



I Corinthians 2:12,13

Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

The  symbol in this booklet identifies a "thing of the Spirit," given by God to bring us understanding.

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Introduction:

Jesus said:

Matthew 7:4

Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? 5) Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

I am a man who has been on both sides of deliverance. I know I have gone through a lot of things during these deliverance's because the Lord wanted me to learn. It is my prayer that as you read these experiences you will be able to see a clearer picture of the enemy and his activities.

1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Some time ago this ministry received a very strong word from the Lord that said 🙌 we would see clearly through the glass! This kind of excited me because I understood the leadership of the coming Bride will have to see clearly to walk in Brideship.

The first article I'm placing in this section is about my experience with Satan. I want you to know that this experience happened many years ago and I didn't **see (understand) what really happened** until after this ministry received the "Word" that we would see clearly through the glass. This "Word" has come to pass and God has confirmed that it has in several areas. For example, my experience with the enemy of mankind (confirmed by a 'thing of the Spirit').

On Sundays I had been sharing some of the things you will read about in my testimony concerning Satan. On the Monday following the third Sunday of the month the Holy Spirit revealed to me that the 🙌 **Glass had been broken. This broken glass had been about 5-6 inches thick!** The scene had to do with where Satan strikes, so I knew the Lord was settling in me what I had taught and

shared about Satan's devices. I realized that we can not see any clearer through a window than **through one without a glass**. I hope this writing will give you a clearer picture of the devil's activities. (The five inch thick glass reveals how dimly we have seen the picture.)

In this section I will also be placing some articles about being delivered from the spirit of anger and the spirit of fear, along with my experience with the spirit of python, among others. A lot of this will come from a book I wrote in 1995 called "Evil Spirits . . . Yuck!" You can probably tell that I don't like sharing about spirits, or Satan, by the title of the book. Nevertheless, the truth is the truth!

 You get with your spirit and God and find out if what I'm saying is true! That's what the Lord showed me I was to say to people. From the experiences in this section, let the Holy Spirit build a picture for you concerning Satan and his army. **There is a battle for your mind!**

The Enemy of Mankind and/or My Experience with the Devil, Himself

I have heard some pastors/people say that the devil is just a toothless lion making loud roars and that he is dumb. They probably have developed this notion because of the devil's misconceived idea that he could overthrow God! But, for the leaders of a church to say these things to an unlearned audience plants the wrong idea about Satan in their minds! These leaders are unknowingly being used by Satan! **Neither Jesus, the disciples, nor the angels ever** said these type of things about the devil. The Devil is the **"Master of Deception"** and **a formidable enemy**.

Jude 1:9 Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil he disputed about the body of Moses, durst not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, The Lord rebuke thee.

Michael, the **warring archangel**, treated the devil with respect! If you don't think the devil is a formidable enemy and has caused a formidable problem, then why did God have/need to send His own Son to defeat him and take care of that problem? **We must understand that the devil knew full well what he was doing** in the garden with

Eve, and he knew full well what he was trying to do when he was tempting Jesus. Satan is the most intelligent creation of God. He knows and understands so much about God and His Word that he actually thought he could be as God and dethrone Him.

If you think I am glorifying the devil too much, or raising the devil up too high, then let me share a truth! If you down play the devil and his powers, then you have down played the Lord, what He did, and the whole Bible. If you maintain that the devil is just a loud roar with no clout and not the **Master** of what he does, then you're saying the Lord didn't do much, that He didn't overcome much, that it really didn't matter! Our Lord overcame a formidable enemy! Everything that is despicable and against God (and us) in any way originated in the devil! Wake up Church, he is your enemy. Don't play like he isn't there!

This article's purpose is not to teach the authority of the believer over the powers of darkness but to enlighten us concerning Satan's METHODS OF DECEPTION. **A clearer picture of Satan's personal abilities and activities** is what the Lord is after here. When the Lord revealed that I was to talk more about the devil, 🙌 He showed me two sentences on the same line! The first sentence said something about Jesus and the next sentence said something about Satan. God put both sentences on the same line for a purpose! I know from what I've learned that there is not enough taught about Satan in the churches. Satan loves the thought, "Don't talk about the devil, you are glorifying him, you are detracting from Jesus." I can tell you, if you don't talk about the devil, then you have detracted from Jesus! **He is the reason Jesus had to come!** The truth about the devil is in Jesus! Satan is still here and the only things Jesus took from him were **"the keys of death and hell!"** Jesus said He was the Truth, the Light, and the Way and He came to show us the way to live, through example. He showed us, by example, how to defeat the devil! **If you are called by God for a specific purpose, then I can tell you that you will not fulfill your purpose completely unless you learn how to recognize & deal with Satan.** There are many ministries who look to be doing great on the surface, but the devil is grinning from ear to ear. Believe me, some of them even do spiritual warfare!

Speaking of grinning, I encountered a man who said he saw the devil and laughed at him. **Then the devil laughed back!** I must tell you that this is not good and, knowing a little about what this man does in his ministry, I understand why the devil laughed back. In reality, the man should be seeking God as to why the devil is laughing at him!

To move on, the Lord once told a member of this ministry, 🙌 **“The unspoken truth is a lie.”** It took some time for me to understand that particular truth and it has driven me to go ahead with some writings that I probably wouldn't have done otherwise. One of the truths I haven't spoken much about is my experience with the devil, himself.

In the 70's, I was a young man who went to church much the same as the average person goes to church. I had concluded that the devil was kind of like “Mother Nature,” so to speak, that Jesus had defeated him and therefore he was not that great of a problem anymore. But I have learned - **You will never win a war if you don't know your enemy! If you are mistaken about his abilities, you won't win!** Jesus knew His enemy and his devices!

My encounter:

I have mentioned in other articles the seven day experience God gave me in 1980. On the eighth day I surprisingly experienced this **“so called force”** that I had so flippantly concluded to be like Mother Nature. I was delivering feed to a feed lot in the evening, as I so often did in those days. I felt something evil and was trying to discern where it was coming from. I turned and ‘felt’ it move from a nearby grove of trees to within about thirty feet of me. It then took form before my eyes. The devil (in his spiritual form) was standing there next to the fence, looking up, clinch fist, and speaking into heaven! **He was talking to God directly, with all of His might and with all manner of cursing!** His words were going up to heaven from earth! **He was in a rage towards God,** and evil was radiating from his being in all directions. I became very sick and weak all through my body just from being in his presence. Those words of cursing God were permeating my whole being. Those words were so powerful in my mind that I thought they were becoming my thoughts. I kept saying in my mind, “God, these are not my thoughts, I

have never spoken words like these!” I kept hanging on. I went into a half crouched position for protection. I didn’t think I was going to live! I thought I was losing my mind! My chest knotted up and I could hardly breathe.

Since becoming baptized in the Holy Spirit, I had been told the enemy didn’t like being around praying in the Spirit. I tried that, but it was a joke (not to belittle a gift of the Spirit). I did everything I could think of that I had been taught by other Christians, including using the name of Jesus, all seemingly to no avail!

What happened then? To be honest, I don’t know. I only knew I wanted out of there! I managed to climb into my truck and eventually made it home. I was shaken as I’ve never been shaken, with a headache, body ache, and in bewilderment of what had happened. I was so weak that when I moved, my body shook. I didn’t know what to think! But there was one thing I came to understand right then! The devil is very powerful (especially with thoughts), a person, a personality with a mind, and is the original source of all evil, just like the Bible reveals. My heart cries out when I think of people in hell, not because of the fire, but because I know that gross evil force has consumed them and there is no way they can get away from it. That evil emitted by Satan is grossness of the highest and broadest level. There is no way to describe it in words. You don’t want to go to hell because of the issuing evil, let alone the fire that is there.

After years of the Lord’s teaching, I have come to realize much more about what happened that day and why I had this particular experience. I had previously believed it was because he understood more than I did about what God had done with me in the previous week! God had laid some foundational truths in me. He had spoken about Himself through the Holy Spirit and had revealed end time events, etc. Did I understand all this? NO, but Satan did! He knows the Word, he knows it better than we do and he always comes (according to the parable of the sower) when God does something/anything with us! For years this had been my only idea of why he was cursing God, **but the Lord has given me a deeper understanding!**

Why was he cursing God?

Looking again at what happened, it is apparent that the devil was not raging at me. **His eyes and rage were not fixed on me, but on God.** He became upset because God exposed him to me. He had been incognito, and he knew God was starting to teach me about him!

You see, Satan had been present during all of the previous week, countering (just like he did with Eve) those things God was saying and revealing to me. The enemy was using thoughts he knew I would most likely accept. He was giving me thoughts of, "You're losing your mind. (Lying, deceiving) God doesn't do this any more, it's of the devil. (Deceiving, lying) Who do you think you are to think God would speak to you? (Haughty) These things are of the devil because confusion is of the devil. You better find someone who knows something about all this, etc.!" (Religious) I could go on and on here.

Anyway, I was **unaware** that these thoughts were coming directly from the enemy of mankind. I was **unaware** that Satan was on the scene! I was **unaware** that we are in a battle for our own minds. **Satan was cursing God because he had been exposed!** He had come within about 30 feet of me and that was where he was doing his "thing." God had shown me the evil that was coming out of the grove. Satan was unaware that God was letting me feel that evil. **He was thinking he was not noticed, just like he had been unnoticed all week.** But when he was materialized in the spirit, he knew God was exposing his presence to me and he flew into a rage. He was **HOT** about being exposed.

He didn't manifest himself so I could see him. He is the master deceiver and he never does this unless it's to his own advantage. He never normally wants to be exposed in any way, except to those who worship him. I was becoming sick from being in his raging presence, not his presence. **He was out of control of his own emotions** which, by the way, is a sign of a spiritual influence in humans, Christian or non Christian. A few days after this experience, God told me, 🙌 **"I have shown you all things."**

I learned from this experience that Satan is a thought giver, but I didn't have any idea of the picture that

surrounds that fact. So when God was dealing with me about thoughts again, He said, 🗨️ *“Not all the thoughts in your mind are yours!”* This really upset me. I actually rebelled and said something like, “No way. All the thoughts in my brain are mine.” Of course I was wrong.

Satan's greatest deception:

I've heard some people say they believe in Jesus but they don't believe in the devil. This is a great error because Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil. These people are implying that Jesus isn't who He really is by saying that He didn't do what He said He came here to do. **They are unknowingly under the devil's greatest deception, the idea that he doesn't exist.**

Some Christians say if you don't mess with the devil, he won't mess with you. They don't understand the truths that are in the book of Job, that Satan goes to and fro in the earth seeking whom he may devour. He is not Mr. nice guy saying, “If you don't bother me, I won't bother you!”

Satan's second greatest deception:

Some people do not think everyone can actually encounter Satan because he is not omnipresent, like the Holy Spirit. Let me give a little more insight as to the picture of the true situation with Satan. **I will start by saying that there is very little time and distance in the spirit realm!** You may know this but do you understand it?

|| Peter 3:8

But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

Here Peter is saying, “Christians don't be ignorant of this:” What he is talking about must be pretty important for him to say those words! **It is very important to understand all we can about the spirit realm**, because Satan is the beguiler of the mind and your mind is subject to the spirit realm.

To be honest with you, when I had the experience of going to heaven, I pushed it aside or back in my mind; the enemy was telling me it didn't really happen. He was using logical suggestions that appealed to my logical mind and my flesh. My carnal thinking was keeping me from accepting that this event actually happened because of **the**

lack of understanding of the spiritual realm. If we look at Jesus' explanation of the parable of the sower, in Matthew, **we see that the enemy wins and makes "things" unfruitful**, if we don't understand.

Matthew 13:19

When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. . . .

. . . 23 But he that received seed into the good ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

The fact that I had been to heaven was not fruitful (as it should have been) because of my lack of understanding. So the Lord had to deal with me directly about it. He said very clearly, 🙌 "I want you to tell them you have been to heaven." I was still resistant, so the Lord reminded me of what happened at the end of that experience. He had said to me, 🙌 "**Go back and tell them.**" I could not deny what He had said, so I started to talk about being in heaven. I was doing it out of obedience; **not out of my understanding!**

Now you may be wondering why I went through all this in my mind. You see, **I had the experience while I was driving a vehicle.** I had already experienced open visions, closed visions, night visions, and dreams. I had experienced the devil, and later I had even had an open vision of the power of the will of man while I was driving. **I thought I had experienced a vision when I was taken to heaven**, so I was having trouble accepting **that I was actually there.** The enemy had an open door to my mind because of my lack of understanding (like the parable of the sower reveals). He was rendering the experience practically unfruitful to me and others by using thoughts that I would most likely accept, negative to the experience.

The Lord has since given me the understanding of how it happened! When we have the full understanding of things, it places us on solid ground so the enemy has no openings. **I talk freely about it now** because I understand how it happened. God wants you to understand 'spiritual things,' so the enemy can't toss you to and fro like he did

me. So, how could this happen while I was driving a vehicle?

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Presenting a picture:

Using the equation 24 hours in heaven = 1000 years on earth, we see that my three day experience in heaven took **.7 of one second** of our time. So we can see that I was only gone **.7 of one second** while driving my vehicle. We must understand that I also traveled across the universe to heaven and back in this **.7 of one second**.

I also came to understand what happened to a friend of mine while he was working at a meat packing company. He was wielding a razor sharp knife on a meat cutting line. Speed with the knife is how you kept up! He was taken to heaven, to stand before the throne of God. There God answered a question this man had about a situation. It had always intrigued us as to why he didn't get hurt using the knife, knowing that he had been taken to heaven. I don't believe he was there an hour but if he had been, he was only gone from here **.009722 of one second!** This explains why nothing happened to him wielding the knife, while he was gone.

I have presented this to you so you can understand there is **little time and distance in the spirit realm**. This man and I had traveled a great distance across the universe to where the Bible says Heaven is, had our experiences, and returned **in less than a second** of our time! This paints a picture of how it is possible for Jesus to say so much can happen "in the twinkling of an eye." It brings to light the reality of what He said about Satan '**coming immediately,**' in His explanation of the parable of the sower in the book of Mark.

Mark 4:15

And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

When we hear God's Word in **any way**, **Jesus says Satan comes immediately.** Jesus was making a statement

here. God made a statement here! **The Lord says Satan comes immediately. He always comes!** THIS IS A TRUTH that goes for everyone who hears any kind of a Word from God! **It is possible for Satan to visit every human on the face of this earth, in fulfillment of what Jesus said here because time and distance are practically nonexistent in the spirit realm.**

Using the population of the world at the end of 1998, Satan can spend **1.343 minutes** with every person on the earth **every 24 hours!** And just how much can Satan do in a minute, being incognito? Think about this? And then subtract those he knows he doesn't have to visit very often and look at the time it would allow toward those few who may be a threat to his cause! Know this, Satan is no dummy. He knows those people who are chosen by God for a particular purpose. He spends a lot of time with them and their minds, **unknown to them.**

Jesus revealed that the enemy comes in **while men sleep.** He said this right after what He said about the parable of the sower.

Matthew 13:25

But while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went his way.

The wheat is the seed of the word, and the enemy plants weed seeds right along with the good seed, **'immediately' and moves on to the next victim!** **He comes in 'unawares.'** He did it with Eve! He did it with Judas!

John 13:26

*Jesus answered, **He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it.** And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. 27 And after the sop **Satan entered into him.** Then said Jesus unto him, **That thou doest, do quickly.***

Satan did it with Peter!

Matthew 16:21

*From that time forth began Jesus to show unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day. 22 **Then Peter took him, and began to rebuke him, saying, Be it far from thee, Lord: this shall not be unto thee.** 23 **But he***

turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

The enemy of mankind has done it with me over and over, and he has done it to you!

Satan beguiles us in our minds!

The Bible says Eve was beguiled in her mind. Looking at synonyms for beguiled we see a broader picture of what Satan can do to our minds by giving us the right thoughts, at the right time, in the right circumstances.

Deceive - Satan loves to give interpretations - He did with Eve!

delude - To tone down what God meant = Oh, it'll be all right - He didn't really mean that, He meant this.

hoax - What Satan presented to Eve was a hoax, unknown to her.

trick - He was able to trick Eve because she didn't really understand what God meant and that Satan would come! (Parable of the sower)

captivate - He captivated her thoughts - first by getting her attention.

charm

distract

divert - He diverted her thinking!

allure - He allured her with the attractiveness of the fruit.

attract - He got her attention.

entice - He tried to entice Jesus by offering Him the kingdoms of the world! He enticed Eve with the promise of knowledge!

seduce - He had seduced Eve's mind when she gave in to what he said.

tempt - He successfully tempted Eve, but not Jesus, because Jesus knew God's thought behind His word. Jesus also knew Satan was real. Eve was unaware of the enemy.

bait - Satan baited Eve's mind!

tantalize

fascinate - I'm sure Eve was fascinated with the thought of being like God!

bewitch - hypnotize - mesmerize - spell bind - immerse - curs - enchant - possess - captivate - occupy

Can Satan **bewitch or occupy** the minds of Christians, unknown to them? The answer to that is a resounding, "YES," just by looking at what Jesus said to Peter, "**Satan, get thee behind me.**"

Jesus knew where Peter's thoughts had originated. Jesus had just revealed 'the plan of God' to Peter (Peter had 'heard the word', like in the parable of the sower) but because of the lack of understanding, the cares of this world, and the type of love we as humans understand, Satan used Peter and **came at Jesus' purpose**. **Satan and all evil spirits come against what God is doing as a top priority**. Everything else they come against is secondary!

Satan uses what he already has in you to come against the truth, or what God wants to use you for - your true purpose. (You will see this picture more and more clearly as you read future articles about spirits.) Satan couldn't use or get control of Jesus because he had nothing in Jesus!

John 14:30

Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

Satan used what he already had in Judas. Here is where Satan put the thought into Judas to betray Jesus.

John 13:1

*Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end. 2 And **supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;***

Satan's opening into Judas' mind was the fact that Judas was already a thief. Wealth (lust of money) is a care of this world! Judas didn't receive the idea to betray Jesus just to betray Him! He received the idea to betray Jesus because of what was already in him, he wanted money, power, prominence (desires already in him)! Lust was the opening to those particular betrayal thoughts. Judas had been stealing from the bag of money all the time, but now the devil had planted a new idea (seed) in his head/heart. Because Judas accepted the thought, Satan was able to come in and **actually bewitch** (hypnotize - mesmerize -

spell bind - immerse - curse - enchant - possess - captivate - occupy) **his mind!**

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At that point Satan came into control, in fulfillment of this scripture's picture:

Proverbs 5:22

*His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and **he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.** 23 He shall die without instruction; and in the greatness of his folly he shall go astray.*

Judas' own iniquities (lawlessness, sins) already performed (already in him), allowed the enemy to come in legally, take **control and keep him prisoner!** When God speaks about Satan, He says:

Isaiah 14:17

*17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; **that opened not the house of his prisoners?***

Satan had control of Judas' mind/actions when it came to stealing and he could make him do it over and over! It's like having a spirit of anger. It rises up when it wants to and the person has no control over it.

Here is what happened after Satan had moved on and Judas gained control of his thoughts!

Matthew 27:3

Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4) Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. 5) And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.

Judas knew all along that Jesus was innocent. He didn't just learn that from seeing Him condemned. **He had simply lost control of his own thoughts, his reasoning power!**

Have you ever gotten angry or emotional and did something, then after it was over you wondered why you did it? **You wished you hadn't!** You weren't really **in control** of your own thoughts, were you?

There is one more account I need to emphasize at this point. It's the record of Jesus' temptation. When Jesus dealt directly with the devil, He used the law and said, "**It is written!**" What He really did was to speak truth in all of his temptations. **Jesus said the truth sets us free. Here we see the truth keep Jesus free!**

Matthew 4:3,4

*And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. But he answered and said, **It is written**, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*

Satan had just tempted Jesus' with a care of this world - the flesh!

Matthew 4:5-7

*5) Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: **for it is written**, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. Jesus said unto him, **It is written again**, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God.*

Satan has just encouraged Jesus to tempt (test) God! Of course Jesus knew better. In my experience, I didn't! The day I had the first visions I ever had, those of Russia, the Middle East, the Glory of the Lord, etc., Satan was there (unknown to me) pumping thoughts into my mind. He wanted to get the credit and throw me off course by telling me all this was of the devil! I walked to the south end of the hill and below me was an oil well, of which I was the pumper. It was not running and I had a thought I didn't realize wasn't mine. I said, "God, if this is of you and not of Satan, crank up that oil well!" Had I known the enemy had spoken to my mind and had I known the truth of God's

word, I would have spoken to Satan and said, “**It is written, I should not tempt God.**” Am I wrong? Well here is God’s audible answer to me, “**Tempt the Lord, thy God, not unwisely!**”

Matthew 4:8-10

*Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, **Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve.** Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.*

Satan had just tempted Jesus with all he could offer! You will notice that Jesus used the Word correctly and didn’t twist it to make it mean something for personal gain. **He knew what God meant** when He said it and that is why it is so important to learn what God meant in His Word. **If we don’t understand what God meant, we are open bait for the devils’ deceptions! That is just a fact!**

I will be writing a lot more about thoughts and spirits and their ability to control our thinking in other articles in this section. But to close this article, let me say this to you. Any time God does anything, **the enemy always comes** to give interpretation, to corrupt, to delude, to confuse, to add to, to kill, to steal, or to destroy what God did or said. That’s what he did in the garden with Eve and that is what he does with US!

How Simply Does the Enemy Use the Thoughts of People Against God's Purpose?

How can the enemy use thoughts against you, after **God has told you to do something and you have decided to do it?** Since the following incident happened, I have seen the enemy work repeatedly in situations where God has told someone to do something only to have circumstances change to keep that person from obeying. I'll let this experience speak for itself.

It was revealed to a friend and my wife that we were to go to Tulsa, Oklahoma. Since the Lord had not indicated the purpose, I had very little interest in going. I was very carnal minded at that time. Time passed and finally my wife and friend convinced me to go. We made plans and I arranged to be gone from work. Then the Lord revealed to me in the night that **the enemy would try to stop me from going.** He also revealed that this would occur at my place of work.

As I recall the events of that week before our departure, I had no idea how the enemy would attempt to stop me. I was, as you could understand, more alert and even wondered if something were going to fall on me. I didn't know what to expect. I was operating a feed mill at a grain elevator and there were many things that could happen in one of those places. I had to deal with many people and a variety of situations.

The week started normally, but about half way through it we started getting an unusually large, I should say overwhelming, number of orders. This sparked a concern by the manager since I was planning to leave. If he hadn't known the Lord had told us to go, he would have told me I couldn't go. I wound up in his office to talk about it as it was apparent that we were overloaded. That kind of lets you know the picture of the situation. On top of that about a day before it was time to leave, the person who was to replace me came and said that I couldn't go because **we were too busy and he wouldn't be able to handle it.** My jaw must have nearly fallen to the floor. I couldn't believe my ears. You see, this young man was a workaholic. He would go home from work and farm until two or three in the morning, day in and day out. He loved any work that was a challenge. (To tell you of his capabilities, soon after this

incident, at a very young age, he started managing a branch elevator and feed mill.) Normally, he'd tell you he could handle anything and was the type that would tackle anything! This was completely **out of character** for him!

I reminded him of the time he was going to Wyoming and was worried about being away, leaving me with more responsibility. I had told him not to worry about the place because I would make sure everything was done, "I could handle it." As I was reminding him of this, **He suddenly got this funny look on his face** and told me to go ahead, "He could handle it." Then he turned around and walked off. I was left standing there thinking, "**That was really strange, what in the world is going on!**" The orders kept coming in so I decided to stay after hours and work a little harder, still wondering how the enemy would try to stop me.

Then it came out! I never will forget it. While I was talking with a farmer as I loaded his pickup, he said to me, "**I don't need this feed.**" I said, "What do you mean, **you don't need this feed?**" He indicated to me that he had enough feed to last way into the next month. He had just decided (**entertained the idea**) to get some more feed now because he wasn't sure what was going to happen next month. **It was then that I realized that the enemy or spirits were putting thoughts into people's minds**, which was causing the overload on me and the mill.

Remembering where the Bible says Eve was **beguiled in her mind**, I began to understand the "out of character" performance, and the funny look of the young man who was to replace me while I was gone for the Lord. I asked the very next customer if she was getting her feed a little early? She said, "Yes." I didn't pursue the subject any further with her. There was no reason to.

With this feed mill incident God was showing me how simply, in every day life, a spirit and/or the enemy can give **simple thoughts** to people **to come against God's plan**.

The Deep Seed of Anger

I, Roy Sauzek, being of sound mind, am testifying of the spiritual forces from which I've been delivered. I use the term "**a sound mind**" because every time the Lord has delivered me from a spiritual force it usually, in some way, had a **mind clearing effect**. Ironically, if you had asked me if I had a clear mind beforehand, I would have said, "**I have always had a clear mind.**" However, the mind clearing effect that I refer to here includes **freedom of thought** and freedom to see and hear correctly. There is one clear fact that the Lord was showing me as I was delivered from some spirits. That is the fact that spirits affect our ability to think correctly and can actually keep us from seeing the truth! Jesus said,

Matthew 7:4

*Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? 5) Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou **see clearly** to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.*

A spirit can affect a person in three ways: from the inside, from the outside, and through other people. No matter what the source, **its purpose is to adversely affect you, your mind, and your ability to obey God, therefore your function in life.** **All evil spirits come against God, His plan, and His ways. They are against you, God is for you!** **God is for the function of your mind, the enemy wants to control it!**

When it comes to spiritual influences in our lives, anger is one that we can identify readily so I have begun with it. The Bible says not to let the sun go down on your wrath (anger). Just because you got angry doesn't mean you've acquired a spirit of anger. But, how many days have you let the sun go down on your anger? That is the important question.

Anger was the first spirit from which the Lord delivered me. **Anger can rise in a person from the inside or come upon a person from the outside.** I have heard pastors say that you have to deal with things that rise up in you. In one sense this is true, therefore, we should be aware that we need to control the problem until we are

delivered of it. However, sometimes this is not possible because of the severity of the spirit's hold on our life.

A person told me they had been counseled to grip the steering wheel and count, either to a hundred or until the anger had passed. This was their way of controlling the anger. **But understand, they were only controlling their flesh, not the anger!** By their actions they **simply were not letting the anger manifest outside of their own flesh**. I told this person that the anger was not from (the real) him. I explained that **if it was from him, he would be able to control it**. Although he held onto the steering wheel, the actual anger still rose up; it was still there **in his flesh**.

Spirits rise up at their own will. **I know this from experience**. Before I was delivered from the spirit of fear, it did just that. I would be standing in front of people, ready to say what God had revealed, when fear would rise up and stop me from delivering the message. Even if I fought through it, the message was unclear or poorly presented. **I could not control the fear in any way, when it decided to rise up**.

Anger (or any other spirit) can arise at its will, in any situation, and at the oddest times. Haven't you ever been angry about something and looked back on the situation and thought, "Why did I get so upset over that?"

Spirits love to make life miserable by rising up in situations, functioning, and then drawing back, leaving the individual to deal with the aftermath.

Many years ago, before the Lord delivered me from the spirit of anger, He showed me two things,  first, that something 'strange to me' would happen to me and second, I would need to cry out to Him for help. **"God, help me,"** were the words.

The Lord had given a dream to a member of our prayer group and I was instructed by the group to give/get the interpretation. During the following week the Lord gave me the interpretation. I went to the next meeting to deliver it. I was giving the interpretation and as I finished, I noticed a very strange thing. **The last two or three words I spoke didn't seem to be my words**. It was like I saw the words for a moment right after they left my mouth! I went home wondering about this strange event.

I awoke the next morning, knowing something was really wrong because of what He had shown me in the

night. I cried out, "Oh God, help me." That morning the Lord told me 🗨️ "You have a deep seed of anger against the body of Christ. It is a spirit." I then realized I had given the interpretation in anger. Those words that didn't seem to be mine were words given in the spirit of anger. I had given the correct interpretation but had given it in or through anger, not in love. You see, the interpretation of the message was one of correction.

Then the Lord revealed to me how the door to the spirit of anger was opened. The very root of the anger, against Christians, had started when I discovered that the people to whom I had entrusted my family, as far as salvation goes, did not know what they were doing. God had revealed to me that my wife was not saved and it was because of church traditions and doctrines. Then **I was mad and rightfully so.** **We were talking about my family's place in eternity!**

Then this seed grew because I continued to be disillusioned by Christians. I saw Christians do things they shouldn't when they knew better. I wondered, "Why are they doing this?" You see, **my expectations of Christians had been too high.** **Are yours?** Have you been disappointed by Christians? Do you harbor negative feelings toward Christians? Do you have a deep seed of anger toward a friend, or maybe a family member whose actions were not becoming to a Christian? The Lord told me 🗨️ the body of Christ is full of this particular deep seed of anger.

The Lord delivered me from the spirit of anger that very morning. I decided to call the people who had been at the meeting and apologize for attacking them. Then the Lord handed me a real shocker. 🗨️ **He told me not to do it.** He said, "It was a spirit that attacked them, not you. You are not to apologize to them." I thought, "This is terrible. How am I to handle this?" I finally just told them the truth. **Glory, what a relief! The truth does set you free!** They had no trouble accepting it because they knew more about spirits than I did.

What had happened? The Lord had given me the interpretation to the dream, but I had given the correct interpretation through the spirit of anger. **It is a truth** I reveal here, spirits act as filters for both incoming messages and outgoing messages. They do this without

you really knowing it. I was completely unaware that I was giving the message in anger!

If you have a spirit affecting you, understand that it can filter what comes in from other people. You get the wrong impression of what someone says, in the light of the particular spirit that affects you. Spirits do this by giving you thoughts, by distorting the tone of voice you hear, and by giving you feelings. They filter (block and change) completely what was really said, or really happened!

When the Lord said I was not to apologize to those people, **I learned a fundamental truth.** It's one that really helps in the area of forgiveness. **When you understand it is a spirit operating and not the person,** it actually wipes out the need for forgiveness in many situations. This is because there is suddenly nothing to forgive, as far as the person is concerned. **The person didn't do it!** Jesus said,

Luke 11:35,36

Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. If thy whole body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give the light.

Notice here that Jesus said we could have light in us (our bodies) and still have a part that was dark, . . . **be full of light, having no part dark.** . . . He would not have said, "having no part dark," if it were not possible to have darkness in with the light.

Yes, we as Christians can have spirits that are operating in us (our flesh) and even controlling our lives. If the anger in you rises up and causes trouble with others, **it has altered your life** and changed the path you were on. **It changed the path, not you!** Anger has landed some people **into jail** and **cost some their jobs.** Is that not **controlling your life?** I know some will hang on to the words "influencing your life."

But I speak as one delivered, these things that were unknown to me at the time, controlled my life's destiny.

(Let me say here, one of the most important words ever given to me, was given through the spirit of anger. I saw the spirit, but knew the word was from God. I knew the

same thing had happened to this person that had happened to me!)

If you have a deep seed of anger, it's there for one of two reasons. Either it is there because it has been passed down from a previous generation, or it is there because of something that happened to you. **I had a legitimate reason to be mad, but that was beside the point- THAT DOES NOT MATTER.** If you have a legitimate reason to be angry, it doesn't matter. What matters is the fact that you have anger in you, and it is a spirit. **It is influencing and changing your life, whether you believe this or not!**

Is your anger unknowingly towards God because you believed for something that didn't happen? No matter what anger it is, **the Lord wants to deliver you!**

My Deliverance From the Spirit of Fear

It had been suggested to me by more than one person that I might have a spirit of fear. Therefore, eventually I was prayed over, by a group I will call group A. It was cast out in the name of Jesus. **But nothing happened!** Compare that to this Biblical reference.

Mark 9:16 -18

*And he asked the scribes, **What question ye with them?** And one of the multitude answered and said, Master, I have brought unto thee my son, which hath a dumb spirit; And wheresoever he taketh him, he teareth him: and he foameth, and gnasheth with his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast him out; and they could not.*

(The disciples had called the spirit out and it hadn't worked.) Then Jesus spoke to those there, saying that they were of little faith and told them to bring the boy to him.

Mark 9:19

*He answereth him, and saith, **O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him unto me.** 20 And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.*

When the boy came into the presence of the Lord the spirit rose up in the boy to control him one more time. Then Jesus spoke with the father of the boy.

Mark 9:21-22

*And he asked his father, **How long is it ago since this came unto him?** And he said, **Of a child.** And oftentimes it hath cast him into the fire, and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do any thing, have compassion on us, and help us.*

Obviously, the spirit had been in the boy for quite a while. We need to understand that the length of time a spirit has controlled or harassed a person is relevant to what must happen to get rid of it. The longer a spirit is resident, either inside or on the person, the more it is entrenched or attached. So there is more to understand than just what type of spirit it is. Then we see the father of the boy ask for help and here is Jesus' answer.

Mark 9:23-24

*Jesus said unto him, **If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.** And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, **Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.***

Honesty with God is always the best avenue. The father asking the Lord for help, in tears, reminds me so much of my very sincere, "Oh God, help me," when I needed delivered from anger.

Mark 9:25-26

*When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, **Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him.** And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, **He is dead.***

Notice that Jesus told the spirit "**and enter no more into him..**" This particular spirit was 'in' the person, not 'on' the person. There is a great difference. What Jesus said also reveals that you can tell this type of spirit not to come back. From this we can learn that a spirit has the ability to intensely control the soul and flesh of a person. This

man's son looked so lifeless after the spirit was gone that many said he was dead.

Mark 9:27-29

*But Jesus took him by the hand, and lifted him up; and he arose. And when he was come into the house, his disciples asked him privately, Why could not we cast him out? And he said unto them, **This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.***

Jesus said the reason they couldn't cast this type of spirit out was because, "***This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.***" The King James (Open Bible version, with study notes) also shows us that "come forth" could be translated "be driven out."

"This kind (type) can be driven out by nothing (no other way), but by prayer and fasting."

In other words, Jesus was telling the disciples that this particular kind of spirit had to be driven out through prayer and fasting, that just speaking to it, "In the name of Jesus" (poof!), doesn't make it happen! This helps explain the intensity we must have in some cases to take the Kingdom of God by force!

In Matthew's account, we see that Jesus also spoke, in answer to the disciples, about having the faith of a mustard seed, etc.

Matthew 17:19 -20

*Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, **Because of your unbelief: for verily I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you.***

From my experience, I believe that the disciple's lack of faith was the reason they did/could not **pursue** the spirit.

Matthew 17:21

Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.

Jesus had just spoken to them about their lack of faith. Then He says "However" this type "goeth not out" but by prayer and fasting. ("And fasting" is not included in all versions.) It is clear that He was saying, "However, this is the only way this type will go out." Jesus had just given

them **more information** about this type of spirit. It takes this knowledge, this understanding, along with faith!

The Greek word for “**goeth not out**” is the same word translated “**can come forth**” and “**be driven out**” in the book of Mark. So we can arrive at the same picture given in Mark.

Howbeit (However) this kind (must be driven out) by prayer (and fasting?).

You may be asking why Jesus just spoke and it happened? For one thing, Jesus had the fulness of **all** the gifts of the Spirit. We don't individually have all the gifts, but corporately we do. This is why it is so important to recognize the body of Christ. To recognize the body of Christ means that we must recognize the gift's given by God to each person. This sheds light on why Paul said that some Christians are sick and die because they haven't discerned “the body of Christ.” In my case, it took team work to deliver me from the spirit of Fear!

At any rate, Jesus was telling His disciples that for them to have success, pressure must be applied to the spirit through prayer (and fasting?)!

I have shown you the scriptural evidence that Jesus indicated that some spirits must have ‘**pressure applied**’ and **won't leave** by just speaking to them in faith. The testimony of my deliverance from the spirit of fear verifies this fact. The spirit of fear was very intrenched in me and probably was there from birth (family curse). **It had a ‘strong hold’ on me!**

It was well over a year after fear was cast out of me by group A, with no results, that the following events took place. As a matter of fact, I was going to a different church! First of all, in a prayer meeting (group B) a person was moved by the Holy Spirit to slap me (a backhand) in the upper stomach and say, “Come out, in the name of Jesus.” No name was mentioned and no one knew what it was.

Then, three months later, I was in a prayer meeting with these same people and I became ill with symptoms that I had about two weeks earlier. I had gone to a doctor and had been diagnosed with hepatitis - the non contagious kind. In this prayer meeting I had tremendous pain in my upper stomach, so much so that I had to bend in the middle to alleviate it in any way. If I could have

afforded it, I probably would have considered asking them to call an ambulance. I decided to trust those around me who seemed to know what was going on. (They were surprised it had taken three months.)

(I'm sharing the following in detail, not to scare you, just to let you know how real this is. I'd go through it again to get rid of this despicable thing that had a hold in me.)

As they were praying for me, they were told it was the spirit of fear. One lady placed her hand just below the bottom of my chest bone and started to push up. It was where I had been back handed, with the words "Come out," etc. Surprisingly, I felt something move inside me. I thought, "My God, this is real!" As she pushed it up, I felt it move more and more but then I started to realize that it had tentacles all through my flesh (body) like an octopus, with it's head being where she was pushing. I could feel the tentacles tearing at my flesh as this thing moved up in my chest. (I want to make it very clear here that the spirit did not move unless she pushed it up with her hands. She knew exactly where the spirit was as it moved up.) They continued praying **a warlike prayer in the Spirit and using the name of Jesus! It was the voice of the Lord delivering me.** The spirit was tearing my flesh and started to make me bleed out my mouth. When the group realized I was bleeding, they commanded it to stop tearing me and it did.

My pastor told me afterward that I would be weak and sickly for three days. He was right. I rested and listened to Christian music most of the time. The amazing thing was that the next morning I felt like I woke up to a new world. **It didn't look the same, it didn't feel the same,** but it was the same. I finally realized I was the one who was different, not the world. I definitely saw clearer, in fulfillment of what Jesus said.

Matthew 7:4

Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? 5) Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

I have found that in every case, when I have been delivered of a spirit, it has left me with clearer vision of what that particular spirit produces. That “aura” we have around us, produced by a spirit, most certainly blinds us to even seeing its works in ourselves clearly until we are delivered of it.

I should have written down everything that I realized was missing from my mind that next morning. The thought pattern that I remember the most as being gone was the thought pattern that contained the “What if’s.” “What if this” and “What if that,” is easily seen to be of the spirit of fear. I remember (before the deliverance) standing in front of people and having the spirit of fear rise up so much that it stopped me from delivering what I was to say. I had always thought that it was “just me!” Well, it wasn’t, it was the spirit of FEAR!

To understand a little more about the unknown ability of spirits, I share something about a person who was told they had fear in them. This person denied it; most people do. You must understand that the spirit can deny it’s own existence. The pattern of denial is directly related to the type of spirit it is. Anyway, I gave the book *Evil Spirits . . . Yuck* to this individual to read because this person was very active in spiritual warfare. They read it but never made any comment about it to me. Some time passed and this individual was at a meeting where the spirit of fear was cast out of them. After that experience this person was giving me testimony of it being gone, and how different they felt. They knew it was gone and could now see it’s previous activity in their life!

In the conversations that followed, this person revealed that they had reread my book *Evil Spirits . . . Yuck* and was now excited about what it said. This person was now telling me what a good book it was. This shows what a spirit can do as far as producing a mote in our eyes. This individual could now see clearly what the book says, the spirit had been blinding them before.

We can recognize a spirit by it’s fruit, but in all honesty I was only able to see fear’s fruit in the limited vision and knowledge of fear that I had before I was delivered from it. I had taken part in spiritual warfare with success. But now I see the fruit of the spirit of fear much clearer because the mote that was produced by that particular spirit was removed from my eyes. I had been seeing in part!

I have shared this experience with you in the hope it will help you to recognize the fact that **in some cases it takes 'pressure' to remove a spirit.** Perhaps you have picked up some other nuggets to add to your knowledge of spiritual warfare. The lack of knowledge and understanding was the reason group A didn't get the job done.

In closing, let me make it very clear, **no fasting was involved in my deliverance.** It was the Lord who delivered me from the spirit of fear through His Spirit, His Name, and some obedient people!

Pain in Deliverance? (Lack of Understanding can Abort Deliverance!)

We shouldn't box things up! The Meat!

First of all let me say that I have had deliverance where there was no physical pain involved. But I have had people ask me about pain, depression, pressures, a heaviness, etc., manifesting during the process of deliverance. Yes, you can have these things and some of this pertains to the type of spirit you are dealing with and how deep it is imbedded. Since we have received numerous e-mails about this topic I'm going to share some general things I have already talked about on this site before I get into the real meat of what I need to say that I have found a lot of Christians don't understand.

In the article where I shared about my deliverance from the spirit of fear I gave testimony of my having experienced tremendous pain. It was in my liver area and I have had a person tell me that a spirit can damage an organ and leave it in less than normal condition after it has left. I would say this is true but the Lord has never confirmed it to me personally. I also reported that I began bleeding from the mouth during that deliverance. Those with me commanded it to stop tearing me and I quit bleeding. So there are things we can do to help control these types of situations during a deliverance.

We shouldn't box things up!

I think the best way to approach this subject is to say, "We can't just box things up and say this is the way it is." Yes, there can be pain, but there can be deliverance without pain and having a pain doesn't mean it is always from a spirit manifesting. I know a lady who had the spirit of whoredom and it took seven years for her to get completely delivered from it. She testifies of experiencing tremendous pain in her lower back from this spirit. Does this mean that it always takes seven years to be delivered from whoredom? The answer is no.

Jesus is the deliverer and the important thing is to follow the Holy Spirit the best we can. In some cases the very spirit being delivered can interfere with that person's ability to follow the Holy Spirit. Sometimes Jesus uses people and sometimes He doesn't. I like it when He just does it. Because we cannot just box things up, we need to learn all the possibilities of what might be going on and be "aware." Lack of understanding concerning spirits and how they can operate can delay or abort a deliverance. Sad to say, but we here at Take His Heart can testify very clearly to this happening.

The Meat!

I have noticed that Christians don't really realize how much intelligence spirits have and how much they can control their actions. We can see the intelligence of spirits in the following scripture.

Matthew : 8

28 And when he was come to the other side into the country of the Gergesenes, there met him two possessed with devils, coming out of the tombs, exceeding fierce, so that no man might pass by that way. 29 And, behold, they cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of God? art thou come hither to torment us before the time? 30 And there was a good way off from them an herd of many swine feeding. 31 So the devils besought him, saying, If thou cast us out, suffer us to go away into the herd of swine. 32 And he said unto them,

Go.

These spirits knew who Jesus was, His power, and the Word of God. They were able to reason and make decisions for themselves! This scripture also reveals that they **have their own will**. I reported early in my writings concerning spirits that they can pull back and make a person think they are gone. For them to be able to do this indicates that they have intelligence and a will. Satan is a deceiver and spirits can deceive. Whether they learned this from Satan or not makes no difference. The spirit of fear can deceive you even though it is a spirit of fear. Spirits are against whatever God is doing first and other things second. They know the difference. Let me give you an example!

I was with a man who has a religious spirit. He told me he was having nightmares, the tormenting kind, which verified there was a problem. I knew because of the type of spirit it was that I could not just hit him with, "You have a religious spirit." There are times one can do this with success but not when the religious spirit is functioning. Because of the torments in the night, I thought of a book that I knew could help him realize that he needed deliverance. Breaking the lie that a Christian cannot be controlled by a spirit can be hard. Anyway, I told him to get the book. Some time later I asked him if he had gotten the book. He told me "No" and began telling me what happened. He had gone to the book store and found the book but he didn't buy it. He said he became afraid to buy it, thinking, "What if I'm getting into something I shouldn't!" He said when he put the book back, peace came over him and he knew it was the "peace of God." He really felt that God had lead him to buy the book he bought.

As I said, the spirit of fear can deceive and in this situation the spirit of fear rose up, at it's will, to try to keep this man from gaining knowledge that might lead to the spirit being expelled from this man. It planted fearful thoughts which was accepted by the man. At this point the man made a choice, based on the fear he was feeling, and those thoughts introduced to his mind at the right time by the spirit of fear. When that choice was made the spirit of fear withdrew, or quit manifesting, producing this false peace the man thinks was the peace of God.

Any spirit can deceive in this way; not that they always do. As I said, they have intelligence and are able to deceive in many different ways. One time God gave me a

scene in the night that revealed that spirits can think and are collecting data about our lives all the time. They know how a person thinks and, having intelligence, they act accordingly.

Another thing I want to point out is revealed in my deliverance from fear. The spirit of fear had been cast out of me before, with no results. This last time the Holy Spirit directed a person to just say come out in the name of Jesus. Time went by until a particular prayer meeting in which I got very sick. The pain was enough that I had to make a conscious decision to stay the course. I was ready to go to the hospital; I was in pain, lying on the floor. Had I not "stayed the course" I would have gone to the hospital and the deliverance would have been stopped. A spirit will do anything to stop deliverance, including pain, thoughts that lead away from deliverance, and pulling back in order to deceive. Not that this is true all the time, but a spirit can manifest pain when it is in danger of being delivered - anything to divert attention. Another thing about spirits is that they become agitated or aggravated and can manifest when they are in danger of deliverance or during the process of deliverance. My dad attended meetings here and one day he told me about becoming nauseated every time during the music. I told him he should have told us as he probably needed deliverance. I knew this because we had a word saying the music God established here would heal and deliver people. (We have had a few confirmations of this.) The point is that my dad could get up and walk out of it and not be nauseated any longer. This paints a picture that a spirit can become aggravated, produce pain or a sick feeling while in danger of deliverance, but when that danger is removed the symptoms fade away producing a false peace. Another thing about this incident is Dad thought there was something wrong with the music. Those thoughts were given to take him out of danger of being delivered. Spirits will do this with any thoughts acceptable to the person they are affecting.

Now we must also understand that if a spirit is embedded deeply into our flesh, like the spirit of fear was in me, there will be pain when it is being dislodged or striped away. This can be over a period of time. It is wonderful when God has an intercessor and provides travail in a deliverance. That person can take on part of

the effects of deliverance so that it is not so hard on the one being delivered. See *Extremes of Spiritual Warfare*.

I must say again that we should not box any of this information up; but we are to be “aware” of these possibilities and more, listening to the Lord for any information we should have. He is the deliverer.

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