## SPIRITUAL WITCHCRAFT

Spiritual witchcraft is a form of witchcraft that is very prevalent, even in the church. Most that are guilty have no idea that they are operating in a form of witchcraft. They get people to do what they want by manipulating them. This can vary in intensity from the cult leader who has absolute control over those in his cult to the person who dominates another - husband over his wife, parent over a child, a "friend" over someone passive and fearful.

The devil controls, forces, and dominates to get us to do what he wants. This can be seen in such things as sexual, drug, and alcohol addictions, as well as less obvious areas like uncontrolled eating, pornography addictions or habitual lying. He wants to control us instead of the Holy Spirit leading us. Although the Lord wants us to do what He wants or directs, He doesn't force us, but instead gives us a choice – to choose life or death.

## Deuteronomy 30:19

"I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants,"

Examples of the most common forms of spiritual witchcraft include someone getting their way by: intimidating another to action with anger; making someone feel guilty enough to do something; seducing someone into action; or even a strong emotional display in an attempt to move another. The boss who, through fear, controls his employees or the mother who has beaten her daughter down through total domination are examples of this. The controlling person, in essence, becomes lord over the other, directing what they will do. This violates the scripture that says we are to take every thought captive and to be obedient to Jesus:

## 2 Corinthians 10:3-5

"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh,

for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

{We are} destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and {we are} taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,"

The person being controlled by spiritual witchcraft will often exhibit some of or all of the characteristics normally associated with witchcraft. These include depression, confusion, fear, disorientation, and loss of vision.

At the same time, there is often a soul tie established in these type situations that must be broken for the one under the influence of another to get free.