

THERE IS NO FEAR IN LOVE – Part 2

There are 7 major strong holds we find consistent in many of the believer's lives, who have come to us for deliverance and ministry. This is not meant to be an exhaustive list, but it will help us to exercise our senses to discern evil that which is not love. The first of these 7 strong men and some of the spirits that support these 7 strongmen are:

Bitterness - unforgiveness, resentment, retaliation, anger wrath and rage, hatred, violence, and murder.

Accusation - judgment, criticism, condemnation, gossiping, murmuring, personalities of accusation, slander, ungodly competition and comparison and pride.

Envy and Jealousy - idolatry, covetousness, rivalry, unbelief that God will provide, suspicion, obsessive possessiveness.

Rejection - abandonment, betrayal, need for love, approval, acceptance, need for identity, insecurities, deep hurt and wounding from rejection.

Anti-christ Unloving Spirit - self pride, self-idolatry, religious spirits, intellectual spirits, self-accusation, self-rejection, self-doubt, self-bitterness, self-unforgiveness, self-resentment, self-retaliation, self-anger wrath and rage, self-hatred, self-violence, self-murder, self-torment.

Fear – fear of man, fear of failure, fear of confrontation, fear of loss of reputation, fear of poverty, fear of another's bitterness, fear of another's words, fear of sickness, fear of death, fear of being controlled and manipulated.

Occultism – spirits of witchcraft, sorcery and divination, spirits of whoredoms, spirits of idolatry, spirits of deception, seduction- lust and perverse spirits, spirits of sexual sin, spirits of drunkenness, spirits of pharmakeia, spirits of gluttony, spirits of false religions: covenants, vows and ungodly assignments.

There are eight areas that we use to discern both good and evil. We must recognize what we are thinking and determine whether our thoughts are coming from the Lord or from Satan. When we identify thoughts, which are unrighteous, we need to determine the personality of these spiritual entities and what they cause us to do or not do. As an example, fear comes in many manifestations such as fear of man, fear of failure, fear of disease and fear of the future. When we do not take authority over these negative thoughts of fear, they can become self-fulfilling. As we entertain multiple fears we can easily be put into a state of anxiety.

Next comes stress. When we have fear, anxiety and stress operating in our lives major life supporting systems can be damaged and make room for diseases. Another example would be shame. Shames says we are defective, something is wrong with us and it cannot be fixed, which can lead to self-hatred.

Recognizing leads to discernment. Discerning both good and evil.

Responsibility – means that we must recognize that our sin is our responsibility. We cannot blame others for our sin, even though we might have been hurt by others. It is our responsibility to learn how-to pull-down strongholds, imaginations and vain things that exalt themselves against the knowledge of God, by using spiritual warfare.

Repent - to agree with God that something we are doing or not doing is sin because the Word of God says so. When we ask for forgiveness, we receive that forgiveness and we forgive ourselves. We must be serious about turning away from all sin and iniquity we recognize. We ask the forgiveness of others if we have sinned against anyone.

Renounce – we see sin as our enemy. It is because all sin is harmful. We repent and renounce all sin and iniquity that we find in our lives.

Remove – we recognize sin and iniquity and we repent; we renounce, we take authority over sins and iniquities in our lives and we cast them out in the name of Jesus.

Resist – we recognize sin as it tries to come back into our lives. We bind it and cast it out of our presence, in Jesus name.

Rejoice – we rejoice for our freedom and we thank God and praise God using scriptures about our identity. We praise God for who He is.

Restore – when we obtain enough freedom to help others we do.

Here are examples of prayers to use when doing spiritual warfare. I will read them and talk about them now.

1. I do not receive you spirit(s) of _____ (fear, shame, envy/jealousy, etc.) in Jesus Name, for it is written, *'For God hath not given me the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.* 2 Timothy 1:7 (KJV)
2. Father I ask for forgiveness, for agreeing with _____ (fear, shame, envy/jealousy, etc.)
3. I take authority, bind, and cast out spirit(s) of _____ (fear, shame, envy/jealousy, etc.) in Jesus' name, for I have been given authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means harm me.

4. Father I repent and renounce the iniquities of my ancestors on my father and mother's sides back to Adam and Eve in the area(s) of _____ (fear, shame, envy/jealousy, etc.)

5. **Rejoice** - thanking the Lord that we are the sons and daughters of God. That we are eternal, baptized into Jesus death and raised into His resurrection, that we might walk in newness of life. Thanking the Lord that we are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a special people unto him.

We praise You Lord for being wonderful, the Counsellor, the might God, the everlasting Father, and Prince of Peace.

6. **Restore** - sharing what God has done in your life. Isaiah 58:6 (KJV) Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? After we have become familiar with spiritual warfare, we need to help others receive the deliverance for their brokenness in their lives.

Proverbs 4:20-23 (KJV) ***My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.***

This is a wonderful proverb that instructs us on how we can relate to God in knowledge and responsibilities and walk in covenant with Him. We give His Word preeminence by reading His Word daily, meditating on it, thanking God with it, praising Him with it, whenever possible out loud because faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God. By doing this our hearts are filled with God's promises, our eyes become enlightened and our minds renewed. If we do these things, we are promised life and health and it will cause us to guard our hearts, because out of our hearts are all the issues of life.