

How to be Delivered and Remain Delivered – Guide to Total Deliverance

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Dedication

To Joy, my wife; if you ask me I would say I learnt a lot about deliverance from her challenges and the courage with which she faced her demonic problems, as she observed that I was not quite equipped for them.

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Forward

Introduction

It was during our one month intensive training on deliverance and spiritual warfare captioned **“School for Deliverance and Spiritual Warfare”**; we were at the point of teaching the students how to cast out demons. A young man entered to seek for deliverance. So I told my students to watch me as I dealt with the demons. In the name of Jesus Christ I confronted the evil spirits in the young man. They watched wide eyed as the demons convulsed him and came out violently screaming. By Sunday the young man was in my church with his fiancée. I prayed for them. Shortly after, I was surprised that he did not call me or pick my call. I called his fiancé but she said he was acting strange and will not pick her call either. When I went to his house, the same person who had been happy to see me a few days ago, will not even open his house to me. The evil spirits were back with seven demons worse than they were.

This is an example of how many deliverances end-up. The client shouts out, “Praise God, I am free!” and later is facing something worse. How can we avoid such? That is why I wrote this book.

This is the fourth edition of this book, and contains a lot of additions which have resulted from my close to twenty years of dealing with evil spirits.

I deliberately intended to have this book small in volume, the reason being that I wish *that* everybody should be able to read it within a short time.

Demons are everywhere and bother everybody. Some go from place to place seeking deliverance from evil spirits and curses. Sad enough, many can't find deliverance. Some, who rejoiced that they found one, have their joy cut short because the problems returned.

All this is as a result of wrong understanding of deliverance. Total deliverance is possible but it is rare to have total deliverance with just one prayer. My intention is to help my reader understand deliverance, how to have a genuine deliverance and how to retain your deliverance.

It is sad to state that a lot of deliverance ministers do not realize that it is near impossible to help somebody with total deliverance without the

person playing an active role. They boast about their “anointing” and forget that the demons are sensible beings that can go outside and wait for the clients.

In this book I intend to help the client (primarily) understand what he is looking for (deliverance) and how to get it. Through this book you will also be able to recognize quacks and wrong deliverance procedures.

Chapter 1

If we will understand the subject of our discussion, there are questions we need to find their answers before we go into the body of this book.

What is Deliverance?

The best way I can put this is to show what it is to be in bondage to something; that is to be in a state that you know that you need deliverance.

Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin. John 8:34 NIV

Note the tense, "sins", it means habitual sinner; whoever have developed sin as a lifestyle or habit is a slave to sin.

If we follow the order Jesus laid down here, we may deduce that a sinner is in bondage to something. He may think he is the one committing sin, and to a degree it is so, but the bitter truth is that something gained control of him and is forcing its will on the person. Hence that person is not free to live the choice of his own will but the will of the demon, sickness or the habit.

A man in the crowd answered, "Teacher, I brought you my son, who is possessed by a spirit that has robbed him of speech. Whenever it seizes him, it throws him to the ground. He foams at the mouth, gnashes his teeth and becomes rigid. Mark 9:17-18 NIV

And that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. 2 Tim 2:26 NIV

So if everyone who sins is a slave to sin, we may deduce that- everyone who is a drunk is a slave to alcohol.

Everyone who is addicted to smoking is a slave to cigarette.

Everyone who commits sexual sin is a slave to sexual immorality.

Everyone who is bitter is a slave to bitterness.

Everyone who has arthritis is a slave to arthritis.

Everyone suffering from nightmares is a slave to nightmares.

Everyone oppressed by demons is a prisoner to the demons.

Everyone who is under the pressure of suicide is a slave to the spirit of suicide.

2 Tim 2:26 says that there is the need to come to ones senses and escape from the devil that is the hidden force that keeps people in bondage. No matter what the bondage is like, the devil is the one in charge. He may be working through one demon or habit; but he is the principal oppressor.

Jesus further says,

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed. John 8:36 NIV

To be delivered is to be set free from what binds you. To be disentangled and released from your bondage. From what we saw above, deliverance will mean different things to different people. What one may call deliverance will depend on what he is in bondage to.

Deliverance means to be rescued, made free, redeemed, snatched from, and released from whatever is holding one captive and brought to the point one can say “I am doing this because it is what I want to do”. That is what the bible means by ***“Free indeed”***. Anything short of this is actually bondage to a degree. In case of mere habit or mindset, the scripture says, ***for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him. 2 Peter 2:19NIV***

So when we talk about deliverance we mean freedom from any kind of bondage. To go further as to the title of this book, ***“How to be Delivered and Remain Delivered”***, we want to see the possibility of being set free from a kind of bondage, and then to walk free of that bondage and not to return to the bondage. This we mean to see the possibility of it.

Why Is Deliverance needful?

It is impossible for us to fulfil our potentials or destiny while under any kind of bondage to the devil, whether they are demons, curses, evil habits or witchcraft.

Deliver me and rescue me from the hands of foreigners whose mouths are full of lies, whose right hands are deceitful.

Then our sons in their youth will be like well-nurtured plants, and our daughters will be like pillars carved to adorn a palace.

Our barns will be filled with every kind of provision. Our sheep will increase by thousands, by tens of thousands in our fields;

our oxen will draw heavy loads. There will be no breaching of walls, no going into captivity, no cry of distress in our streets Ps 144:11-14 NIV

We see above that the fulfilment of destiny and potentials which the psalmist required would only be possible after deliverance from the hands of “foreigners”. This include the future of our children both sons and daughters; what happens to them in their physical appearance and intellectually.

Our bank account (our barns), our businesses (our sheep and oxen) and peace in our family and community are all governed by the level of spiritual freedom we enjoy. A person in spiritual bondage will struggle to fulfil his destiny. Demons can make us misbehave or fall into trouble.

The way we serve God is also affected by the level of our spiritual freedom.

To grant us that we, Being delivered from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him all the days of our life. Luke 1:74-75NKJV(emphasis, author’s)

Even emotional discomfort can hinder our service to God. Poverty can drive a brother or sister out of church. Spiritual gifts can be frustrated by demons. Destinies can be put to a halt due to demonic bondage. A lot of

women, who would otherwise have nothing with witchdoctors, are driven there by lack of fruit of the womb.

When they came to Jesus, they saw the man who had been possessed by the legion of demons, sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.....Jesus did not let him, but said, "Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you." So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed. Mark 5:15, 19-20 NIV

The man mentioned above was known in his community as a mad man but he was only in bondage to demons. When Jesus Christ delivered him, He released him back into his destiny as a soul winner. The bible records that he was good at it; he covered ten cities (Decapolis).

My prayer is that all that will read this book shall be totally delivered and released into their destiny, in Jesus Name- Amen.

Chapter 2

Can a Believer be in Need of Deliverance?

This is one question that has bothered many honest servants of God. Some have strongly argued that this is not possible, until like me they face a sad reality. I married my wife as a prayer warrior who, I still say to this date, is more spiritual and rooted as a Christian than I. Few days after delivery of my first son she told me that she felt like something flew into her ears. That resulted in more than two years of strange sickness in spite of prayers and medical care from many men of God and hospitals. It remains a miracle that Joy is still serving God with me today. I later also learnt that my life and ministry in the city can be influenced by satanic altars and things “heaven knows who”, buried in my homestead. I was travelling to Togo Republic when a man of God met me in Lagos-Nigeria, handed me a bottle of olive-oil, and asked me to return to my home town and do some prayers there. When I did, the result I saw remains a wonder till date. My ministry was being strangled by forces I do not know; I was always robbed in the dream by unknown enemies until I fasted for ten days and ten nights without food and water. That was how I gained the freedom I am enjoying today. There are still battles, but by the grace of God I am in charge.

With these evidences it is difficult to doubt that a believer can be in bondage to demons. I have witnessed it in my life and that of my wife. The challenge is that even those who doubt this also face it, because just like God, demons are no respecter of persons. The greater challenge is that new converts, who have been convinced by their Christian leaders against the truth, don't have another way to explain the challenges they are going through. Some even attribute their suffering to the making of God. Just like Job in the bible, they see God as one who gives with one hand and takes back with the other (Job 1:20-21). This too is a great injustice against our loving God. Yet, the bible is replete *without* instances that proved that a believer can be under demonic bondage.

That one is born-again, does not give one automatic freedom from demons and their agents. The Lord Jesus Christ shares this opinion.

Even as he spoke, many put their faith in him.

To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:30-32 NIV

There is no other scripture that backs this point more than the above. They had put their faith in Him; in today's context they were born-again. At the time of Jesus' earthly ministry, people got baptized at the point of their confession of Christ as Lord and saviour. So it is safe to deduce that they were all baptized. It was to these people Jesus made the promise of "free indeed" which is subservient to their full knowledge of what is "TRUTH".

In fact, deliverance is specifically for the children of God. Jesus shares this view too-

In fact, as soon as she heard about him, a woman whose little daughter was possessed by an evil spirit came and fell at his feet. The woman was a Greek, born in Syrian Phoenicia. She begged Jesus to drive the demon out of her daughter.

"First let the children eat all they want," he told her, "for it is not right to take the children's bread and toss it to their dogs." Mark 7:25-27 NIV

Many use this talking about healing; making it mean that Jesus said that healing is the children's bread. We cannot argue against this, but if we want to make an accurate interpretation, we must face the facts. The woman's daughter was not having fever or head-ache or waist-pain. The bible says that she was possessed by evil spirits. That is what she was asking Jesus to help her with; to drive out the demons. This is what Jesus said is the right of the children of God. He means that if a believer has a demon, it is part of his kingdom right to be helped to be free from them. In fact, He suggests that casting out evil spirit from one who is not willing to walk with the Lord is counterproductive; it can do more harm than good (Luke 11:24-26).

Possessed or Afflicted or attacked

Some have rightfully argued that a believer cannot be possessed by a demon, because he already belongs to Christ, as “possessed” means to own. They are right. The word “possessed” here does not have the same English dictionary meaning. It means to have demons indwelling the person. To the extent the demon has right to remain will depend upon a number of things we shall see later.

Man has three parts- **Spirit, Soul** and **Body**. Demons can live in man’s body and try to control his soul, which controls his Emotions, Will and Intellect. Once a person is born-again, his spirit belongs to and is occupied by God. The battle now is over his soul and body. If this person surrenders his will to God by yielding to God’s kind of knowledge through the word of God, Jesus says he will know the truth and the truth will make him free indeed. Once one is born-again and lives by God’s word, demons may attack him but has no place to dwell in his body or soul. But because of some careless behaviours once in a while, demons can access the believer’s body and harass his mind; even then the demons are only trespassing, hence can be expelled without much difficulty. Jesus was attacked by evil spirits as He crossed the sea but they could not touch Him because they have no ground to do so. We can be attacked; that is normal because they are our enemies but victory is ours because Jesus Christ conquered Satan on the cross of Calvary and gave us victory potentially. It is in our place to enforce this victory through prayers and by exercising our God-given authority. If we fail in this area, the devil will try to rule us because he is not a gentle-man. He will not be ruling because he is more powerful but because of our ignorance and failure. And if you look around today you will see Satan ruling over ignorant believers. We will see about the believers’ authority later.

Chapter 3

How Do We Contract Demons?

Open-doors

Demons are spiritual germs, hence are everywhere. In a sense, there is no where we can go to and not meet demons. Some have boasted that demons dare not enter their church auditorium. It is empty boast, because when Jesus was here on earth they were in His auditorium

Just then a man in their synagogue who was possessed by an evil spirit cried out, "What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are — the Holy One of God!"

"Be quiet!" said Jesus sternly. "Come out of him!" The evil spirit shook the man violently and came out of him with a shriek. Mark 1:23-26 NIV

They were in attendance in Paul's ministry-

Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling.

This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved."

She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her. Acts 16:16-18 NIV(emphasis, author's).

What we are learning to do is to deal with them the way Jesus Christ and Paul dealt with them. In both cases mentioned above the demons were outside. If they are everywhere, how then do they get into human beings? This is what is known in deliverance circles as open-doors. You cannot stop demons from coming around you but you can stop them from gaining access into you or your home.

There are many of them but I will just categorize them.

Sins. Sexual immorality open door to what I call sexually transmitted demons (STDs) which include spirit of prostitution, spirit of lying, stealing, hypocrisy and greed. When a man sleeps with a prostitute he can contract these demons and transfer them into his wife, the same way diseases are transmitted. This is in turn transmitted to baby in the womb. Some parents have wondered how some strange traits came into the family. This could be one way.

Anger. Anger is normal for a human but the bible say that if we don't check it, it could lead to sin and become a landing pad for demons. (Eph4:26-27). This can open door to spirit of self-pity, regret, frustration, hatred and even suicide.

Inherited through genes. The bible say that John the Baptist was filled with the Holy Spirit from the womb. Generational demons follow people from family lines. Demons that came in through this source will leave during immersion baptism. We will see this later.

Objects used in demon worship. Keeping objects used for idolatry, occult or voodoo practices in your house or part of your jewelleries will open doors to demons. I mentioned the case of a boy who dug up his grandfather's hat and put it on his head; he became mad immediately.

The images of their gods you are to burn in the fire. Do not covet the silver and gold on them, and do not take it for yourselves, or you will be ensnared by it, for it is detestable to the Lord your God.

Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Utterly abhor and detest it, for it is set apart for destruction. Deut 7:25-26 NIV

Even pictures or horror movies and ungodly music/videos can open doors to demons. This is one major reason I warn people against

buying things from mystic (spiritual) shops; most articles they sell are from occult societies.

Laying-on of hands. I remember praying for a woman who contracted an acute headache when a particular “prophet” laid hands on her head during a church program. It is a hard truth, but needs to be told; many people ruined their life by submitting to men with evil spirits. God saved me from one such person. I didn’t know that the man who was one of the elders in a bible believing church was occult. I knelt for him to pray for me and he laid hand on my head. I just noticed that the Holy Spirit spread a warm protective glow around me. When he could not succeed in what he wanted to do, he gave me a joking knock on the head and said, “Get up from here, boney head”. It was later on I learnt that he was a Satanist and wanted to drain the power in my life. I have met a man who lost his grace through this process. I don’t know why Holy Spirit did not protect him.

Demons can be transferred through laying-on of hand because bible says that sins and gifts can be transferred by the same process. (Lev 4:23-24, 2Tim.1:6).

Legal grounds

Demons, like we said earlier, are found everywhere and can enter anywhere but don’t have the right to remain in every location. If a tenant paid part or full payment before he enters a particular property, the land-lord of that house must follow due legal process before he can evict him. This is different from a tenant who just found an empty house and moved in. The latter is like a demon that just moved into a person just because the believer was careless; he can be expelled without much trouble. But when there is something in that believer’s/person’s life that justifies the demon being there, the opposite is the case.

As it connotes, legal grounds are things that qualifies the demon’s occupation of the client. We will take just a few.

Covenants (occult and idolatry). You need to break that covenant before the client can be free indeed, if there was a covenant between the client and the demon/her agents or if the demons are afflicting the client as a consequence of the terms of a covenant. We leave the matter of covenants to another work but let me point out some things here.

We see something strange in 2 Sam 21; the land of Israel was having a famine that had lasted for three consecutive years while David (a man after God's heart and thrice anointed) was on the throne. What was the cause? Israel was suffering as a consequence of a broken covenant; Saul had killed the Gibeonites (Joshua 9), a people that had deceived Israel into a covenant. Saul felt that the covenant was founded on deceit, so he killed some of them. Even God stood as a witness to that covenant.

Some entered covenants with persons (marriage or business) or shrines, and one day they just walk out of the covenant, claiming they are fed-up or might even forget they made a covenant. Let me state that there is a proper way to break covenants. But today some hungry people who go about like the "sons of Sceva" just pull down some things without recourse to the right terms for the breaking of covenants. Some people's lives have been put in shambles because of this. Even if a powerful man of God comes and force them out, they are likely to return because they have the legal ground to occupy the place.

Dedicated to demons by parents. Some tribes dedicate their children to evil spirits; and some are initiated/dedicated while still children or in the womb. Even when the person gives his life to Christ as an adult, the demons do not give up their place unless they are forced out and the client remain red-hot in the Lord. This kind also goes at the point of immersion baptism.

Unforgiveness, bitterness and hatred. The bible makes it clear that if you harbor anger for long, it becomes a legal ground for the devil.

"In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, and do not give the devil a foothold. Eph 4:26-27 NIV

Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed. "This is how my heavenly Father will treat each of you unless you forgive your brother from your heart." Matt 18:33-35 NIV

Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. 1 John 3:15 NIV

See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many. Heb 12:15 NIV

In Matthew 18:33-35, the bible states that God hands the unforgiving person over to torturers; who can deliver a person that God handed over? Hebrews 12:15 say that a bitter person is defiled, that he is unclean. It is only proper that demons stay in unclean places. 1 John 3:15 say he is a murderer, hence does not have eternal life. That means hatred can make you lose your fellowship with God. There is a strong warning in this. How if this believer remains in this broken relationship and Christ comes, willing he enter heaven?

You can see with me why it is futile trying to deliver somebody who is not willing to forgive offences done against him. If you do it once, he will be back again with worse problems.

Curses

Curses are primarily enforced by demons. The forces of nature and cosmic elements enforce curses too. The bible say that curse do not work unless the curses are justly pronounced. ***Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse does not come to rest. Prov 26:2 NIV.***

We can conveniently conclude that when a curse is placed on a deserving place or person, the enforcers of the curse (demons) have a legal ground to afflict the person.

And he said to me, "This is the curse that is going out over the whole land; for according to what it says on one side, every thief will be banished, and according to what it says on the other, everyone who swears falsely will be banished.

The Lord Almighty declares, 'I will send it out, and it will enter the house of the thief and the house of him who swears falsely by my name. It will remain in his house and destroy it, both its timbers and its stones.'" Zech 5:3-4 NIV.

I have heard some people argue that a believer cannot be under a curse quoting that Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law (Gal 3:13). Even though this is not a book on "Curses" but let me point out something. Gal 3:13 is very clear as to what kind of curse it is talking about; the curse of the law. Acts 5 tells a story of a believer who came lying to Apostle Peter and was judged instantly. I don't know if they mean that if a believer steals or swears falsely in the name of the Lord, he will go unpunished.

Beloved, sin will destroy you whether you are a believer or unbeliever and curses remain legal ground of demons and diseases.

Mind Bondage. (Wrong Beliefs)

When people believe something that is wrong it is difficult to deliver them from same. If someone believes that premature death is normal or that drunkenness is normal or that sexual or marital relationship with demons is normal or that deliverance from them is impossible.

The bible says that wrong beliefs exalt themselves above the knowledge of God. That is they place the client's mind in a place where he cannot accept God's view about a matter.

We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ. 2 Cor 10:5 NIV

Note the phrase, **SETS ITSELF UP AGAINST**; it is a wall, it is a barrier against the true knowledge that can bring healing or deliverance.

His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 2 Peter 1:3-4 NIV

Bible says that we access God's divine power through knowledge, which in turn enables us to participate in the divine nature (join in doing the things that God does) and to live above sin (escape corruption caused by evil desires). But 2Cor10:4 say that there is an obstruction to this knowledge that gives power and freedom.

If this obstruction is not pulled down, deliverance is not possible. The only way to pull it down is by submitting yourself to the pure word of God. This in turn can only happen if you are willing to open your heart and receive truth from scripture. I have experienced this when telling people who were baptized as children, to submit themselves to the bible truth of baptism of believers. Those who refuse, continue in their bondage. Some still believe that one tribe is inferior to others or that the wrong against them is such that should not be forgiven. I have encountered believers who believe they re-incarnated from their ancestors. By that belief they declare that God played no part in their existence.

Whatever you believe controls you; be it truth or lie. Your belief determines the level the Holy Spirit can work in you and for you.

Soul-Tie

The soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 1 Sam 18:1 NKJV (emphasis, author's).

The above scripture explains what a Soul-tie is; when the souls of two persons are knit together. This brings to mind when a mother use a little needle and knits two pieces of rag together and find use for them. Alone, the rags may be useless. But when they are knitted together, they serve a greater use.

Godly Soul-tie – Soul-ties are not naturally evil. Jonathan's love for David was founded on godly love, just like the love of parents for their children, husbands for their wives and brothers for sisters. Soul-tie is what keeps relationships going when everything else fails. That is what keeps aged couples together for more than fifty years still loving each other.

Ungodly Soul-tie – However, Soul-tie becomes ungodly and wrong when it becomes a tool for the devil and sin. If a married woman still has affection for her extra-marital lover, when blood relations "love" themselves so much that they have sex, which is incest.

There is another way this works; when one finds it difficult to forget a dead relation or to forget a hurt from somebody that he keeps mourning about it. Another case is when one cannot come out of a failed relationship. I saw this once as I visited Cameroun. A Cameroonian lady was in love with a Nigeria man; this man told her that he will not marry her but they have had a child together. He will even encourage her to go and sleep with other men so that she can give him money. Once, the lady stole money from her mother's shop to take care of this man. This is an ungodly soul-tie; the lady needs freedom from that relationship. It is sad I met this in a Pentecostal church and the pastor knows about it.

This kind of people cannot have deliverance until they renounce such soul-ties and cleanse their heart with the blood of Jesus.

Chapter 4

Signs you may need deliverance

For some people it is necessary to point this out; I have heard people discuss their problems without knowing the spiritual undertones. One of my neighbours I will simply refer to as sister K called my wife to report some symptoms she felt could be malaria. But she also pointed out that because she was afraid of staying alone in the house, she stopped all her children from going to school that day. After a close examination, my wife pointed out to her that she needed deliverance from demons that were torturing her. When she came to my office, within twenty minutes her appearance changed, she looked so healthy one would wonder if she was the same person. This was because we cast out the demons. Another came to complain to her that her menstrual period had ceased even though she was not pregnant. It was also discovered that she was under demonic oppression, because her menstrual flow appeared immediately after prayers.

Brother F is a PNUR partner who came from the North to see me for prayers. His business was failing; he had a sharp pain at the right side of his chest and could not sleep for several nights. If he closed his eyes, he felt like the whole world was rotating. After prayers he began to sleep well.

I don't mean to imply that every sickness was caused by demons, but the bible said that most of them are -

Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon. Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

When the sun was setting, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them. Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Christ. Luke 4:38-41 NIV (emphasis, author's).

Take note that of the number that Jesus healed, many of them were caused by evil spirits (vrs41).

Obvious signs that one has demons or is under demonic torture.

Nightmarish dreams(Masquerades and\or dogs chasing you in the dream);

Hearing strange voices of invisible persons;

Marks of strange origin on your skin;

Diseases of strange cause or without traceable causes;

Poverty of the kind that force you to sell your possessions;

Failure in every venture;

Delayed marriage;

Inexplicable fear;

Repeated broken relationships and\or marriages;

Repeated inexplicable miscarriage or barrenness;

Repeated failure at the point of breakthrough;

Hated by people without cause;

Unable to forgive offences and move on with life;

Inexplicable dullness of brain;

Seeing strange objects or dead people;

Harassed by past involvement in occult;

Participated in idolatry or haunted by familiar spirits;

Sudden discomfort when approached for marriage (you can keep immoral relationship but “No” to marriage), for some men, they may have sexual urges towards women not their wife but when they see their wife they are as dead as stone;

Mysterious body odour that repel people;

Addiction to drugs, alcohol or sex, pornography;

Inordinate urge for sexual relation with same-sex;

Urge for suicide;

Recurring premature death in the family;

Rampart madness in the family;

Urge for violence- feel like killing somebody;

Compulsive drive to hurt oneself or others;

Violent irresistible temperaments that make you do things you regret afterwards but cannot help doing it under the same circumstance again, etc.

These are only few among many signs.

Chapter 5

Total deliverance possible if only.....

Total deliverance does not depend on the deliverance minister as it does the client. This is also true in regards to a doctor and the patient. I have seen people who developed the right attitude and had their deliverance from very difficult spiritual problems without much assistance; I have also seen people sitting under the best deliverance minister in town, yet unable to walk free. The demons will continue to stay until the client decides by force of will to assist the minister to deliver him. I normally ask my client to amongst all other prayers to pray this kind of prayer before I start to minister to him –

Lord, I submit myself to Pastor Emma as a man of God; I permit him to drive out every evil spirit in me, in Jesus' Name.

It may look like a short and strange prayer, but it helps the client to realize why he came to me. These are few things to bear in mind.

Openness- deliverance questioner

Some people are shy or too proud to open up their past and present-life as they approach for deliverance. The truth is that nobody will be able to help you if you are not willing to open-up. Jesus Christ asked the father of a demon oppressed boy, "How long has this being happening to him?" Luke9:41

This is the reason you are given the Deliverance Questioner; it has so many questions, some of them very personal issues. No matter how shy you are, you must make up your mind to open-up. The demons won't want you to open-up, because if you do, their control is gone. Some people will leave the main issues for which they came for deliverance and go into "cock and bull stories". In some cases the evil spirit will arrest the clients tongue. That is why we pray with people before giving them the questioner.

What do you want?

It is sad to say that some people do not know why they came to a deliverance centre. Some clients will forget that they are the one that have the problem not the minister; they are the one that left their homes in search of help. When they come they begin to argue with the minister over doctrine and practice.

The client must understand what he is looking for, which is deliverance. Drop your pride and submit yourself to the minister. If you have any doubt about the minister and his ways, so are uncomfortable, then go to somewhere else. For this reason Naaman almost lost his opportunity of being healed of his leprosy by Elisha. Thank God his servants advised him;

But Naaman went away angry and said, "I thought that he would surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, wave his hand over the spot and cure me of my leprosy.

12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than any of the waters of Israel? Couldn't I wash in them and be cleansed?" So he turned and went off in a rage.

13 Naaman's servants went to him and said, "My father, if the prophet had told you to do some great thing, would you not have done it? How much more, then, when he tells you, 'Wash and be cleansed!'"

14 So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times, as the man of God had told him, and his flesh was restored and became clean like that of a young boy 2 Kings 5:11-14 NIV

Also understand that you are not looking for money but deliverance. When you are delivered, the money will come. Once you have made up your mind to submit to a particular minister, it is your place to ask God to use that ministry to help you. Naaman had a mindset about the way the minister should handle his case, when Elisha did not follow that pattern he was upset. Different ministers use different patterns as the

Holy Spirit would permit. In our centre we rarely use anointing oil. That does not mean that those who do are wrong.

Things you must not tolerate from a minister-

Nevertheless, there are red light areas you must not permit by whoever it may be ministering deliverance on you. Touching your private part, spilling of your sperm, cutting you with razor blade to access your blood, taking you to the cemetery or burying or exhuming human skull, sacrificing in the river or junction in the night, blindfolding you, calling up the spirit of your dead ancestors to dialogue with them, bathing you with animal or human blood, using incense and candles, baptism into another name that is not the name of Jesus Christ; use of “Anti-evil-attack soap, oil” or incense.

In fact, you are not likely to get deliverance in a White-garment church or with a witch-doctor. That is why you need to have a bible with you and take note whether your minister is bible based or relying on something else. Take note also that because of enlightenment most people will rather die than submit to a witch-doctor or White garment prophet, the result is that most witch-doctors and mystics now masquerade as Pentecostal pastors.

Once the minister crosses the “Redline”, stop him immediately and walk away.

Chapter 6

Steps to Total Deliverance

Deliverance is not different from your position in Christ; in fact, your first deliverance is freedom from the sin of Adam and coming into the freedom of children of God.

Genuine salvation

Let me make it very clear, unless you are willing to be genuinely born-again, you are not likely to retain your deliverance, if you are able to get one. Jesus Christ stated that deliverance is the “bread” of children of God (Mark7:27). In other words, nobody that is not a born-again child of God has a right to ask to be delivered from evil spirits. The unbeliever is a child of the devil; the person who deliberately lives in sin is devil’s property (John 8:44, 1 John3:8).

I have had experiences where somebody told me that they are not ready to give their life to Christ yet, but want me to deliver them from evil spirits. It is not possible and any minister, who promises you that, is only fooling you. In fact, one sign that you are before a genuine man of God is that he wants to know if you are born-again.

The bible explains what happens at salvation thus-

For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, Col 1:13 NIV

If this has not taken place, it does not make sense trying to rescue the person from Satan; which is what deliverance means.

How about those who claim they can deliver people or have been delivered?

That is the major reason the same people keep going from church to church in search of deliverance. Jesus Christ was insistent when He said, “You must be born-again.” In fact, He also said that carrying out deliverance on the unbeliever does more harm than good-

"When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order.

Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first."Luke 11:24-26 NIV

The person seeking deliverance must understand that there is no other way or name that can give deliverance but Jesus Christ (Act 4:12). Some will want to deceive the minister by accepting with their lips, but knowing he has not made up his mind. This is like shooting yourself in the leg. God and the demons are listening to your heart. Even if the man of God by the authority God has placed on him drive out the demon, it will surely return and make the case worse.

Being Born-again is so simple that you may miss it; it has nothing to do with the church you attend and your tribe or education.

That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Rom 10:9-10 NIV

Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God— children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God. John 1:12-13 NIV(emphasis author's).

It is this right which permits the client to insist that evil spirits should not oppress, possess or torture him. This is what permits your deliverance minister to command those demons to get out of your life.

Baptism

Most churches see baptism only as a religious ritual and hence treat it like that. Baptism is more than religious ritual, but a very serious business and one of the basic tools in the deliverance ministry. The Apostles handled it as a matter of urgency; hence you see them baptizing three thousand people in a single day; think of the stress. Paul baptized a whole family in the mid night even though he was still suffering from the heavy beating he had received at the market place and the cut of the chains with which he was shackled in the prison. Peter hurried the family and his neighbours of Cornelius in to baptism even before he sat down to eat. Philip baptized the stranger who had only a matter of minutes ago heard the gospel from him on the highway.

Obviously there is something they understood about baptism that many pastors and missionaries of today do not understand. For the scope of this book, I will not go into all that. I will just mention some here.

Benefits of baptism

1. A baptized person has the ground of his salvation more settled because he is saved according to bible standard; ***Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, Mark 16:16 NIV***
2. He is more likely to retain his deliverance because he is clothed with Christ as his armour. (Gal.3:26)
3. At baptism, generational and inherited demons that could be contributory to his problem lose their legal ground; hence casting them out is much easier. (Luke3:7). Like I said earlier, these are demons our parents initiated us into or consequent to our sins as unbelievers; these lose their legal grounds at the point of baptism.
4. After baptism the believer has a right to claim his right as a new creature, hence, placing charges on him because of past sin is illegal. (Rom 6:3-4). It is needful to state that demons always claim the presence of sin as their right to remain in people's life. Baptism cancels such grounds.
5. At baptism your name enter the book of life as a believer, hence you have a file in heaven. (Rev 20:14). Trying to deliver a person that is not known in heaven is like going into a man's house to drag

his son out. By law it is wrong. Any person who refuses to be baptized by implication has refused to be a Christian. To show how important baptism is, even Jesus Christ submitted Himself to it. To say “No” to it means to refuse to follow Christ.

But I was baptized as a baby?

Only people who have heard the gospel and accept it are to be baptized. As a baby you did not know what was happening hence it did not get your will. Jesus could have been baptized as a baby, if that was the right way.

But I was baptized as an adult in Church?

If the client gave his life to Christ in a bible based church, there is no need to re-baptize him again. Baptism is once in one’s life-time as a believer, except if it was done under a wrong church; that is a church that is not bible based or a White Garment or occult church. In instances when the client doubts his spiritual condition when he was baptized and asked to be re-baptized, we may do it, but let’s also avoid the trap of seeing baptism as a ritual that we ought to repeat each time we have a problem.

What is the difference between my baptism under the catholic and other orthodox churches with true baptism?

To baptize means to fully immerse you in water as John the Baptist did for Jesus, but you were obviously sprinkled with water in a church building.

You were sprinkled three times in most cases, but Christian baptism is once (Rom. 6:3, Gal. 3:26, Act19:5).

It did not get your will. God does not honour things done against your will.

Baptism strengthens your chance for permanent deliverance.

For more on baptism, you can ask for my book, **“Doctrine of Baptisms- What the bible say.”**

Chapter 7

Steps to Total Deliverance continued.

Repentance

Repentance is negative attitude towards sin and all that we ever did that displeased God. Take for instance that a lady who lives with a man that is not her husband comes for deliverance from demons torturing her or asking God to open her womb; she is not willing to turn from the sin; her reason maybe that she loves the man. She may even go ahead to hide the information. Hear what the bible says about this-

He who conceals his sins does not prosper, but whoever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. Prov 28:13 NIV

Therefore speak to them and tell them, 'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: When any Israelite sets up idols in his heart and puts a wicked stumbling block before his face and then goes to a prophet, I the Lord will answer him myself in keeping with his great idolatry. Ezek 14:4 NIV

In this regard, God said he will not mind the lie in their mouth but will deal with them in keeping with the evil in their heart.

Someone seeking deliverance must be willing to turn from all known sin. The prayer of sinners is abomination before God. To repent from the sin is to turn from it with regret in your heart. You see sin from God's view point and hate it.

Restitution

Restitution is the paying back to the rightful owner what you hold within your custody that is not yours. Some families praying to be delivered from generational curses need to give back the land their ancestors forcefully collected from widows and orphans. Some had gained promotion by blackmailing somebody; they need to confess their sin to the one they offended.

This is not a negotiable option; if you are not willing to quit your sin, forget total freedom. Sin is the landing pad of demons and curses.

Like a partridge that hatches eggs it did not lay is the man who gains riches by unjust means. When his life is half gone, they will desert him, and in the end he will prove to be a fool. Jer 17:11 NIV

The good news is that God is ready to forgive when you confess your sin from a repentant heart and return what you are holding back.

Some see repentance as words to recite when you go to church, and then return to it when you get home. What is called true repentance is when you call out the sin before God and acknowledge that your suffering is justified as a consequence of your sin; and asking God to look on the blood of Jesus and wash your sins away.

Why should any living man complain when punished for his sins?

Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord.

Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to God in heaven, and say:

"We have sinned and rebelled and you have not forgiven. Lam 3:39-42 NIV

Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God. Your sins have been your downfall! Take words with you and return to the Lord. Say to him: "Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips. Hos 14:1-2NIV

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 NIV

This kind of prayer attracts God's mercy and you can be sure He will deliver you as He delivered Jonah (Jonah2).

Denunciation of objects and past involvement in occult etc

Here again we come to something along side of repentance. Those who have been involved in idolatry, occult, witchcraft, voodoo, Mummy-water worship, and witch-doctors must as a matter of necessity bring out all such materials and destroy them. Do not bury them or throw them into

the bush or rivers. They must be burnt by fire and should not serve for second hand use.

There was this story of a boy of about five years that dug out a hat that was buried in the earth and put on his head. He immediately became mad. As at the last time I heard about him, he was still mad. It was his grand-father's hat, and the man was a witch-doctor.

Remember that we mentioned this earlier as **Open-doors** and **Legal-grounds**. Some believers don't see anything wrong with keeping objects they had used while in the world or occult. This could open doors to evil spirits. Prostitutes turning from the practice should burn all the cloths and other materials used in plying the former trade. If night clubs and bars must be used, a man of God that understands what is involved should be invited to sanctify the place.

The images of their gods you are to burn in the fire. Do not covet the silver and gold on them, and do not take it for yourselves, or you will be ensnared by it, for it is detestable to the Lord your God. Do not bring a detestable thing into your house or you, like it, will be set apart for destruction. Utterly abhor and detest it, for it is set apart for destruction. Deut 7:25-26 NIV

Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed their evil deeds. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. Acts 19:18-19 NIV

In this area many people seeking deliverance default and the consequence is often costly.

Chapter 8

Accept Responsibility

When it comes to dealing with evil habits such as soul-tie, addiction, rejection, bitterness, hatred, self-pity, unbelief, pornography, masturbation, etc, most clients claim they are helpless. They want the minister to pray a “powerful prayer” and all such habits just stop. They forget that they developed such habits through repeated exercise, and it is reversing their attitudes that will bring the desired change for the better. This is what the bible says-

Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God, as those who have been brought from death to life; and offer the parts of your body to him as instruments of righteousness.....

I put this in human terms because you are weak in your natural selves. Just as you used to offer the parts of your body in slavery to impurity and to ever-increasing wickedness, so now offer them in slavery to righteousness leading to holiness. Rom 6:12-13 & 19NIV

The same way you used to walk out to a bar, now walk out to church or to your Pastor’s house. You are the one that used to pay for cigarettes and alcohol, now pay for Christian literatures and join those in a prayer meeting. Don’t preserve anything that will remind you of your old evil habits. Remove their numbers from your phone, destroy their movies, and don’t keep back the pictures to use it to brag to others to see how sinful you were. I can’t see how you will get involved in masturbation if you don’t withdraw to a solitary place. You can’t light a cigarette or put in a pornographic movie while in the company of other believers. Most of these sins thrive in solitude. You should be ashamed of them.
(Rom.6:21).

When it comes to ungodly soul-ties and besetting sin, we should exercise our will by accepting God’s opinion about the relationship and sins, this way we can receive grace through the Holy Spirit to come out of it.

In regards to forgiving those who hurt us; we should see things from the right perspective. When you refuse to forgive, you are hurting yourself twice. The person has hurt you and now you are hurting yourself. Whatever happened, you need to give out forgiveness so you can be free. You cannot drink poison and expect your enemy to die. In the same way when you become bitter, you are not hurting your enemy but yourself. Don't ever tolerate bitterness; it hurts you spiritually and physically. I have heard people testify how they were healed of arthritis after they renounced their bitterness and forgave those that had hurt them.

Open your mouth and testify to your former sin partners about your new found life, share tracts, preach the gospel. Do the things that show you have moved from darkness to light. In this way you will have the strength to resist sin and evil habits. Against this, you will fall back, not because you do not have the grace but because you refused to serve God the same way you served Satan. The bible makes us understand that some believers who lived with bad habits were able to come out of them, so that we can have hope and confidence that we too can overcome.

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders

nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.

And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Cor 6:9-11NIV (emphasis, author's).

Note their former and current state as stated in verse 11.

Remain in fellowship-

It is needful to make it plain that some deliverance cases will take time. In this category are deliverance from Spirit-husband\wife, witchcraft, generational curses and breaking of evil covenants, addiction, and occult involvement. In fact, one major key to total freedom is patience. Most clients are looking for push-button solutions. Even if the demons are cast out at once, the consequence of the affliction may take some time. Remember that some of these challenges have had physical effect; for example if you have been jobless or have challenge with delayed marriage; you don't expect to get a job immediately you walk out of the centre. Be patient and rejoice that your case is in good hands of the Holy Spirit now.

Poverty and Laziness

In dealing with poverty, I wish that we understand that God will not throw money down from heaven after deliverance. God did not promise to bless our hands but the work of our hands. It is labour that will bring reward. We have to lay our hand on something and patiently wait for the fruit. The promise now that you are delivered is that you will find things much easier through the grace of God on your life.

Fellowship necessary

It is advised that the client should remain in fellowship with the deliverance ministry for some time. In this way he will learn more of the word of God and prayer. He will also be able to develop the spiritual muscle to ward off the evil spirits. In some cases, all the demons don't leave at the same time. It may take as much as one month to drive out all the demons. Remember that some of the demons may want to return; the person in fellowship is better equipped to resist them.

Chapter 9

Bear These in Mind

There are some very important things that will help you on your way to keeping your deliverance. Careful observance of them will go a long way to help you.

Word of faith

The person seeking deliverance should know that the word of God is a basic tool in retaining deliverance, hence should remain in close touch with the bible, good Christian literature and audio messages to build up his faith. He must also know some faith building scriptures off-hand and recite them to himself; in this way he will be always reminded of the victory Christ has won for him. Attending fellowship with the deliverance ministry will help here also.

Always running back to the deliverance ministry over any and every issue will not help you to walk free. There is the need that you know for yourself what Christ has done for you, believe it and confess it. Initially, it is a struggle, but you will soon begin to enjoy it when you begin to see demons scream and flee at your rebuke.

Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. James 4:7 NIV

Submit to God- get born-again for real

Resist the devil – Tell Satan, “Hey! Satan, I know you’re a liar. Shut-up and get out!” And he will flee from you.

Walking in cleansing.

Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is. Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled with the Spirit. Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, Eph 5:17-19 NIV

To walk in cleansing means to walk in continuous awareness of God's presence. In this light you avoid things that defile and instantly confess every sin that comes to heart; singing spiritual songs and psalms, tolerating no uncleanness. For example some believers may not take alcohol, but see nothing wrong buying for others; some allow others to use their home for sexual sin and will give their money for sin related enterprise. This is wrong and can be ground for demons to return.

Be Spirit filled and pray in the Spirit always.

The presence of the Holy Spirit in the believer's life is defence against demons, it also empowers him to pray and resist the demons. To be filled with the Spirit is a command, ***be filled with the Spirit Eph6:18.*** Without the presence of the Holy Spirit, most of the things we are talking about are near impossible. Jesus Christ did not permit His disciples to go out to face the world and the devil before they are Spirit filled.

You can also ask your minister to pray for you to be filled. You can turn to God on your own and ask Him to baptize you with the Holy Spirit, and He will. It is always God's pleasure to answer prayers in that direction.

If you then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" Luke 11:13 NIV.

By this you can pray in tongues and build-up your spiritual life.(1 Cor14:4).

Fasted life.

Fasting and prayer gives you spiritual power not only to resist demons but also to cast them out. Fasting at least one day in a week will do you great good. It is not advisable to fast each time you feel you have a spiritual challenge; it often takes faith off God and put it in the fast. This is wrong. But if you have the habit of fasting to edify yourself, you are empowered in every occasion. You cast out demons through faith in the name of Jesus Christ, not in a spiritual exercise. Once you turn your faith from Christ and put it in an exercise, it is likely to fail you. So, fast

as a Christian duty, but cast out demons in the authority in the name of Jesus Christ. You can ask for my book on Fasting; **“The Right Ways to Fast and Pray.”**

Be Useful to Others.

Look for opportunity to be useful to others. Don't cram the whole world on yourself by concentrating on only your problem. Have you ever wondered how people like me survive in the face of all the demons in the world? This is because we have given our self over for God's use and God sees to it that we are kept safe. You too can do the same. Join the prayer team, help in counselling people, join and work in any capacity in the centre. Most deliverance ministries may not run Sunday services, but they will be glad to have your assistance in the work.

The blood of Jesus.

Knowing the power in the blood of Jesus Christ can help in keeping us demon free. You must learn to cover yourself with the blood of Jesus like this-

“Lord, I cover myself with the blood of Jesus Christ.

I cover my spirit, soul and body with the blood of Jesus.

I cover this whole environment with the blood of Jesus.

I cover my bed and dream-window with the blood of Jesus Christ”.

You may also declare – “The blood of Jesus Christ!” seven times before you lie down to sleep.

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death. Rev 12:11 NIV

Three Weapons

Take note of the three weapons mentioned above, used to defeat Satan; The Blood of Jesus Christ, which we just discussed; the word of our testimony which we mentioned also as our word of faith. The third is fearlessness. Have you ever wondered why evil spirits manifest in ways

that inspire fear; this is because they know that the only way they can control you is if they can get you to be afraid. Now understand that you have a choice to live in fear or not. The above scripture say that they did not shrink from death; that means they were not afraid of death. Fear comes to people because they want to keep themselves alive. But your life is not your own. The psalmist said, “***I will fear no evil, for you are with me***”. Ps 23:4NIV. Living in fear is by choice. Decide to live without fear today, if you want to live free.

Holy Communion.

Let me share this testimony from one of our partners in UK. His wife was sick for ten years, leaving her sedentary and weak. All medication proved abortive and her husband was fed-up. One day she heard somebody telling her in the dream to take Holy Communion. She got herself some unleavened bread and wine. She and her husband blessed it and ate. She became healed and has remained healthy for the past six years. The bible says that there is life in eating the body and blood of Jesus Christ. When one eats this by faith, the life in the body of Christ will impart life in the natural body; this can result in healing and deliverance from demons.

I am the bread of life.....Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life. John 6:48 & 54NIV.

Getting unleavened bread is not difficult anywhere you can have bread. Going to any bakery or fast-food joint, you can get some, though my wife bakes the ones we use. In extreme cases, you can use biscuits. I don't feel comfortable to use market bread with leaven to do something the bible said we should do without leaven.

Chapter 10

Family/Land Liberation

This is one of the basic areas that guarantee total deliverance. It is difficult to be delivered completely from cases that have their root in generational or occult cases without totally and deliberately destroying evil altars in our villages and homesteads. Altars are symbols of ownership, and the oldest altar in a land has more power and influence than a recent one. That is why God would tell Israelites to pull down any strange altar in their land and erect a proper one to Him. It is interesting to observe that in spite of God's word of assurance to Gideon, He did not allow him to commence his deliverance ministry before he has pulled down the idolatrous altar his father had built which they were serving. In other words, if that altar remained it will have a spiritual effect on his ministry.

That same night the Lord said to him, "Take the second bull from your father's herd, the one seven years old. Tear down your father's altar to Baal and cut down the Asherah pole beside it.

Then build a proper kind of altar to the Lord your God on the top of this height. Using the wood of the Asherah pole that you cut down, offer the second bull as a burnt offering." Judg 6:25-26 NIV

When I was in Nungua- Ghana, I saw plots of land allocated to ancient shrines served by old women. If there are believers who came from that community, it will be difficult to live free from demonic harassment wherever they are living in any part of the world. Where I currently live in Rivers State, Nigeria, it is also like that. You see many ancient shrines; hence, it is difficult to see any serious believer from such communities. You see violence, broken marriages and immorality on the loose. Believers from such areas will need extra grace to live free of demons.

What Does It Mean?

Family/community liberation is to break the family or community free from evil covenants and curses which came as a consequence of past ancestral/generational/community crimes against God and mankind. Every people that had served other gods, e.g. "Mummy-Water" or "Sango",

need liberation. Some families/communities were involved in slave trade or human sacrifice. Some communities had killed missionaries or slaughtered their enemies in cold blood; others have witchcraft as a lifestyle (note that before Christianity some of these practices were normal ways of life. It is the coming of Christianity that has opened our eyes to see the implication of such practices.) All these arts place the family/community under curses from God, offended people or men of God. In dealing with this matter, there is the need to involve ministers that God has given understanding in this direction. Unfortunately, many hungry people go about now as land-liberation ministers. In our ministry we have a special form for this area quite different from the personal deliverance questioner.

This matter will be dealt with in greater detail in another book.

Counselling.

Of a truth counselling is very necessary for those facing spiritual challenges and those coming out of deliverance. It is not everything we cast out as demons. There are areas that need our understanding of what is happening. For this reason God has permitted some believers to face some troubles so that they can help others with their experiences.

He will call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honour him. Ps 91:15 NIV

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God. 2 Cor 1:3-4 NIV

We see from the above scriptures that one of God's ways of training His Kingdom vessels is by permitting them to go through trouble. This is in God's wisdom; hence experience is a basic tool in counselling ministry. Reading bible and explaining it to somebody going through trouble is good, but there is an area that only people "***who have been there***" can be useful. I use this opportunity to encourage anybody who may be

facing trouble and is going through this book now. Just know that God will bring you out of it, and will use you to help others. Deliverance ministry should raise counsellors who are made up of matured believers that will support the senior pastor. This is most important in matters of marriage. There are occasions my wife, Joy, has discovered that what has been misunderstood to be demons is only hunger or frustration. In some cases they are our wrong perspective to life.

Chapter 11

Your Authority as a Believer

Like I mentioned in the introduction, it is not likely that you get delivered completely at just one ministrations. The important thing is to break the legal ground of the demons or curses. Once that is done, dealing with the spiritual problems is easy; the demons may return, as they are likely to do in most cases. There may also be some other lesser demons left behind after the Strongman has been cast out. The client needs to know how to carry out self-deliverance. That is why we took time earlier to point out the issues we have been discussing.

If you followed all we have been talking about in humble obedience, by now you are a child of God. Now you need to understand what Christ has made available to you through His vicarious death on the cross of Calvary.

I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

Luke 10:19 NIV

Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: In my name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up snakes with their hands; and when they drink deadly poison, it will not hurt them at all; they will place their hands on sick people, and they will get well."

Mark 16:16-18 NIV

I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. And God placed all things under

his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church Eph 1:18-22 NIV

Every believer is empowered through the authority in the name of Jesus Christ to cast out demons. The child of God will know little or no peace until he learns to exercise this authority. Authority means the right to command obedience. That means that in Christ Jesus the believer has the right to command demons, witches/wizards and their cohorts to obey him.

Learn to minister to yourself.

This is very important tool. Sister D came to my deliverance service to complain that she used to sleep with spiritual snakes every night. Others don't see these but she knew that they were there. She had been told that she was to be a priestess to the python spirit, because she is a believer, she refused to do so. Besides the presence of the spiritual snakes she was always sick and was losing her sight. My wife and I ministered to her. She testified that she slept peacefully for about one month and the demons returned. By this time I have left their area. When she called me over the phone, I taught her how to cast the demons out on her own. This she did, and repeated each time she felt them around her. She has remained healthy ever since.

You too can do this. It's simple; just lay hands on yourself and address the demons as you would on someone else. There could be a manifestation; just trust the Holy Spirit to help. Sister D vomited and scattered her house. Soon she learnt to control herself. You can cast out demons in Jesus Name. Learn also to cast out demons from your loved ones; wife, husband or children. Once you start the Holy Spirit will back you. This is very simple; because it's simply manifesting your authority as a believer. You can follow the example below.

I command you evil spirit in the Name of Jesus Christ, to break your hold from my life and get out right now.

Come out of my body now, in Jesus Name!

Come out!

Come out!!

Come out!!!in Jesus Name!

According to your Faith!

Prayers don't work because a "mighty man of God" prayed it. They work when we pray through faith in the name of Jesus Christ. You must learn to believe your prayers, knowing that God will honour His word.

He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering." Mark 5:34 NIV

"If you can'?" said Jesus. "Everything is possible for him who believes." Mark 9:23 NIV

Demons are stubborn

When you pray, learn to insist on your prayers and insist that the evil spirits must obey you. Initially you may see no signs, but when you insist, you will begin to have results. Pray in expectation; command them to obey you because they have no choice than to do so.

There may be manifestations

There may be vomiting, choking, rolling on the ground, twisting of parts of the body, etc. It is also possible to invite your husband, wife, father or roommate to pray for you, that is, if he is a believer, the same way you can call a nurse to help administer injection on you.

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. James 5:16 NIV

Chapter 12

Medical check-up

In this area Joy and I have recorded great results. Joy is actually a nurse-midwife and has been teaching me as much as I am able to learn. A lady came to us and reported that her marriage of thirteen years has had no fruit. We sent her and her husband to the laboratory; we discovered that her husband was having zero sperm count. There is no way he could have impregnated her. In another case, a young man who complained that the symptoms he was having were demonic because no drugs have been able to cure him; we discovered that his body has developed resistance to the drugs he was taking due to several drug abuse. When he took the right drugs, he became alright.

Don't understand me to mean that I refer people to the laboratory for every case, but let it be made clear that some things we accuse demons for are natural health problems. For example, a stage in syphilis, e-coli and even gonorrhoea result in symptoms like invisible ants going over the entire patient's body. Ignorant people have attributed these to demons. I don't mean that one can't be healed through prayers for these, but it is important to make the difference clear.

Deliverance minister/ministry

Deliverance is not about people falling on the floor and screaming; I have experiences where demons tried to fool me with that, the Holy Spirit warned me. Then I knew the client was being used by the devil to call attention and distract me from helping people who are really in need.

Hence, a deliverance minister must desire to do a thorough work much different from a faith healer. He is a last resort; hence he should do his job with tact. He should learn to keep data like the doctors and lawyers. He must read more books across every possible field that will help his work. He should also know that he is a major threat to Satan's schemes, it is normal that the devil would want to get him out of the way.

There is a promise from Jesus Christ you must never forget-

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Luke10:19NIV

For further reading----

They Shall Expel Demons by Derek Prince

Pig in the Parlour by Hammond, Frank D.

Confronting Witchcraft in the Neighbourhood by Emma N J Nwosu