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Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron.
(1 Timothy 4:1-2)

The Spirit of God said that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith. He said they would yield to evil spirits and speak lies because their conscience would be seared. You can look around and see and hear this today just like the Spirit of God said.

A little while back, I was listening to a minister preaching a sermon. He was the head of a very large ministry also. It seemed good and encouraging to me. Suddenly, about half way through the sermon, the Spirit of God spoke to me. He said, "He is yielding to a seducing, homosexual spirit that is trying to destroy his life and ministry. He must take authority over this and turn away from it."

I was shocked, amazed, and astonished at what I heard! I began to sincerely pray for him. I had a mini-vision of what would happen if he did not stop listening to that seducing homosexual spirit. I saw how it would be his ruination and bring great sorrow to his family and many others.

I would have never known that if the Spirit of God had not said that to me. I have known of this minster for some years and always thought highly of him. I knew the Lord showed me that to pray for him and take authority over that spirit on his behalf. Of course he has a part to play in his victory also.

There are different categories of evil spirits, and each one has specific assignments. There are reasons that certain evil spirits come against a person, but I don't have the space to explain all that here. It is related to something in their past as a general rule. There are exceptions, though. Those who reach a great measure of success, in the Lord, especially minsters, must use much wisdom in this area. The larger the crowd they attract, the greater these spirits try to deceive them.

I say this as kindly as I can, but I see evil spirits influencing very well known ministers from time to time. Rarely, if ever, does anyone in the crowd know it. That is by design of the devil. The number one way the devil deceives people is through someone who is already deceived. It is usually a very well known person.

One way these evil spirits work is to convince, especially successful ministers, that they are invincible. They deceive them into thinking they know more than others because of their success. Remember, Satan was persuaded that he knew more than God and was going to exalt his throne above God's throne. He desires to be esteemed, held in high regard and worshipped. He influences human beings to desire this also, and some who yield to him require this of people who are close to them.

The Bible tells us to give honor to whom honor is due. Sometimes, that is taken to the extreme, and people place ministers on a pedestal and almost worship them. Some preachers demand it. That is a seducing spirit at work. Have the wisdom to not get involved with that deception. It is good to respect positions and ministry offices but don't go overboard. It is because of this that I do not do certain things or go to certain places. You have to yield to seducing spirits to be greatly influenced by them. You don't have to yield to them at all.

Don't Make Me A King

When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone. (John 6:15)

I watched Dad Hagin deal with people wanting to make him king over the years like Jesus Christ encountered. He did not like it at all.

He never wanted anyone to introduce him in his meetings. For most of them that attempted to do so, he corrected. Of course, it is ok to respect and honor someone but not go to the extreme and try to make them a king. Today, if you don't make some of them a king, they get angry with you and don't want you around. Jesus Christ, left as soon as He knew they were trying to make Him a king. He went out into the mountain alone. Again, we honor and respect people, but there is a limit to it.

I was in a private meeting with Dad Hagin one time, and a minister started talking about how Dad Hagin was special and had an anointing that was greater than anyone else's. I was beside Dad Hagin when suddenly he said to the minister forcefully, "Why don't you just be quiet and set down!" The minister's face turned red, and he immediately shut up and sat down. An evil spirit was influencing this man to do this.

I watched that man from that day forward. Later on he left his church, wife, and family and is no longer in ministry today. He had the wrong mentality, and yielding to a seducing spirit caused his downfall. Evil spirits are not always involved in things like this, but anything taken to the extreme most always is influenced by seducing spirits. These seducing spirits are mainly after Christians because they have the world deceived already.

Doctrines Of Devils

Seducing spirits do exactly what their name implies. They seduce Christians to turn away from the things of God and His Word. They inspire ministers, who yield to them, to preach doctrines of devils. There are Biblical doctrines, and there are doctrines that come from evil spirits. These evil spirits have an assignment to deceive the church.

These doctrines of devils always have an element of truth in them, or Christians wouldn't pay attention to them. There are some doctrines of devils that influence the church world today. Some of these false doctrines are believed by those you would never think would be fooled by them. That is why it is important to adhere to the Bible and be led by the Spirit of God.

Deceived

Years ago I witnessed, at a distance, key leaders and others in the Word of Faith movement get seduced and deceived. The Spirit of God told me, while in prayer, to stay away from it. That is why I didn't get involved with it. Otherwise, I would have been right in the middle of it too. Speaking of prayer, I determined years ago to spend time in prayer, every day, seeking the Lord by myself. A minimum of one hour. Most of the time this turns into several hours and sometimes six to eight hours.

It is through this continuous prayer that I have become closely acquainted with the Lord and the Holy Spirit. I have been so humbled to be in His presence in these times. There have been times that I have only been able to weep, with joy, as His Spirit moved upon me. That is how I did not get fooled like others have. The Lord has led me this way for over 45 years. Take time to seek the Lord and He will lead and bless you abundantly.

This is how spirit-filled faith people were deceived. There was a lady, most had never heard of, that called herself a minister of God. She was attracting very large crowds with what people called supernatural manifestations and gifts of the spirit. Oil would come out of her palms, and feathers would float down around her. When Rev. Bert Clendennen (Old-time Pentecostal preacher) heard about it, he proclaimed, "My Lord! Who shot the Holy Ghost!" Ha!

One of the well-known faith preachers went to her meeting and proclaimed it was the mighty power of God. He arranged for her to come to Tulsa and hold a week meeting in the Mabee Center Arena at ORU. It seats over 10,000 people. She came and packed out the arena. The whose who, of the Word of Faith movement were there with others. I was going to go also, as I didn't want to miss out.



During my personal morning prayer time, I mentioned the meeting to the Lord. The moment I did, He said, "Don't go to that meeting because it is not of me; it is of man, and you will be led astray." I was shocked to hear that! Everybody you could think of, in the faith movement, was in those meetings! The lady minister prophesied to many of them, and they would holler and fall out and hit the floor. I saw a video of the meeting. That was about 40 years ago. Some of these people are still alive today and are still missing it like they did back then. Many are not spiritual enough to know it today. The church has mostly embraced the false, for all these years, and hindered God.

The church today is generally an emotional, feelings-led entity. Scripture has been glossed over with man's tolerance of sin and unbiblical grace. This all comes from not knowing the Spirit of God or the Lord Jesus Christ as they should. Regardless, the plan of God will come to pass.

The lady was exposed as false by Rev. Willie George. He had TV equipment where he could break down video of her frame by frame. Upon close examination, the lady was shown to be pulling feathers out of her long sleeves and letting them float to the floor. She also slipped little plastic containers of oil into the palm of her hands. It was slight of hand, nothing supernatural at all.

Rev Charles Capps joined in with Rev. George to tell people that she was deceiving them. Some, if not many, Christians got mad at them for exposing her! They said Rev. Capps and Rev. George made all that up. She eventually left town with a lot of money she had collected from the offerings at the meeting.

I was glad the Lord had helped me not to go to that meeting. He has helped me many times over these years like this. He will tell me and sometimes show me things about people and tell me not to get involved in certain things that many others do. I used to warn people, but some thought I was being judgmental. I quit telling people any of these things years ago. It isn't me revealing these things anyway; it is the Lord. I just pray for everybody and keep on serving the Lord. I am thankful for His leading, mercy, and grace!

Dad Hagin told stories of getting up and walking out of meetings he was attending when he was shown certain things that were not good. An angel appeared to him, on several occasions, and warned him about situations and people to stay away from. We can all be led by His Spirit, and it will save us a lot of problems in our lives. Being led by the Spirit is not a skill that the church, as a whole, has developed.

Evil Spirits Seduce

When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none. Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished. Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation. (Matthew 12:43-45)

The first evil spirit that I cast out of a person was a homosexual spirit on April 5, 1984. That was over 42 years ago. I have cast out many different kinds since that day. Today, I deal with evil spirits differently than I used to in my earlier years. I am not quick to cast them out like I used to be. If the Lord doesn't lead me, I don't do it. I learned that if a person isn't going to walk closely with the Lord, that evil spirit will go back into them. Other evil spirits will accompany them and influence them in a greater way than before.

The evil spirit knows the weakness of the person and seduces them again if they don't walk with the Lord. Like I said, I have seen this happen many times over the years. I see people influenced by evil spirits on a regular basis, but I never say a word about it. It seems that others don't realize evil spirits working through a person. Years back, my life depended on knowing when evil spirits were working through a person. I prayed three to six hours a day and it helped me tremendously.

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. (1 John 4:1)

Don't believe everything you hear, no matter how good it sounds, or how popular the person is that said it. Many Christians have been deceived by popular ministers because they fail to judge what they hear by the Bible. Any minister can get off, even though they started out right. If you live long enough, you will realize that. It is not just starting out on the correct doctrinal path; it is staying on that path until the end. Always stay with the Word and Spirit.

Years ago, I was helped and blessed by a minister that eventually developed a worldwide ministry. Later on, the Spirit of God told me not to follow him closely anymore, or I would make mistakes like he did.

I began to pay close attention to what he was preaching and prophesying. I discovered there were many things he would prophesy that did not come to pass. I also noticed he was preaching things that did not, exactly, agree with the Bible. I was shocked! How could a one-time solid minister get so far off?! The Spirit of God said it was seducing spirits. He also told me another reason he got off that I cannot share publicly. This minister is dealing with some major problems right now. The Lord told me that he would go to his grave with them because of his spiritual disobedience. His faith will not work. He will go to heaven, and we will get to see him one day. The Lord told me that all ministers that follow him will get into the same error unless they repent. It pays to follow the Lord Jesus and not man. *(End)*



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