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SEDUCING SPIRITS

But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent. You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a different Jesus than the one we preach, or a different kind of Spirit than the one you received, or a different kind of gospel than the one you believed. (2 Cor. 11:3-4)

In September 2007, I was spending time fasting, praying and seeking the Lord. One morning, I was sitting at my desk meditating on the Bible. The Spirit of God spoke to me and said, *"There is a split, separation or division taking place in the church. Out of this church split two types of churches will emerge. One will be an informational church and the other will be a revelational church."* The Lord Jesus told me that He was telling me this so I could watch out for it and prepare for it. I still have the piece of paper where I wrote down what was told me on that day. He mentioned it again in 2009.

The Lord revealed to me that an *informational church* was one that was based on the plans of men. Following natural things would take priority over Spiritual things. The Bible and being led by the Spirit of God would not be a priority. It would be governed by the desires of the people and what they wanted, not what pleases God.



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For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears. And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. (2 Timothy 4:3-4)

You know the Apostle Paul and the Holy Ghost did not lie about the above verse. It wasn't long ago when the Lord said to me that socialism had entered the church. That is why parts of God's Word would not be approved of in this church.

The Spirit of God would be grieved by the actions of the informational church. *The most important thing the Lord revealed was that this church would be the gateway to allow worldly ways, socialism and tolerance of sin.*

The Bible points out how they would be turned unto fables in the above verse. *A fable is a false statement or belief.* Seducing spirits are masters at getting people to believe false things about God. The informational church preaches a different Jesus than what the Bible portrays and they have embraced a different spirit. This evil spirit produces doctrines of devils that deceive people into thinking they are from God.

I am saddened about how many, you would never think would, have embraced informational church methods and ways.

The *revelational church* would be one that strictly adhered to the Bible and was led by the Spirit of God. It would welcome the Holy Ghost and His gifts. The priority of this church was to please God and preach the entire counsel of His Word to the people. This church would be persecuted by many and declared to be old fashioned, out of touch, not relevant and unneeded in the new modern church culture.

Another Jesus Different Gospel

The emergent church movement led the way for the informational church to come on the scene. Of which, the informational church is totally oblivious too. The informational church copied the false emergent church and did not realize it. They thought they were original, cool, hip and the new relevant group and were not. They were simply following cultural trends of society as the emergent church did.

The emergent church failed because they exalted human reasoning over the authority of God's Word. They placed social actions over spiritual interaction with the Lord. Through the message of unbiblical grace they became tolerant of many sinful lifestyles.

The informational church ascended through mainline denominations, pentecostal, charismatic and faith movements. Cultural trends of society, demanded by the younger generation, was the catalyst to bring this change. One international leader said he was bringing things of the world into the church because they wanted it. The intention was to attract the younger with the world. A mixture of the world and God.

If you didn't adapt to these new ways, you were called an old head. These things of the world attracted a new crowd that compromised sound Bible doctrines to make room for these worldly ways. Spiritual socialism and tolerance of sin were allowed. This spiritual socialism is where everyone was on an equal basis with God. Almost every lifestyle was approved and all were going to heaven whether Jesus was truly your Lord or not.

Church Embraced The World

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. (1 John 2:15-16)

The world had now been accepted by this new church model. *The informational church became the gateway for the world to come into the church.* Millions, who embrace these methods do not have revelation of the Bible and do not know the Holy Ghost. If they did, they would know it was not approved of by our Lord Jesus Christ or our Heavenly Father. The new ideas required a different Jesus and a different gospel than had been preached for very many years.

In 2 Timothy 4:10, Demas was once a minister and a fellow laborer with Paul (Col. 4:14; Philemon 1:24). He had by this time grown cold in his experience with Christ and had gone back into the world again. Here it is clear to what extent he was backslidden. He loved this present world. In 1 John 2:15-17, anyone who loves the world does not have the love of God in him.

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Missing God

When I was first introduced to this new way, I went along. I had a check in my spirit about it, but I thought that was just me. I heard I was old fashioned, an old head and out of touch if I didn't accept it. I kept trying to ignore the check, in my spirit, but I knew I must pray. It took me about an hour to get my mind quiet from all my thinking and talking about it.

Suddenly, the Spirit of God spoke to me. He said, "*Why don't you instantly obey the voice of your spirit like you were trained to do by Dad Hagin! He taught you how to develop your spirit to hear from me. Listen to your spirit!*" I was shocked! He was very displeased and disapproved of my actions.

The Spirit of God was correct, but I had been heavily influenced by people I respected. Besides, who am I? I certainly don't know it all and I can miss God. He revealed that He was grieved with this new way and it quenched His Spirit moving. *Quench* means to suppress or stifle.

He told me to take up my cross and follow Him whether it was popular or not. My spirit already knew that, but I listened to others. In the natural, I wanted to go along with the crowd so I would be accepted. I knew that following His Spirit was of utmost importance in my life. Somehow, I also knew in the end it would benefit me greatly and the Lord would bless me tremendously. He has been with me through all this worldly, cultural change of men, in the church, that I did not participate in. Oh! What a closeness to the Lord I have found! I would not trade it for the all the popularity or things in the world!

He told me He had chosen me to be a voice for Him in these last days. He said, "I told Paul the great things he must suffer for My namesake. You will also suffer in the flesh, but I will be with you as I was with Paul." I tried to convince the Lord that I wasn't the right one for this calling. I was reminded of Dad Hagin sitting down beside me on my left. He placed his right arm around me and spoke with me for about one hour about some of these things. I received an impartation through him that day also.

Placebo Church

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works. (2 Cor. 11:13-15)

It is a placebo church designed by an angel of light, from Satan, to deceive and take people to hell. The devil is very cunning and deceptive. He deceived, tricked and seduced Eve and Adam, and they walked with God Himself daily.

You may have heard me tell the story of a large church that had a so-called pastor that was demon possessed. He was completely possessed by a religious spirit. Not one of the church members realized it. He appeared as a minister of light and deceived his church and hundreds of ministers that were his friends. He was also a member of a prominent ministerial organization and considered to be one of their key leaders.

I want to point out that I wasn't going around looking for evil spirits in anybody, and you shouldn't either. The Spirit of God revealed this demon in him to me. It wasn't my idea. I would not go back to his church to minister and the guy got mad at me. He called one of the key leaders in the organization to reprimand me. I was finally forced to tell them the guy was demon possessed. They laughed at me. They decided there was no way this clean cut, successful guy could be demon possessed.

It took about a year to all come out, but finally this demon possessed guy went off the deep end and demonstrated that he was possessed for all to see. He left his wife, children and the church as he went out into the world, as demons do. I look back today and find the prominent preacher, who disagreed with me the most, is no longer in ministry today. Sadly, he became deceived by Satan also. That is why it is very important not to disagree with the Holy Ghost or the Word of God. When you disagree with God, you open the door to the devil. That's why you see me writing and hear him talking about these things. I'm not being unkind or unloving.

Imposter In The Church

The one who stands at the forefront of the unbiblical grace movement is controlled by a religious spirit. Thousands of Christians and ministers follow this person and are not aware of it. Some of the angels followed Satan out of heaven. How did it happen!? I remind you the scripture states that Satan transforms himself into an angel of light, and his ministers do too. Don't be deceived by them.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. (Rev. 12:9)

The idea of one third of the angels falling from heaven is found in Revelation 12:4: *"His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and cast them to the earth."* This passage is often interpreted to mean Satan and a third of angels were removed from heaven to earth. My thought is how could any angel that knew and saw God Himself follow Satan? They were seduced and deceived is the only way. They were in heaven with God and still believed a lie! They were in heaven with God and believed Satan!

If this religious spirit didn't appear as full of light, clean cut and relevant, you would not follow it. If this religious spirit did not masterfully and cunningly twist God's Word to introduce false doctrine, you would not listen to it.

Dad Hagin said, *"All false doctrine has an element of truth in it. If it didn't, you wouldn't listen to it anyway. You would know it was false right away."* The element of truth is there to deceive you into believing the lie.

Religious spirits act just like a Christian should. In fact, most of them, sad to say, live a more Biblical lifestyle than those who are born again. Note, they are religious spirits so they act religious. They impersonate someone, who is a Christian, to deceive and seduce. They do not have fangs, slobber at the mouth or growl like an animal. If they did, you would run from them in horror.

They are actors, imposters, masqueraders, pretenders, imitators, deceivers, hoaxers, tricksters and fraudsters. They would win the Actor's Academy Awards with highest honors. The person who is possessed does not know they are. They are fully deceived also, which makes them seem more authentic.

Understanding how the devil deceives us is of utmost importance. If the church yields to the devil a little now, it will yield to him more later. *Things of the world, in the church, that seem innocent now will cause more tolerance of the world later.* Every worldly item, approved by the church, moves people further away from God. They also move people closer to the devil.

Jesus Did Not Tolerate Satan

But when he had turned about and looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men. (Mark 8:33)

Jesus Christ immediately exposed the devil to all of His disciples. He did not tolerate Satan for one second. He always rebuked the devil. Yes, Jesus embarrassed Peter in front of all the others to expose Satan. He was pointing out what was the devil and what was of God. They all learned a lesson that day.

This tolerant gospel, of not hurting anyone's feelings in the church, is of demonic origin. It is a position for the devil to hide behind. We are to preach the truth of God's Word in Love. His Word and Spirit is what sets people free.

Today, many churches put up with all kinds of demonic lifestyles and actions because they are concerned about hurting someone's feelings. You must rebuke the devil when you recognize him in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. If you don't, evil spirits will begin to dominate the entire church. There is absolute wrong and absolute right and we must know the difference by God's Word and deal with it.

I pastored, years ago, in a demon infested prison. Demons would come to church in people all the time. I assume that is why I have so much experience in this area. We had a church prayer meeting one day. All of a sudden, one of those praying with us began to let out a low growl like a dog or an animal. Those of us close by perked up immediately. I knew it was an evil spirit.

My God! A devil came to our church prayer meeting! I went into action, grabbed that devil and began to rebuke him, loudly, in the mighty name of Jesus! My church members learned not to tolerate the devil that day. Not all demons growl like an animal that is why many don't recognize them. They are many times very clean cut and deceptive. That is why you have to be led the Spirit of God.

Some years back, in a large camp meeting I had been attending, a demon possessed man was in the prayer line. I knew it by the Spirit. The nationally known preacher walked up to him and the man let out a growl. That preacher jumped back and went on as quick as he could! I laughed. I know I shouldn't have. Cast the devil out!

People do not have to growl or bark like a dog to be influenced by demons. That is why we must be led by the Holy Ghost. Some are being influenced by the devil and come to church not realizing it. Why? *The message of what is of God and what is of the devil is not being preached many times.* We do not become demon-minded, but we do expose him and his ways.

Intolerant Church

You could say we were the intolerant church! From time to time we had all kinds of demonic manifestations in our meetings and cast the devil out every time. Did I say every time! We did not care who we embarrassed, we told them the truth. If they were homosexuals, we told them they were on their way to hell. If they were sinners, we told them they were on their way to hell. Yes, you would be very correct in calling us the intolerant church.

Maybe we should start a church and call it the “*Intolerant Church!*” The caption on the sign would be, “*We do not tolerate devils or sin. We will introduce you to Jesus and with Him you will win!*”

You want to know how many people we ran off? We didn’t run off people, we ran off the devil! We started with 11 people and grew to over 120 in a little over 6 months. We were the largest prison church in the prison system. Convicts, in other prisons, begged to be transferred to our prison so they could get help! We didn’t put on phony religion like is in society today. You would get free from demon possession and evil spirits in the name of Jesus!

Don’t Run Off People

Many churches are so afraid of offending and running off people that they tolerate the devil. *Don’t run off people, run off the devil!* That is why people can’t wait for the dead, dry church service to be over so they can get out of there. The atmosphere is charged with tolerance of people’s feelings, devils, irreverence for God and disrespect of His Word. My Lord! I want out of there too!

Why don’t the church arise and be the church of the Lord Jesus Christ. Be bold in Jesus Christ! Don’t let people warm the church pew and go to hell. Tell them the truth.

If you do, people are going to meet God and have a supernatural encounter with Him. They may stay all day on their face before God. You won’t have to cut the message to eighteen minutes. People will desire God more than they desire the world. *People desire to leave the church service because the world appeals to them more than the church service.*

Crossroads In The Church

We are at a crossroads in the church. We must make a decision now to press into God or backslide into the informational church. The Lord told me that on June 1, 2019, there would be a freedom from oppression in the church for a season. This would be to give those who embraced the informational church, ways to get out. It would also be an opportunity for those who desire to move more fully into the things of the Spirit. Pay the price. Deny the flesh and spend time in prayer. You will not regret it!