

PRACTICAL METHODS FOR SPIRITUAL PROTECTION FOR ADULTS AND CHILDREN

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INTRODUCTION:

This is what God through His Holy Scriptures has to say about the occult:

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

10. There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,

11. or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

12. For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you.

Jeremiah 10:2

2. Thus says the Lord: "Do not learn the way of the Gentiles; Do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, For the Gentiles are dismayed at them.

Leviticus 19:31

31. 'Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.

Exodus 20:4-5

4. "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

5. you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,

Ezekiel 13:20

20. 'Therefore thus says the Lord God : "Behold, I am against your magic charms by which you hunt souls there like birds. I will tear them from your arms, and let the souls go, the souls you hunt like birds.

Micah 5:12

12. "I will cut off sorceries from your hand, And you shall have no soothsayers.

Isaiah 8:19

19. And when they say to you, Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?

1 Timothy 4:1

1 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

I Corinthians 10:20-21

20. Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.

21. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons

Revelation 21:8

8. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.

(1). NANCY'S TESTIMONY *(Shared at the Conference)*

I will share a little bit of my testimony. I was not raised in a Christian home, I was raised in religion, worshiping images and bowing down to statues, exposed to cults, and involved in different types of the occult.

My involvement in the occult was through upbringing, environment, ignorance and plainly because the enemy wanted to destroy me.

The following are examples of how doors were opened to the demonic realm in my life. My father was into the black martial arts and his leader and group had asked for the power of the enemy, and the enemy responded.

My father believed in aliens and chupacabra (a type of alien who supposedly is said to attack and drink the blood of livestock). He also used to listen to a program that talked about the supernatural demonic realm. He also watched Satanic movies like *The Exorcist*.

My father also believed in reincarnation.

I'd like to take a moment and say that I used to laugh and make fun of my Dad-because I didn't believe in reincarnation. He truly believed that in his past life he was a Chinese man. He was very fond of Chinese culture.

But it doesn't matter if I believed in it or not, I was exposed to his demonic practices, and He brought that into our home and opened doors to the demonic realm for me and the rest of my immediate family.

Moving on: My mother had her tarot cards read while she was pregnant with me. My mother took me as a little girl to Christian Science Sunday school. I was never a happy child-I always had anxiety, many fears, I had a fear of the

dark. I couldn't sleep alone and always had to have the light on. I never felt secure.

Growing up I was allowed to watch movies such as the Exorcist, The Omen, Rosemary's Baby, Burnt Offering—starting only at 7 years old-and continued to watch many, many more into my young adult life. I was a horror- flick junkie.

In fourth grade I was introduced to scrying which is a form of divination. I was in the school bathroom gazing into a mirror trying to call up the deceased Bloody Mary.

In high school, I listened to demonic music such as The Doors, ACDC, Black Sabbath, and others alike, etc., I ignorantly went to a couple of Satanic concerts. My brother and a cousin of mine found a Ouija board in our garage and exposed me to it. Even though I myself didn't play with it -because I didn't believe in it- the demonic realm was still opened to me.

I had read Horoscopes here and there. I didn't believe they were true. Nonetheless, they still opened doors. I owned good luck charms. I had a palm reading. I also visited a Jehovah's witness worship meeting.

In college I was introduced to tarot card reading because family members were doing it, and then I began to seek it on my own.

The same witch that read my tarot cards performed a cleansing-type ritual on me along with oomancy which is divination that is used with eggs.

In college, I had someone give me a tea-leaf reading known as Tasseography which is Divination. My college provided a way for me and the students to be hypnotized so that we could pass our state exam.

In my early married life my husband and I had a tarot card reading by a family member. I also called up a fortune teller to tell me my supposed future.

My mother-in-law also performed oomancy on me to try to help me with my fears.

Obviously, the occult was all around me which, of course, led to a lot of sin, demonic depression, oppression, affliction, strange thinking, confusion, strange dreams, sleep paralysis and encounters with the demonic realm physically and visually. There was a lot of suffering.

And I am here today sharing with you that God may take my suffering, the things that I've learned through suffering, to help and protect others and use it all for His glory. Amen?

After I became born again, I had to do a lot of confessing, a lot of repenting, prayer and fasting. It has been a long, long, process of healing and renewing the mind through the Holy Scriptures, the grace of God, His Divine protection, and God's answers to my prayers. There were fierce battles during the process of being set free. But God has been faithful.

I praise God that:

"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil." 1 John 3:8

(2). HOW LEADERS AND THE BODY OF CHRIST CAN HELP ONE ANOTHER BE PROTECTED FROM DEMONIC AFFLICTION

The church is filled with many, many saved/born again Christians BUT Christians who are deceived, oppressed, harassed, and afflicted by the demonic realm. Now, please take note that I AM NOT SAYING that Christians are possessed by the devil-but, again, deceived, oppressed, harassed, and afflicted.

As leaders, shepherds, teachers, worship leaders, and children's ministry teachers, brothers and sisters, I exhort you to be sensitive and more alert to the sin issue of the occult that has been practiced by the believer either in their past or currently—our churches are filled with souls that are deceived, confused, and hopeless and being afflicted by the demonic realm even as I speak.

A sure way we can help one another in our churches is to make sure there is no occult involvement or practices.

As the congregants in our churches ask for prayer or participate in counseling sessions, there should be a time of inventory to make sure doors are not open

to the demonic realm. Ask the Lord to help you help them. Learn how to be a good listener.

Take the time to ask if any occult activity has taken place in the past or presently. This is how you can provide protection, deliverance, and healing and prevent a lot of unforeseen problems and hindrances to the growth of individual Christians.

In many of my interactions, the majority of people that I've sat with to do inventory, whether through counseling, or during a time of prayer, or a time of preparation to help guide them to begin serving in a ministry, they had a history of the occult and were currently practicing different types of the occult. They didn't know they needed to repent and they didn't know there were things in their lives they needed to get rid of. It really is amazing how the enemy continues to simply blind the people of God through ignorance.

For example, if someone asks me for prayer, and they tell me they are experiencing debilitating anxiety, the first thing I ask is if they have been practicing the occult in some way. And almost every single time, the answer is yes. They are involved in some type of the occult.

Now, PLEASE note that not all who experience harassment and even demonic affliction have opened doors and sometimes they are suffering because they are being persecuted.

And please note that not all depression and anxiety is from opened doors to the demonic realm, it can be related to health.

But in my interactions with people, the majority has been that they are involved in something that they really thought was harmless or they are in environments where the occult is practiced.

I have found two types of situations to be true in regard to Christians involved in the occult.

Some Christians are so ready to make things right with the Lord, confess, repent and forsake all occult activity. They want no compromise. They are on their way to freedom and healing.

The other Christians are not willing to turn away from certain occult or demonic activity. There's a pattern they display: stubbornness, undue

confidence, and a belief that what they are doing is not sin. They will say they have no conviction about what they are doing. They also don't believe that what they are doing is spiritually harmful.

These Christians are deceived and blinded by enemies of their souls. To be deceived is past tense. The deception has taken place. They are deceived.

Now, this should be very concerning for all those involved.

And these deceived Christians simply choose not to turn away from occult activity.

I find in my interactions with these people that the activity that they are not willing to turn away from is usually modern magic: Things such as demonic music, demonic animation, entertainment saturated with witchcraft, books and items related to black magic, demonic and violent video games.

And, Yes, I AM saying that born-again Christians can open doors and still have doors opened.

This is why we have to stay close to the Lord, stay close to the body of Christ, be teachable, read the Holy Scriptures, know your Word, get prayer, have the elders lay hands on you, go to prayer meetings, and get to know the watchmen of your home church.

Be protected and strengthened by the body of Christ.

It's not uncommon for a Christian to be very zealous for the truth of the word of God-and then in a short amount of time be involved in some type of occult activity.

There was a situation where a sister in the Lord was starting to have black-type objects come into her room. After inventory, we discovered she had downloaded an app for horoscopes.

Getting involved in astrology and horoscopes is a sure way to experience debilitating anxiety-It is Divination.

But if we have opened doors and there has been no confession or repentance, then we will suffer the consequences.

Many, many Christian brothers and sisters are suffering in the church. They are leaders, they are on worship teams, teachers, and serving in ministry. They are the very people who sit in the pews of our churches.

I don't have full explanations for anything, and I don't understand the full dynamics of how opened doors work to the demonic realm; but I do know this: We can choose to open the doors to the occult and demonic realm, but we cannot choose or control the consequences and what demonic activity will affect us and to the extent that it will affect us.

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I'm going to share with you a subtle list that might be indicative of demonic affliction and harassment.

I share this with you for those that are here and for those that are listening that you may have hope and be encouraged.

Keep in mind my lists are not exhaustive.

In my dealings with those who are suffering greatly from occult involvement, Christian or non Christian, there is a consistent thread of behavior and that is Major anxiety strong enough to send them to ER, major depression, cutting, and the temptation to commit suicide.

"Possible" subtle afflictions and harassments are the following:

- Not able to attend church consistently.
- Rebellious toward those in authority within the church
- They cannot remain seated throughout a church service
- They feel held back from reading their Bible.
- They feel held back from praying.
- They struggle to stay faithful to the ministry they serve in because they struggle to be consistently at church
- Unexplained illnesses
- They sleep a lot.

Now, here is another list of afflictions (again, it is not exhaustive): And these are the things that some Christians go through and suffer silently because they're afraid of being rejected. They don't want people to think that they're going crazy. So they suffer silently:

- Hearing audible voices and/or hearing voices in the mind/Hearing animal sounds.
- Bombarded and tortured by Blasphemous thoughts toward God.
- Feeling magnetized and drawn to the things of the world.
- Seeing Spirits/black objects coming into their room.
- Being touched by spirits.
- Sleep paralysis.
- Experiencing terrifying dreams.
- Doubting God's goodness, his love, and doubting God's Word.
- Being physically attacked by an evil presence either by choking or picked up and thrown to the ground.
- Experiencing Physical attack by an evil presence, being choked at the neck, being picked up and thrown to the ground.
- Experiencing Astral Projection.
- Unexplained illnesses

And how do I know this? Well, I know it very well firsthand because I myself was one who suffered affliction silently.

June Hunt says this and I quote:

“The person drawn into the occult is like the addict drawn into drugs: Both are dependent on a destructive, potentially deadly mirage.”

I have here a book called “Counseling Through Your Bible Handbook by June Hunt.”

I will be reading excerpts throughout the chapter named “The Occult.”

Also, I will be reading and naming some activities that open doors to the demonic realm.

“The word occult describes any practice used in an attempt to gain supernatural power or knowledge apart from the God of the Bible. Generally, the occult is broken down into five categories:

Interestingly enough, those that get involved in the occult, have a common desire -and that is to have power. They desire power.

And I quote:

“Superstition, fortune-telling, spiritism, black and white magic, parapsychology. The word occult comes from the Latin OCCULTUS, which means “hidden, covered up, concealed.” The occult is not just a ditch of deceit, but a pit cloaked in despair and darkness.

“In **Leviticus 20:6-7** God says,

‘And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the Lord your God.’

“WHAT OPENS THE DOOR TO OCCULT INVOLVEMENT?”

“SUPERSTITION

“Occult involvement often begins with unfounded beliefs-based on TRADITION-regarding items or practices assumed to have supernatural power.

‘Colossians 2:8

‘Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.’

But if you should hear anything that you have been involved in, make note of it so you can confess, and repent, and forsake the evil practices.

“Examples of TRADITIONS include:

—“**BAD LUCK**— assigning supernatural power to black cats, breaking a mirror, walking under ladders, the number 13, evil eye

—“**GOOD LUCK**—assigning supernatural power to rabbits’ feet, four-leaf clovers, horseshoes, knocking on wood, crystals, amulets,” (an ornament or small piece of jewelry thought to give protection against evil, danger or disease.) “talismans,” (inscribed ring or stone that is thought to have any powers) “religious items.”

“DIVINATION

“Divination is an attempt to foretell the future.

“Jeremiah 29:8 ‘For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are in your midst deceive you, nor listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed.’

“Here are the different forms of divination:

—“**ASTROLOGY**— the study of the position of the stars and planets to reveal their supposed influence on people and events.

—“**CARTOMANCY**— the reading of tarot cards or a deck of 52 cards

—“**HOROSCOPES**—the forecasting of the future based on dividing the year into 12 sections according to the signs of the zodiac and determining supernatural influences by time, date of birth, alignment of the stars

—“**NUMEROLOGY**— The assigning of power to numbers such as the date of your birth

This is one that is very subtle. Sometimes we can put numbers above the word of God. We see the number 777 and we say God is speaking to us.

—“**PALMISTRY** or Chiromancy, the reading of lines in the palm of a hand

—“**PSYCHIC games**— The use of games such as the Ouija board and the magic eight ball for answers

—“**ROD and PENDULUM**— The use of which is alleged to locate lost objects, persons, or diagnose diseases.

—“**SCRYING**— Gazing into a crystal ball, water, or mirrors”

Gazing into a crystal ball is very, very common with kids’ cartoons and TV shows—one of the enemy’s tactics is to desensitize all of us into thinking that these exposures to the occult are not harmful.

For example, in the movie TOY STORY, Woody shakes a black magic eight ball for answers.

But it is very harmful. Don’t believe the deception.

This is Divination.

How many of us ever called upon Bloody Mary gazing into a mirror?

Bloody Mary is a legend of a ghost, phantom, or spirit conjured to reveal the future. She is said to appear in a mirror when her name is chanted repeatedly.

If you or your children have done this, we are to take this very seriously. You need to repent. It's Divination.

The enemy uses these types of things to make us think that they are just for fun. He wants us to become desensitized into thinking that it's harmless. But it's sin. And these things deceive us. It's divination.

—“**SOTILEGE**— the casting of lots.

—“**TASSEOGRPAHY**—the reading of loose tea leaves on the sides or base of a cup.

—“**WATER WITCHING/DOWSING**—the use of a divining rod to locate water, minerals, or oil.

‘For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are in your midst deceive you, nor listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed.’ (Jeremiah 29:8).

“With regard to astrology, there is proof that such readings are not valid. More specifically, astrology has three major problems.

THE SCIENTIFIC PROBLEM: Astrology is based on the ancient belief that the sun circles the earth; however, science has proven that the earth circles the sun.

THE SOCIOLOGICAL PROBLEM: Since astrological readings are based on a person's exact date and place of birth, identical twins should have identical futures-but they don't. One might be a college professor and the other a high school dropout! Then there is the:

THE BIBLICAL PROBLEM: Astrology violates the Word of God.

‘You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, And the monthly prognosticators Stand up and save you From what shall come upon you.

‘Behold, they shall be as stubble, The fire shall burn them; They shall not deliver themselves From the power of the flame; It shall not be a coal to be warmed by, Nor a fire to sit before! (Isaiah 47:13-14).

“SPIRITISM:

“Spiritism is an attempt to communicate with the unseen world through various practices.

‘Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.’ (Leviticus 19:31)

“Here are the major forms of spiritism.

—“**CHANNELING**— a spirit guide or medium channels information from the spirit world of the dead person to the living person seeking communication. This channeler is in the middle position between both worlds.

—“**FAMILIAR SPIRITS**—a ‘familiar’ companion spirit is usually embodied in a small animal and is held to serve and protect a person.

—“**HALLOWEEN**—a day on which the spirits of the dead are believed to roam the earth and commit violent acts and when occult practices are used for power and protection.

Halloween is the practice of spiritism.

For those who are participating in celebrating Halloween know that you are giving glory to Satan. Much evil takes place on this evening including human sacrifice. And you are practicing spiritism.

—“**MATERIALIZATION**—the physical manifestation of spirits, ghosts, or apparitions.

—“**NECROMANCY**—communication with the spirits of the dead.

This is something that so many Christians and non-Christians do.

“Can dead ancestors bring either help or harm to the living? No. The dead know nothing. According to the Bible, the dead have no knowledge or feelings about the events on earth, and they have no ability to be involved in this life. A demonic spirit, however, could be a counterfeit of a deceased person.

‘For the living know that they will die; But the dead know nothing, And they have no more reward, For the memory of them is forgotten. Also their love, their hatred, and their envy have now perished; Nevermore will they have a share in anything done under the sun.’ (Ecclesiastes 9:5-6)

There’s a pastor of a church who actually believes his deceased loved one comes and visits his church and gives hugs. This pastor is supposed to be

watching over the souls of his congregants. He is leading his congregants into necromancy.

Before I was born again, I had a spirit sitting on the edge of my bed and caressing my face.

So many times we hear so many people say their deceased loved ones are “watching over them.” People actually believe their loved ones are acting on their behalf like a guardian angel. That is so far from the truth. Such deception!

People also go to cemetery sites and communicate with their loved ones as if they can hear them.

Many many are so blind to Necromancy-it’s in TV shows, movies, children’s movies, and they make it seem like it’s such a true and powerful experience. It’s demonic.

That is the sin of Necromancy.

—“**PSYCHOMETRY**—knowledge gained through contact with personal possessions

—“**REINCARNATION**—the belief a person’s soul migrates from one body into another through numerous death and rebirth cycles. This belief is prevalent in Hinduism and Buddhism.

—“**SEANCES**—meetings designed to receive spirit communications

—“**SEXUAL SPIRITS**—Sexual contact with unseen spirits.

—“**SHAMANISM**—ancestral spirits

This is usually associated with tribal societies, have power to heal the sick, communicate with spirits/supposedly escort souls of the dead to the afterlife.

—“**SPIRIT WRITING**—automatic writing under the influence of spirits

—“**SPIRIT GUIDES**— a demonic spirit that appears to befriend and protect a person

I’ve counseled more than a few people who communicate with spirits thinking that they’re friendly. They are demons and they have only one goal, and that is to destroy you.

If you notice that your child has an imaginary friend, and they are saying that they can actually see them, and that they are real, and that their friend makes

them do certain things, you need to take it very seriously and investigate. Some children are actually communicating with an actual demon.

‘And when they say to you, “Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,” should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?’ (Isaiah 8:19)

“MAGIC/SORCERY

“Magic and sorcery involve attempts to control the natural world by involving supernatural power from the spirit world through various practices.

Don’t be surprised at the fact that today we actually have people who call themselves “Christian witches.”

‘Therefore thus says the Lord Go : “Behold, I am against your magic charms by which you hunt souls there like birds. I will tear them from your arms, and let the souls go, the souls you hunt like birds.” (Ezekiel 13:20)

“CHANNELS OF MAGIC

“Objects as voodoo dolls, talismans, amulets, potions, locks of hair, chicken bones, clothing, shells

“Sayings such as chants, charms, spells, curses, incantations, (a series of words said as a magic spell or charm) “calling up of spirits

“FORMS OF MAGIC”

“Black magic is intended for evil and uses spiritual powers ‘for evil ends, such as selfish gain or to harm rivals or enemies.

“White Magic is intended for ‘good’ and uses rituals to bring about healing, fertility, and divining information.

“Modern Magic includes books, videos, and computer games with characters that possess magical powers, and those who use or play with these players or leaders call upon these same powers.

Please note that those who use or play with these games and players, call upon demonic powers.

“Modern magic is rooted in ‘Old Religion’ sometimes called the ‘craft’ of witchcraft. Many engage in modern magic without realizing they are drawing from the same power source as witchcraft.

“Satanism is the worship of satan. It is marked by mockery of Christianity or exaltation of the powers of evil and baseness. Satanism is practiced by a broad range of individuals. Some declare allegiance to a personal Satan and practice black magic, vengeance, and ritual sacrifice. Others deny satan as a personal being yet practice satanism as a way to live out their desire for personal power, as well as an outlet for an indulgent hedonistic lifestyle. Satanic practices include black magic, dismemberment, sexual sacrifices, the killing of animals and humans, eating human flesh, and drinking blood.

“WITCHCRAFT

“What is the truth about witchcraft?

—“Witchcraft is forbidden by God.

‘There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer.’ (Deuteronomy 18:10).

—“Witchcraft angers God.

‘Also he caused his sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom; he practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft and sorcery, and consulted mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger.’ (2 Chronicles 33:6).

—“Witchcraft will be destroyed by God.

‘I will cut off sorceries from your hand, And you shall have no soothsayers.’ (Micah 5:12).

—“Witchcraft destroys peace.

‘Now it happened, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, “Is it peace, Jehu?”’ So he answered, “What peace, as long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcraft are so many?”’ (2 Kings 9:22).

—“Witchcraft enslaves people.

'Because of the multitude of harlotries of the seductive harlot, The mistress of sorceries, Who sells nations through her harlotries, And families through her sorceries.' (**Nahum 3:4**).

—“Witchcraft is a barrier to entering the kingdom of God.

'But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.' (**Galatians 5:19-21**).

“SUPERNATURAL PHENOMENA

“These are the appearances or manifestations of things beyond the natural realm. Parapsychology is a field of study investigating appearances of paranormal psychological phenomena, or supernatural mental manifestations.”

“Paranormal means ‘beyond the norm, or supernatural.’ Below are some different types of allegedly supernatural phenomena:

If any of you are watching paranormal activities, you need to repent.

—“**Apports**—the supernatural power to transfer objects through closed rooms and sealed containers.

—“**Clairaudience**—the supernatural power to hear something beyond the senses

—“**Clairvoyance**—the supernatural power to see something not present

—“**ESP/Extrasensory perception**—the supernatural power to perceive something beyond the senses

—“**Kirlian effect**—the supernatural power to see colored auras revealing information about the people they surround

—“**Levitation**—the supernatural power to lift objects or people so that appear to float

—“**Mental telepathy**—the supernatural power to communicate from one mind to another without the use of senses

—“**Precognition**—the supernatural power to know something before it occurs
If any of you have been involved in this or are experiencing this, you need to repent.

—“**Psychic surgery**—the supernatural power to perform surgery using only the mind

—“**Psychometry**—the supernatural power to identify facts about an object or a person through contact with personal items

—“**Telekinesis**—the supernatural power to move physical objects using the mind, such as playing a musical instrument without using the hand.

The holy Scriptures say:

‘For he does not know what will happen; So who can tell him when it will occur? No one has power over the spirit to retain the spirit, And no one has power in the day of death. There is no release from that war, And wickedness will not deliver those who are given to it.’ (Ecclesiastes 8:7-8)

(3). HOW DO WE PROTECT OURSELVES

We protect ourselves by doing inventory with ourselves to see if there are any doors open to the demonic realm, AND WE CLEAN HOUSE!

Deuteronomy 7:26

“Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, for it is an accursed thing.”

I’m going to repeat this:

We MUST “clean house.”

Ask the Lord to show you what you have in your home that you need to get rid of or destroy.

Go into your home and get rid of anything that is not pleasing to the Lord. Get rid of any carved images, statues that you may give honor and reverence to. Religious relics and objects.

Let us remember what God said about Idolatry.

Deuteronomy 4:15-16

15. "Take careful heed to yourselves, for you saw no form when the Lord spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire,

16. lest you act corruptly and make for yourselves a carved image in the form of any figure: the likeness of male or female...

Images and objects can be portals for demons to come into our lives.

LET US NOT ACT CORRUPTLY.

Let us keep ourselves from Idolatry.

(4). PRACTICAL WAYS WE CAN PROTECT OUR CHILDREN

The first thing that we want to understand as parents is how to protect our children from ourselves. Amen?

First of all we need to make sure we are in a Bible-teaching church.

You are attending church as a family. It's very important that we not forsake the assembling of ourselves.

Hebrews 10:24-25

24. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

25. not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

Spiritual leaders of the home, you should be washing your bride and your children in the WORD.

Parents, teach your children basic doctrine. They should know what they believe and why.

It's important for you to provide them a Biblical foundation so that they are not easily swayed or deceived.

Moms, you need to Militantly guard your time with the Lord. And husbands you need to make sure that your wife is not spiritually anorexic.

Prioritize what needs to get done throughout the day and for your wives and children, and be intentional in how you will help your wife be in the Word and that she may have time to pray. Help here carve out that time. If she's not in the Word and praying, she will be deceived.

ANOTHER WAY WE CAN PROTECT OUR CHILDREN IS TO REALIZE HOW WE CAN WOUND OUR CHILDREN.

We are capable of wounding our children very deeply.

This is an excerpt from a book called Raising Lambs Among Wolves by Mark Bubeck.

This author was recommended to me by one of my mentors Warren Weirsbe. Again, it's called "How to Protect Your Children From Evil" "Raising Lambs Among Wolves."

1. "Failing to commend the child for accomplishments, while implying he or she could have done a better job.
2. "Making negative comments about any aspect of a child's appearance, intelligence, or worth.
3. "Failing to include personal time with each child daily, letting work schedules and personal pursuits override such times.
4. "Praising one child's accomplishments above another's.
5. "Comparing the child negatively with someone else (including a brother or sister.)
6. "Breaking promises to a child that the child highly valued (for example, a fishing trip, sports event, or gift you had promised).
7. "Claiming to be someone before others outside the family but not acting that way in the home. Such hypocrisy does more to negate positive influence on a child than anything else.
8. "Using fear to gain a desired behavior. (For example, "If you eat that you might get sick and die"; "God will punish you if you dirty Mom's floor.")
9. "Yelling at the child in frustration or impatience.
10. "Never apologizing to your child even when you know you 'blew it' in some matter."

The following I'm going to share is from me.

Make sure you don't allow name calling in the home. Do not allow siblings to push each other around, put each other down, humiliate and embarrass one another. It is so damaging.

Make sure that the boys of your home are respected. Treat them like leaders and when they get older, they will behave like leaders. If not, they will grow up to be rebellious.

Make sure your girls are treated with tenderness, love, and understanding. If they don't get this from home and family especially their fathers, they will become promiscuous and look for love through fornication.

You must be aware of what they are doing at all times, what they have in their rooms, their personal belongings and what you allow them to do and with electronics-phones- computers, video games, et cetera.

Many children and Christian children are engaging in activities that are extremely dangerous spiritually.

Many children are involved in the occult through their phones and computers.

You should have access to all their gadgets. You should be able to go through all their history. You should know everyone they communicate with. You should know all of your children's pass codes to their gadgets.

None of their gadgets should be considered private.

They should not have locks on their bedroom doors. You should be able to knock and walk in immediately.

You should be concerned if your children are spending hours and hours in their bedroom and not coming out. If they display anger and depression, this might indicate pornographic involvement.

If you are not computer savvy, find someone you can trust who is and have them do the inventory to investigate all their involvement.

Young men and women are getting involved in sites that lead them to hand over nude pictures of themselves or videos, not realizing that it wasn't who they thought they were communicating with, but with extortioners. These extortioners are studying their victims; they are studying them on social media.

They are very intentional in who they target. They target those who are very influential with great reputations.

These extortioners have threatened them and told them that they would expose them if they didn't pay them what they demanded. And because they can't handle the shame, they feel their only recourse is suicide. This leads me to my next point. Protect your children from the dangers of social media.

You can download an App called Bark. You can monitor all content and block websites.

If your children are telling you that they are going to the library for ex., every day, make sure that that's where they are going. You want to make sure they aren't meeting up with people who can hurt them, violate them, or even destroy them.

We love our children and we want to believe they are telling the truth. But a lot of times they are not. They lie straight to our face and are doing the very things we warned them not to do.

I discourage sleep overs, slumber parties, etc., weekend retreats even led by Christian groups.

If a Christian retreat is something you're committed to, make sure you stay with your child in the room and make sure you can see them at all times.

There's a testimony of a pastor who wrote the book I had mentioned earlier, "Raising Lambs Among Wolves." His youngest daughter was suffering from panic attacks. Judy's symptoms peaked at age 11. She had nausea and painful colitis, fear, and confusion. They took her to doctors, but they found nothing. It seemed like a psychosomatic illness. She was suffering greatly with anxiety and depression. It turns out they found out years later that Judy had gone to a slumber party when she was 8 or 9 years old and played with a Ouija Board, Levitation, and did a seance. Interestingly enough, his other daughter had experimented with similar things and suffered also.

He says you might find it surprising that he being a pastor and a spiritual counselor that his daughters still got involved in such demonic activity.

His regret is this: Not knowing enough to warn them before it happened.

Spiritism is exploding and it is everywhere.

I'd like to emphasize this: It doesn't matter that your kids are in a Christian home and Christian environment, if your kids choose to open doors to the demonic realm, then they will suffer the consequences.

Warn your children and teach them what the Word of God says about the practice of the Occult.

WARN YOUR CHILDREN!!!

“COMMON QUESTIONS CONCERNING THE OCCULT

“Q: Many psychics say their power comes from God. If a prophecy comes true, doesn't that prove the fortune-teller possesses God's power?”

“A: The true test of genuine prophets from God is that their predictions must be 100 percent accurate. If any of their prophecies do not come true, neither the so-called “prophet” nor the power is from God (Deuteronomy 18:20-22).

“Q: Can a person be possessed by Satan?”

“A: Yes. Judas was possessed and used by Satan to betray Jesus. Satan literally entered into Judas. John 13:27 says, “As soon as Judas took the bread, Satan entered into him. ‘What you are about to do, do quickly,” Jesus told him.”

“Q: Can Christians be demon possessed?”

“A: No. The Bible never presents even one believer as being possessed by a demon. Christians can be oppressed, but not possessed. They have been bought by the blood of the Lamb; therefore, their bodies are not their own—they belong to Christ. First Corinthians 6:19-20, says, “Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, who you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body.”

“Q: Does Satan have the power to affect a person's actions?”

“A: Yes. Satan can influence a person's heart to do evil. Satan prompted Judas to betray Jesus. John 13:2 says, “The evening meal was being served, and the devil had already prompted Judas Iscariot, son of Simon, to betray Jesus.”

“Q: Should I be afraid of the occult?”

“A: No. There is no reason to fear the occult as long as you avoid involvement and rely on the indwelling power of Jesus to overcome evil. Remember, 2 Timothy 1:7 says, “God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline.””

“WHAT CAN I DO IF I RECOGNIZE I’M INVOLVED IN THE OCCULT

“God’s powerful truth can light your way out of the pit of darkness and deception and put you on the path to recovery, where answers are found in God alone. The Road to Transformation will bring you to Christlike maturity, and God may then use you to pull others from the pit.

- “**RENOUNCE** any involvement with the occult. (Acts 19:18).
- “**REMOVE** all objects related to the occult (Acts 19:19).
- “**RECOGNIZE** your enemy as Satan (1 Peter 5:8).
- “**RELY** on our authority in Christ over evil (1 John 4:4).
- “**REFUSE** fascination with the occult (Deuteronomy 18:10-14).
- “**RESIDE** in close fellowship with believers (2 Corinthians 6:14).
- “**REAP** the benefit of earnest prayer (James 5:16).
- “**REALIZE** the truth of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16).
- “**READ** Scripture for wisdom and knowledge (Proverbs 2:1-6).
- “**REMAIN** clothed in the armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-18).

A PRAYER OF DELIVERANCE

“Lord God,

Right now I bow only to your power and authority. I confess that I have submitted to ungodly powers and practices. Jesus, thank You for shedding Your blood on the cross to purchase my forgiveness. Thank You for enabling me to become a child of God. Through Your supernatural power I totally renounce (name occult influences). Thank you that in Christ, I am forgiven and free. In His powerful name I pray. Amen.

Know the following Scriptures:

Deuteronomy 18:10-11

10. *There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,*

11. *or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.*

Jeremiah 10:2

2. *Thus says the Lord : “Do not learn the way of the Gentiles; Do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, For the Gentiles are dismayed at them.*

Leviticus 19:31

31. *‘Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.*

Exodus 20:4-5

4. *“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;*

5. *you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,*

Ezekiel 13:20

20. *‘Therefore thus says the Lord God : “Behold, I am against your magic charms by which you hunt souls there like birds. I will tear them from your arms, and let the souls go, the souls you hunt like birds.*

Micah 5:12

12. *I will cut off sorceries from your hand, And you shall have no soothsayers.*

Isaiah 8:19

19. *And when they say to you, “Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,” should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?*

1 Timothy 4:1

1. Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

1 Corinthians 10:20-21

20. Rather, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice they sacrifice to demons and not to God, and I do not want you to have fellowship with demons.

21. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons

Revelation 21:8

8. But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."
