**Spiritual Warfare**

**Lesson 19 – Identifying Spirits**

**Spirit of Antichrist**

Denies the Deity of Christ (1 John 4:3, 2 John 7)

**Possible entry:** involvement in eastern religions, Yoga, the martial arts, generational sin of parents.

**Manifests as:**

Denial of unique role of Jesus in human history

Against Christ & His teachings- 2 Thess. 2:4, 1 John 4:3

Denies the Atonement -1 John 4:3

2 Thes. 2:4 Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

1 John 4:3 And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

**Manifests as:**

Humanism-

2 Thes. 2:3-4 Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; [4] Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.

Teachers of Heresies-

1 John 2:18-19 Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time. [19] They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

Attacks the testimony of Christians (Deceiver) 2 Thes 2:4, 2 John 7

2 John 1:7 For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

**Manifests as:**

Attempts to substitute self for Jesus(Lawlessness)-

2 Thes 2:3-12

Blasphemes the name of Jesus (Worldly speech & actions)-

1 John 4:5 They are of the world: therefore speak they of the world, and the world heareth them.

Practices forms of salvation by works rather than grace.-Rev. 13:7

**LOOSE**: SPIRIT OF TRUTH

**Spirit of Bondage**

**Romans 8:15** For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

**Possible entry:** unrepented sin of lust of the flesh, sin of parents.

**Manifests as:**

Lack of faith in their salvation in Jesus -Rom. 14:23

All forms of addictions -2 Pet 2:19

Anguish of spirit - Ex. 6:9

Uncontrolled lust, greed or ambition - Prov 5:22, John 8:34

**Manifests as:**

Besetting or compulsive sin, especially sexual enslavement

Proverbs 5:22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked himself, and he shall be holden with the cords of his sins.

John 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.

Bitter roots, bitterness - Job 7:14, 9:10, Prov 14:10

Compulsive masochistic behaviour, false martyrdom-same as besetting above

Captivity to Satan - 2 Pet 2:19

Fear of death - Heb. 2:14,15

Serves the cause of corruption - Rom 7:23, Acts 8:23, Rom 6:16, Lk 8:26-29

**LOOSE**: SPIRIT OF ADOPTION

**Deaf and Dumb Spirit**

Matthew 17:14-18 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, [15] Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is lunatick, and sore vexed: for ofttimes he falleth into the fire, and oft into the water. [16] And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. [17] Then Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I suffer you? bring him hither to me. [18] And Jesus rebuked the devil; and he departed out of him: and the child was cured from that very hour.

Mark 9:25-26 When Jesus saw that the people came running together, he rebuked the foul spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I charge thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. [26] And the spirit cried, and rent him sore, and came out of him: and he was as one dead; insomuch that many said, He is dead.

**Possible entry:** early trauma in childhood, infancy or prenatal

**Manifests as:**

Hearing impairment, unwillingness to communicate 'self-punishing behaviours (cutting self —Mark 9:18,20,26)

Self-applied cigarette burns -Mk 9:22

Head-banging, self abuse -Same

Suicidal ideation -Mk 9:22

Foaming at mouth Luke 9:39 Mk 9:20

Gnashing teeth -Mk 9:18

Untreatable epilepsy, seizures; especially during times of full-moons and/ or other satanic holidays -Mk 9:20,18,26

Prostration, crying, ear problems, pining away -Mark 9:26

Mental illness -Mt 17:15, Mk 9:17, 5:5

**LOOSE**: HEALING PROVISION MADE IN CHRIST VICTORIOUS ESSURECTION

**Spirit of Double-Mindedness &/or Confusion**

**James 1:8** A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

**Possible entry:** lack of faith, refusal to accept the Bible as the inerrant Word of God, refusal to receive sound preaching, unbiblical sexual relationships –

Job 10:15,Ps 44:15,Isa 41:29,45:16, Jer 3:25,7:19

Jeremiah 3:25 We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us: for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.

Jeremiah 7:19 Do they provoke me to anger? saith the Lord: do they not provoke themselves to the confusion of their own faces?

**Manifests as:**

Lack of assurance of salvation

Indecisiveness

Inability to get victory over sin

**LOOSE**: GOD'S LOVINGKINDNESS & FORGIVENESS

**Spirit of Divination or "Power Demon” or “Python”**

**Acts 16:16-28** And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: [17] The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. [18] And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

**Possible entry:** practice of fortune telling, other methods of seeking high knowledge of wisdom—especially trance channelling, Hypnosis, triggering, generational sin of parents.

**Manifests as:**

Mediumistic "skills"—channelling, etc. - Micah 5:12, Isa 2:6

"second sight," psychic powers - Hosea 4:12, EX. 22:18

Bondage to astrology, tarot cards, Ouija boards, palmistry, other such practices - Ex. 7:11, 8:7, 9:11

Practice of hypnosis, water-witching, etc. - Deut 18:11, Isa 19:3

Drugs -Gal 5:20, Rev 9:21, 18:23, 21:8, 22:15

Astrology -Isa 47:13, Lev 19:26, Jer 10:2

Choking physically and spiritually

**LOOSE**: SPIRIT OF TRUTH; THE SPIRIT OF THE GIFT OF FAITH

**Familiar Spirit**

1 Samuel 28:7-8 Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. [8] And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee.

**Possible entry:** Mostly a generational spirit. hypnosis, attempting to conjure spirits, ventriloquism, Dungeons & Dragons, Ouija boards, Tarot cards, Palm reading etc.

**Manifests as:**

Alleged communications from dead loved ones - Deut 18:11,1Chron 10:13

Memory blocks or fragmented memory - Rev. 9:21, 18:23, 21:8, 22:15

“Voice" mediumship (Channellers who speak without lips or vocal chords)1Sam 28:7,8, Isa 8:19, 29:4

Peeping & muttering -Isa 8:19, 29:4, 59:3

Severe dyslexia -Jer 29:8

**LOOSE**: SPIRIT OF TRUTH; THE SPIRIT OF THE GIFT OF FAITH

**Spirit of Fear**

2 Tim. 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

**Possible entry:** extreme terror experience from childhood, parental neglect, use of psychedelic drugs, generational sin of parents.

**Manifests as:** phobic behaviours or paranoia

Profound anxiety, inability to trust God or relate to Him as Father - 1Pet 5:7

Nightmares, night terrors - Ps 91:5

Heart failure - Ps 55:6, Lk 21:26, Jn 14:27,14:1

Inordinate fear of death - Ps 55:4, Heb 2:14,15

Untrusting, doubt - Mt 8:26, Rev 21:8

Fear of man - Prov 29:25

Torment/horror - Ps 55:5, l Jn 4:18

**LOOSE**: SPIRIT OF LOVE, GRACE OF GOD

**Spirit of Haughtiness**

Proverbs 16:18-19 Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall. [19] Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud.

**Possible entry:** excessive pride or gossiping, boasting, envy

**Manifests as:**

Pride, snobbishness

Unteachable, obstinate - Prov 29:1, Dan 5:20

Rebellious to pastoral authority - 1Sam 15:23, Prov 29:1

Bragging or boastfulness - 2 Sam 22:28, Jer. 48:29, Isa 2:11,17, 5:15

Being argumentative or contentious, Prov 13:10

Extreme self-righteousness or religiosity - Lk 18:11,12

Idle - Ezek 16:49,50

Reject God – Ps 10:4, Jer 43:2

**LOOSE**: SPIRIT OF FORGIVENESS, HUMBLE & CONTRITE SPIRIT

**Spirit of Heaviness**

Isaiah 61:3 To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified.

**Possible entry:** tragedy in life or traumatic experience, sin of parents.

**Manifests as:**

Depression, despair, no urge to praise God, unpacified, a root of bitterness

Morbid grief - Neh 2:2, Prov 15:13

Loneliness, inner hurts - Lk 4:18

Gluttony, insomnia - Neh 2:2

Self-pity Ps 69:20

Hopelessness - 2Cor 1:8,9

Broken hearted - Ps 69:20, Prov 12:18, 15:3, 13, 18:14, Lk 4:18

**LOOSE**: SPIRIT OF HOPE, PRAISE, WORSHIP, TRUTH

**Spirit of Infirmity**

Luke 13:11 And, behold, there was a woman which had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bowed together, and could in no wise lift up herself.

**Possible entry:** generational sin of parents or bad health practices

**Manifests as:**

Chronic illness or deformity, bent body or spine

Asthma, chronic colds - John 5:5

Frailty or weakness - Lk 13:11, Jn 5:5

Severe feminine disorders or impotency in men - Jn 5:5, Acts 3:2, 4:9

Arthritis - John 5:5

Cancer - Lk 13:11, Jn 5:5

Oppression - Acts 10:38

**LOOSE**: HOLY SPIRIT OF GOD WITH HIS GIFT OF LIFE

**Spirit of Jealousy**

Numbers 5:14 And the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled:

**Possible entry:** sexual defilement, rage, anger - Gen 4:5,6, Prov 6:34, 14:29, 22:24,25, 29:22,23 lack of discipline from parents, strife - Prov 10:12

**Manifests as:**

Rage, jealousy, resentment, hatred of partner

Cruelty - Song of Sol 8:6

Murder - Gen 4:8

Hate - Gen 37:3,4,8

Extreme competitiveness - Gen 4:4,5

Selfishness, causing divisions - Gal 5:19

Revenge, spite - Prov 6:34, 14:16,17

**LOOSE**: ABUNDANCE OF GOD'S LOVE, HEDGE OF PROTECTION

**Spirit of Lethargy**

Isaiah 29:10 For the Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep sleep, and hath closed your eyes: the prophets and your rulers, the seers hath he covered.

**Possible entry:** This can be a curse from the Lord for refusing to listen to and obey thepreaching of His Word; for improperly criticizing pastors or other elders in the Body; for refusing to obey the Lord, or from sin of parents.

**Manifests as:**

Sleep disorders, narcolepsy

Apathy, sluggishness, sleepiness - Job 30:17

Chronic exhaustion, "chronic fatigue syndrome" Lam 2:18

Clinical depression (in absence of medical or environmental causes) Prov. 29:9

Spiritually "deaf" to God's truth - counterfeit "covering", a false shield is keeping

God's spirit from flowing and giving Its life - Ps 88:17

**LOOSE**: SACRIFICES OF PRAISE - Ps 27:6

Psalm 27:6 And now shall mine head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me: therefore will I offer in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the Lord.

**Lying Spirit**

**2 Chron. 18:22** Now therefore, behold, the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets, and the Lord hath spoken evil against thee.

**Proverbs 6:16-19** These six things doth the Lord hate: yea, seven are an abomination unto him: [17] A proud look, a lying tongue, and hands that shed innocent blood, [18] An heart that deviseth wicked imaginations, feet that be swift in running to mischief, [19] A false witness that speaketh lies, and he that soweth discord among brethren.

**Possible entry:** This can also be a curse from God for seeking false prophecies or for "ear-tickling" preaching; or generational sin of parents.

**Manifests as:**

Compulsive lying, delusional behavior

Flattery or insincere praise -Ps 78:36, Prov 20:19, 26:28

A religious or ecclesiastical spirit -Gal 5:1

Profanity, hypocrisy, accusations -Rev 12:10

Excessive or idle chatter, gossip - 1Tim 6:20,2Tim 2:16

Superstitions, false Prophecy - 1Tim 4:7, Jer 23:15-17, 27:9.10

Slander - Prov 10:18

**LOOSE**: SPIRIT OF TRUTH, CONFIDENCE (FAITH) IN GOD

**Perverse Spirit**

**Isaiah 19:14** The Lord hath mingled a perverse spirit in the midst thereof: and they have caused Egypt to err in every work thereof, as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit.

**Possible entry:** Curse from God for following false priests or prophets, idolatry, or generational sin of parents.

**Manifests as:**

Sexual perversion, addiction to pornography, any indulgence in repeated disobedience to God - Prov 17:20,23, 12:8, 14:2, 29:8

Teaching false doctrine, perverting the Word of God -Isa 19:14, Rom 1:22,23, 2Tim 3:8,2

Scripture twisting, heresy -Acts 13:10, 2Pe 2:14

Stubborn, unreasonable-Prov 19:2

Ingratitude, foolish-Prov 1:22, 19:1, 15:4

Filthy minded-Prov 2:12, 15:23,33

**LOOSE**: THE EXCELLENT SPIRIT (JOB 9:20) (Prov 17:27, Dan 6:3)

**Seducing Spirit**

1 Tim. 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

**Possible entry:** following false prophets or teachers who are involved in carnal sins. Seducing spirits seem to be messengers sent from Satan to specifically deceive believers.

**Manifests as:**

Searing of the conscience

Seduce, tempt or beguile the person into false doctrine

Causes double-mindedness (see above)

**LOOSE**: THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, ESPECIALLY IN THE WORD OF GOD

**Spirit of Whoredoms**

Hosea 4:12 My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.

**Possible entry:** worshiping false gods, offering sacrifices to them; other harlotries

against the true God; generational sin of parents.

**Manifests as:**

Satanism, making pacts with the devil, unfaithfulness generally

Adultery - Ezek 16:15,28; Prov.5:1-14; Hosea 4:13-19

Prostitution of soul or body - Ezek 16:15,28; Prov 5:1-14

Self-idolatry - Judges 2:17 Ezek 16 Hosea 4:12

Love of the world, love of money, food, love of glamour (narcissism, compulsive concern with physique—body-building, etc.) - I Cor 6:13-16, Phil 3:19, James 4:4, Ezek 16:28

Spiritual idolatry - Hosea 4:12

**LOOSE**: SPIRIT OF GOD, ESP. MERCY OF JESUS CHRIST

**Spirit of Slumber**

Romans 11:8 According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

**Possible entry:** following legalistic religions, serious parental neglect, especially neglect by the father.

**Manifests as:**

Inability to love, or be truly sexually intimate.

Inability to worship

Spiritual torpor or stagnation

No internalized sense of right or wrong

**LOOSE**: HOLY SPIRIT GIFTS, ESP. DESCERNMENT

**Spirit of Error**

1 John 4:6 We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error.

**Possible entry:** refusal to hear the warnings, counsel of God or Word of God; refusal to apply Biblical tests to doctrines

**Manifests as:**

(Primarily institution-wide) heretical cults

Contentious - James 3:16; 2 Pe 2; 1Jn 4:6

Running after false doctrines - 1Tim 6:20,21; 2Tim 4:3; Titus 3:10; 1Jn 4:1-6

Denial of the deity of Jesus Christ - 2 Thessalonians

Aberrant or heterodox Christian teachings -2 Peter 2:10

Inability to understand simple Biblical truths -Prov 10:17, 12:1, 13:18 15:10,12,32; 1Jn 4:6; 2Tim 4:1-4

**LOOSE**: SPIRIT OF HUMILITY, SUBMISSION

**Devouring Spirit**

Malachi 3:8-12 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. [9] Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.

**Possible entry:** disobedience to God, especially in the area of tithing; or generational sin of parents. The only way to be delivered of this spirit is for the person to obey God's law and tithe.

**Manifests as:**

Chronic poverty, deep indebtedness

Financial or real estate calamities (natural disasters)

Inability to ever save money.

(Be sure to tithe time-in the form of Bible study and prayer-as well as talents and finances)

**LOOSE**: THE FULL PROVISION MADE FOR US BY CHRISTS' VICTORY.

**Buffeting Spirit**

2 Cor. 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

This is a specialized problem because this spirit works against ministries. It torments the minister or causes the needs of the ministry to go unmet. God seems to allow this to keep his servants humble. Intercessors are often faced with this and having the covering of your pastor as well as having prayer partners to agree with you often seems to render it less effective.

**Legion/Unclean Spirit**

Mark 1:26 And when the unclean spirit had torn him, and cried with a loud voice, he came out of him.

Mark 3:11 And unclean spirits, when they saw him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God.

Mark 5:3 Who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no man could bind him, no, not with chains:

Luke 4:33 And in the synagogue there was a man, which had a spirit of an unclean devil, and cried out with a loud voice,

Luke 8:27 And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.

**Possible entry:** the defilement of a child's spirit. This may be the result of physical or sexual abuse, incest or involvement of the child in occult practices or ritualized abuse. Sometimes "imagined" child abuse can also open doorways if the child feels deep within themselves that they have been defiled or violated,

**Manifests as:**

Insomnia

Suicidal ideation, self-mutilation

Supernatural strength (a mental pre-occupation with super-heroes)

Morbid fascination with death, human waste, putrefaction or grave-yards;

Extreme inner torment, hears voices, has night mares

Exhibitionism, nudity, homosexuality, promiscuity, sexual perversions

Perfectionistic, extreme performance orientation

Compulsively clean

Reclusive, very rigid and controlled

Anorexia, Bulimia, compulsive over-eating.

Sees God as Mother

**Spirits of Jezebel and Ahab**

**Possible entry:** Mostly generational, an inherited spirit from either parent or both! They can come from others if one yields or dominates another person.

LOOSE: Spirit and Power of Elijah, Jehu, Loose the eunuchs of the heart