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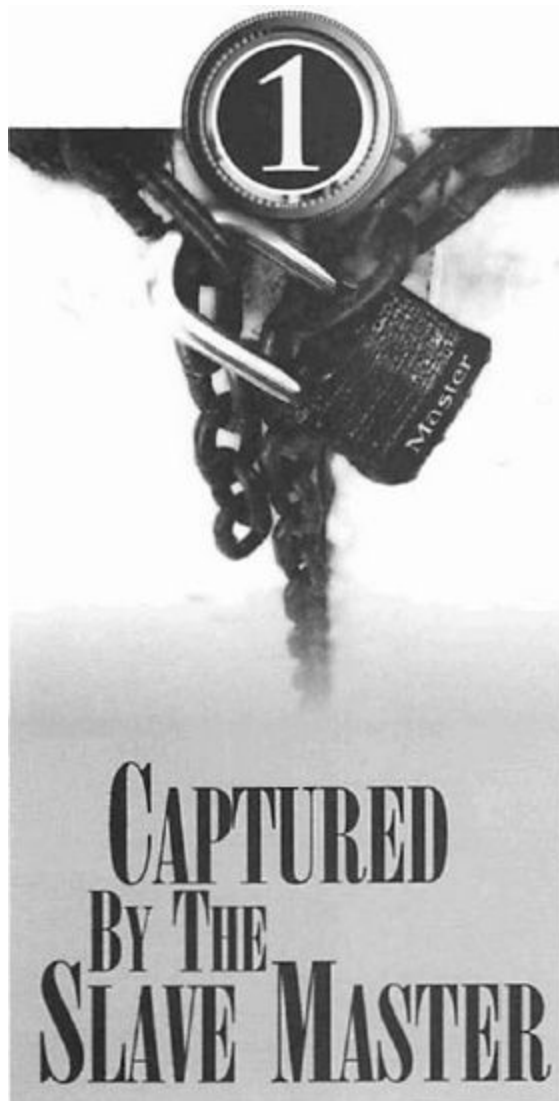
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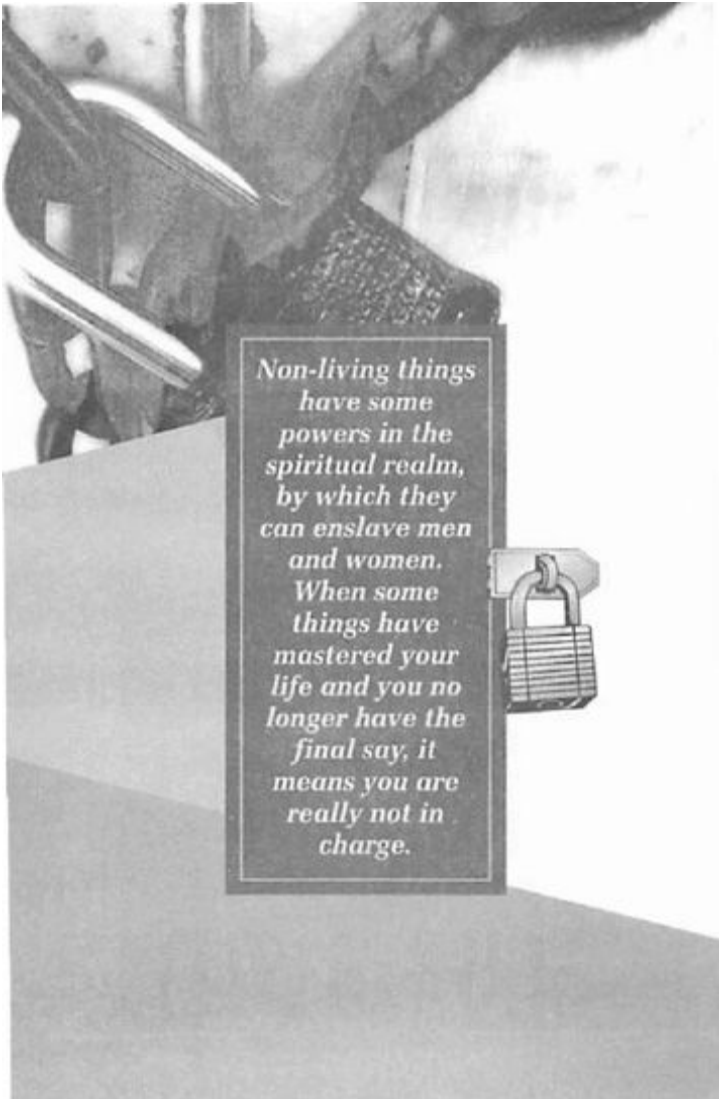
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# 1

## CAPTURED BY THE SLAVE MASTER

***"All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any". 1 Cor 6: 12***

It is possible to be captured by the slave master; a demonic slave master, who takes delight in capturing and keeping slaves at will. The truth, concerning the evil slave driver, has remained concealed to many people. It is one truth we need to know, so that we can break free from the shades of the wicked slave master.

The Bible passage above is a very deep scripture, where life-changing truths, can be extracted. It makes it clear, that everything people do, you can also do them. But, it is not everything that people do, that are useful and profitable. There are things you can do, that are profitable and there are things you can do, that are unprofitable. You must get to a place in your spiritual life, that everything you do must be profitable. There are lessons to be learnt in the scriptures quoted above, viz:

1. Things have power.
2. Living, and non-living things can exercise dominion power over your life. Things that have no life, can dominate your life. There is a saying that, "things that cannot talk, should not have more wisdom than you." But the scriptures make it clear, that non-living things can dominate your life.
3. Human beings can be mastered by things.



4. Human beings can become slave of things.

5. Things have power great enough to turn human beings into slaves.

## **CARNAL CRAVINGS**

The things, referred to in the scriptures, are the carnal minds, food, alcohol, fashion, jewelleries of all kinds, makeups, gambling, partying, night crawling, etc. These are carnal things. These are our carnal cravings, for which the flesh always calls.

You should not see things purely from a non-living perspective, or else, you will be completely ensnared. There is something spiritual about non-living things, that is difficult for the ignorant to understand. When a man under the influence of alcohol, staggers from one place to another, singing songs that he is normal, he is being controlled by the bottle of alcohol in his hand. He is a giant, but he is being controlled by an ordinary bottle. The place, where people take alcohol, is called the bar. That name is correct, because the bar is a bar to heaven, and a door to hell. A bar to wealth, and a door to hell. It is a door to poverty and wretchedness. It is a bar to honour and good things.

There are so many Christians, who are still under the bondage of alcohol. Some sisters eat chocolate that contains alcohol, it is equivalent to taking alcohol. Thieves say, "***You, money, or you, life; but alcohol will say, your money and your life***". The Bible calls alcohol, a mocker. It may lead to the prison. Alcohol is a cheat. It will receive more virtue from you, but gives you none. No wonder, God banned all his prophets from drinking alcohol.

## **HOOKED BY THE FLESH**

Household wickedness has carried the anointing of alcoholism, into some people's lives, in order to destroy them. It is very sad, to see a complete young man, being destroyed by alcohol. Alcohol is a slave master, ruling by a habit, that is difficult to throw off. Alcohol is a wicked kidnapper.

There is a proverbial pastor, Beetle. He prays like thunder. He is very quick, in calling thunder and fire on witchcraft. But, in the dark hours of the night, Pastor Beetle falls into uncontrollable power of masturbation. He is under a slave master. That slave master called masturbation, controls him.

A pastor was posted to one of the branches of the church, but it was noticed that the church was not growing. Even, the General Overseer did not understand what was happening, until he got an anonymous letter from the church, signed by six women, who did not include their names. The petition letter was just only one sentence, "The listed women confessed, that the so-called pastor slept with them". When a pastor is sleeping with six women in a church with thirty members, the pastor is under the anointing of a slave master.

Mr. Bow is the chairman of the largest company in his country, and he is highly respected. He is over six feet tall, and weighs over 150kg. But, whenever he sees the lipstick of his secretary, who is five feet tall and weighs 50kg, he becomes jelly and he will be ready to do everything for which the lady is asking. He became a slave to a greater power.

Many are hooked, by the latest fashion in vogue. Some have not even touched the one they have, but when they see something different, they go up to the extent of borrowing. They have become slaves to mundane things. Some people are under serious control of legitimate food. There are some people, who for no reason, but food, attend parties. They have been caged by food. Free food is free danger, which leads to bondage.

## **FLESHLY PASSIONS**

There is a woman, who lived in the same house, where I once lived, a bachelor. She had twins, and somebody gave her a satanic revelation, that she must cook beans every Friday. Other bachelors in that house would go and buy bread, once it Friday morning, getting ready to eat beans, that the woman will distribute to them. Without knowing the consequences, they became caged with food. Some people would even trek for miles, because they want to buy food, believed to be special. Some people are ready to fast,

as long as their nose smells no food, and their eye sees none. This is bondage, that has caged, mastered, and enslaved them.

Some are caged by cigarette. Cigarette will waste your money. It is produced, to reduce your efficiencies and impair your seriousness. Cigarettes will tarnish your skin and deprave your senses. Cigarettes will waste your life. It is a tragedy, when Philippians 3: 19 keeps happening in the life of many Christians. The Bible says:

***"Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things". Phil 3:19***

A lot of people are controlled, caged, and mastered by the power of things. Many years ago, where I worked, there was this difficult boss, who was not ready to be convinced by anybody. But, then, we noticed, that any lady who entered the boss's office, to ask for anything, would get what she requested for. He would sign the lady's application. There was a man, whose wife and new-born baby were locked up in the hospital, until they paid their bills. The man stood and was crying because the boss did not pay the man, so that he could go and pay what was required to release, or discharge his family from the hospital.

The young lady saw the man crying, and asked why he was crying. He explained, and immediately the lady took the letter for disbursement of funds to the boss. She came out with the letter approved. The boss had been caged, by the power of things.

## **THE SATANIC CAGE**

These are things the enemy uses to cage people, including Christians. But, Jesus said something in Matthew 26:41:

***"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak". Matt 26:41***

It is indeed true, that the Spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak. Legitimate sleep can also enslave. Jesus told the disciples at Gethsemane, that their

spirits were willing to pray, but their flesh was reluctant and desired sleep. When you have to be beaten before you wake up, then, you need deliverance, because if, you do not hear the physical voice, how will you hear the spiritual voice. You may be destroyed easily. It is good to sleep but sleep, should not cage your life.

Sex has controlled, and overpowered many lives. If you are a Christian, and you cannot control that area of your life, then, you are finished. Some people have lost their senses in the name of sex. Some people are normal, but when the power of sex catches on them, they become abnormal. You should not be brought under the power of the enemy. God has ordained sex for marriage. It is illegitimate outside marriage. Anything, that makes you to have sex outside marriage, is a bondage meant to cage your life.

Non-living things have some powers in the spiritual realm, by which they can enslave men and women. When some things have mastered your life and you no longer have the final say, it means you are really not in charge. Many people are not in charge, things around them are in charge. Some people are normal, but when they hear about money, they become abnormal.

## **MONEY DOMINATES**

Money will become a master, or enslave, once it dominates your life. It is saddening! Success in life is not rated by how much money you have; but how many people became happier and better, because you came to the world. Your success is what you leave behind, when you are gone. Your success is what people talk about, when you are gone.

A lot of people have allowed earthly things, to control their lives. Some will even violate the law given to them, because they are being controlled by the slave master. They are being dominated and controlled, by the power of lifeless things. Some people's lives are being controlled, by opinion of people about them. How can somebody, who dwells in darkness be regulating another who dwells in the light?

People go into debt, because of public opinion. They do what they could not afford to do, because of people's opinions. A lot of people get caged day and night. Some people go into debt, because they want to be popular. An adage says, "Cut your coat according to your cloth". This is the reason, why Paul cried in the Book of Romans, which says:

***"For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am I who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin". Rom 7:14-25***

Freedom can only come to you, through the stronger master, if you are being controlled by a lower slave master. You can only be free, if you are under the bondage of Jesus Christ. The origin of piercing of the ear is rooted in idolatry and slavery.

## **SATANIC PROPERTIES**

A woman came for a crusade at the Tafawa Balewa Square in Nigeria. She came for the crusade, because all her children were dead, and her husband kept following strange women. The preacher started by saying ninety-nine percent of jewelleries harbour spiritual serpents. Most of the jewelleries people use are made in Taiwan, China, and Bangkok. These nations are

entrenched in idolatry and occultism. Their things are, therefore, dedicated to idols.

There is no amount of anointing oil you pour on it that will neutralise it, because it is a property of Asian idols. The woman was ignorant of the preaching. She went home and slept. Later, she had a dream, that her box of gold was brought out, and the gold turned to a snake. When she woke up, she gave the gold up, and things began to change for her, positively.

Some people acquire their bondage willingly by themselves. What are those things in your life, that supply a ladder to the things, that want to dominate you?

**The Flesh:** The flesh is man's greatest enemy. Satan's temptation is only effective, because of your flesh. Dead men do not commit fornication. Dead men do not gossip. Dead men do not tell lies. When your flesh is dead, there are certain things that cannot dominate your life anymore. The reason why temptations are working against you is, because of your flesh. The foremost need for deliverance is, the deliverance from self. All bondages are an expression of self bondage.

The devil has a master plan, to destroy the whole of human race. The plan is the same for everyone. This plan is called the imprisonment of self. The greatest friend the devil has in your life is the flesh. The greatest supporter of the devil is the flesh. Self is the enemy of man. That is why Paul said, "But I put my body under subjection" You can deal with the devil and conquer witches, but you can still go to hell, because of the flesh.

When Adam and Eve left the garden of Eden, the religion they practised was called witchcraft. Self, will stop a believer from being a true disciple of Christ. Self is what makes people, who claim to be born again, become born-against God. Self will hinder you from living up to your divine spiritual potentials.

Every demonic problem, entails a problem with self. Lust is what you can call self-gratification, or self-indulgence. Rebellion is self rule. Fear is self-concern. Pride is self-prefix. There is self absorption, self-abuse, self-applause, self-centredness, self-consciousness, self-destruction, and self-worship.

Deliverance is not casting out demons alone. It entails delivering, what gives way to the demons. Bible heroes were not useful, until self was conquered. That is why the most difficult person, to know is yourself. When you want to increase in Christ, self must decrease. If you do not want to be dominated, by things, layout the self in you, or God will lay you aside.

There is always a constant war going on between the flesh and the spirit. If you feed your flesh, it will get stronger and overpower your spirit man. If you feed the spirit, the spirit gets stronger, and will overcome the flesh. You must be ruthless with your flesh. You must introduce military discipline, to control your flesh. The Bible calls sin the thorn in the flesh. The Bible calls flesh, our old man. The Bible calls the flesh, sin which dwells in sin.

## **ANOTHER LAW**

The Bible calls the flesh a law different from God's laws, but present within. The Bible calls the flesh the law of sin in our members. The Bible makes it clear that the flesh is the power of sin, which functions against the law of God. The Bible says, "***The flesh profiteth nothing. It is the spirit that quickeneth***" It says to be carnally minded is death, and to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

You have to invite the stronger spirit, to defeat the flesh. You will have to agree with what Jesus Christ did for you. The perfect recipe for making your life miserable is, to allow the flesh to rule you.

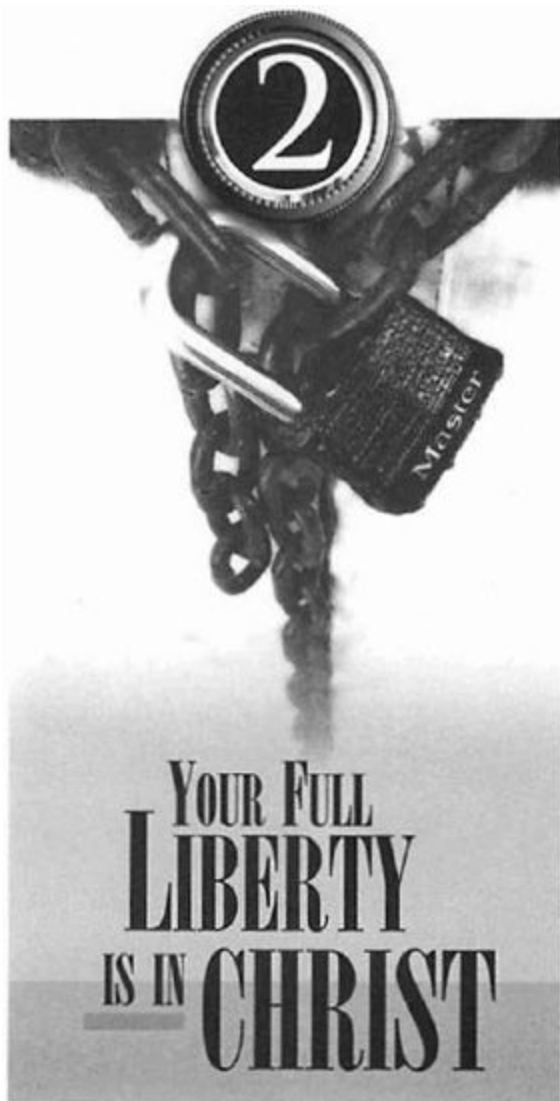
A Sunday school teacher was addicted to cigarette. After Sunday school, he would go out to smoke cigarettes. As he was taking the cigarette, he saw his pastor, and unconsciously threw the cigarette into his pocket, hoping the pastor will just greet and go, but the pastor waited for a while. Suddenly, smoke came out from his pocket and the cigarette fell on the ground. Both of them looked at it, and the pastor shook his head.

If you do not disgrace the flesh, the flesh will disgrace you. You must depart from the influence of flesh and sin, so that you will not be a slave master's victim.

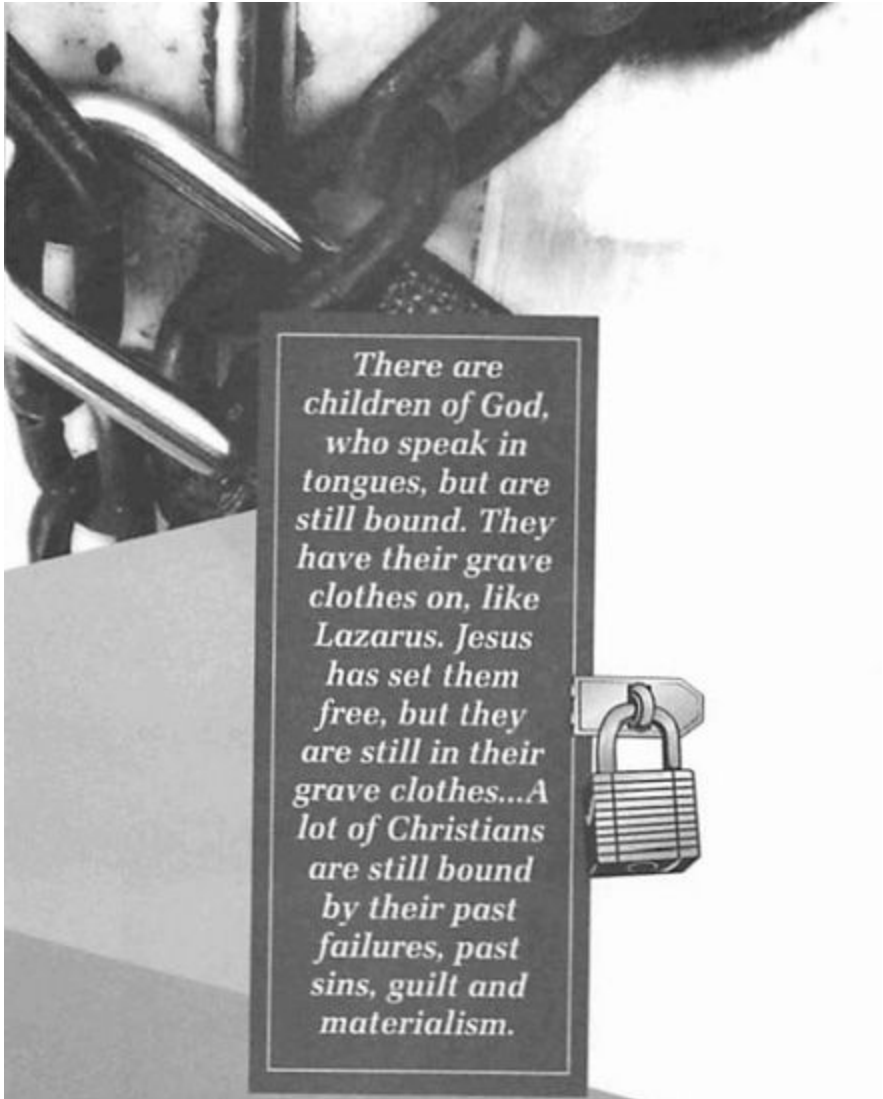
## **Prayer Points**

1. Negative dominion over my life, break, in the name of Jesus.
2. Every area in which the enemy has pushed me down, Oh God, raise me up, in the name of Jesus.
3. Anything in my life making me powerless, die, in the name of Jesus.
4. Arrows of evil dominion, get out of my life, in the name of Jesus.





YOUR FULL  
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A black and white photograph showing a person's hands and arms, possibly in a medical or industrial setting. The person is wearing a white garment, and their hands are positioned near a metal bar. A padlock is attached to the metal bar, symbolizing being bound or restricted. The background is dark and out of focus.

*There are children of God, who speak in tongues, but are still bound. They have their grave clothes on, like Lazarus. Jesus has set them free, but they are still in their grave clothes...A lot of Christians are still bound by their past failures, past sins, guilt and materialism.*

## 2

# YOUR FULL LIBERTY IS IN CHRIST

In John 11, we see one of the most interesting stories in the Bible. The friend of Jesus had been sick. They called Jesus, but He did not show up until four days, after the man had died.

*"Jesus therefore again groaning in himself cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it. Jesus said, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God? Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hast heard me. And I knew that thou hearest me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that thou hast sent me. And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go." John 11: 38-44*

## LET HIM GO

Lazarus was raised from the dead, by the power of God. Likewise, all that believe in Christ have been given a new life. They have been lifted out of the graveyard of sin and sorrow. Jesus said, "Loose him and let him go." It

means that he could not go, unless they loosed him. He could not go, because he was bound. Although Lazarus was raised from dead, he was still bound. He experienced liberty, but not freedom. Captivity was over, but he was still bound. The grips of death upon his life had been broken, but he was still bound. It is a double tragedy, that many believers are still walking around with grave clothes on.

There are children of God, who speak in tongues, but are still bound. They have their grave clothes on, like Lazarus. Jesus has set them free, but they are still in their grave clothes. This is the sad condition of many people today. A lot of Christians are still bound by their past failures, past sins, guilt and materialism.

Many believers are bound by traditions; that is why you see Christians going for chieftancy titles, and they allow evil people access to their heads, which are the symbols of their destiny.

Many believers are still bound by bad habits. Lazarus was alive, but was constrained; he could see, but through a veil; he could hear, but not clearly. Why? He was still in grave clothes. So, perhaps, you have been born again for years and you still cannot see, it means that something is blinding your spiritual eyes. You have to pray for the grave clothes, to be pulled off. Remember, when Paul preached in a particular place and the people fought and argued that he was speaking lies, he said, "***I have one last thing to tell you before I leave.***"

Remember, that what is happening to you is what was written by the prophets. That, "***behold, you wander and you perish***", for it is written, "I will send my words unto them, but hearing they will hear, but they will not understand, they will behold but cannot see. Their heart is already hardened, so that my hands cannot deliver them, so that they can perish." With that, Paul concluded the sermon.

If you have read through the whole of the Bible and decided to continue to be evil, a popular passage in the Book of Revelation says, "Continue." And if you want to continue to do good, it says, "***You may continue. But, behold, I come quickly and my reward is with me, and my reward can be bad or good, to give to every man according to the works of his hands.***"

## EVIDENCE OF GRAVE CLOTHES

Many people go to churches, where they do not understand the language, which their leaders speak. After the meetings, they come out, bring out their cigarettes and begin to smoke. As far as they are concerned, they are serving the Lord. That is bondage. Also, sex outside marriage is evidence, that a person is bound in grave clothes. A believer, who is working with a fake certificate, is bound in grave clothes. Obtaining sick leave papers, when you are not sick is an indication that you are in grave clothes. Sleeping and pretending to be praying, is a sign of being in grave clothes.

If you are the worst of human beings, when you are angry, you are in grave clothes. Masturbation, chronic impatience, and constant fear, are evidences, that there are grave clothes on. That is why Jesus said, "Loose him and let him go." The Lord said the same thing to Pharaoh. Unforgiving spirit, sexual sins, and failure to break all connections with the devil are evidences of grave clothes.

You claim to be born again, but still keep complimentary cards of your former boyfriends, it means that the grave clothes are still on. If not, why are you keeping them? Failure to confess every sin, envy, backbiting, and not Yielding every area of your life to God, are evidences of grave clothes.

If God is your lover, and you believe the Bible, which says that "***your Maker is your husband,***" you will not be in a hurry to get out from His presence. Rushing out of the service, without sharing the grace, an evidence of grave clothes. Not having on the whole armour of God, means there are grave clothes on.

## THE FLESH

The truth is that, the percentage of those, who are ready for the rapture is very little. Many people, who have seen visions of the rapture, but did not go up discovered that it was as a result of grave clothes on them. Grave clothes can be in the form of hair, and other body attachments.

A certain man was in very big trouble. He was sacked from five jobs. When he could not feed his family again, his wife ran away, leaving him with three daughters. To worsen his sorrow, his first daughter became pregnant, while in form three. When he tried to beat her, she said, "Daddy, all the time I did not ask you for bus fare to school, from where do you think the money I was using came?" The man was very sad, so he cried unto the Lord in prayers.

He, really, cried to God, and you know, God never rejects the cry from the heart. The Lord Jesus appeared to him, while he was praying. The man was very happy. He wanted the Lord Jesus to sympathise with him. He wanted the Lord to promote him, and give him deliverance from all his troubles. He wanted comfort, fairness and divine justice. But to his amazement, the Lord pointed at him and said, "***Your problem is rooted in you, and not in the enemy.***"

## **THE BATTLE**

The Lord told him that, that was the hardest part of his Christian life. "***You have not even agreed, that you are your own problem. You are only deceiving yourself, by blaming the devil. I am the Almighty. I am not struggling with the devil. I desire that your flesh must submit to me. I want to dethrone you from the centre of your life and be your Lord, but you have not allowed me to do so***".

"You must contend with this power of your flesh, which is hindering my work, and preventing me from doing, what I want to do in your life," The Lord said. The man was surprised, but for the first time, he got the blunt truth, which they say, is sometimes very bitter. You see, the devil is not really the issue, as much as the power of the flesh. It is the flesh, that is hanging grave clothes onto the body.

***"For the flesh lust against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh and these are contrary the one to the other, so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." Galatians 5: 17***

The flesh is fighting against the spirit, and the spirit is fighting against the flesh. Two of them are contrary, so that you cannot do the things, you are supposed to do. Here, lies the secret of victory, against any form of satanic attack. Here, lies the victory for you to make heaven, without anybody pulling you down. If a dry fast is declared for seven days in the church, what do you think will happen? Some people will protest loudly. Some say, "Do you not know that we will go to work?" Some would say, "***They want to kill people in this place.***" Others would say, "***I have been telling you about that church, you see now, they want seven days dry fast.***" That is the power of flesh. They forget that there is something called, the bread of heaven. Once you eat that one, you lose the desire to eat the one that is here on earth.

## **THE DEATH SENTENCE**

If for example, you go on three days dry fast, you find out that by the third day, even if someone is abusing you, you are not able to talk much. The secret of that, is that, Mr. Flesh has been weakened. That is the value of fasting. It does not change God; it is you that has to change, because the flesh lusts against the spirit and the spirit too, lusts against the flesh. The two of them are always fighting. When you begin to starve one, say the flesh, your spirit man now becomes stronger. That is the value of fasting. You can pray with more concentration, with more fire, and, then, get result.

God has issued a death sentence on Mr. Flesh: "***Dust thou art and unto the dust thou shall return.***" It is the spirit man inside you, that will return back to God. The flesh knows that, it is not going to depart from the dust and it wants to pull you along, if you allow it.

The devil comes in, when we open the door to him through our uncrucified flesh. Our toughest battle is not with the devil, it is with the flesh. The devil is continually looking for open doors, through which he can enter to attack us.

***"Hereafter I will not talk much with you for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me." John 14: 30***

There was no place in the flesh of Jesus, to which the devil could have access. Jesus was dead to Himself. He was dead to His own desires, and His own agenda.

## **SCANNING MACHINES**

The power of darkness, operates the most powerful scanning machines. As you are now, they can see you clearly, in and out. They know, whether any part of them is in you. They know how strong you are; they know those, who are spiritual, and those who are not. They know those, who pray in the morning before going out, they know those, who do not pray. They know those, who do their quiet time. and those who do not. They know those, who are merely warming the benches in the church, and who are not really serious with the Lord.

They know those, who are in the church to look for good, obedient, submissive wives; and they know those, who are looking for very brilliant and rich husbands. They can detect the smallest compromise. They know the cleverly concealed sin. They know the evil habits you are covering. That is why the day of judgment would be very interesting. There are many things we do not know now, but on that day, everything will be made manifest.

Jesus made one statement: "***That which was done under the bed shall be proclaimed on housetops.***" The person will be shouting it; he will have a megaphone and will be shouting it and everybody will know, what he has covered. Those things inside your heart, which the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit is saying, "***Son, this is not good, daughter, this is bad,***" and you ignore His voice, those are the grave clothes. You have liberty but not freedom.

How can a believer go and buy clothes on credit. And, then, she puts on the dress and would not pass the front of the shop of the person, who sold the dress to her for fear of the person saying, "***You see the dress that woman is wearing, she has not paid for it.***" It is the grave clothes. Why do not you wash the ones you have, keep them clean, and wear them?





**THE PERIL OF AN  
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## THE PERIL OF AN UNCRUCIFIED FLESH

The devil defeats Christians, who celebrate an uncrucified flesh. The devil defeats Christians, who leave the doors of their lives open to him. He is looking for houses to dwell in. He is looking for landing spaces, and any area of a person's life can be his landing space, if you submit to him.

Mr. Flesh can completely paralyse the destiny of somebody, if he submits any part of his life to him. If you submit your hair, he will grab it. If you submit your head, he will grab it; if you submit your thought, he will grab it. If you submit your marriage, he will grab it. If you submit your sex life, he will grab it. If you submit even ordinary fingernail, he will grab it. There are some people now, who have stopped cutting their fingernails, and they are as long as those of the vultures and they have them painted up.

### **MR FLESH!**

Some people buy and put on extra nails, and paint them with mermaid colours. Then, they start writing to us that, they need deliverance from spirit husbands, those singing worldly songs, that would send people to hell fire, were trained by the church, but they are now used by the devil.

***"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affection and lusts." Galatians 5: 24***

So, if you find that the enemy is strengthening himself against you, may be you do not know, just like physical men find some women very attractive, there are spirits, that find some women very attractive. Those are the spirits, who go about at night, violating women and sexually harassing them. We should not make their job easy. Immediately, you are dressing to make their job easy, they will visit you.

The church is a house of God, a holy place, not a place you come wearing transparent dresses. Or you are a man, you open your shirt and show the chain you put on, for all to see. If you come before God, you must submit and humble yourself.

If you submit your lips to the enemy, he will grab it. The number of men of God, who hear from God clearly is reducing, because of polluted ears. If you submit your ears to the enemy, he will grab them. If you submit your mouth to the enemy, he will grab it. If you submit your job to him, he will grab it. If your kind of job requires, that you tell lies every time, you better looked for another job, before you end up in hell fire.

Pray to God for another job, where you will not be telling lies. If you submit your eyes to the enemy, he will use them. If you give him your ambition, he will use it. If you give him your certificate, he will use it. If you give him your voice, he will use it. Most of So, if you find that the enemy is strengthening himself against you, the area to check is your flesh. The thief in you, must die. The hypocrisy in you, must die, and the iniquity in you, must die, so that the Spirit of God can use your life as He wants.

They that belong to Christ, must crucify the flesh with the affection and lust. That is, if you do not belong to Christ, you can live your life the way you want. But, at the end of the day, you will arrive at the gate of life and the gate-keeper will say, "***We don't have your name here. You are our enemy. Get out, you worker of iniquity.***" You may say, "***Well, I will be doing it, little by little.***" ***The danger with little by little is, that, you do not know the day the Lord will say, "Son, it is enough. Come home."*** What we are saying is, that, Mr. death does not give you advance notice.

Somebody brought money to Peter and said, "***Take this money, and give me this gift, so that whoever I pray for, will receive the Holy Spirit and***

*will be speaking in tongues."* Peter looked at him and said, *"Your money perish with you."* That is, there was nothing in Peter, that would respond to that sensation and temptation for money.

## **CRUCIFY THE FLESH**

Peter allowed God to crucify that area in his life. But, this is the only area, where the flesh is on the throne in many lives. The Bible says, that we came to the world with nothing, and that we will go away with nothing. You came to the world fasting, and you will go back with an empty stomach. Why should you glue yourself to this sinking world, because you do not want to crucify the flesh?

The flesh is anything that is not energised by the Holy Spirit, and is always fighting you. You want to read your Bible, it says, "sleep." You want to pray, and that would be when somebody will annoy you, and you spend two hours fighting. You want to pray, and it is that time, they bring a vampire movie and you begin to watch. Many Christians engage in activities, not ordained by the Holy Spirit. To get rid of our grave clothes, the bottom-line is, that God should rule our flesh. Do not deceive yourself. Do not think that the flesh will improve, it cannot improve. It is rotten to the core.

***"For we are the circumcision, which worship God in the spirit, and rejoice in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh."  
Philippians 3:3***

There should be no confidence in the flesh, for the flesh is dangerous and has no mercy. The flesh is harder to deal with than the devil.

All in all, you cannot bind your own flesh. The flesh is the harder problem, it needs to be crucified. Self-centredness, lack of discipline, boasting and stubbornness are nothing more, than the flesh refusing to submit to the Holy Spirit. Many churchgoers are very stubborn. A stubborn person will say, "I will do it in my own way." But, the Bible says, ***"Woe unto those that are at ease in Zion."*** It also says, ***"If you walk with footmen and you are weary, what will you do, when you are asked to walk with the horsemen?"***

Many of the problems we have, as individuals, are caused by Mr. Flesh. For example, inability to take the right decisions, plain disobedience to God, looseness with the opposite sex, emotional problems, bad thinking, boiling anger, etc. We must take responsibilities for our own lives. When you say, "Mr. Flesh, die," heavens will rejoice, and they will come to your aid. If you have not pointed your finger to yourself, and say; "It is you that annoyed me; you made me to say this, you made me to say that," you are not serious, yet. But, the day you point accusing finger to yourself, heaven will rejoice, and will come to your aid.

## **SPIRITUAL CIRCUMCISION**

Our most difficult problem is facing ourselves. In 1979, one brother prayed, and said that one sister was his wife. The pastor invited both him and the sister, and said to the sister: "***This brother has prayed and he says, you are his God's chosen wife.***" The lady looked at the pastor and looked at the brother from head to toe and said, "***Sorry, pastor, this one that is sitting down beside you cannot carry my load.***" The pastor said, "***Which load are you carrying, that this person cannot help you to offload.***" She said, "***Pastor, that is my decision and that is it.***" As at year 2002, that sister was still looking for somebody to help her carry that load.

## **OVERCOME THE FLESH**

It is the foot men, that are around now, but eventually they will go, and the horse riders will come in, and things will get worse, because that is what the Bible says. Evil men shall wax stronger and stronger, and peace will disappear, unless we welcome the Prince of peace and the Lord of lords.

Everyday, we come across people, who are trying to train Mr. Flesh more and more. They want to train Mr. Flesh, not to overeat. They want to train their minds to think right, but they cannot train the flesh, because the Bible says, "***Those that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh, they that are after the spirit do mind the things of the spirit.***" The flesh cannot please God. It cannot, because it is in enmity with God. It is in contention

with the Spirit of God, and cannot fight the spiritual battle, which we fight everyday.

## **HOW DO WE OVERCOME THE FLESH?**

### 1. LEAVE NO PLACE FOR THE FLESH.

***"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lust thereof." Romans 13:14***

Do not make provision for the flesh. When you plan to buy extra clothes, that you do not need, when you plan to buy extra food you will not eat, when you plan to watch a video film, that you know will bring lust into your life, when you are meditating on what to say to hurt another person, then, you are making provision for the flesh.

Make life hard for the flesh. When next it says, "***Do not greet so and so,***" go and buy a gift, look for the person, greet the person and give him the gift. When you do that, you are killing Mr. Flesh. You are not giving it provision to operate. When you, a single girl, follows a man you do not know, to some place, when you, a woman, asking for a lift from an unknown man, you are making provision to cause trouble for yourself.

You know that you were once be a palm wine drinker, now, you are born again, do not accompany anybody to the place again so that the smell would not enter into your spirit. If you go there, it means you are making provision to commit sin again. That is what Romans 13:14 says,

***"But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not prouision for the flesh, to fulfill the lust thereof" Rom 13:14***

### 2. BRING THE FLESH UNDER SUBJECTION. We are to make the flesh a slave to God.

***"But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a***

**castaway." 1 Corinthians 9: 27**

***"That ye put off concerning the former conversation, the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts. "Ephesians 4: 22***

Put off the coat of the old man, and put on the coat of the new man. You cannot put on two coats at the same time. The old man must go, and the new man must come in. If your Christianity has not got to the level, where somebody says, "**Ah, he has changed,**" you are still a joker.

The Bible says, that no man can serve two masters. You cannot walk down two roads at the same time. You cannot walk in the way of holiness and in the way of sin.

You have to put the flesh under subjection. What does it mean to bring it under subjection? To ignore its advice and suggestions. Tell it all the time, that you are the chairman, so, it has to take your own instructions. When it says, "Go and do this," you disobey, and do the opposite. When it says, "Can you not notice, that when this one is passing, she does not greet anybody, so, any time she is coming just carry your face away," you should now do the opposite. You greet the person very well.

3. PUT OFF THE OLD MAN, AND PUT ON THE NEW MAN.

4. DENY THE FLESH. Jesus said, if any person would come after Him, let the person deny himself, and take his cross and follow Him.

***"If any man or woman will be my disciple let him first deny himself and then follow me." Matthew 16:14***

This means, that you have to put Mr. Flesh on the shelf. Whatever you have, put it aside. Put your pride aside. If Mr. Flesh says, "**They have insulted you, charge at them;**" you say, "**No, I will not have been nailed to the cross."**

5. MORTIFY YOUR MEMBERS.



***"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory. Mortify therefore your members, which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry." Colossians 3: 1-5***

If you do not mortify the members of your flesh, you are an idol worshipper. You have to focus on, what God has already done for us on the cross.

**6. REGARD THE FLESH CRUCIFIED AND REMIND IT EVERYDAY, THAT IT IS ALREADY DEAD.**

***"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit." Galatians 5:24-25***

Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless, yet I live, but I live now the life of Jesus, Son of God who died for me." The old Paul had been dead many years ago, the new Paul was walking along the street, then. It was the old Paul that a serpent could bite and he would die, but the crucified one could not die like that.

**7. THE PEOPLE THE DEVIL FEARS MOST ARE THOSE, WHO HAVE CRUCIFIED THE FLESH. He knows he cannot find any entrance in them.**

**8. LIVE AN EXCHANGED LIFE. You should put one life down, and take another. According to where others are failing, I shall succeed by fire, in the name of Jesus.**

Galatians 2:20, the new life is to replace the old one. You cannot be doing two things at a time.

When you are moving close to solution, and you see your sad condition, you have started making progress. The day a mad man begins to ask questions like, "Why am I wearing these clothes? What am I doing here? Why are you all starring at me?" His solution has started. But when the mad man has dirty clothes on, and says, "Give me iron, I want to iron them," then solution is not in sight yet.

You should now pray like John Knox. The same God who answered his prayer, made it impossible for demons and host of hell to paralyse his destiny, is still alive.

## **Prayer Points**

1. Oh God, break me, in the name of Jesus.
2. Oh God, kill the iniquity in my life, in the name of Jesus.
3. Every hindrance to open doors in my life, give way by fire, in the name of Jesus.
4. Spiritual blindness, clear out of my life, in the name of Jesus.

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