

Session Ten: Understanding & Applying Spiritual Authority

† 1 John 5:18; Eph 6:10 ff

† Internalized Error

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Jer 13:23; 2 Cor 10:12

- Source: The Past/Enemy
- Character: Internalized/Deceptive
- Result: Programming for Hindrance
Powerful Control
- Solution: Apply External Test-Bible
Treat as Strongholds
Seek Counsel and Healing

† Danger: Vulnerabilities

- Acceptance
- Love
- Identity
- Intimacy
- Physical Needs
- Success
- Security

† Believer's Authority

Based on Christ's Victory
1 John 3:8

Illustrated in Our Heavenly Position
Eph 1:17-2:6

Delegated by Our Savior
Luke 9:12; 10:17-20; Matt 28:18-20

Presupposed In Our Instructions
Eph 6:10-18; 1 Peter 5:8,9

† Understanding Spiritual Authority

- A Redemptive Provision
- Must be Understood
- Must be Appropriate
- Must be Practiced
- Must be Maintained

† Discerning Bondage, Claiming Freedom

Be Honest

Monitor Emotions, Thoughts, &
Character of Life or Error, Sin
Limitations, Hindrances

Be Aggressive: Reject Error,
Confess/Forsake Sin, Admit
Limitations & Hindrances

Seek Healing Prayer, Instruction,
Encouragement. Be Accountable

Perservere

† Marriage: Vulnerability

- Difference in Needs/Priorities
- Wedges
- Misunderstandings
- Atmosphere
- Conditioning

† The Marriage Affirmation

The husband and wife relationship is always a prime target for demonic attack. If you and your spouse are honest, understand how to live the Christ-life and are working hard on it -- then don't overlook the enemy. Use the following at least twice a day for one week and then as needed.

After you have read the Bible and prayed, put on the armor as described in Ephesians 6 or the Warfare Prayer.

Follow the directions as given in Ephesians 4 & 5:

- Put off the old man (all you were as an unsaved person with its error and sin) -- 4:22
- Choose to think according to the Bible -- 4:23
- Put on the new man (all you are in Jesus Christ) -- 4:24
- Choose to resist the Devil (with all his influence in your life and marriage) -- 4:27
- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you with himself and to teach you -- 5:18

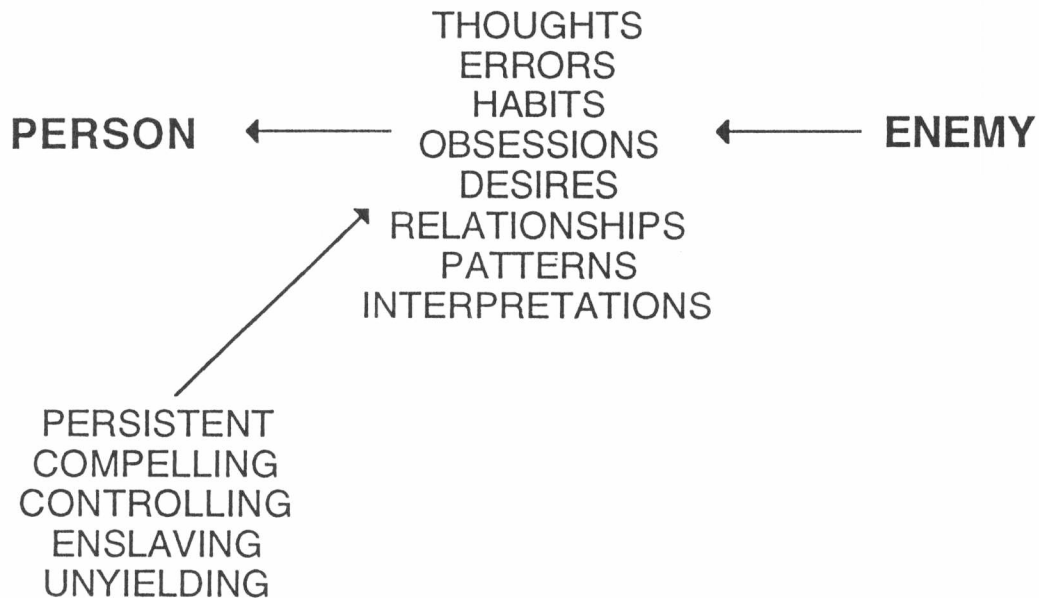
Then in a firm and authoritative voice (speaking aloud -- this is not a prayer, but a declaration, a way of resisting the Devil), state the following:

“In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I smash down all the workings of Satan and wicked spirits upon me, upon my wife/husband, _____, upon our children, _____, _____, _____, and upon our marriage.”

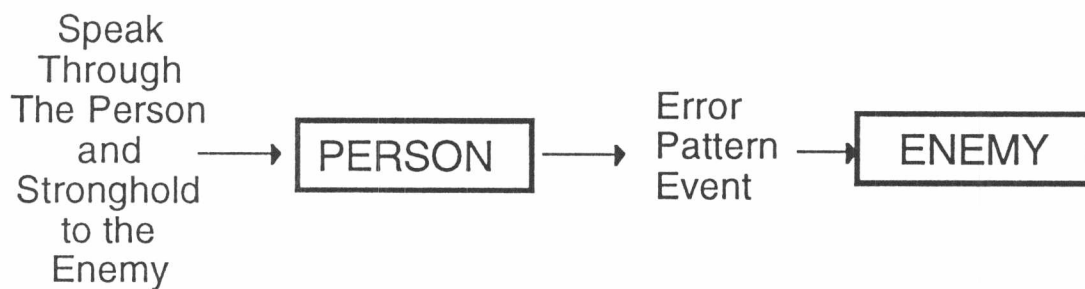
“With the power of the Crucifixion, Resurrection, and Ascension of the Lord Jesus, I break Satan’s hold upon us the control he has developed in our marriage. I break down all the ways he has tried to divide us. I smash down all the effects of the angry words we have said to one another. I choose to forgive my wife/husband, _____, and declare I choose to be to her/him the kind of a wife/husband that would glorify God.”

I command, in the name of Jesus Christ, that every facet of Satan’s hold upon our marriage must be broken, and I repudiate every demonic gift and control that has come to me from my ancestral lines. I cover my wife/husband, _____, our children, _____, _____, _____, and myself with the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

† Strongholds



† Performative Commands



Basis -- Eph 6:12
Methodology -- 2 Cor 10:4,5
Illustration -- Matt 16:22, 23
Promise -- Eph 6:17

† Essentials for Freedom

WORSHIP

INFORMATIVE OBEDIENCE

AGGRESSIVE HEART OBEDIENCE

CONSISTENCY

BEING FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

FELLOWSHIP WITH SPIRITUAL PEOPLE

† Suggestions Regarding Our Children

- Model Spirituality In Worship, Fellowship, Bible, Prayer.
- Be Spiritually And Emotionally Available.
- Explain And Treat The Child As Created In God's Image And Spirit.
- Model Morality -- But Not Legalism Or Perfectionism.
- Demonstrate Distinction Between The Person And Actions.
- Teach Value Of Truth, Love, And Righteousness.
- Explain Error/Sin, Inner Damage, Forgiveness, And Healing.
- Explain How We Always Interpret Events.
- Explain The Enemy, Our Vulnerability, His Defeat, And Our Protection.

RECOMMENDED READING LIST

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