How to identify Spiritual Witchcraft.

To us westies the term witchcraft sounds spooky and carries the visions of nice cleaning ladies with black hats and a fetish for cats (dead or alive) riding vacuum cleaners, and turning children who make messes in their rooms into frogs. However if I was in Africa or pretty well any other eastern block nation and used the term 'witchcraft' people would recognise exactly what I was talking about. Not only would they recognise but many would cringe and back away.

To understand what I'm talking about, it's important to clearly identify witchcraft in it's most basic form. Once we can identify this thing you will begin to see it everywhere and all round you and it is hoped that this document will help you battle witchcraft.

Witchcraft is basically rooted in the fear of man, and "the fear of man is a snare" when we begin to fear the people or the circumstances more than we fear God we fall into witchcraft. The root of 'witchcraft' is the use of wrongful authority or counterfeit spiritual authority.

Let me give you a word picture that you'll never forget. The principle in this word picture you will enabled to clearly, 100% of the time identify witchcraft as it appears around you everyday.

Here before you is an African village. There are 50 people including women and children, there is a Chief of the village and there is also a witch doctor.

The Chief is chief by bloodline or battle and exercises his authority as chiefs do. The witch doctor may continue on through many chiefs reigns and will be hidden away in some back corner doing what he does best. This can include the art or practice of preparing, substances, whether vegetable, mineral or animal, for the purposes of medicine or pharmacy, the preparation of drugs. Thus the evidence of drug abuse such as smoking or drinking can help to identify a spirit of witchcraft in operation.

Here is the questions to help identify our problem.

1. Who is the right authority in the village?
2. Who actually runs the village?
3. How does he run the village without authority?

Answers:
1. The right authority in the village is the chief.
2. The one who runs the village is the witch doctor.
3. He controls by fear by three main forms.

Manipulation ........ Intimidation ........ Domination

Should the chief or right authority make a move to do something the witch doctor does not personally like or does not fit the witch doctors personal agenda, he will let the chief know in one of these three ways.
It could come in the form of the "pointing of a bone or a curse". Normally however the chief or his father before him has already been manipulated, intimidated and
dominated, thus knows of the power of spiritual witchcraft and will through fear, submit any plans before the witch doctor before enacting them. However in doing so he encourages the continuance of wrongfully authority over both him and his village, for the existence of a witchcraft can only persist if the subject of witchcraft allows, either by fear or ignorance.

Manipulation
Normally be deceit or deception and half truths as it’s harder to do so with the truth but not impossible. An example of the latter would be 'blackmail'. In general, a work of man or 'the flesh' as opposed to God.

Intimidation
The act of making fearful, the state of being abashed or confused with shame, confounded, put to silence.

Domination
The exercise of power. Arbitrary authority, tyranny. Arbitrary or despotic exercise of power; the exercise of power over subjects and others with a rigor not authorised by law or justice.

Here are some simple examples.

When we try to use emotional pressure to manipulate others it is a basic form of witchcraft.
When we use hype or soul power to enlist service, it is witchcraft.
When businessmen scheme to find pressure points while pursuing a deal, this too can be witchcraft. Many of the manipulative tactics promoted as sales tactics in marketing are basic forms of witchcraft.

Young child throwing a tantrum in public.
Uncorrected that child may grow up to control his/her spouse by way of withdrawing sex or affection or sulking or mixed with "pharmacy" or drug abuse such as smoking, drinking, and others can revert to being a bully and abuse if these first two don’t work. As the manipulation and control spirits increase their dominion, so will the paranoia. They will become irrationally consumed with driving out or destroying anyone who threatens their control.

Charismatic Witchcraft
This form of sorcery is seldom what we call black magic, but is usually a form of "white witchcraft." This includes well meaning people who do not have the confidence to be straightforward and have therefore fallen to subtle forms of manipulation to gain influence.

The source of witchcraft against us may not be the obvious satanic cults or New Age operatives. By far the worst offenders are christians (though deceived) who are in fact praying against us instead of for us. An example of this would be 'directive pray'.
This is where they may take authority where they have none over someone else’s lives and pray (for example) "Lord change his heart or change his mind". What authority do they have to require such a thing? They most certainly have the authority to pray "Change My heart or My mind" but when it comes to another it’s unlikely they have true authority.
However there is power in this because whatever is released on earth is released in heaven, and whatever is bound on earth is bound in heaven. If intercession is motivated by a spirit of control or manipulation it is witchcraft and its power is just as real as that of black magic. I have known this form of witchcraft to kill.

Here are what I call The Stings of Witchcraft. Discouragement, Confusion, Depression, Loss of Vision, Disorientation, Withdrawal and Defeat.

Sting 1

DISCOURAGEMENT

Everyone gets discouraged at times, and it can be for many different reasons, so this is not always the result of witchcraft being used against us. But if we become subject to increasing discouragement for no apparent reason, witchcraft should be considered a possible source. When everything seems to go wrong, the difficulties begin to seem insurmountable, and you start to think it is just too hard to go on even though matters are really not any worse than usual, you are probably coming under spiritual attack. The main strategy for afflicting you with discouragement is to weaken you for the next level of attack, which is:

Sting 2

CONFUSION

Again, we must look for a general and increasing "spirit of confusion" for which there is no apparent reason. Here we begin to lose our clarity as to just what we have been called to do, which of course will weaken our resolve. This confusion is meant to compound the discouragement, making us even weaker and more vulnerable to further attack, which will usually come in the form of:

Sting 3

DEPRESSION

This is a deeper problem than simple discouragement; it is an unshakeable dread that is the result of both the discouragement and confusion combined, along with a general negligence in spiritual disciplines that has usually slipped in by this time.

Sting 4

LOSS OF VISION

This is the goal of the previous stings and works to increase the effect of all of them. Here we begin to doubt our call. The only way that we can sail through the storm of confusion is to hold our course. We cannot hold our course if we do not know where we are going. We will not try to hold our course if we begin to think it was wrong for us to go in the first place. This will lead to our drifting in circles at the time when we most need to "make straight paths for our feet." This sets us up for the next level of assault:

Sting 5
DISORIENTATION

This is the combined result of depression, confusion and loss of vision. At this level we have not just forgotten the course we are supposed to be holding, we have even lost our ability to read the compass. The Scriptures will no longer speak to us, we will not trust the Lord’s voice. This is the point of spiritual incapacitation, the inability to function, which results in:

Sting 6

WITHDRAWAL

This comes when we begin to withdraw or retreat from our purpose in the ministry and often from our families and others we are close to. Withdrawal will result in DESPAIR.

Sting 7

DESPAIR

Withdrawal from the battle leads quickly to hopelessness and without hope we can easily be taken out, either through temptation, sickness or death. Even science has proven that when hope is removed, often the most healthy person will quickly deteriorate and die. With hope, men and women have lived long past the point when a normal body would have quit. DESPAIR will always lead to DEFEAT.

It is through these stings that witchcraft not only controls but destroys relationships and peoples. Therefore, refused to take authority that is not yours and did not lift you own hand to seek recognition or influence for yourself. Any authority or influence that we gain by our own manipulation or self-promotion will be a stumbling block to us and the downfall to others.

Some more helpful info can be found in The Strong Men …below.

THE STRONG MEN

Definition: Matt. 12 v 29 & Mark. 3 v 27; These verses say that to "plunder" a strong mans house, one needs to first bind the strong man.

So what is a strong man ? ?? A strong man is a spirit power in the Heavens. Either Jezebel, Anti-christ, or Death & Hell.

A Strongman is different from a principality eg. one who has dominion over a specific location, ministry etc, however a principality will have a flavour of either Jezebel, Anti-christ, or Death & Hell.

Look at Eph. 6 v 12 & Rev. 12 v 11

So what is his house? 1 Cor. 3 v 16 "that you are the TEMPLE of GOD" - - - This TEMPLE means "A dwelling place"
(1) Spirit of Jezebel

Isa. 47 v's, 8-12. & Rev,2 v, 20 False prophets, sexual Immorality, things offered to idols

ORIGIN: Disobedient to the commandment requiring us not to worship idols

CHILDREN: The ruling spirit under Jezebel is DECEPTION

Addictions, adultery, arrogance, broken marriages, charms, DECEPTION, divination, drugs, fear, feminism, filthiness (of the spirit & flesh), fornication, free love, hatred, harlotry, heresies, homosexuality, idolatry, incest & indecency (this comes as a result of a curse from a previous generation involved in idolatry), jealousy, lasciviousness, lust, unclean thoughts, masturbation, occultic things, perverted sexual acts, oral sex, false religion (e.g. mormonism, jehovah's witnesses, herbert armstrong, children of God), pride, sorcery, spiritism, spiritual blindness (e.g. freemasonry, mormonism), spirit of religion, witchcraft, i.e. domination, manipulation, intimidation, lying, blasphemy, covetousness, humanism, new age.

(2) Anti-christ

1 John 2 v 18, 2 Thess. 2 v's 3-8, Eph. 4 v 27, Gal. 5 v's 20 & 21.

CHILDREN: The ruling spirit under Anti-christ is PRIDE

Spirits of anger, bitterness, blasphemy, corrupt communications, curses, dissension, drunkenness, envy or hatred, filthy language, lack of faith, lying, malice, murder, nightmares, outbursts of wrath, poverty, rebellion, spirit of wretchedness, rejection, selfish ambitions, stealing, strife, torment, unbelief, unforgiveness, lawlessness, contention.

(3) Hades (otherwise called "Death & Hell")

CHILDREN:

Curses such as frequent accidents, succession of deaths in families. Remember to reverse a curse, "Bless those who curse you, bless and curse not." (Matt. 5 v 44) Sickness, disease, pain, plagues on Christians, breathing problems, miscarriages, boils, barrenness, guilt, condemnation, decay & corruption, mildew & mustiness, famine & pestilence (of land & spirit) prayers blocked, discouragement, confusion, depression, loss of vision, disorientation, withdrawal, despair, (In short others will prosper but everything you do will fail).

You will be the tail of your life (being wagged by it) & not the head. Look at Deut. 28.

This document is not Scripture and people that would use it as such scare me - -
It is only an indication of what we have found.

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