

Harvest Warriors Newsletter - July / August 2004

As you can see, this newsletter is for July and August combined. We apologize for not getting a newsletter out in July, but I, Rebecca, had a very bad fall, which severely injured my spine. I have been in treatment and therapy since for the problem, but the pain has been so severe that I simply have not been able to sit at my computer for the past 6 weeks. However, as always, God is good, and I am slowly on the mend.

Many of you have written asking about the proposed speaking engagement in California in July which I listed on our last newsletter. When I tried to contact the church organizing the meeting to make the final arrangements, they had simply ceased to exist. At least, I could not find them. So, the speaking engagement was cancelled. The Lord obviously knew best as I would not have been able to travel to California anyway due to my back injury.

As always, my schedule is subject to change. This month, August, I will be in both New York, and Miami. I will be in Queens Village, NY, August 19th thru the 22nd. If you are in the area and want more information on the meetings, you can call the church at 718-217-4799. Then, I am leaving and driving directly from New York to Miami. I will be speaking in Miami Aug. 25th thru the 29th. I will be at the RCCG Victory Parish which is in the Miami Lakes area. You can call them at 786-428-0078, or go on their web site found at www.rccgvictory.org for more information.

In September, I will be in Taylorsville, NC. And Raleigh-Durham, NC. I will be speaking in Taylorsville Sept. 23rd through the 26th, and in Raleigh-Durham from the 28th of Sept. thru the 2nd of October. All these meetings will be translated into Spanish. In Taylorsville, I will be speaking at the Nueva Vida Church at 415 Main Drive, Taylorsville, NC. For further information on either of these speaking engagements you can call Brother Carlos at 336-987-1475 Brother Carlos is fluent in both English and Spanish.

In October, I will be traveling to London, England. I covet your prayers for all these meetings. I especially need your prayers as it is very difficult for me to stand and teach due to my back injury. The long hours of driving will be a trial as well. But I am looking forward to a wonderful blessing from God in each place, and hope to see some of you there.

"Ghosts From The Past"

I had a phone conversation with a young man the other day which so clearly illustrated a big problem within the Body of Christ, that I want to share his story with you. I will not, of course, identify him in any way. Let's just call him "Steve." This young man lived a life of rebellion from a very young age. He never got along with his parents, and became nearly completely estranged from his father. He got into alcohol, drugs, sexual immorality and many other sins. However, his alcoholism was so bad that eventually he ended up in

a hospital near death. Jesus appeared to him there, and told him that he was facing death, but that if he agreed to serve Himself, Jesus, he could have eternal life. Steve accepted Jesus at that point. He never drank again. His whole life changed. He was on fire for the Lord and everything went well for a little over five years. He was reunited with his father, held a steady job, attended church and formed good Christian friendships. Life was good.

Suddenly, about five and a half years after his conversion, he felt like the presence of the Lord was withdrawing from him. He began to hear a voice telling him that he “had denied the Lord” and accusing him of many other things. His whole life started a vicious down hill course. He began to have trouble praying and reading his Bible. He continually had thoughts accusing him of denying the Lord, although he knew of no specific instance where he had done so. He started having trouble at work and eventually lost his job. For one whole year prior to talking with me, he searched for a job. He had many interviews, but was always turned down. He told me that at each interview, when people were favorable to hiring him, he would suddenly find himself saying something that he knew would keep them from hiring him. He went on unemployment, but could not keep up his bills.

His relationship with his father took a nosedive. Every time they talked, once again, Steve offended his father. Their contact became less and less. The same thing happened with his Christian friends. Each time they talked or got together, Steve did something to offend them, even though he didn't mean to. Every time he sat down to eat, a voice told him that he should fast. Because of this he had lost a lot of weight and was growing weaker in his physical body. By the time he called me, he was four months behind on his rent and facing eviction from his home within a week. His car had broken down, he was now rejected by most all of his friends, and his relationship with his father was on the rocks. He was being destroyed.

Sound familiar? For some of you reading this, Steve's story will sound very familiar to what's going on in your own life. What in the world is happening in Steve's life? *Ghosts from the past!* You have all heard that saying, “*Ghosts from the past will come back to haunt you.*” What the saying means literally, is that things you have been involved in, in the past, will eventually bring difficult problems into your present. This is exactly what is happening in Steve's life, and in the lives of so many other Christians.

You see, the sins Steve committed allowed many demon spirits to come into his life. The whole series of problems, including the rebellion and sexual immorality started at an early age when he was sexually molested. The sexual molestation brought demon spirits into his life which started all the trouble. As he entered his teen years, they rose up with great power and influenced everything he did, trying to destroy him. They worked through him to destroy his relationship with his parents, and eventually nearly killed him by leading him into perpetual drunkenness. Each fall into sexual sin, drugs and drunkenness allow more spirits to enter his life, hastening his downward spiral into destruction. BUT, God in His infinite mercy put His hand on Steve's life and Jesus appeared to him to give him one last chance. Steve accepted and his whole life was changed. However, unfortunately, Steve was never taught that he needed to cleanse his life. He simply prayed the “Sinner's Prayer” asking Jesus to come into his life and to forgive all his sins. He never once thought that he needed to do anything else. This is a great error in teaching in the Body of Christ today.

You see, when a person such as Steve prays that “Sinner's Prayer,” in that instant of time God performs a purely supernatural act in his life. Before praying that prayer, the person is a sinner separated from God. After praying the prayer, God places him under the covering of the blood of Jesus and he becomes a son of God by adoption. The Holy Spirit enters into his life and he becomes a “new creation in Christ.” This was manifested by the complete change in Steve's life. BUT, his past sins were never dealt with. The demon spirits that entered into his life through those sins were never kicked out. They simply went into hiding.

However, God knew they were there, and so did Satan. Eventually, as happens in every case, Satan went before God and petitioned to destroy Steve. He said something like this: "God, you see your servant Steve? He has never cleansed his life as your Word commands. My demons are still in his life. Now I am petitioning you to allow my demons to rise up and destroy Steve." Because God is a just judge, He will have to grant Satan's petition. *But God does not simply abandon Steve to the demonic attacks.* (That's why some of you are reading this, God has not abandoned you either.) In time, God brought Steve across a set of tapes from one of my seminars, and through a pure miracle, brought him into direct contact with me. I am so busy that I am almost never able to answer my office phone. When Steve called I had just walked into my office and the Lord told me to pick up the phone. It was clearly a divine appointment.

God has plans for Steve, but He has to bring him to the point where he recognizes his need to cleanse his life. God cannot fulfill all He wants in Steve's life as long as he has defilement in his temple.

"Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone defiles the temple of God, God will destroy him. For the temple of God is holy, which temple you are." 1 Cor. 3:16-17

As soon as Satan petitioned God, the demon spirits in Steve's life began to rise up. As they did, the Holy Spirit backed down, and Steve became aware of the loss of God's presence in his life. Prayer and Bible reading became difficult to the point where Steve nearly stopped both. As the demons exerted more and more influence in Steve's life, they created difficulties for him at work to the point where he finally lost his job. Not only did they work directly through Steve's mouth, causing him to say and do things to offend others, they also worked directly against others. Demons in a person can give others around them a sense of revulsion every time they are in the person's presence. This will cause them to withdraw and not want anything to do with that person. Neither the person with the demons, or the others around will ever recognize that what is happening is a direct result of the presence of demon spirits. That's the problem. Our battle is not visible. Ephesians 6 tells us clearly that our battle is against the unseen spirit realm. However, these unseen spirits can, from the outside of us, affect us with all sorts of emotions and thoughts. That's what happened to Steve. Even on those occasions when he did not say or do anything to offend those around him, the demons still afflicted those people with feelings and thought against Steve, thus causing him to lose his friendships. The same thing happened when he went for job interviews. The demons were right there affecting the person doing the interview to make him think negatively about Steve. Then as a final punch, often the demons would influence Steve to say something which would finalize the loss of the possible job.

These spirits were busy directly in Steve as well. They continually put all sorts of accusatory thoughts into his mind to try to drive him away from God. He became discouraged and decided that it was impossible for him to please God. Stronger and stronger thoughts came to him that the solution was to go back to drinking. These spirits also hindered him from eating, trying to continually force him into prolonged fasts, to the point where he was losing his health.

All in all, the demons were destroying Steve on every level. Physically, in all his relationships, financially, and most importantly, in his relationship with God.

Praise God! Jesus provided the solution for all of Steve's problems on the cross more than 2,000 years ago! Unfortunately, Steve had not been taught about the fullness of Christ's provision for him. That's why God's Word sadly proclaims:

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge . . ." Hosea 4:6

God's word is plain. *It is our responsibility to cleanse our lives. Jesus made the provision on the cross so that we could do this, but we must do the cleansing!* Steve could have avoided all these difficulties if he had only known to follow God's Word.

"Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God." 2 Cor. 7:1

O.K., so it is plainly stated that we must cleanse our own lives. How?

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

The key here is in that little word "confess." What does it mean to confess? *A confession is a "clear concise statement of fact."* Simply asking the Lord to "forgive all my sins" is NOT a confession because it does not name the specific sins. Steve had never taken the time to *confess* his sins. He fell into the trap of simply asking the Lord to "forgive all my sins." Therefore, the demon spirits that came into his life through those sins never had to leave because Steve had never cleansed himself from those sins. This is why, in almost every recorded instance of people accepting Christ in the books of Acts, they were instructed to "repent" for their sins. Repentance involves a process of "turning from, and feeling regret for, one's sins." It means that you review your past life, and specifically confess and turn away from your sins. This involves dealing with you specific sins – not just a blanket statement.

The great evangelist Charles Finney had this to say about cleansing your life and the specific confession of our sins:

"Examine the state of your mind to see where you are right now. Many never think about this! They pay no attention to their own hearts, and never know whether or not they are doing well spiritually, whether they are gaining ground or going back, fruitful or lying waste. Shift your attention from everything else and look into this. Make a business of it. Don't be in a hurry. Examine thoroughly the state of your heart and see where you are . . . Self-examination consists in looking at your life, considering your actions, remembering the past and learning its true character . . . General confessions of sin will never do. Your sins were committed one by one, and as best as you can they should be reviewed and repented of one at a time." (Lectures On Revival, by Charles Finney, Bethany House Publishers, 1988, pp. 30-31)

Once you have been cleansed from a sin, the spirits that came into your life through that sin no longer have any legal right to stay in your life. You can then simply command them to leave in the name of Jesus, and they must go. However, if we do not go through this cleansing process, then any spirits that came into our lives through sins, have the legal right to stay. They may remain dormant for years after our conversion to Jesus, but eventually they will rise up and bring havoc and destruction into our lives.

Not all sins allow spirits to enter our lives, but many of them do. The three general areas of sins that bring demonic defilement into our lives are: inheritance, sexual sins, and any involvement in the occult or the worship of other gods. I call these sins "doorways." I am going to put a list of all the most common doorways that allow spirits into our lives at the end of this newsletter.

So, how do you cleanse your life? I have written in detail on how to do this in my book *Becoming A Vessel of Honor*, chapters 12 & 13 and Appendix A. If you have never gone through this process, I beg you to do so! Do not run the risk of having something happen to you as it did to Steve. Maybe you are in the middle of something similar to Steve's experience. If so, make haste to cleanse your life! Once you have done this, then you can take your case into God's courtroom and ask the Lord to render judgment between you and Satan, and bring a halt to this process of destruction.

You need to deal as best you can will all the sins in your life, but start with those that allowed spirits to enter. You can do this in four simple steps:

1. **Name the sin.** Sit down and write up a list of every sin that you have committed that falls into these categories. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring them to your memory. He will be faithful to do so. Take a few days and think back over your whole life. The reason for writing the sins down is so that you won't forget any of them when you start your cleansing process.
2. **Repent and Confess the Sins.** Set aside a block of time when you can do this. Take your written list and get onto your knees. Go before the Lord and pray through each one of you sins individually. Be sure that you are no longer actively involved in the sin, and then ask the Lord to forgive you and cleanse you from that sin. Cross each one off of your list as you deal with it so that you will know which one you have confessed, and which one you haven't.
3. **After confessing each sin, then command all demons that came into your life through that sin to get out at once and forever in the name of Jesus.** This is not a prayer, it is a command! Open your mouth and speak out loud. This is how we interact with the unseen spirit realm. Speak like this: "In the name of Jesus Christ, I take authority over every demon that came into my life through my sin of _____. I command you to get out of my life right now and forever in the name of Jesus! You don't have to know the names of the demons, you don't have to know how many. All you have to do is command them out by the sin that allowed them to come in. God will take care of the rest. Luke 10:19 and Mark 16:17 gives us our authority over these spirits in the name of Jesus.

4. **Accept in faith that they are gone!** Stop sinning, and saturate your life with God's word, prayer and praise. God always performs His Word. His Word says that if you will confess a sins, He will cleanse you. His Word says that if you command a demon to leave, it has to go. It's just that simple.

Be thorough and methodical. Your life will change is you will just do these simple four steps. I have written in much more detail in *Becoming A Vessel of Honor*. You may want to read it before going through this process.

Below is a list of all the most common doorways that allow demons to enter a person's life. Take a few minutes and read through the list. You may be surprised at what has been in your own life in the past that you have never dealt with. Before you read, please join me in this prayer: *"Dear Lord Jesus, when you were here on earth you promised to send the Holy Spirit to us. You told us that one of His jobs was to convict us of our sins. Now, blessed Holy Spirit, as I read through this list, I am humbly asking you to convict me of any sins I have committed that I have never dealt with. Please bring them to my memory. I ask you for this and thank you, in the name of Jesus."*

Doorways

List #1

List, by name, every person with whom you have sinned sexually. If you cannot remember the name, write down the incident. Also list any other sinful sexual activities, such as pornography, sex with the same sex, etc. Also list if you have been sexually molested and by whom, if you have been raped, if you have participated in a sexual ritual of any sort. List each ritual separately.

List #2

List every incident of any involvement in the occult or any thing that blanks out your mind. Examples:

- Drunkenness
- Street drugs – list each type
- Abortion which is really human sacrifice to the god of self
- Horoscopes
- Fortune telling of any sort

- Crystal ball reading
- Palm reading
- Tarot cards
- Tea leaves
- Pendulum, Divining rod, etc.
- Visiting priests, shamans, witch doctors, santeros, etc.
- Taking any baths, herbs, performing any act they instructed you, any form of “cleansing,” drinking any potents they gave you, etc.
- Calling the psychic hotline or having a psychic reading of any sort
- If you have psychic abilities
- If you have the ability to astral-project
- Participation in séances
- Ancestral worship, or calling on the spirits of dead people in any way
- Hearing voices or seeing into the spirit realm continually
- Playing with the ouiji board
- Participating in any form of occultic healing such as: yoga, acupuncture, rekke, hypnosis, iridology, biofeedback, homeopathy, etc.
- Meditation of any sort that blanks the mind – such as transcendental meditation, Sylva mind control, any form of new age or Eastern meditation
- Channeling or being involved with a spiritualist medium
- Martial arts
- Rages
- Addictions – alcohol, smoking, drugs, gambling, sex
- Witchcraft or new age rituals of any sort – list each one individually
- Involvement in any ritual that puts you into contact with spirits of any sort
- Worshipping or serving any god other than Jesus Christ
- Chanting and/or making sacrifices to other gods
- Participating in any ritual in any other religion other than Christianity

- Member ship in any secret organization such as the masons, shriners, etc.
- Praying to saints (these are all spirits of dead people)
- Praying to or honoring the spirits of dead people
- Partaking of Roman Catholic communion, confirmation, lighting of candles for prayers, praying to saints (For specific detail, see Prepare For War, chapter 11)
- Playing demonic games of any sort – such as Pokemon, Dungeons and Dragons, Magic the Gathering, bloody Mary, etc.
- Many video games are purely occultic and as they are played opens the door for the inflow of demons
- Raves – combination of drugs and demonic music blanks the mind and opens doors
- Body piercing – all body piercing must be removed. That is, anything but a single ear ring in each ear in women
- Tattoos or branding or flesh cuttings
- Any communication with spirits
- Praying to idols, or offering any sort of sacrifice to idols
- Praying to ancestors, or offering any sort of sacrifices to ancestors, or any sort of ancestral worship
- Drinking of blood, any sort of blood covenant or ritual
- Participation in Halloween
- Putting on masks and/or participating in any native ritual dances or ceremonies
- Having a priest of any other religion bless your home, or you or your children
- Visiting Shrines or temples of any other religion
- Honoring the gods of any other religion in any way
- Water witching which is a form of divination
- Allowing just anyone to lay hands on you. This is a big source of demonic affliction. When you allow someone to lay hands on you, you bow and submit to them, willing to accept whatever they impart to you. This is why James is so clear that only the elders should lay on hands. An elder is someone who had demonstrated by his/her life that he/she is a true servant of Jesus Christ. In the future, no matter who lays hands on you, always pray first and ask the Lord to shield you from any demonic impartation.
- Visiting a pagan shrine and walking through it such as the Dome of the Rock in Jerusalem. All visitors to the Dome of the Rock must first take off their shoes. This is an act of giving honor to Allah, the god of Islam.

- Accepting leis in Hawaii. The acceptance of a lei around your neck in Hawaii is an act of giving honor to the gods of those islands. I learned this the hard way. (See *Unbroken Curses*)
- Beware, many of the initiation rituals for the various college sororities or fraternities have occultic themes and must be renounced and broken. Many include giving honor to dead founders of the organizations. Many more, various sorts of sexual sins.

List #3

Deal with inheritance. To the best of your ability, list the sins of your forefathers,

especially if they were involved in the occult or any religion other than Christianity. Also, if they were involved in any secret organization. All secret organizations involve oaths taken by the members binding their offspring to loyalty to these organizations. All religions have baby dedications. The only difference is that in pagan religions, not only is the individual baby dedicated to the god of that religion, but all of it's offspring is dedicated as well. If you had an ancestor involved in the occult or a pagan religion, then you must assume that you were dedicated to their god. Once you accept Jesus Christ, this dedication is broken, and a curse of destruction is immediately activated. These curses must be broken, and all demons placed into your life through the dedication kicked out. See the prayers below.

Specific Prayers and Commands

If you are having trouble with confusion, or knowing how to pray, here are the specific prayers and commands to help you out.

For inheritance:

Prayer: Father, in the name of Jesus, I humbly acknowledge to you that my forefathers have sinned against you in these sins: (name them one by one as best you can. If you were adopted, you need to deal with inheritance from two sets of parents, your blood parents and your adoptive parents.) I now ask you to separate me from their iniquities with the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Please close the doorways of inheritance in my life at once and forever. I thank you for it in the name of Jesus.

Command: In the name of Jesus Christ, I take authority over every demon spirit that came into my life through inheritance, and I command you to leave me right now and forever! In the name of Jesus Christ I renounce and reject any dedication on my life to any god other than Jesus. I command all curses of destruction to be broken and every demon associated with those curses to leave my life right now and forever in the name of Jesus!

Command: In the name of Jesus Christ I command all inherited curses to be broken now. I command every demon spirit associated with those curses to get out of my life right now and forever in the name of Jesus!

For sexual sins:

Prayer: Father, in the name of Jesus, I confess to you that I have sinned sexually with _____. (give the name, or the incident) I ask you to forgive me and to cleanse me in the name of Jesus.

Prayer: Father, in the name of Jesus, I ask you to cleanse me from sexual molestation (or rape) by _____. I thank you for it in the name of Jesus.

Prayer: Father, in the name of Jesus, I ask you to forgive me for my sin of _____. Please cleanse me from that sin in the name of Jesus.

Command: In the name of Jesus Christ, I command every demon that came into my life through my sexual sin with _____ to leave me right now and forever!

Command: In the name of Jesus Christ, I command every demon that came into my life through the sexual molestation (or rape) by _____ to leave me right now and forever!

** In the case of sexual sin or molestation, rape, etc., the scripture says that the "two become one flesh." There is a joining of the two people through sex. I do not know what to call it, some people call it a "soul-tie." Since I have been married, I think this joining goes even deeper than that. This tie needs to be broken. So, for every person with whom you have sinned sexually, been molested or raped by, or were married to and then divorced, you need to pray like this:

Prayer: Father, in the name of Jesus I now ask you to totally sever between me and _____(give the name), body, soul, and spirit. I ask you for it, and thank you for it in the name of Jesus.

** Marriage also involves the complete union of two people. There is no sin in the sexual relations of marriage, but demons are free to pass from one person to another. Thus, you need to cleanse yourself from this possible source of demons and then ask the Lord to seal you so that you can no longer receive demons from this source. If you have been married and then divorced, you need also to command any demons out that came into you through previous marriages. Pray and command as follows:

Prayer: Father, in the name of Jesus I ask you to completely cleanse me from any uncleanness in my marriage bed. Then I stand on your promise, and ask you to sanctify my marriage bed and seal me so that I can never again receive any spirits from my spouse. I thank you for it in the name of Jesus.

Command: In the name of Jesus Christ, I command any demons that came into my life through my sexual relations with my spouse to get out right now and forever!

** In the case of those who have been involved in homosexual relationships of any sort, they need to pray fervently asking the Lord to literally re-create their minds. Romans 1:26-28 tells us that when people become involved in homosexual sin, that God literally gives them a “debased mind” This is a mind that is only capable of thinking evil and depraved and sinful thoughts all the time. God does this, so only God can change it. It is vitally important that after cleansing their life, anyone coming out of this particular area of sin seek the Lord to give them a new mind, and that they assist in that process through saturating their life with scripture memory and praise and worship.

For Specific Sins:

Go through your list one by one. Cross out each one as you finish with it so you won't get mixed up or lose track of where you are on the list.

Prayer: Father, in the name of Jesus I ask you to forgive me for my sin of _____. I acknowledge this as being sin, and repent for it. Please cleanse me from it. I thank you for it in the name of Jesus.

Command: In the name of Jesus Christ, I take authority over every demon spirit that came into my life through my sin of _____. I command you to get out right now and forever in the name of Jesus!

** If you have been involved in astral projection, seeing into the spirit realm continually or whenever you want, or have been hearing voices or continually receiving physical sensations from the spirit realm, then you have a link established between your soul and spirit. (Please see *Becoming A Vessel of Honor* for a complete explanation of this principle.)

Once you have confessed these sins and experiences, you need to pray and command like this:

Prayer: Father, in the name of Jesus I ask you to completely sever between my soul and spirit. I ask you to take away all of my ability to experience the spirit realm, except what You want me to experience. I thank you for it in the name of Jesus.

Command: In the name of Jesus Christ, I take authority over every demon spirit forming the link between my soul and spirit, or giving me the ability to receive input from the spirit realm. I command you demons to get out of my life right now and forever in the name of Jesus!

** If you have entered into any contracts with Satan or other gods, you will need to work through each one of those individually. Please see *Becoming A Vessel of Honor* chapter 13, to deal with these more complicated issues.

** If you have tattoos that are occultic in nature, I suggest you either have them filled in solid, or removed if possible.

Conclusion:

When you have prayed through your list and cleansed your life, you need to pray in your own words and thank the Lord for His wonderful work of cleansing you. Ask Him to fill you completely with the Holy Spirit. Keep short accounts with God. If you sin, deal with it immediately. If you forget something and then remember it later, no problem. Simply deal with the sin immediately in the same way. If you wonder if something is a doorway or not, I have a little saying: "If in doubt, cast it out." You won't be hurting anything. Saturate your life with God's Word, prayer, and praise and worship. Your life will change!

Praise Report

On July 31, 2004, Daniel and Rebecca were honored in Jacksonville, FL. A Doctorate of Divinity Degree was conferred on to each one of them by Zoe University. The degrees were given to them because of their work in the ministry.

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You are always welcome to copy any of our newsletters to give to other people. If you know of someone who would like to receive our newsletter, if they live inside the U.S., please send their name and address to us. We will be happy to add them to our mailing list.

Love Offerings

We are a faith-supported ministry. That means, we are directly dependant on your obedience to God to meet our needs and keep the many facets of this ministry going. We ask you to pray to God and ask Him what He would have you do to support this work. Our need this month is acute because of Rebecca's heavy medical expenses. We deeply appreciate those of you who do support us. As you send your gifts, we pray over each one, asking the Lord to richly bless the sender in return. Please send your offering in the enclosed envelope.

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