

SPIRITUAL HOUSE CLEANING

It is imperative that we rid ourselves from spiritual dirt and walk closely with Jesus Christ, allowing the Holy Spirit to show us areas of unrepented sin issues in our lives.

1 John 5:19 "We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one." The KJV puts it this way, "and we know that we are of God, and the whole lieth in wickedness."

We are living in a world that lays in wickedness, under the sway of the devil the wicked one. According to *Thayer's Greek Lexicon*, the word "lieth" in the KJV means to be held in subjection to the devil! I don't think anyone would deny this to be true of this generation. Our country has embraced secular humanism as never before and what is good is called evil and what is evil is called good. There is lawlessness covering our streets with the approval of our government. I would agree that we are under the subjection of the devil.

Today we have three states that have made smoking recreational marijuana legal and this has opened yet another door to the demonic realm. When states pass such laws, and allow for the oppression of the people they are giving legal right to Satan. The states that have passed such laws have done so for one reason, mammon. These states want the revenue that making these drugs legal will bring and at the expense of vulnerable people, especially young people.

It is imperative that we live a life that reflects the righteousness of Christ, the holiness of God and walk according to the wisdom of the Holy Spirit. Our lives should consist of the following: prayer, confession, repentance and renouncing sin as well as reading the word and allowing it to renew our minds.

Prayer ~ *pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17).*

Confess your sins ~ *¹⁶Confess [your] trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much (James 5:16).*

Repent of your sins ~ *¹⁷From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt 4:17).*

So they went out and preached that [people] should repent (Mark 6:12).

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight'" (Matt 3:1-3).

Renounce sin ~ *Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy (Proverbs 28:13 NIV).*

Renew your mind ~ *And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what [is] that good and acceptable and perfect will of God (Romans 12:2).*

ENTRY POINTS

Before we can war effectively, it is necessary to understand how Satan and his demons gained entrance into our life.

Unconfessed and unrepented sin is always an open door for the devil. Some other entry points into our lives can be trauma, hurts, and wounds as well as generational sins of our ancestors which can lead to curses.

Things such as unforgiveness towards a person, including ourselves and even God, as well as personal sin we commit or sins committed against us can open a door for the enemy to get a foot hold.

Satan and his evil cohorts are bullies, and they have no boundaries. They will do what they can to steal, slaughter and destroy a person, family, church, business, etc. ¹⁰ *The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly (John 10:10).* The thief comes for no other reason *except to steal, kill, and destroy.* If Satan has come, it is always to do one of these things.

Below is just one Scripture where God warns His people about curses, He tells us how curses can come into effect in our lives as well as how blessings can come into effect. I don't know about you, but I'm grateful for God's word and how He never fails to show us what the consequences of our actions can result in, He is a good Father.

"Moreover all these curses shall come upon you and pursue and overtake you, until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded you (Deut 28:45).

Sadly, almost every Christian I meet is troubled, harassed, obsessed, pressed, oppressed, depressed, or in bondage to something. If not then they are surely being buffeted in some way that keeps them from the fullness of their call and relationship in God.

We must remember that every time we choose sin over God's will we make ourselves a target with a bull's-eye for the enemy!

