that no matter how much money you have or what you buy, you're still miserable, depressed, worried, and lonely and you have no Peace? My wife Gina and I had a Corvette, a Cadillac Escalade, and a new Honda Motorcycle, 2 Rolexes, Jewelry, Big screen TVs, Big Houses and \$50,000 put away in the Bank...all from telling fortunes and scamming. We lived a life of luxury, but I was doing despicable things that I am embarrassed to mention. Gina and I even tried to commit suicide on a few different occasions because of our misery. Even though we had "stuff," we had no Peace in our lives. The Money and the Possessions did not and cannot make anyone happy. In front of people we wore our fake masks of happiness, but behind the scenes we were angry, hurt, depressed and frustrated. You might be thinking that if you can just get more "stuff" then you will be truly happy, but take it from me, one who had all the "stuff"...it never brings Peace. Those who live in willful sin and disobey God will never have true peace, and you will never be satisfied. Things that feed the desires of the flesh just cause the flesh to desire more things...and the cycle never stops...and there is never enough "things."

Let's read what the Bible says about this. God was talking to the Children of Israel and telling them what would happen if they disobey. (If you can read all of Deuteronomy chapter 28)

- Deuteronomy 28:15 "But if you disobey the LORD your God and do not faithfully keep all his commands and laws that I am giving you today, all these evil things will happen to you:
 Towards the middle of this great list of evils that will happen to you if you disobey, God says in Verses 65-67
- Deuteronomy 28:65-67 You will find no peace anywhere, no place to call your own; the LORD will overwhelm you with anxiety, hopelessness, and despair. Your life will always be in danger. Day and night you will be filled with terror, and you will live in constant fear of death. Your hearts will pound with fear at everything you see. Every morning you will wish for evening; every evening you will wish for morning.

Do you feel like this? It is because of the sin that is in your life, and not only fortune telling will make your life like this, but any sin that you are in bondage to. Any sin will bring all these evils upon you. If you do not repent, you will never have true peace and happiness. To put it bluntly, if you are a sinner, then you are in danger of Hell. **Read the following verse and examine your life...**

• Gal 5:19-21 People's desires make them give in to immoral ways, filthy thoughts, and shameful deeds. They worship idols, practice witchcraft, hate others, and are hard to get along with. People become jealous, angry, and selfish. They not only argue and cause trouble, but they are envious. They get drunk, carry on at wild parties, and do other evil things as well. I told you before, and I

am telling you again: No one who does these things will share in the blessings of God's kingdom.

You may have to give up a lot more than just fortune telling, and I can guarantee if you tell fortune there are a lot of other things in your life as well. I myself was caught up in every sin you can imagine; adultery, fortune telling, cursing, gossiping, fighting, anger, lust, unforgiveness, lying, drunkenness and idolatry. I do not say those things to brag, but to say; if God can forgive me and can use me after all that, he can use you too.

How did so much sin creep into my life?

James 1:13-16 If we are tempted by such trials, we must not say, "This temptation comes from God." For God cannot be tempted by evil, and he himself tempts no one. But we are tempted when we are drawn away and trapped by our own evil desires. Then our evil desires conceive and give birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. Do not be deceived, my dear friends! The more I sinned, the bigger the hunger grew inside of me for more sin. I began to allow things in my life that I never thought I would indulge in. Sin gives birth to more sin, and if we do not stop sinning and repent... there will be death. Stop being deceived by Satan, and be delivered and set free from the bondage of your sins. The Only way to do this is to Listen and Obey the Prince of Peace, which is Jesus Christ!

How do you find true peace?

- Romans 14:17-19 For God's Kingdom is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of the righteousness, peace, and joy which the Holy Spirit gives. 18 And when you serve Christ in this way, you please God and are approved by others. So then, we must always aim at those things that bring peace and that help strengthen one another.
- Phillipians 4:7-9 Then, because you belong to Christ Jesus, God will bless you with peace that no one can completely understand. And this peace will control the way you think and feel. Finally, my friends, keep your minds on whatever is true, pure, right, holy, friendly, and proper. Don't ever stop thinking about what is truly worthwhile and worthy of praise. You know the teachings I gave you, and you know what you heard me say and saw me do. So follow my example. And God, who gives peace, will be with you.

As Paul said in the Bible, I say to you; follow my example and repent. Turn from fortune telling. Gina and I, along with our children, are living a far more blessed life now than we ever have, and it is all because we are following Jehovah Shalom. (The Lord our Peace) You can call upon The Prince of Peace right now, and ask Him to deliver you from your sin. He desires to give you true Peace and happiness. Do you desire to have it?

What about the other Businesses.

Some fortune tellers might try to justify their actions by turning the spot light on someone else's action. They may say something like, "Well what about the other businesses that are wrong? Aren't they just as bad?"

Philippians 2:12 So then, my beloved, even as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; You need to worry about your own salvation, and then you can begin to worry about other people's lives. In God's eyes, sin is sin. Their businesses are wrong also, but you do not measure yourself by man, but by God's word. You will not stand in judgment for what others do, or even how you compare to others, but you will stand in judgment for every deed you commit.

But since we are on the subject, we might as well expose their sins too, because we do not desire that anyone should perish and go to Hell, but that all are saved.

 Hosea 7:1-2 "Whenever I want to heal my people Israel and make them prosperous again, all I can see is their wickedness and the evil they do. <u>They cheat one another; they break in to Houses</u> and

- <u>steal</u>; they rob <u>people</u> in the streets. It never enters their heads that I will remember all this evil; but their sins surround them, and I cannot avoid seeing them."
- Proverbs 24:15 You wicked one, do not lie in ambush at the home of a righteous person. Do not rob his house.
- Isaiah 59:1-4 Don't think that the LORD is too weak to save you or too deaf to hear your call for help! It is because of your sins that he doesn't hear you. It is your sins that separate you from God when you try to worship him. You are guilty of lying, violence, and murder. You go to court, but you do not have justice on your side. You depend on lies to win your case. You carry out your plans to hurt others.
- Proverbs 16:11 The LORD wants weights and measures to be honest and every sale to be fair.
- Deuteronomy 25:15-16 <u>Use true and honest weights and measures</u>, so that you may live a long time in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <u>The LORD hates people who cheat.</u>
- 1Peter 2:1 Rid yourselves, then, of all evil; no more lying or hypocrisy or jealousy or insulting language.
- Leviticus 19:32 "Show respect to the elderly, and honor older people. In this way you show respect for your God. I am the LORD.

- **Psalm 120:2-3** Save me, LORD, from <u>liars and deceivers.</u> You liars, what will God do to you? How will he punish you?
- Matthew 22:38-40 This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."
- James 5:4 Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. ⁵You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. ⁶You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you.

In all of these so-called "businesses," people think they are just earning money, but they are earning God's wrath

- Micah 6:10-11 In the houses of evil people are treasures which
 they got dishonestly. They use false measures, a thing that I hate.

 How can I forgive those who use false scales and weights?
- Phesians 4:27-30 Don't give the Devil a chance. If you used to rob, you must stop robbing and start working, in order to earn an honest living for yourself and to be able to help the poor. Do not use harmful words, but only helpful words, the kind that build up and provide what is needed, so that what you say will do good to those who hear you. And do not make God's Holy Spirit sad; for the Spirit is God's mark of ownership on you, a guarantee that the Day will come when God will set you free.

• 1Corinthians 6:10 or who steal or are greedy or are drunkards or who slander others or are thieves---none of these will possess God's Kingdom.

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• Leviticus 20:6-7 "I will condemn people who turn to mediums and psychics and chase after them as though they were prostitutes. I will exclude them from the people. "Live holy lives. Be holy because I am the LORD your God. Obey my laws, and live by them. I am the LORD who sets you apart as holy.

All these businesses are sin, but Fortune telling literally leads people away from the truth. In these other businesses, the people who are involved do sin, but those who tell fotune are literally leading others away from God and into sin. Jesus said this about people who lead others from the truth.

• Matthew 18:6-7 "If anyone should cause one of these little ones to lose his faith in me, it would be better for that person to have a large millstone tied around his neck and be drowned in the deep sea. How terrible for the world that there are things that make people lose their faith! Such things will always happen—but how terrible for the one who causes them!

WOW! The person should be drowned in the sea with a 2000 pound rock tied to his neck, it is better for you to hurt yourself, before you hurt one of God's children.

The Bible says that all people who cause others to sin will be thrown into Hell

- Matthew 13:41-42 the Son of Man will send out his angels to gather up out of his Kingdom all those who cause people to sin and all others who do evil things, and they will throw them into the fiery furnace, where they will cry and gnash their teeth.
- 1John 2:9-11 If we say that we are in the light, yet hate others, we are in the darkness to this very hour. If we love others, we live in the light, and so there is nothing in us that will cause someone else to sin. But if we hate others, we are in the darkness; we walk in it and do not know where we are going, because the darkness has made us blind.

Do not justify your own sin by pointing the finger at others and accusing them. Admit your sins. Confess your sins. Choose to walk in the light. Open your eyes, because this is serious. Sin is darkness, and if you stay in sin you will end up in eternal darkness. What should you do? Do what Jesus said to do

• Mat 18:8-9 "If your hand or your foot makes you lose your faith, cut it off and throw it away! It is better for you to enter life without a hand or a foot than to keep both hands and both feet and be thrown into the eternal fire. And if your eye makes you lose your faith, take it out and throw it away! It is better for you to enter life with only one eye than to keep both eyes and be thrown into the fire of hell.

Is Jesus saying literally pluck your eye out and cut your hand off? No, of course not, but He is giving you an illustration. Basically what he is saying is; whatever is in your life that is causing you to sin, get it out of your life. It is better for you to get it out of your life and go to heaven, then to keep it in your life and go to hell. It is time to work out your salvation with fear and trembling. Amen.

Consequences Clarified.

Please read the entire book before you read this chapter so you will fully understand why I feel the need to be so straightforward. These are not my words; these are the words of the Living God. This chapter is to sum up the consequences of the sin of the fortune teller... or anyone for that matter, who uses deception to lie, steal, cheat and scam or live their life in-bondage to sin.

- Galatians 5:19-21 People's desires make them give in to immoral ways, filthy thoughts, and shameful deeds. They worship idols, practice witchcraft, hate others, and are hard to get along with. People become jealous, angry, and selfish. They not only argue and cause trouble, but they are envious. They get drunk, carry on at wild parties, and do other evil things as well. I told you before, and I am telling you again: No one who does these things will share in the blessings of God's kingdom.
- Deuteronomy 18:10-12 You must never sacrifice your sons or daughters by burning them alive, practice black magic, be a fortuneteller, witch, or sorcerer, cast spells, ask ghosts or spirits for help, or consult the dead. Whoever does these things is disgusting to the LORD. The LORD your God is forcing these nations out of your way because of their disgusting practices.
- Ephesians 5:3-5 You are God's people, so don't let it be said that any of you are immoral or indecent or greedy. Don't use dirty or

- foolish or filthy words. Instead, say how thankful you are. <u>Being</u> <u>greedy</u>, indecent, or immoral is just another way of worshiping idols. You can be sure that people who behave in this way will never be part of the kingdom that belongs to Christ and to God.
- Revelation 22:15 But outside the city are the perverts and those
 who practice magic, the immoral and the murderers, those who
 worship idols and those who are liars both in words and deeds.
- Leviticus 20:26-27 Be my holy people because I, the LORD, am holy. I have separated you from other people to be my very own.
 "Every man or woman who is a medium or a psychic must be put to death. They must be stoned to death because they deserve to die."
- them into hell, where they are kept chained in darkness, waiting for the Day of Judgment. God did not spare the ancient world, but brought the flood on the world of godless people; the only ones he saved were Noah, who preached righteousness, and seven other people. God condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, destroying them with fire, and made them an example of what will happen to the godless. He rescued Lot, a good man, who was distressed by the immoral conduct of lawless people. That good man lived among them, and day after day he suffered agony as he saw and heard their evil actions. And so the Lord knows how to rescue godly people from their trials and how to keep the wicked under punishment for the Day of Judgment,

in the blessings of God's kingdom? Don't fool yourselves! No one who is immoral or worships idols or is unfaithful in marriage or is a pervert or behaves like a homosexual will share in God's kingdom. Neither will any thief or greedy person or drunkard or anyone who curses and cheats others. Some of you used to be like that. But now the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and the power of God's Spirit have washed you and made you holy and acceptable to God. Some of you say, "We can do anything we want to." But I tell you that not everything is good for us. So I refuse to let anything have power over me.

Because of these consequences, take Gods advice...

- James 1:13-17 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall.
- 1Corinthians 10:13-14 No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.
- Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

- Ephesians 4:27-28 Don't give the Devil a chance. If you used to rob, you must stop robbing and start working, in order to earn an honest living for yourself and to be able to help the poor.
- 1Peter 3:10-12 As the scripture says, "If you want to enjoy life and wish to see good times, you must keep from speaking evil and stop telling lies. You must turn away from evil and do good; you must strive for peace with all your heart. For the Lord watches over the righteous and listens to their prayers; but he opposes those who do evil.
- Matthew 4:17 From that time began Jesus to preach, and to say, Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
 - And just like the customers do not know when the fortune teller will strike and rob them...God is coming back in that same way.
- Revelation 3:3 Remember, then, what you were taught and what you heard; obey it and turn from your sins. If you do not wake up, I will come upon you like a thief, and you will not even know the time when I will come.

Let us repent and be a true follower of Jesus Christ. God died for you to give you life. Read the next chapter to learn how to submit and give your life to Jesus

Chapter 14

Renouncing & Repenting

Definition of Repent: To feel <u>pain</u>, sorrow <u>or regret for something</u> done or spoken; as, to repent that we have injured or wounded the <u>feelings of a friend</u>. A person repents only of what he himself has done or said. <u>Repent from past, change of heart.</u>

Repenting means that you realize you have done wrong. You literally feel a hurt and a sorrow, because you realize the trouble you have caused, so you turn your back on whatever it was you were doing. At this point you decide in your heart that you do not want to do it anymore! This is how we need to repent from fortune telling or any other sins in our lives. We must stop completely and refuse to look back. False repentance is like the husband and wife who were arguing about a direction. The husband said it was this way and the wife said the other. The husband decided to go his way, and soon found out that he was going the wrong direction. He said he was sorry, he confessed his wrong, but he did not repent because he did not turn around. It is not until we turn around that we truly repent. Gina and I repented of our evil ways and gave up the sins that were destroying us. We did this because the Word of God was revealed to us in such a way that we found out how to become True Christians, and what God desired from us. Ever since, we have been more than blessed. We may not have as much "stuff" as we use to have, but we have greater treasures; joy, love,

purpose fulfillment, and peace. God always supplies our needs. We have five kids; Savannah, David, Noel, Gia and Joy, and the Bible says if I obey, my children will be blessed. My Family is blessed!

How do you make this same change?

Well first you need to understand that it will not be easy, but the Bible says we can do all things through Christ who gives us strength. I remember the day I went to Gina and told her that we needed to give up fortune telling. She responded, "I can't... I'm not ready yet". I went to the Lord in prayer and prayed, "God, you never forced me to do anything, so I am not going to force Gina either." I continued to pray, Gina and I went to church every Sunday, and I was patiently waiting on God to speak to her. About a month went by, and she told me she was ready to give it up, and we did. The Key factors to success is; constant Prayer, reading the word every day, and Continuing in Church. No one can force you to quit, the Choice is yours. God did not make robots, but he made people with free will whom he hopes will decide to serve him out of their love for him. And don't let fear stand in the way, God will provide for you. One of God's names in the Bible is Jehovah Jireh, and it means "The Lord my Provider!"

The Following are some of the things you need to do in Order for you to see God Move in your Life!

1st Confess your wrong.

and announce is this: God is light, and there is no darkness at all in him. If, then, we say that we have fellowship with him, yet at the same time live in the darkness, we are lying both in our words and in our actions. But if we live in the light---just as he is in the light---then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from every sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and there is no truth in us. But if we confess our sins to God, he will keep his promise and do what is right: he will forgive us our sins and purify us from all our wrongdoing. If we say that we have not sinned, we make a liar out of God, and his word is not in us.

Admit your sins to God right now for ALL your sins—including fortune telling. Admit

These sins are wrong... and you are wrong for doing them.

Prayer of confession (the Sinner's Prayer):

Father God, I confess that I have been sinning by fortune telling, and I also have many more sins in my life. I confess that I am I sinner, and I need to be saved. Please forgive me of my sins. Save me from my sins. Save me form the fires of Hell. I believe you sent your Son Jesus Christ into this world to die for my sins. I repent from my sins today, and I will obey your word. I proclaim Jesus Christ to be the Lord of my life, and I ask him to remove the curses that are upon me and my family. Give me the strength to be

obedient to your word. I pray this prayer in your Son's name, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, the Living Son of God. Amen.

Just because you confessed Him, it does not mean you have a one way ticket to Heaven. However, it does mean you have taken the first step in turning your life over to Jesus. Now you must truly repent, and walk away from your sins.

• Matthew 7:21-23 Not everyone who calls me their Lord will get into the kingdom of heaven. Only the ones who obey my Father in heaven will get in. On the day of judgment many will call me their Lord. They will say, "We preached in your name, and in your name we forced out demons and worked many miracles." But I will tell them, "I will have nothing to do with you! Get out of my sight, you evil people!"

Obey God and stay away from the things that are evil. Stay in Jesus.

• 1John 3:6 So everyone who lives in union with Christ does not continue to sin; but whoever continues to sin has never seen him or known him.

2nd Read the Word of God.

When I started reading the Word of God every day is when I was delivered of the sins that were in my life. I read the entire Bible in a year, and in that year I was delivered from; drinking, cursing, fighting, anger, bitterness, jealousy, hate, pride, adultery, lust, gossip, judging and lying. After I read the Bible completely through, I stopped reading the Bible and started reading other

Christian books instead. About two weeks went by and I found myself judging, getting angry, and gossiping again. God revealed to me that these things slipped back into my life because I neglected his word. Since that day, I have read the Bible every day before I even leave my home. Listen to what the Bible says about how important the Word is;

- Joshua 1:7-8 Just be determined, be confident; and make sure that you obey the whole Law that my servant Moses gave you. Do not neglect any part of it and you will succeed wherever you go. Be sure that the book of the Law is always read in your worship.
 Study it day and night, and make sure that you obey everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.
- John 8:31-32 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall Set you free.

 Do you desire to be successful and prosperous in every way; spiritual, physical, and financial? The Word of God shows us the key, and they are Obedience. The Bible tells us Deuteronomy 28 that if we Obey god and his law, we will receive prosperity and success. Furthermore, we will be SET FREE from all the sin that is in our lives, all the additions, and even all the desires.
- Hebrews 4:12 <u>The word of God is alive and active</u>, sharper than any double-edged sword. It cuts all the way through, to where soul and spirit meet, to where joints and marrow come together. <u>It jude</u> the desires and thoughts of the heart.

<u>W</u>hen you apply the word of God to your life, the Holy Spirit will set you free, but first we need to plant the seed that produces the fruit of the Holy Spirit to set us free. The Word of God is seed that produces Fruit; the fruit of the Holy Spirit. If we don't plant the seed <u>and apply the word to our lives</u>, we will not inherit the Kingdom of Heaven

- 1Peter 1:23 having been <u>Born again</u>, not of corruptible seed, <u>but</u>
 of incorruptible seed, through the word of God, which liveth and
 abideth
- John 3:3 Jesus answered, "I am telling you the truth: no one can see the Kingdom of God without being born again."

Buy you a Bible, and get one you can understand. Do not ask someone to buy it for you, but you make the investment. Go to a Bible book store, look around and see which one you can understand. If you cannot read, I strongly suggest you learn, but until then get the Bible on CD. The first Bible I ever read through was a New Living Translation.

After you get a Bible start a Daily Devotion. What I do every morning before I do anything is; I get up, wash up and Read up. I read 2 Chapters a day, one Chapter in the Old Testament and one in the New Testament. I would advise you to start Reading the New Testament first. Begin reading 2 Chapters a day, and your life will never be the same! HOWEVER YOU DECIDE TO READ, JUST START READING AND APPLYING!

3RD Attend Church

- Exodus 20:8-11 "Observe the Sabbath and keep it holy. You have six days in which to do your work, but the seventh day is a day of rest dedicated to me. On that day no one is to work---neither you, your children, your slaves, your animals, nor the foreigners who live in your country. In six days I, the LORD, made the earth, the sky, the seas, and everything in them, but on the seventh day I rested. That is why I, the LORD, blessed the Sabbath and made it holy.
- <u>Hebrews 10:25</u> Some people have gotten out of the habit of meeting for worship, <u>but we must not do that.</u> We should keep on encouraging each other, especially since you know that the day of the Lord's coming is getting closer.
 - You need to attend a church. Even Jesus went to the **synagogue** every Sabbath to hear the word and worship God. Church is important because it is where the Word of God is preached and explained. The Bible tells us "Faith comes by HEARING and Hearing by the Word of God." We go to church because God wants to encourage us by His words. There have been many times I went to church completely burdened and distracted, and the Pastor would give me a Word from God. It was like God was only talking to me. I received the Word I needed to get through my situation. That's what church does for us. Bottom line; you cannot live a life that pleases God if you do not go to Church.
- Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for
 he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a
 rewarded of them that <u>diligently seek him.</u>

The Greek Definition for the Word <u>diligently</u> in the Bible is: $ekze \sqcap teo \sqcap$

Thayer Definition:

1) to seek out, search for

- 2) to seek out, i.e. **investigate**, scrutinize
- 3) to seek out for one's self, beg, craveble

4) to requireble

This is what church does for us; it investigates the Bible, searches out the Scriptures, and explains them so we can apply them to our lives. We also have to diligently seek God ourselves as well; through Prayer, Worship and the Word, and church helps teach us how to do this corporately and privately.

Another important thing church provides is a group of people you can fellowship with, people who can encourage you, people who will help you, and make you stronger.

• Acts 2:41-44 Many of them believed his message and were baptized, and about three thousand people were added to the group that day. They spent their time in learning from the apostles, taking part in the fellowship, and sharing in the fellowship meals and the prayers. Many miracles and wonders were being done through the apostles, and everyone was filled with awe. All the believers continued together in close fellowship and shared their belongings with one another.

• Romans 1:11-12 For I want very much to see you, in order to share a spiritual blessing with you to make you strong. What I mean is that both you and I will be helped at the same time, you by my faith and I by yours.

Christian Fellowship is key; people to encourage you, to pray for you, and to help you in your Christian walk.

What kind of Church?

I prefer the following denominations; Church of God or the Assemblies of God. The reason why is because they base their doctrine on The Whole Word of God. I am a licensed Church of God Pastor, so I strongly recommend one of these churches. Also, the Church of God is a worldwide denomination; we have churches in over 160 countries. You can go on the internet and find church nearest you at www.churchofGod.org or any assemblies of God teaching church.

Chapter 15

Gods Great Plan

When you repent and surrender your life to God, he has an awesome plan for your life. Your culture might tell you since you are a woman you cannot do anything for God or be used by God, but that just is not true. There was a woman who lived in the time of Jesus named Mary. The bible says that Mary was a "known" sinner, meaning she was famous for her sin. Mary had an experience with Jesus; he forgave her when everyone else was condemning her. The power of forgiveness and the Love Jesus showed Mary captured her so much, she followed Jesus throughout all His Ministry.

When Jesus Resurrected from the dead, you would think the first person who would see Him would have been His Disciples or even His Mother, but it was not any of them. The first person to see the Resurrected Jesus Christ was the "known" sinner, Mary.

• Mark 16:9 [After Jesus rose from death early on Sunday, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had driven out seven demons.

If you follow Jesus (the Word of God) as Mary followed Jesus, you will also see Resurrection. You will see resurrection in your Marriage, your Children, your Family, your finances, and in your relationship with Jesus Christ the living Son of God.

God has a great Plan for your life.

• Jeremiah 29:11-13 I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for. Then you will call to me. You will come and pray to me, and I will answer you. You will seek me, and you will find me because you will seek me with all your heart.

You might think you are the worse sinner. Mary probably thought the same thing after seven demons left her, but read what Jesus said...

• Matthew 9:12-13 Jesus heard them and answered, "People who are well do not need a doctor, but only those who are sick. Go and find out what is meant by the scripture that says: 'It is kindness that I want, not animal sacrifices.' I have not come to call respectable people, but outcasts."

Jesus is calling you, just like he called Mary. Jesus will use you, just like he used Mary.

• 1Colossians 1:26-29 Now remember what you were, my friends, when God called you. From the human point of view few of you were wise or powerful or of high social standing. God purposely chose what the world considers nonsense in order to shame the wise, and he chose what the world considers weak in order to shame the powerful. He chose what the world looks down on and despises and thinks is nothing, in order to destroy what the world thinks is important. This means that no one can boast in God's presence.

But remember... *Matthew 22:14* For many are called, but few chosen. The ones who are chosen to receive Gods Awesome Plan are the ones who accept and Follow the Plan.

Matthew 7:24-27 "So then, anyone who hears these words of mine and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain poured down, the rivers flooded over, and the wind blew hard against that house. But it did not fall, because it was built on rock. "But anyone who hears these words of mine and does not obey them is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain poured down, the rivers flooded over, the wind blew hard against that house, and it fell. And what a terrible fall that was!"

Let us start following God's word... not our own opinions and other people's advice...but what the Word of God says.

• Proverbs 3:5-8 Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the LORD in everything you do, and he will show you the right way. Never let yourself think that you are wiser than you are; simply obey the LORD and refuse to do wrong. If you do, it will be like good medicine, healing your wounds and easing your pains.

God has a Plan, and he has written it down for you. Follow his plan, and you will receive all the benefits it has to offer.

Conclusion

Don't forget what you have been taught in this Book!!! This book was not meant to be for the purpose of entertainment, but for teaching and instruction.

Proverbs 3:1-14 My child, don't forget what I teach you. Always remember what I tell you to do. If you are obedient to my teaching, I will give you a long and prosperous life. Never let go of loyalty and faithfulness. Tie them around your neck; write them on your heart. If you do this, both God and people will be pleased with you. Trust in the LORD with all your heart. Never rely on what you think you know. Remember the LORD in everything you do, and he will show you the right way. Never let yourself think that you are wiser than you are; simply obey the LORD and refuse to do wrong. If you do, it will be like good medicine, healing your wounds and easing your pains. Honor the LORD by making him an offering from the best of all that your land produces. If you do, your barns will be filled with grain, and you will have too much wine to store it all. My child, when the LORD corrects you, pay close attention and take it as a warning. The LORD corrects those he loves, as parents correct a child of whom they are proud. Happy is anyone who becomes wise---who comes to have understanding. There is more profit in it than there is in silver; it is worth more to you than gold.

I have known many people throughout my life who have tried to justify the sin of fortune telling, but God says differently... as you have discovered in this book. If you apply what you have read, you will live a blessed life. If you do not apply it, you will live a cursed life. If you apply what was written, you will go to Heaven. If you do not apply them, you will go to hell.

Please understand that I did not write this book to be popular with people, but I wrote this book to be Obedient to God. If you have complaints or if you are mad about the Truth that has been revealed in this book, it is not against me but against God.

Jesus said...

• Luke 9:26 If you are ashamed of me and of my teaching, then the Son of Man will be ashamed of you when he comes in his glory and in the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.

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God Bless.

Choosing Your Future... the opportunity for a fortune teller to repent from her past and present to know her Future.

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Joshua 24:15 "As for me and my house, we <u>choose</u> to serve the Lord"

Joshua made a choice for him in his house they chose to serve the Lord he told the rest of the people they can do what ever they wanted to do but for him and his house he chose right. So you have that same choice. What do you choose?