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*[Careless habits & practices of Christians that opens
them up to be entrapped, ensnared and enslaved by
Satan and his demons] Ps.119:67*

INTRODUCTION

It is important to note in this day and age that the devil has been pushed to the limelight and set upon a pedestal of being 'almost omnipotent' in the church by men who have not had a revelation of the risen Christ and who have not been taught of the truth as it is in Jesus. Thus, they attribute every carelessness, attitudinal problems, bad habits or foolishness of the Christian to the power of the devil and his chief demons, or to 'spirit husbands or wives, generational curses, household enemies etc.

Thus, they falsely promote the devil to such false heights, elaborately magnifying him before all until the Christian becomes a paranoid husk, consistently second guessing The Lord and ever doubting himself...at the end he becomes a shadow of himself—all these are done by false teachers, in a bid to draw a following after themselves...

People who fall for their well-rehearsed lines, who might have been walking in victory won by Jesus Christ for years will suddenly become entangled, ensnared, and enslaved once again because they willingly surrendered themselves again to the yoke of bondage.

It is in the longing to know why so many saints are defeated and dejected in their daily lives that I cried to the Lord to show us the mystery behind this matter...It is His gracious response that we, to whom He has shown mercy, by revealing these things, that we humbly and prayerfully reveal to you, our beloved brothers and sisters, below.

CARELESS HABIT & PRACTICE #1:

NOT LIVING IN THE SPIRIT Gal. 5:16

The Holy Spirit is our comforter [see full definition in Jn.14:16 AMP] The person who is not living in total dependence on Him is both spiritually blind and deaf [Isa. 42:18-20 AMP] at the same time—thus, even when the Holy Spirit is speaking expressly and warning him/her about traps right in front of him/her or about dangers lurking in shadows, he/she will not hear neither will he see. [Matt.13:13-16].

Therefore, if you are not living in the Spirit [i.e. Responsive to, controlled and guided by Him], your sad condition is in 7 fold:

Deaf—because of refusing to hear God and His Word (Isa. 42:18-20 Mt. 13:13-16)

Blind—because of not seeing what was plain to see (Isa. 42:18-20; 43:8; 56:10; Mt. 13:13-16; 15:14; 23:16-26)

Robbed—because of sinning so that God could not protect them (Isa. 42:22, Deut.28:29-33).

Spoiled—ie. looted of spiritual gifts and graces because of having no power to resist enemies (Lk.8:12, Col.2:8).

Snared in holes—because of living in fear of enemies (Isa.42:22, *Lev.26:36, Judg.6:2).

Hid in prison—because of being defeated and captured by the enemy (Isa.42:7, 22; Ps.107:10-12, 1Tim.2:26).

A prey—because of having no champion to defend them (Heb.2:14-15, Isa.42:22).

THE WAY OUT:

There is no alternative to living in the Spirit. He who is not in the spirit [being spiritually blind and deaf] is already conquered!
Gal.5:25 AMPC, Ps.107:13-16

CARELESS HABIT & PRACTICE #2:

LIVING IN SECRET OR OPEN SIN

Sin, whether committed and practiced secretly [2Kgs.17:9, 2Sam.12:12] or openly (i.e. defiantly—see Num.15:30-31 AMPC, *AMP; will always be fatal... [Ezek.18:4, Rom.6:23]; It will wreck, ruin, expose and destroy you [**Isa.64:6 AMPC]; The consequence of sin is death. Death means:

Separation from God [*including every misery that arises from being cut off from Him—both here & hereafter. See Isa. 59:1-2; 1Cor.6:9-10.*],

Exposure to His wrath [Deut. 29:19-21, Num.11:1, Josh.23:16] and

Exposure to the oppression of the Devil [2Tim.2:26, Eph. 2:2 AMPC].

More seriously is the fact that many Christians fall into sin in many ways [James 3:2, 1Cor.10:12], and the things that they

consider as sin is not even up to 10% of what the Lord actually sees as sin. [see '***The Sins of the Righteous***' for more details on this...]

THE WAY OUT:

Holiness of life is a must [since holiness is a defence!] 1Pet.1:15-

16

CARELESS HABIT & PRACTICE #3:

WILLFUL IGNORANCE OF THE WORD OF GOD

THE Lord Jesus told us we shall know the truth and the truth shall set us free [Jn.8:32]—what if we don't know the truth? Then it means we will remain bound! [Isa. 5:13]

We must seek to know and understand the Word for two reasons: one, in order to have an overall knowledge of the Bible—by familiarizing ourselves with it and two, we must study in line with the matters that are currently challenging us [2Tim.2:15 AMPC].

If we are ignorant of the finished work of Jesus on the cross [Jn.19:30], salvation [2Tim.1:9], healing [Jn.11:25-26, Rom.8:11], divine provision [Phil.4:19], money [Matt.6:24], holiness [Titus 2:11-13], total victory over all forces of darkness [Col.2:15 AMP], and all the truth that Jesus taught and handed over to His apostles to deliver to us [1Cor.15:1-8]; if we do not know and believe these things, we will never

be free from satanic manipulation and oppression
[2Cor.2:11].

***Anyone who is willfully ignorant of the word of God
DESERVES to be deceived!***

THE WAY OUT:

Labour to know the truth! Just like nobody can eat for you if you want to grow, in the same way, nobody can study your bible for you!—Begin to love the truth once you're knowing it! Col.3:16

CARELESS HABIT & PRACTICE #4:

WILLFUL DISOBEDIENCE TO THE WORD OF GOD

To be willfully disobedient to the word of God is the same thing as rebellion against God—which He sees as witchcraft; and stubbornness—which He regards as iniquity and idolatry [1Sam. 15:23]. One of its immediate consequence is that anyone who rejects the word of God will be rejected from reigning over the turbulent circumstances of life! [Rom.5:17], he will be oppressed and robbed continually!

Willful disobedience is the same thing as committing spiritual suicide! [Gen.2:16-17, 1Tim.2:14]

THE WAY OUT:

Willful disobedience to the written or the spoken word of God has very terrible consequences; your obedience to the Lord must be prompt and complete and at all times! 2Cor.10:6

CARELESS HABIT & PRACTICE #5:

WHEN THE WORD OF GOD IS NO MORE YOUR FIRST CONSIDERATION & FINAL AUTHORITY

The Bible instructs us to let the Words of Christ dwell in us richly with all wisdom [Col.3:16]. When the Word of God is not what you consider first [Col.1:18 **REM, **AMP, **TPT], but instead, you consider circumstances (that is always erratic and prone to constant change); when the opinions of people [1Sam.15:1-3, 7-9, 11-13, 14-23, 24], the suggestions of the devil [Gen.3:1-7] are things that influences you more than what God says, it means you are in serious trouble as the Lord will be unable to help help you since you have more ‘powerful’ influences than God and His word.

In the same vein, when His word is not your final authority, when other things are more ‘authoritative’ to you—things like doctors’ report [Lam.3:37], prophecies of prophets (even if they are false) see [Jer.23:16-17], bodily feelings

[2Cor.10:3-5], carefully arranged demonic coincidences [Mk12:18-27], the high sounding philosophical nonsense [Col.2:8 AMPC] of the worldly-wise [1Cor.3:18] and so on!

When all these things have a stronger hold on you, there is no how you can stand by faith [2Cor.1:24], neither is there a way God can honour your faith—since you have no faith [Heb.11:6]!

The Word of God must be your first consideration [Col.1:18 **REM, **AMP, **TPT]. God's word about any matter is His view of that matter [Ps.12:6 TLB] and a person who honours God by always asking for what He says about a matter first [Prov.3:6-7] will always have light in the midst of dark, confusing and conflicting circumstances [Ps.119:105]!

In the same way, **the word of God must be your final authority** [Heb.1:3 AMP, Heb.11:3]. Once you've seen what God's word says on a matter or once you've heard His word in your heart on any issue, it doesn't matter if circumstances are contrary—circumstances will never agree with the word of God [Matt.14:24-32]! Let your arguments cease once you've seen or heard the word of God!

Let His word be your final authority on all issues. [Heb.11:3]

THE WAY OUT:

Once the Word is not your first consideration and your final authority on all issues, the devil already has you in a very good place where it will be very easy to ambush and enslave you!

It cannot be overemphasized that the Word must be your first consideration and your final authority in all things, at all times and in every place! Matt.4:1-8

CARELESS HABIT & PRACTICE #6:

LIVING IN ERROR OR SELF DECEPTION

Error is deviation from the truth [Mk. 12:24, 27]. The devil loves to sprinkle error and deception amidst the brethren...once you accept even a tiny bit of error, it will grow into such a monster that will be powerful enough to bind and imprison you [Gal.5:9 ***REM].

Whoever lives in error or self deception [Isa.44:20] cannot ever be truly free [Gal.3:1]—also, we must always guard against wrong doctrine [Jude 1:3-4] and deception [1Cor.6:9].

THE WAY OUT:

*The only way not to fall into error is by following Jesus alone—
THE WAY! Jn.14:6 AUV*

CARELESS HABIT & PRACTICE #7:

ENTERTAINING WORRY, DOUBT & UNBELIEF

****Ps. 78:40-41**

Worry, doubt and unbelief are not the same thing.

Worry is being anxious and remaining in perpetual unease about a situation or a person [Matt.6:25].

Doubt is being double minded. It is being torn between believing and not believing [James 1:6-8 AMPC].

Unbelief is not being persuaded—even when there is evidence to the contrary [****Heb.3:18-19 AMPC**]. The evidence of the senses is stronger than the Word and power of the God and spiritual things for someone who walks in unbelief [Num.13:25-33; 14:1-11, 27-37].

THE WAY OUT:

*Cast all your cares once and for all on Jesus, for He cares for you.
How? By Being careful for nothing! Believe you are all that God
says you are and He is all He says He is. Phil.4:6-7*

CARELESS HABIT & PRACTICE #8:

LACK OF FAITH IN GOD AND IN THE FINISHED WORK OF JESUS CHRIST ON THE CROSS.

The Bible aptly tells us that without faith, it is impossible to please God [Heb.11:6]... whatever that is not of faith is sin [Rom.14:23]. Most people merely mentally assent to the truth—they do not believe that genuine faith asks for no other evidence but the word of God [Lk.1:29-38; **v.37-38].

Can you truly rate yourself? What is the level of your faith in God?

Is God's love, His faithfulness, His ability, His nature and His wisdom enough for you to entrust yourself into His keeping?

The work of the Lord Jesus Christ is a completely finished work [Jn.19:30] that requires nothing else but faith [Heb.11:6] to be activated. As we look at Jesus on that cross [Jn.3:14-15] and we look at Him, risen [Lk.24:33-36], ascended [Acts 1:8-11] and enthroned on the right side of

God [Mk.16:19, Eph.1:20, 1Pet.3:22], all the oppression, afflictions and claims of Satan and his devils loses their grip upon us permanently! [Col.2:14-15, Lk.10:18-19, Rom.16:20]

THE WAY OUT:

The passion [suffering], death, resurrection, ascension and enthronement of the Lord Jesus must not merely be a historical truth that you nominally assent to...it must be the very foundation of your faith in God and in the complete work that Jesus has achieved on your behalf! [Heb.12:2]

CARELESS HABIT & PRACTICE #9:

WHEN WE DO NOT WATCH AND PRAY AT ALL TIMES, IN ALL THINGS AND IN EVERY PLACE

Matt.26:41, Mk.13:33, Lk.21:36, Eph.6:18, Col.2:4

The Christian that is not watchful at all times cannot be prayerful—neither can he know the kinds of prayers to pray in all seasons. the devil primarily takes advantage of our not being watchful. He always waits until an opportune time before he strikes [Lk.4:13 NIV].

If his temptations and secret assaults comes in a regular, orderly manner, we would have known how to resist him effectively—but because his attacks are spasmodic and highly irregular, it becomes increasingly difficult to resist—except one is consistently watchful! [1Pet.5:7, Matt.26:41]. For instance, if Satan tempts us now and we have victory over him, he may not return again until the next one and a half

years (when we would have thought he's gone on a permanent holiday!)

This is why we must watch always so as not to fall into temptation—especially since the human spirit is willing but the flesh is very, very weak [Rom.8:6-8]!

THE WAY OUT:

Sobriety, consistent vigilance and praying at all times is a very normal part of the Christian life—and those unwilling to live in spiritual vigilance cannot in any way overcome the enemy!

"Nevertheless we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them."
Nehemiah 4:9

CARELESS HABIT & PRACTICE #10:

ATTEMPTING TO SERVE BOTH GOD & MAMMON

Matt.6:24-33 [v.33 see **GNB]

No one can serve two masters, the Lord Jesus tells us—yet today, many attempt to serve both God and money [Matt.6:24, 1Tim.6:9-10].

Thus, while most of them gain money, definitely ALL of them loses God [Lk.9:25 AMP, Eccl.2:11]! GOD CANNOT BE SERVED WITH ANYTHING. IT IS EITHER HE IS LORD OF ALL OR HE IS LORD OF NONE [Jn.13:13, Lk.6:46]!

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will stand by and be devoted to the one and despise and be against the other. You cannot serve God and mammon (deceitful riches, money, possessions, or whatever is trusted in)." Matt.6:24 AMPC

Never forget that there is never enough for a covetous man [Lk.12:15-19], but there is always enough for a contented man [1Tim.6:6-10].

Covetousness is a form of idolatry—the deifying of self and other created things instead of God. Covetousness is equally an effective replacement of a person’s devotion to God as the pursuit of money and possessions sets the person apart to make it his life’s pursuit to acquire and possess more and more and more wealth.

Our devotion must exclusively be to the Lord and the Lord alone and not to money! When we devote ourselves to Him and to His purpose for us, He will provide us with every other thing—richly [1Tim.6:17] and freely [Rom.8:32]!

THE WAY OUT:

Do not waste your life running up and down trying to gather money. Ultimately at the end, you will have yourself only to blame [Mk.8:36-37]. Live your life for God and He will meet you at the very points of your needs—even if your needs are in millions! [Rom.84:11]

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