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# 1

## The Conscience

If there is anything that needs deliverance, it is the human conscience. Experience and spiritual research has proved that the conscience or the mind has remained one of the most troubled spots in life. The problem that can be traced to an attacked or bewitched conscience is very difficult to solve. Those who are going through conscience - related problems are simply confused as they do not know what to do to get out of the wood.

The conscience is not only a psychological entity, it is a spiritual entity. When powers of darkness join forces together to wage war on the conscience or the mind it often gets catastrophic. It is rather unfortunate that the greatest battle which many have fought and lost have been traced to problem emanating from the conscience.

The weight of the conscience differs from one person to another. In the same vein battles that are related to the conscience also come in various sizes and shapes. No matter the level of the problem or the battle of the conscience, those who go through such situations know that nobody can enjoy the consequences of a troubled conscience. Unfortunately, nine out of ten people go about with consciences that are besieged by contrary forces. Many people know that they have had deep problems with their conscience at one time or the other.

However; few people have been able to detect the solution to all kinds of conscience-related problems.

Thinkers, philosophers, sociologists, physiologists and all those who are in the field of human relations have continued to grapple with problems issuing from the conscience.

A lot of people have given upon the search for a solution to the problems of the conscience.

A lot of people are looking for real or lasting solutions to the problem that are bothering their conscience. Many are asking to know whether it is possible to experience total deliverance from the problems that have made their conscience a troubled spot, yet the deliverance of the conscience is a possibility. God has power to set your conscience free from all forms of evil domination and attack.

This book is written to provide help to all those who are searching for help in the area. You cannot read this book and carry out the divine prescription in it and remain a victim of satanic attack. The book is meant to turn your heart from a satanic workshop to a divine arena where peace, holiness, tranquillity and everything that is good reign.

However, you must get yourself ready for divine blessing by taking the following prayer points:

*Thou that troubleth my Israel, my God shall trouble you, in the name of Jesus.*

*Every leaf of satan, every leaf of witchcraft in my body, dry up and die in the name of Jesus.*

*Negative powers in my destiny, blood of Jesus swallow them, in the name of Jesus.*

*You kingdom of darkness in my family, hear the word of the Lord, your hand will not perform your enterprise, in the name of Jesus.*

*Every witchcraft animal in my dream, what are you waiting for? Die, in the name of Jesus.*

*Point of contact of the enemy in my life, die right now, in the name of Jesus.*

*Every witchcraft altar in my place of residence, die, in the name of Jesus.*

## **A UNIVERSAL PHENOMENON**

Everyone has a conscience. Hence the problem of the conscience is universal. God has deposited in the heart of every mortal a secret device

which registers the pulse of the human mind. Although the device cannot force anyone into any action, yet it speaks the language of authority. It may not be able to hold your hand or your legs, yet it can agitate your mind or accuse you if you happen to be an evil doer. You may decide to hide within the crowd thinking that you may never be detected, yet it will find you out.

The conscience has been empowered by God to act as a secret policeman to pursue and arrest you whenever you go wrong. The conscience is God's intelligent officer resident in every heart, it also has powers to darken your thought if you decide to tread the path of unrighteousness. The conscience can trace you anywhere you are, irrespective of the activities you are carrying out. Even if you are too busy to yield to the voice of your neighbours the conscience will still succeed in speaking to you. Even if you are asleep, the conscience can reach you, when you are half awake and half asleep. It can come to you in your most quiet moment and accuse you before the Almighty. You may argue and prove your point brilliantly, but the moment you keep quiet, it will convict you and leave a burden of guilt in your mind.

God has given the conscience the power to discern our deepest secret. The conscience has also been empowered with the ability to report you to God. In fact, you can call the conscience the spy of the Almighty. Romans 2:12-15 says:

**For as many as have sinned without the law shall also perish without law: and as many as have sinned in the law shall be judged by the law; <sup>13</sup> (For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified. <sup>14</sup>For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves: <sup>15</sup>Which shew the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience also bearing witness, and their thoughts the mean while accusing or else excusing one another.)**

The conscience is the divine Bible that is resident in every heart. Therefore, if anybody dies today without having any access to the Bible. such a person is an inexcusable sinner because the conscience has the wherewithal to condemn him. What does this mean? In all nations of the



world there are certain things which everybody knows to be bad. These things are condemned universally.

For example, there is no nation of the world where it is said that stealing is right. Nobody needs the Bible to say that. Also there is no nation of the world where it is acceptable that you can kill somebody. The conscience of every human being knows that this is wrong.

There is also no nation of the world where lying is viewed as the right thing to do. The human conscience knows that lying is bad. Therefore, those who have no access whatsoever to the written word of God, the Bible, has an unwritten Bible in their own conscience. Therefore, those who do what is right shall be justified by their conscience, while those who do what is bad shall be condemned by their conscience.

The human conscience is the strongest and the most credible witness in all matters. God has so done it that it has the characteristic of a faithful judge in respect of every human being in the world. However, you can decide to disregard what your conscience says to you. But that does not make you guiltless. We can safely say that in many nations of the world people have had access to the gospel. Many people in the modern day are therefore wilful sinners. They have heard the gospel several times but have decided to turn deaf ears even when their consciences continue to trouble them.

The Bible says, "For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh. How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" (Hebrews 9:13-14).

Although the human conscience has enormous capability, it is so weak that it can only perform God's ordained work of leading you to the path of righteousness when it is purged and transformed by God. Unless you have a purged conscience, you cannot serve God acceptably.

Let us examine a story in the Bible which will make us to understand the depth of the power of the conscience. Certain men did certain things and

with the passage of time they concluded that they had escaped. They never expected that their conscience would find them out. Just when they thought that they had succeeded in getting away with their misdeeds, the cat was let out of the bag; their secret became known publicly.

**And Joseph was the governor over the land and he it was that sold to all the people of the land, and Joseph's brothers came, and bowed down themselves before him with their faces to the earth. And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said. From the land of Canaan to buy food. And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them. Ye are spies, to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. And they said unto him, Nay, my Lord, but to buy food are thy servants come. We are all one man's sons, we are true men, thy servants are no spies. And he said unto them. Nay, but to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. And they said. Thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan, and behold, the youngest in this day is with our father, and one is not. And Joseph said unto them, "That is it that I spake unto you, saying. Ye are spies. "Here by ye shall be proved. By the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come Jaither. Send one of you and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether there be any and lo, it is even in my sack, and their heart failed them and they were afraid, saying one to another, What is this that God hath done unto us? And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and told him all that befell unto them, saying. The man, who is the Lord of the land, spake roughly to us, and took us for: spies of the country. And we said unto him. We are true men, we are no spies. We be twelve brethren, sons of our father in the land of Canaan. And the man, the Lord of the country said unto us hereby shall I know, that ye are true men. Leave one of your households, and be gone. And bring your youngest brother unto me then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that yea re true me, so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffic in the land. (Genesis 42:6-34).**

Joseph's brothers had a conscience, they recalled the evil they had done and their consciences pricked them. This passage shows us that their conscience was at work. Although what they did happened several years before that time, their conscience was quickened when they came face to face with one whom they offended. What happened to them was an example of what can be referred to as guilty conscience. Their conscience was not dead. However, the way things are today, the consciences of many people are completely dead.

The truth is that many consciences need serious deliverance. Many people who are unable to hear the voice of God have serious problems with their consciences. Many do not know that the voice of conscience is the voice of God. If you can just train yourself on how to listen to the voice of the conscience, you will be able to hear the voice of God clearly. You only need to train your conscience, get it regenerated, saturate your spirit with the word of God, you will hear the voice of God clearly. Of course, not everyone will hear the voice of God as Elijah did. But every one of us has access to the voice of conscience which communicates the mind of God to everyone of us.

We need to undertake a study of the spiritual anatomy of man. Man is made up of body, soul and spirit. Man is a spirit, living in a body and having a soul. The body, the soul and the spirit, each has three departments.

Let us begin with the body. The body is made of the following parts:

- ➔ ***The Flesh***
- ➔ ***Bones***
- ➔ ***Blood***

These three departments of the body can be affected by any problem. They would need deliverance whenever any problem affects the body. For example, if you are filled with lust and fleshly passion, your flesh needs deliverance. Your bone can also be delivered., I once came across a 17-year-old boy who told me that he was suffering from cancer of the bone. The boy simply needs deliverance. What would have happened to the boy's bone at age 17? It was simply a spiritual attack.

Again, your blood may require deliverance if you are the type who suffers the attack of malaria on a regular basis. Your blood needs deliverance from demonic malaria parasites that have affected your blood. More so, when medical doctors are not able to get at the root of your sickness. Such a person may need deliverance from the spirit of malaria.

A lot of people today needs deliverance from the spirit of polluted blood. For example, if you ever had incisions in your body, your blood would need deliverance. The knife used for the incision would, no doubt, have had contact with your blood.

Again, if you have been poisoned physically or spiritually, your blood needs deliverance. Those who have injected hard drugs into their bodies need to undergo deliverance of the blood. If you ever drank poison just because you wanted to attempt suicide you need deliverance. Your blood has been polluted, even though you did not die.

The soul has three compartments:

- ➔ ***The mind***
- ➔ ***The will***
- ➔ ***The emotion***

Any of the three departments listed above can get into trouble. The mind may need deliverance. Your will may also need deliverance. A lot of people are very weak in their will. Someone once told me that her will was so weak that she could never say no to any man that came asking her to go to bed with him. She would almost go to bed with a mad man just because her will was very weak.

The emotion can also need deliverance. A lot of people who are emotionally unstable need deliverance. Such people vacillate between joyful mood and depression. One moment they laugh infectiously, only to weep uncontrollably the next moment. That is a sign of emotional sickness. Those who are unnecessarily disturbed emotionally need to go through the deliverance of the emotion.

The spirit is also made up of three departments:

→ *knowledge*

→ *Spiritual communication*

→ *Conscience*

These three parts can also fall into serious trouble. For example, one's knowledge can either come under attack or be inhibited. Also, someone's spiritual communication can be broken or disrupted. There are those who go about complaining, "I don't know what is wrong with me. I have been praying for several years but God does not seem to have answered me." Someone once told me that he has never heard a single word from the Lord. The same person also told me that he regularly saw his grandfather in the dream. The fellow needed deliverance. Many things can also go wrong with the conscience, the third department of the spirit.

What you have read so far shows that every human being on earth can hear the voice of God in two ways:

Through God's creation.

Through the conscience of man

Creation is an external witness thing which conveys to us the voice of God; the conscience is an internal witness. The conscience is God's policeman. It is a witness to the existence of God. It is possible for some people to live as if there was no God. But, they know, deep in their minds, that there is God. It is possible to argue against the existence of God and win but that does not mean that the people's argument is right.

A debate took place several years ago in a popular university. The debate ran for several weeks. One of the groups argued that: "There is no God. All evidences point to the fact that God does not exist. If God really exists, all the evils going on in the world would not have continued." The group asked such questions as,. "Why does God continue to allow people to get sick? Why are many people dying? Why is evil increasing in the world?"

The second group maintained that there is God. They simply stated that it would have been impossible for things that exist in creation to form themselves and bring themselves into existence. They stated that there must

be an intelligent mind behind creation. In their opinion the order that exists in creation must have a divine personality behind it.

After the movers and opposers of the motion had aired their opinions, a moderator rounded off. He came up with a brilliant statement, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is my own closing remark: According to the Law of logic, it is not reasonable to believe that there is God. However, if you say that He does not exist, if you die and you discover that He exists, He will subject you to terrible judgment."

There was pin-drop silence in the auditorium after his final remark. He happened to be a priest. Everyone knew that there was a lot of sense in his remark. The truth is that we all know that even those who argued that there was no God did not really believe what they were saying.

We must understand that the human conscience can go mad. Everybody who has ever lived will stand before God without excuse on the final day of judgement. Each person's conscience will accuse him before the Almighty. Even if you were busy serving all kinds of idols today, your conscience will stand against you on the final day. The conscience that has always been inseparable from your life will one day speak out before God that you have no excuse. Each of us has a conscience, although we may not be able to analyse the role our conscience is playing in our lives. Also, you may not be able to control your conscience, yet it is there.

## **WHAT IS CONSCIENCE?**

It is a compound word made up of two words, "con" and "science." The word "con" here means together or in conjunction with. The word "science" means knowledge.

Therefore, conscience means co-knowledge. In other words, knowledge that is held together. This knowledge is the link between you and God.

What does it mean? Let me illustrate with the following statements:

I have sinned, and I have lied

I know that I have sinned and that I have lied

God knows that I have sinned and that I have lied

I know that God knows that I have sinned and that I have lied

God knows that I know that I have sinned and that I have lied.

This is the essence of the conscience. It means that you have the same knowledge with God.

**Conscience is a faculty of power of the mind by which we distinguish between right and wrong.**

I remember talking to a man who told me that he had seven and a half wives. According to him, he actually has seven wives while he was yet to get fully married to the eighth whom he had only engaged. He held a meeting with the seven of them to draw a timetable of the days he would sleep with each of them.

Surprisingly, he came for counselling, saying that some unseen hands had been pulling his hair when he slept each night. He said that he was a deacon in his church. I told him the truth of the gospel, that he needed to make immediate restitution. His response was a shock to me. He said that according to statistical analysis there were more women than men adding, "Believe me, I am doing the world a great favour by clearing some of the women in the streets and putting them under my roof."

His conscience had a serious problem. He did not know the difference between right and Wrong.

**Conscience is the faculty within us that testifies to us concerning the standard of God.**

When you come across anybody who lives as if he had no standard, it means such a fellow has a dead conscience. The conscience can also be defined as the requirement of the law of God written in our hearts.

**It is the independent witness within us. the gift of God which is indestructible.**

**It is the internal judge sitting inside the internal court. Inside the heart of man.**

There is a court in the heart of every man or woman. You can decide to shout the judge to a halt but the judge will still speak to you after sometime.

**Conscience is the internal voice that sits in judgement over our will or choices in life.**

It is the ability to know the difference between right and wrong. It is that faculty within us that judges our actions and thoughts by divine standard.

It is that thing within us which commends the good and condemns the bad. It is the counsel of the human heart. It is the still small voice that makes you feel smaller. That was the kind of voice that spoke to Elijah when he needed to hear from God.

It is the prophetic ministry of the inner man. For example, when Joseph's brethren got into trouble, this internal prophet spoke quietly to their hearts.

It is the inner register which records in detail all things done. The Bible says, "The sin of Judah is written with a pen; it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars" (Jeremiah 17:1).

Men and women will be amazed on the day of judgement. At the press of a button the details of evil deeds of men and women will be blasted from a loud speaker. Whatever you have done on earth would be uttered when the power of conscience nudges. If God could give a man enough intelligence to manufacture a midget cassette which can record secret conversations, that God who created our conscience can do more than that. All your deeds and conversations are being recorded by the secret recorder called the conscience.

**Conscience is the inner accuser that lodges a complaint Against us when we are guilty.**

**It is our inner defender that sighs with us in our innocence. It is the inward executioner that afflicts us when guilt is discovered.**

Therefore, when your conscience is still good and you decide to violate what you have been told, the conscience will bring punishment, fear, guilt, anxiety, inner turmoil, shame, depression, etc. That shows that you have a conscience that is still alive.



Recently, somebody carried out a research. According to him, 65 per cent of those who are admitted into the hospital would not have gone there if they had undergone deliverance from refusal or inability to forgive those who have offended them.

Some people tell lies without feeling guilty about it. Something is wrong with their conscience. Some can steal without feeling that they have done anything wrong, they are never upset.

Recently, a sister ran back to my counselling room after I had prayed with her. I was surprised when she told me that five minutes after I prayed with her, she came across one of the armed robbers that attacked her recently. I asked to know what happened during the encounter. She said that the armed robber flashed a smile at her, saying, "good morning. Madam." It was very clear that the armed robber recognized her. His conscience must have been completely dead.

Many people do terrible things and are never disturbed. Such people have an evil conscience. There is no doubt that many things have gone wrong with the consciences of men and women in this nation and in other parts of the world.

To make matters worse, something has equally gone wrong with the consciences of many Christians today. Many people's consciences need serious deliverance. The enemy has captured the consciences of millions of people today. He is out to destroy as many lives as possible.

A brother once told me that armed robbers invaded the house of a particular sister. After stealing lots of valuables, they wanted to rape her. Somehow the sister was smart. She simply said, "Uncle Thief, don't rape me." She kept on shouting the statement several times until the thief got embarrassed and erupted in a laughter which went on until he dropped his gun. That was how God saved the sister from being raped. Of course, the thief still had a conscience. I wonder if some so-called Christians have that kind of conscience. However, not all thieves or robbers have that kind of conscience.

Somebody once told me of a robbery invasion of a particular household. The armed robber was disappointed that there was not much to steal. Angry and disappointed, they asked the family, "But why are you people so poor?" The head of the family was somewhat unwise and came up with a reply that landed his family into trouble.

"We are so poor because we have so many children."

Do you know what the robbers did? They shot four of the children and said to the man, "This serves you right. Maybe you will become rich with a smaller family." Of course, those robbers had no conscience. Their conscience was sick or dead.

Something happened in Europe several years ago when I was a student there. I read an article in the dailies that disturbed me several days. A man was arrested and arraigned before a judge for killing his wife. The man cried like a baby telling the judge that he was not the one who killed the woman. Nobody knew the truth of the case as the dead woman was not there to tell the judge who actually killed her. The only witness against the man was his 14 year old son. The boy said, "Liar, you killed my mummy." At the end, the man was sentenced to die by hanging.

Eight years later, something happened that shocked everyone. A 22-year-old boy heard the message of salvation and gave his life to Christ. He happened to be the boy who at the age of 14 told the judge that his mother was killed by his father. The boy confessed that he was the one who killed his own mother. But his conscience was there. The conscience accused him later and brought out the truth. The message of salvation broke the chain with which his conscience had been bound. Meanwhile, his innocent father had been executed over an offence that he did not commit.

Let me tell you at this point that the conscience is the most effective police officer. You can never go beyond its reach. Your conscience will always find you out. You may appear very smart today, you may even do terrible things without being affected, but one of these days, your conscience will win the battle and you will break down without any iota of resistance.

The only thing you can do today is to cry unto God in repentance. Unfortunately, these days cry from a repentant heart is becoming a scarce commodity. So-called born again Christians are doing terrible things while they continue to play religion. People do not feel sorry for what they are doing. Many Christians are going into all kinds of ungodly acts and their consciences seem to be as strong as steel.

Where is the conscience of the Christian? Why is it that many people have lost their tears of repentance?

This shows that someone can get to a stage where the voice of the Holy Spirit will no longer be heard. That is a point of serious danger. If you can do evil and your conscience cannot condemn you, it shows that you have a serious problem. This situation only comes when you have resisted previous warnings. After turning deaf ears to the voice of the Spirit of God He might decide to give up on you. I pray that this will never happen to you.

There is a frightful statement in Romans 1:24-28:

**Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts. to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: <sup>25</sup>who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. <sup>26</sup>For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: <sup>27</sup>And likewise also the men. leaving the natural use of the woman. burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. <sup>28</sup>And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient. "For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles through you, as it is written. For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law, but if thou be a breaker of the law, Therefore if the un circumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfill the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law? For he is**

**not a Jew, which is one outwardly, neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh.**

My prayer for you is that you will never get to a point where the Holy Spirit will give you over to an evil conscience. If you ever allow the devil to deceive you to continue to turn deaf ears to the voice of the Holy Spirit, a time will come when God will dump you as a useless vessel. Then He may allow you to carry on with a conscience that is totally dead.

Maybe the Holy Spirit has been warning you about gossiping, backbiting, lying, stealing, immorality, unfaithfulness, malice, etc. If you continue in these things, one of these days the Holy Spirit will allow you to keep on doing what you like. The moment the dog can no longer hear the hunter's whistle that dog is finished. May the Holy Spirit never give up on you saying, "This one is useless; let him go to the camp of the workers of iniquity." I plead with you to pray the following prayer points with all seriousness.

## **PRAYER POINTS**

1. Thou altar of sin in my conscience, break, in the name of Jesus.
2. Thou deaf and dumb spirit in my soul, die, in the name of Jesus
3. Every chain of iniquity in my spirit, break, in the name of Jesus.
4. O Lord, today, speak to my heart, in the name of Jesus.
5. I shall be wiser than my enemies, in the name of Jesus.
6. Holy Ghost fire, pursue my internal pursuers, in the name of Jesus.
7. Every garment of darkness in my dream, be roasted, in the name of Jesus.

## When The Conscience is Delivered

Although it is possible for a man to be completely delivered, it is also important to know that parts of the human body may require special deliverance. As long as these parts of the body are under bondage, things will continue to go wrong with the individual. It is not enough to know that your conscience needs deliverance. You must go ahead to ensure that your conscience is practically and completely set free.

I want us to start this chapter with a prayer session in order to get ready for the results of the deliverance which this chapter will introduce into your life.

*Lord Jesus, be the king over every department of my life, in the name of Jesus.*

*My Father, let Your power move from the top of my head to the soles of my feet, in the name of Jesus.*

*Every afflicting power, be consumed by fire, in the name of Jesus.*

*O Lord, by Your anointing, empower my life, in, the name of Jesus.*

The greatest tragedy in life is to have a conscience that is caged. The moment the conscience is under satanic attack the victim suffers untold problems, including being spiritually deaf and dumb. The victim will not be able to hear the voice of God. Because the part of the man that is supposed to hear the voice of God is paralysed.

One of mankind's greatest spiritual problems is ignorance on the subject of the conscience. The Bible says,

**Hosea 4:6-11: My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me, seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will**

**also forget thy children. As they were increased so they sinned against me, therefore will change their glory into shame. They eat up the sin of my people, and they set their hearts on their iniquity, and there shall be, like people, like priest, and I will punish them for their ways, and reward them their doings. For they shall eat, and not have enough. they shall commit whoredom, and shall not increase, because they have left off to take heed to the Lord. Whoredom and Wine and new wine take away the heart.**

Ignorance will never help matters. If anything, it will only end up aggravating the situation. Ignorance has a capacity for increasing and prolonging your bondage. Therefore, you need to detect ignorance and seek knowledge which will set you free.

**1Cor.8:7-10: How be it *there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. <sup>8</sup>But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, If we eat, are we the better, neither, If we eat not, are we the worse. <sup>9</sup>But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to them that are weak. <sup>10</sup>For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols;***

## **KINDS OF CONSCIENCE**

This passage intimates us with the existence of three kinds of consciences:

- ➔ ***The weak conscience***
- ➔ ***The wounded conscience***
- ➔ ***The strained conscience***

The Bible also describes another kind of heart in 1 Tim. 4:1-2:

**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; <sup>2</sup>Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;**

We are told here that the human conscience can be seared with a hot iron. What does this mean? It can be likened to applying red hot iron on the flesh and the place becomes roasted and hardened.

We have also learnt about a weak conscience.

How do we identify a weak conscience? When your conscience is agitated and you shout it down, it will no longer speak to you if it is weak.

For the purpose of clarity, the Bible further identifies the following kinds of conscience.

- ➔ *Evil conscience*
- ➔ *Dead conscience*
- ➔ *Seared conscience*

But why are we examining these kinds of consciences? It is simply because the devil has focussed his attention on the conscience of man.

These days more and more consciences are becoming completely numb and dead. People no longer have the tender consciences which we used to know in the good old days.

These days, the tears of repentance have completely gone dry. Many so-called Christians have lost their tears. The enemy has succeeded in getting the consciences of many Christians seared with a hot iron. Whenever you do what your conscience considers wrong and you do not feel bad about it, your conscience is dead.

On the other hand, if your conscience is not dead and you do what is wrong you will end up with guilt. You may succeed in concealing guilt, but your conscience will tell you that what you have done is wrong, even if you pretend to be ignorant.

A guilty conscience will try to avoid everything that may try to remind it of the demands of the laws of God. The person who has a guilty conscience

may avoid the presence of God.

This kind of person will avoid all kinds of spiritual exercise, like prayer, Bible reading or evangelism because the conscience is already defiled. Anytime he attempts to pray he will feel guilty for past wrongs. He needs the power of the blood of Jesus to deal with his defiled conscience.

If a person persists in defiling his conscience, it will be seared or hardened with a hot iron. That kind of conscience will lose its ability to send signals to him on account of wrong doing, and when that signal is lost anything can happen. Many people have got to the dangerous stage where their conscience stopped functioning as a warning system. Here lies the root of the wickedness which we are experiencing in our society today.

Nothing, absolutely nothing, bothers a person whose conscience is dead. These kinds of persons are fond of committing atrocities without any feeling, whatsoever. When you examine the lives of many public figures, politicians, professionals and others whom we hold in high regard, you will discover that they are operating with a dead conscience.

Even some so-called men of God are in this category. When such people do what is bad they continue as usual as if nothing had gone wrong. Instead of going into hiding and calling upon God in deep repentance, they go about with their shoulders raised as if it is well with their soul. They know that, they have done abominable things but they can afford to go about laughing and grinning from ear to ear at public gatherings. Their conscience is absolutely dead, something has gone terribly wrong with their conscience. Such people have what I call false peace. They have got to a point where when hot iron is pressed on their flesh, they have no feeling, whatsoever. That is a terrible stage to be in. People who have no moral feeling and guilt for wrong doing have had their consciences tampered with.

When someone has a seared conscience, good is considered evil and evil becomes good. Of course, we have some examples in the Bible.

Balaam, the prophet, had his conscience seared with a hot iron. He was able to take a bad decision without any guilt in his conscience.



Saul is another example of someone who had a dead conscience. He went very far away from God without feeling bad.

People who belong to this category can do a lot of terrible things without losing a moment's sleep. A lot of terrible things are happening in our world these days.

For example, how can someone hack a pregnant woman down with a cutlass and still go to sleep at night. It shows that, that kind of conscience is twice dead, Such people can kill without getting worried. When they steal or commit other atrocities they never get bothered.

Recently, some children discovered that their mother was missing and decided to alert their neighbours. All they knew was that their mother went out with their father before she got missing. They asked their daddy, about their mother's where about, but got no meaningful answer. He kept on telling them that their mummy had gone on a long journey.

This was what they kept hearing for six months until the truth became known one day. The eldest, a seven year old, stumbled on a frightening scene when he entered the father's bedroom.. He discovered that a wardrobe that was always locked was ajar. To the boy's amazement, he saw someone who looked like his mother inside the wardrobe as if she had been electrocuted.

The boy was so confused that he did not know what to do. As soon as he shouted "Mummy" wads of currency notes filled the room. The boy got further confused. He called the mother again, and more currency notes flew across the room. He ran out to call his uncle, who together with other neighbours came to behold the strange scene. Everybody got bewildered, and wondered what on earth would have made a man to use his wife as a money spinning charm. That was the same man who had taken the poor woman to the altar saying "I take this woman as my lawful wedded wife to cherish and love her, for better, for worse, until death do us part."

This reminds me of a story that made me to shiver. Some years ago, a man came to me and told me the strange story which did not seem to bother him. He said,

"Man of God, can I share with you what happened to me in the past? I hope the story will not bother you. The truth is that it actually happened. Several years ago, I needed money badly. The need was so acute that I was ready to do anything just to become rich. The ritualist which I met made a strange demand. He told me that I would become extremely rich if I was ready to comply with his demand. He requested for my mother's two breasts and her head. I was so desperate that I boarded a vehicle to the village and as soon as I discovered that nobody was around, with my eyes closed I cut off my mother's head and two breasts with a very sharp cutlass. Do you know something? Man of God, right now as I am talking to you, my mother's head is buried at the centre of my living room. That was how I made my money in those days. Now I am born again, what shall I do?"

That was his story.

As a human being, I wondered how somebody could use his mother for money-making ritual. If I were God, what the man did would have bothered me. But God forgave him. This is the mystery of grace. The mother might have gone to hell fire. Whereas the man who sent her there repented and was forgiven.

At this point, I want you to take this prayer point:

*Every power of the enemy working against my conscience, die, in the name of Jesus.*

Many church goers are harboring what is called evil conscience. Evil conscience is the opposite of good conscience.

An evil conscience encourages a person when he is wrong. It substitutes that which is wrong for that which is right. When you come across a fellow who toys with sin without any iota of repentance in him such a person has an evil conscience. Whenever such a person is told to confess his sins he comes up with fake or shallow confession. That is an evil conscience.

When you come across somebody who is hardened, he has an evil conscience.

We are given the correct description, of an evil conscience in Isaiah 5:20-23:

**Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! <sup>21</sup>Woe unto *them that are* wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! <sup>22</sup>Woe unto *them that are* mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink: <sup>23</sup>which justify the wicked for reward, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!**

## WHAT THE CONSCIENCE IS

*The human conscience collects information from God.* It performs the role of sending signals to us whenever we have the tendency to go wrong.

Everybody has a conscience, but our level of sensitivity and cooperation with it differs from one person to another. There is no way anyone would tell a lie without having been previously warned by the voice of conscience.

There is no way anyone will go into adultery or fornication without hearing the voice of conscience.

Those who continue to do evil are surely disregarding the voice of conscience. You cannot do evil 'without experiencing the buzzing sound of an internal alarm. Somehow, something will tell you that you are going wrong. What you do maybe another thing, your going wrong does not mean that you were never warned by the Holy Spirit.

*Therefore, the conscience is God's link with man.* Whenever other links have been broken by transgression, the conscience still hooks up to God. It is the strongest avenue of approaching God. When this link becomes destroyed, it shows that the last link between man and God is broken.

What is the implication of this? It shows that the fellow whose conscience is dead will continue to walk about without God's leading or directive.

When last did you get into trouble? If you examine the incident properly, you will discover that, somewhere along the line, the voice of conscience

waved you. You got into the trouble because of your failure to heed the voice of conscience. Perhaps, because the voice was very low, you failed to pick it up. You found yourselves at the threshold of trouble because the voice of your conscience had been drowned. Total destruction of the conscience will expose one to satanic attack. Nothing will ever make the person to perceive the voice of God.

***The conscience is God's watchdog.*** This watchdog is attached to every heart. Whenever a sin or temptation approaches, the dog will continue to bark. This shows that the conscience is still all right. But if the conscience is dead it shows that the watch dog stationed around your heart is both . dead and dumb.

What do you think will happen if the dog that is watching over your house is dead and dumb? Armed robbers will invade your house, and steal your goods without any resistance. If the dog which is watching over your house is silent, it is better not to have one at all. A dumb dog constitutes danger to the safety of lives and property. Therefore, a silent conscience will endanger the life of the owner. It is injurious to the safety of your soul in the hour of danger.

Something happened when a brother was on his way to work, several years ago. By; the time he was leaving home he said a short prayer thinking that time was against him. As he was about to bring the prayer to a close, the Holy spirit told him to continue.

Five minutes later he wanted to stop after considering the consequences of going late to work, but the Holy Spirit asked him to pray on. By the time he had spent 20 minutes he decided to stop, but again, the Holy Spirit told him to continue. The battle between him and the Holy Spirit continued until the brother won. He rushed out of the house. That was all he could remember.

By the time he became conscious he found himself in a thick bush, surrounded by the bodies of those used for ritual. The enormity of the situation dawned on him when he was picked up as the next man for the ritual. As soon as he sensed the nearness of danger he began to pray. The

ritual killers told him to stop praying, he started praying silently and then he burst out in tongues.

Eventually he escaped miraculously and found himself somewhere in another state in about 200 kilometers away in Nigeria. He had been kidnapped in Lagos. Thank God that his conscience had warned him when he was setting out in the morning.

***The conscience is God's police dog.*** It discovers the soul's most secret things. It is to the soul what a window is to a house. A house without windows will be thrown into darkness. Once your conscience is caged or dead, the whole of your heart would be thrown into total darkness. Whenever some people are praying, they often find themselves in the midst of deep darkness. It shows that their conscience is already darkened.

Again when windows are dirty they block light from penetrating. Dark windows would reduce the degree of light in a room. However, when you keep your windows clean you have unlimited access to light.

***The conscience is a divinely inbuilt protestant.*** When it is healthy it would not allow any iota of evil or sin to pass unchallenged. When your conscience protests each time sin or evil knocks at the door, it means that it is healthy conscience. But if you sin and your conscience fails to prick you, you have a bad conscience. It is completely dead.

***The conscience is God's whip.*** It is supposed to whip you each time you go wrong.

***It is God's sword.*** A sword that cannot cut is blunt; it is useless.

***Your conscience is also your soul's nervous system, to awaken you.*** God sometimes places His hot finger on your conscience. The moment this is done, the presence of sin sends shock waves down your spiritual spine.

***The conscience can also be likened to God's thermometer.*** Sin is like fever. Conscience is a thermometer that will read your pulse and determine the degree of sickness in your life. It is God's instrument for discovering the degree of spiritual fever or sin in your life. Therefore it is the alarm clock of the Almighty.

A blind conscience will see nothing, the deaf conscience will hear nothing, a dumb conscience will utter no word.

A thick conscience will not feel any emotion.

A lazy conscience will remain largely inactive and docile.

A confused conscience understands nothing.

A disorganized conscience will be characterized by confusion and disorderliness.

A floating conscience will focus on nothing. Herein lies the trouble of most men and women. This is an area of our spirit man which we have neglected. The Bible states that the spirit of man is the candle of the Lord. If the candle is blown out there will be total darkness.

My prayer for you is that God will open your eyes to the prominent position occupied by the conscience. I also pray that you will hand over the totality of your conscience to the control of the Holy Spirit. I pray that your conscience will truly become the voice of God speaking clearly to you.

It is time for all Christians to begin to hear God clearly. I cannot but recall the level of spiritual awareness in the good old days. In those days, most Christians were able to hear God clearly. Inability to hear the voice of the Lord will make you a slave who will continue to be dependent on those who can hear His voice. Immediately you begin to hear the voice of the Lord you will begin to grow spiritually.

Inability to hear the voice of the Lord is responsible for the mass exploitation by so-called ministers. A lot of terrible atrocities are going on today simply because people cannot really settle down to pray and hear from God.

A lot of people have handed over the control of their lives to fake prophets. Some are so dependent on prophets that they pay them dues on regular basis. Some have got to a point where they hand their entire salaries over to prophets who decide to give them what they feel. Many who want to choose jobs or vocations depend on prophets to tell them what to do. That is how people are being exploited.

I came back from an overseas trip recently. There, I discovered that many ministers had commercialized the gospel. There was the case of a particular one who would not counsel or pray with you until you paid consultation fees.

For example, if you desire freedom from spirit husband or wife he would not pray until you had paid ten pounds. After one has paid the due, he would go ahead to pray "in the name of Jesus." Incidentally the name of Jesus is credit worthy any day. If the person slept soundly that night, he might pay another ten pounds to sleep without any attack by the spirit husband or wife another night. I wonder how much he would pay within a month. Why should this kind of aberration go on? It is simply because individual Christians have refused to grow up; they have refused to learn how to hear from the Lord.

The carnal mind is deaf to God. But when you surrender your life to Jesus, the power of God comes upon your life and your spirit becomes regenerated. The voice of the conscience comes under the control of the Holy Spirit. This is the surest way to hear the voice of God. Since the devil knows that the voice of the conscience can become a very powerful channel for hearing from God, he devises his strategy for the destruction of the conscience. This explains why the average church-goer in this modern day is completely deaf and dumb to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

## **DELIVERANCE OF THE CONSCIENCE**

You may ask what is the process of deliverance of the conscience? It consists of:

***True repentance.*** There is a world of difference between fake and true repentance. If you come across someone who tells you that he repents every day, such a person is joking. If somebody repents one day only to go back to the same sin another day; such a person has never repented in the first instance.

***Spiritual regeneration.*** If you claim to have repented from your sins, you must have gone through the experience of total regeneration.

Check the state of the health of your conscience. What you have read so far is enough to make you determine the true state of the health of your conscience. If you have completely lost the tears of repentance, your conscience is already hardened.

If you find it difficult to apologize when you commit an offence, your conscience is dead. If you make a mistake and you are not ready to admit that you actually went wrong, something is wrong with your conscience.

Analyse the type of conscience you have and pull down every stronghold in your conscience. The longer you leave the stronghold, the longer your spiritual life will degenerate.

***Pray conscience-purging prayers.***

***Let your life conform with God's word.***

***Listen to your conscience. Do this at all times.***

***Carry out the deliverance of your conscience.***

***Receive the baptism of fire.***

**Luke 3:16-17: John answered, saying unto *them* all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: <sup>37</sup>Whose fan is in his hand, and he will thoroughly purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable.**

Have you received the baptism of the Holy Ghost? Seek to receive the baptism of fire. When you receive the baptism of fire, the totality of your inner man will be on fire for God. Your relationship with God will become stronger. You will become a believer who is close to the heart of the Almighty.

This is the process of conscience deliverance. When your conscience is completely delivered it will become an effective conscience. It will keep you on course spiritually. It will enable you to experience victory. It will



enable you to keep your inner house clean.. You wilt be able to hear the voice of your God clearly and distinctly.

The prayer points below must be taken aggressively. You should also pray for the nation and intercede for men and women who have sold their consciences for a pittance.

*Every tree of witchcraft growing in my heart, die, in Jesus' name.*

*Every power of spiritual darkness, die, in the name of Jesus.*

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## When Prayer becomes Sin

We shall start this chapter by reading four strange but deeply meaningful Scriptures:

**Psalm 109:7: When he shall be judged. let him be condemned: and let his prayer become sin.**

The above verse tells us that it is possible for a prayer to become sin. Here is the second passage:

**Psalm 80:4: O LORD God of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?**

The above verse shows that God is not angry that His people did not pray, but He was angry because of the kind of prayer they offered to Him. This means that it is possible for one's prayer to annoy God and it would have been better to keep quiet.

Again, Psalm 35:13 says:

**But as for me. when they were sick. my clothing was sackcloth; I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom.**

This also means that it is possible for prayer to backfire - that is bounce back on the head of the person praying.

Then Proverbs 28:9 says:

**He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.**

## WHAT IS AN ABOMINATION?

It means a woeful, terrible thing, something completely hateful, something repulsive.

Recently, somebody gave a very good example of what could be called an abomination. He painted a graphic picture of armed robbers breaking into a building where they met a woman pregnant with twins. They ordered her to bring out all her money.

The woman said she had no money that she had spent all her money looking after herself, whereupon the robbers promised to save her the trouble of looking after herself. They took a knife, ripped her tummy open and brought out the two fetuses in her womb.

This was a clear case of abomination. Your blood must have chilled as you read this gory tale. It must be the same way God feels when prayer is an abomination to Him.

The Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries is a praying ministry. For this, we owe nobody any apology, because the Bible says, "My house shall be a house of prayer, unto all nations." This notwithstanding, there are situations where prayer can become sin. It is a fearful fact but it is nonetheless true that not all prayers are good prayers. Wrong praying or what the Bible calls "praying amiss" is as sinful as not praying at all.

I will give you an example of what the Bible calls "praying amiss."

In 1994, a sister came to a brother and asked him to join her in prayer, ostensibly because of her job so that she would prosper. Innocently, the brother joined her. Since she was the one that called for this prayer of agreement, she was the one who started the prayer.

After sometime, the prayer turned into-a prophecy in which the sister suddenly said, "Thus saith the lord, this sister you are holding in this prayer of agreement is your wife. Do you hear what the Lord is saying? She is your wife!" This was nothing but a sinful prayer. The motive was completely wrong.

Any prayer meeting that anyone organizes to pray against a particular person is nothing but witchcraft prayer. The Mountain of Fire and Miracles

Ministries does not pray against human beings. Our target is spiritual enemies. Most serious prayer points can be found in the book of Psalms.

The Psalmist's prayers are acidic but were only addressed to his spiritual enemies. This is evident from the event where he had the opportunity to kill Saul but he refused to touch him because Saul was God's anointed. Instead, David took something away from him and called him from afar, saying something like, "Saul, all those people that are guiding you, they are not doing their job well. Just see what I've done. I could have easily killed you." Saul himself clearly saw this. Here was the fellow who wrote those violent prayer points in the book of Psalms restraining himself from killing an adversary.

Any prayer to abort illegal pregnancy resulting from fornication or adultery is a sinful prayer. Any prayer against those you owe money so that they may no longer ask for it, is a sinful prayer. Any prayer over a concoction or alcohol before you begin to consume it is a sinful prayer.

I once saw a person whom a fetish priest asked to pray over his urine seven days and then drink it. The person obeyed; but it was a sinful prayer.

A prayer to extort money from people is a sinful prayer.

A prayer to snatch another person's husband or wife is a sinful prayer.

You must know, beloved, that in the same way we pray about strange women, we also pray about strange men, only that there are more strange women than strange men.

Likewise, any prayer to divorce your husband or wife is a sinful prayer. Quite as sinful was the prayer Job's wife asked her husband to pray, "Curse God and die!" Perhaps she advised Job to say this prayer so that she could marry another husband? It is noteworthy that Job refused to do such a sinful thing.

The act of scriptural praying is getting lost gradually. The act of reading the word of God to know how to pray is dying. The Almighty is not pleased with all sinful prayers.

We shall now go into the different kinds of sinful prayers that people pray. Many of us need to repent, just like many need to reorganise their prayer life to ensure that they do not pray amiss. God is not happy with someone who is handling the greatest force on earth in a way that makes it look like a fetish thing.

Prayer could be sinful, prayer could annoy God, prayer could return to the bosom of the person praying it and it could become an abomination. And what a sad thing when a person telephones heaven. Only for the phone to be ringing there unpicked, or when it is picked the receiver is banged immediately the caller is identified!

## **CATEGORIES OF SINFUL PRAYERS**

### **➔ *Praying with an idol in your heart***

**Ezekie 9:1-11: He cried also in mine ears with a loud voice, saying, Cause them that have charge over the city to draw near, even every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. <sup>2</sup>And, behold, six men came from the way of the higher gate, which lieth toward the north, and every man a slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man among them was clothed with linen, with a writer's inkhorn by his side: and they went in, and stood beside the brasen altar. <sup>3</sup>And the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon he was, to theshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed with linen, which had the writer's inkhorn, by his side; <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry for all the abominations that be done in the midst thereof. <sup>5</sup>And to the others he said in mine hearing, Go ye after him through the city, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither have ye pity: <sup>6</sup>Slay utterly old and young, both maids, and little children, and women: but come not near any man upon whom is the mark; and begin at my sanctuary. Then they began at the ancient men which were before the house. <sup>7</sup>And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and slew in the city. <sup>8</sup>And It came to pass,**

while they were slaying them, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord GOD! will thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy fury upon Jerusalem? <sup>9</sup>Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of perverseness: for they say, The LORD hath forsaken the earth, and the LORD seeth not. <sup>10</sup>And as for me also, mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity, but I will recompense their way upon their head. <sup>11</sup>And, behold, the man clothed with linen, which had the inkhorn by his side, reported the matter, saying, I have done as thou hast commanded me.

Ezekiel was praying with an idol in his heart. God had already told him that these people had offended Him by refusing to listen to His commandments. So while Ezekiel was still praying and pleading with God not to kill everybody, the man with the inkhorn finished the assignment. This meant that the answer to that prayer was "NO."

**Ezekiel 14:2-4; And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, <sup>3</sup>Son of man, these men have set up their idols in their heart, and put the stumbling block of their iniquity before their face: should I be enquired of at all by them? <sup>4</sup>Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Every man of the house of Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumbling block of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I the LORD will answer him that cometh according to the multitude of his idols;**

Prayer becomes sinful when you have an idol in your heart, that is, when you have already made up your mind that certain things about you will never change, no matter whoever pleads with you to have them changed.

When you pray with an ambitious mind-set, you already have an idol in your heart, and any prayer you offer" in this circumstance is a sinful prayer. The repercussion of sinful prayer is so bad that it would not stop at the person praying but go down his generations. This is because prayer is a powerful force and not something to be toyed with.

Again, when you are seeking the will of God after God has already made His will known, you are praying a sinful prayer. Balaam went to God to ask Him if he could go after God had told him twice not go. When he still asked the third time and the fourth time, God asked him to go if he wanted. Of course, Balaam went and we all know what happened to him.

When you already know the will of God but choose to pray as if you did not know it, you are courting trouble. Don't be like that sister who was approached by a brother when she was 20 years old to tell her the will of God for marriage between them. The sister looked down on the brother and since then, she is yet to find an ideal partner.

Also, if you have already proposed to a sister or brother, or written a love letter to him or her before you start praying to God about it, you are annoying God. It means you are taking Him for a fool.

➔ ***Prayer becomes sinful when you are praying with your back towards God***

**Ezekiel 8:1-18: And he brought me into the inner court of the LORD'S house, and, behold, at the door of the temple of the LORD, between the porch and the altar, were about five and twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the LORD, and their faces toward the east; and they worshipped the sun toward the east. <sup>17</sup>Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have returned to provoke me to anger. and, lo, they put the branch to their nose. <sup>18</sup>Therefore will I also deal in fury: mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity: and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice. yet will I not hear them.**

Immediately you have something else you rely on apart from the Lord, whatever prayer you pray to Him is a sinful prayer.

When you show much love to the Lord with your mouth while your heart is so far from Him, it means you are praying with your back towards Him.

When you are defying God's dear commands and disregarding His dear standards and still hope that He will overlook your disobedience, 'you are

turning your back on Him in sinful prayer.

When you looked at your wife and gave her a dirty slap, and she too pounced on you and bit you, then both of you started praying, what you offered was a sinful prayer.

➔ ***Prayer becomes sinful when you engage in public prayer without private prayer***

**Matthew 6:5: And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.**

Our Lord denounced these hypocrites who loved to pray for show. When you decide to pray much in public while you pray very little in private, it is sinful prayer.

➔ ***Prayer becomes sin when you are praying as a substitute for obedience.***

God is calling you to obedience but you prefer to pray instead. After a person has fallen into a grievous sin and is asked what he has done, and all he can say is, "I have prayed and gone for deliverance:" But such deliverance or prayer is null and void if God is calling the person to repentance.

**Joshua 7:10-11: And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face? <sup>11</sup>Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff.**

Israel had disobeyed already and the judgement of God had started working, then Joshua began to pray. God waited for Joshua to waste his time and then asked him to get up from his praying position. Certainly it wasn't a matter of prayer but of repentance. The Bible says. "Has the Lord great delight in burnt offering and sacrifices than hearkening unto His voice? Behold. obedience is better than sacrifice, and hearkening than the fat of rams."



Why is obedience better than sacrifice? It is because the person you are sacrificing to is already annoyed, and He is not telling you the kind of sacrifice that He wants but you are offering the sacrifice to bribe Him. Prayer or sacrifice is no substitute for obedience to the clear word of God. Prayer warriors are those who when God asks them to do a particular thing obey promptly and wholeheartedly, not those who give conditions for the obedience of His command.

When there is disobedience in the camp, in the heart, or in the church, it hinders the blessings of God and more prayer is not always the remedy. The great need is to get sin out of the camp. So, praying instead of repenting is sinful.

One of the strange and funny moments I have had in my life was when I was at a prayer meeting and somebody began to prophesy. I knew that the tongue in which the person was prophesying contradicted the meaning of the utterance which was self-rebuke. Some would sleep and see terrible visions about their own lives and take it to be a vision about Nigeria or their church.

If you are living in any form of disobedience and yet you keep praying it is a sinful prayer. Before you begin to fire your arrow into the camp of the enemy, you have to obey God.

The Bible says, "Having in readiness to revenge all disobedience when your obedience is complete." Any power rebelling against God in your life can only be repulsed when your own obedience is complete. If it is not complete, you are wasting your time. This will only make the enemy tell you that you are in the same boat with him as the enemies of God.

The same disobedience that dealt with Adam and Eve is still dealing with mankind now. There is no new devil. The devil is still the same old wicked being; his methods have not changed; he has not modernized his methods. Even if he seems to be doing something new, it is still under a class already in existence.

➔ ***Prayer becomes sinful when it is selfish***

**James 4:3: Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lust.**

It is because many people do not want to pray for others but want others to pray for them. That is why we do not have many intercessors today. Selfish praying is sinful praying. The mother of John and James certainly knew that there were other disciples of Christ when she prayed a rather selfish prayer that: "O Lord, cause it to happen that when you are in thy kingdom that my two sons shall sit one on the left side, one on the right side."

Jesus merely looked at the woman and asked if those sons of hers would be able to drink the cup He would drink; and they made a mistake by saying they could drink it and they drank it to the full. In fact, James was the first person to be killed.

Prayer is meant to be God-centred and not self-centred. Prayer is not me, myself, or I, my wife, my children, my family, my property alone. Ballam prayed all night but his motive in praying was wrong. He coveted material wealth. If some people were asked to come to church to hold a seven day vigil during which they must pray for the pastor and the workers, many would excuse themselves with ill-health.

But when we say seven days vigil for those who wish to become millionaires before the end of the year, it is certain that many people would abandon the vigils in their own churches to be here. And if after the seven days, another 14 days vigil is called for, you would be surprised that people would come and would not sleep a wink.

➔ ***Prayer becomes sinful when it is faithless***

A lot of people come to pray in the house of God without expecting much to happen. They merely come as if they had come to play jackpot. But the Bible says, "He that cometh unto God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. But without faith it is impossible to please God."

It is possible for a man to sit down in a church all day without God being pleased with the level of his faith. It is for this reason that when Jesus came

to His home town He was unable to do much there because the people did not have faith in the "son of a carpenter." And the Bible says, "He marvelled at their unbelief."

To pray in unbelief is just as bad as not praying at all.

Romans 14:23: And he that doubteth is damned if he eat because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin;

If I should prophesy to a sister who is now living in one room that by this time tomorrow she will find herself in a duplex, all she may do is wonder how this can be true when she is even owing six months rent in the one room she is currently living in. To pray with an evil heart of unbelief, like the Bible calls it, is sinful prayer.

It is indeed a terrible sin for one person to look at another and conclude that such a person can never achieve any good thing in life. God is an expert at taking Mr or Mrs Nobody and transforming his or her life. He took the beggar out of the dunghill and seated him up the princes.

➔ ***Prayer becomes sin when you are praying to yourself***

**Luke 18:11: The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican, fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess."**

Rather than praying to God, the Pharisee was obviously praying to himself, building a case for himself by comparing himself to others. His prayer was a sinful one.

➔ ***Praying to men rather than God is sinful Prayer***

**Luke 16:24: And he cried and said. Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.**

The rich man prayed to Abraham instead of praying to God. Of course, the prayer was not answered. Perhaps you are still praying to virgin Mary, with rosary and beads, praying to human beings like yourself who, through lived a holy life; died all the same. This is sinful prayer.

I am sure Mary must have been feeling strange with herself in heaven because she was in the upper room to ask for the baptism of the Holy Ghost. So, praying to her to help pray to her son has no scriptural basis; it is sinful prayer. The rich man prayed to Abraham and his prayer was not answered.

➔ ***Prayer becomes sinful when you are praying out of duty***

That is praying merely for its sake without expecting any result, It is sinful prayer.

➔ ***Prayer becomes sinful when it is a hypocritical prayer***

When a person engages in a lengthy prayer just to show to people that he is very intelligent and knows the Bible very well, it is a sinful prayer.

**Matthew 23:14: Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye devour widows' houses, and for a pretence make long prayer. therefore ye shall receive the greater damnation.**

The way some people pray in public is merely to impress whoever may be listening to them. This is wrong.

➔ ***Prayer becomes sinful when you are praying for the ears of men***

**Matthew 6:2: Therefore when thou doest *thine* alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.**

And verse 16 also tells us:

**Moreover when ye fast, be not as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.**

And if we go back to verse 5, we find:

**And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.**

Praying for the ears of men instead of the heart of God is sinful prayer.

➔ ***Prayer becomes sinful when you are praying and yet keep dodging your responsibility***

This means you are asking God to do for you what He has plainly asked you to do for yourself. You are ignoring the clear command of the Scripture yet you keep praying. It is all sinful prayer. Praying when you are not taking any step to correct the wrongs in your life is also sinful prayer.

➔ ***Prayer becomes sinful when you pray from an unclean heart, when there is still an unconfessed sin in your heart***

The Bible says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear my prayers."

Confession of sin is mandatory because sin separates us from God. To seek to approach the Creator with an impure heart is sinful praying.

➔ ***Prayer becomes sin when you change your voice during prayer and start making special noise***

This means you have a normal voice and a prayer voice. The Bible calls this strange fire. And what happens to those who light strange fires? The correct fire comes from the Lord to destroy them.

I now invite you to examine the type of prayer that you pray, and also examine the heart with which you pray.

**Romans 8:26: Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groaning which cannot be uttered.**

What this verse is telling us is that many prayers actually say nothing; ask for nothing, expect nothing. It tells us that many prayers do not make any sense. That is why it tells us that, "we know not..." The disciples went to Jesus to tell Him to teach them "to pray." This is clearly different from saying, "teach us HOW to pray." This difference has made the verse subject to many misinterpretations.

Of course, the disciples already knew how to pray but then what to pray eluded them. That was why they asked Jesus to teach them "to pray." Likewise, a lot of people know how to pray but they don't pray correctly. A lot of prayers bounce off the roof of the mouth. If our prayers are to be a force that will be difficult for any power to contend with, they must follow the biblical pattern - they must be prayed correctly, they must be prayed in the spirit. When you pray in the spirit it would be in line with the word of God.

When you pray as you are moved by the spirit, you pray spirit-filled, spirit-guided, spirit-empowered prayer. But if you are merely praying sinful prayers they will always remain at the human level.

Man, apart from God, will always pray corrupt prayers. Romans 8:26 quoted above tells us that the prayer that is acceptable to God is only possible through the power of the Holy Spirit. There is need for this revelation to grip your heart and for you to cry out loftily to God to teach you how to pray so that the lost act of biblical praying can come back into your life.

I want you to think about this: are there situations in which you have prayed under the canopy of these situations that I have mentioned? They are sinful prayers that do not help anybody. The beauty of prayer points is that they are well lined out and targeted. But when you leave the Lord and come on your own, what do you pray? What do you pray about? Are you the fellow who uses satanic prayer points? Or are you praying the kind of prayers that God wants you to pray?

At this point I want you to bow down your head and start to tell God wherever you have been praying the wrong prayer, the prayer points of your enemies, He should forgive you. Tell I Him you want to move forward in your prayer life, that you want to get to the level where His Spirit will pray through you, where, during your prayer, every element of the flesh will die so that your spiritual eyes can be wide open. Talk to the Lord now.

Have you been praying to satisfy yourself alone? Have you been praying while you remain stubborn in your spirit? Have you been praying while you

remain an enemy of God? Talk to Him now. The Lord sees your heart, He knows you deeper than you know yourself.

Have you been praying prayers that annoy God? Some have even been known to have prayed that they wanted to die, that the Lord should take their life. They have been annoying God by blaming Him for creating them.

If you are reading this book and you are yet to give your life to Christ, you have the opportunity right now to do so. Just bow down your head and pray like this:

"Father, in the name of Jesus, I come before you; come into my life. Take control of my life, in Jesus' name I pray. Amen"

Many of us need to reverse the prayer we have been praying.

## **PRAYER POINTS**

1. You that troubleth my Israel, my God shall trouble you in the name of Jesus.
2. I pull down every stronghold of poverty, in Jesus name.
3. (Lay your right hand on your left hand) Every power of hardship, die, in the name of Jesus.
4. My prayer shall not become sin, in the name of Jesus.
5. All enemies of the Spirit of God in my life, come out now, in the name of Jesus.
6. My prayers shall not become abomination, in Jesus' name.
7. My prayers shall not anger God, in the name of Jesus.
8. My prayers shall not return unto my bosom, in the name of Jesus.
9. O heavens of my spiritual life, open, in the name of Jesus.

## The Battle For The Conscience

The conscience is the centre of life. It plays an important role in the success or failure of anyone on earth. A good conscience automatically ensures a wholesome living while a bad conscience makes men and women to experience all kinds of unhealthy situations.

If you take care of your conscience you have succeeded in taking care of your life. If you neglect your conscience and allow the devil to control or poison it, you will end up reaping a harvest of woes, calamities, sicknesses, diseases, satanic attacks and eternal damnation.

**I want you t take the following prayer points:**

*O Lord, as you silenced the lions in the den for Daniel, silence all my lions, in the name of Jesus.*

*O Lord, as you surprised the enemies of Shadrach, meshach and Abednego, surprise my enemies, in the name of Jesus.*

*O Lord, as you disgraced Pharaoh who constituted a thread to the children of Israel, disgrace my Pharaoh, in the name of Jesus.*

*I clear all my goods from the strongroom of the strongman, in the name of Jesus.*

*I command this year to hear the word of the Lord and vomit all my blessings, in the name of Jesus.*

The purpose of this chapter is to put a key in the hands of every believer with which to lock the devil and all mind controlling spirits out of his mind. In effect, mind- controlling spirits are no longer able tamper with the believer's mind, and the mind has become wholesome; godly and productive - a divine workshop for good ideas.



Mind-controlling spirits work at evil altars as satanic surgeons, performing evil operations on the human mind through which men and women undergo all kinds of strange experiences.

I have come across people whose minds have been thrown into complete chaos by the activities of mind controlling spirits. They no longer have the control of their own minds and they go about like robots looking for disasters to happen, and which do actually often happen - mindless murders, senseless rapes, robberies, suicides, etc.

A man approached me recently to tell me of his intention to become the president of Nigeria. His unkempt look and wild dream made him look like a mental wreck. I had this in mind when I asked him what made him think his dream was attainable. He explained that the thought flashed through his mind one day when he was walking across a road which had been barricaded to others for the president to pass through.

"It was there and then that the thing told me: 'What, they are doing for the president today will be done for you also one day. You will become the next president". Since then, more than 20 years ago, he had, been, obsessed with that thought. And why hadn't he become president since then? I asked him, "That is exactly why I am here," he replied, "I want you to pray for me so that I can become the president."

I had a hard time persuading the man to realize that what he actually needed was the deliverance of the mind. It was clear that his mind was under the control of the powers of darkness. A complex spiritual surgery had been carried out on his mind to the extent that he had even made .the vow to go. about in shorts until became the president.

Age poses no barrier to mind-control, spirits: They attack both young and old. But children have increasingly become their targets of attack. As a result of their activities, more and more children are now labelled as autistic (hyperactive restless and uncontrollable). This is strange phenomenon.

These children are easily identified wherever they are found. If they are students or pupils they constitute problems to teachers. They often refuse to

talk to anyone. They scatter classes and are impervious to correction. They are not mad but their minds have been bewitched:

## **THE REAL PROBLEM**

Many things happen today that cannot be easily explained. As a result, a lot of people suffer endlessly. And this is one reason that makes the Bible say:

**My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge (Hosea 4:6).**

Even people who have been Christians for many years exhibit palpable ignorance as far as the activities of satanic mind controllers are concerned. The above quoted verse convinces us that the body of Christ has been without adequate knowledge of most of the activities of the devil for a long time. As a result of ignorance, many people who truly love the Lord have suffered unnecessarily. Some have even died.

In the past, Christians were taught that they did not need to know my thing about the devil. They erroneously thought that once they were in Christ all past bondages had passed away and all things had become new. The scriptures had been wrongly interpreted. I cannot recount how many pastors, sectional leaders, women leaders, pastors wives and key church workers who come to me to narrate certain horrifying expenses they have been grappling with for 10 to 20 years. And these were the people who have been charged with the responsibility of attending to other people's spiritual needs even when they themselves had their private battles to fight, battles which their lack of adequate knowledge of spiritual warfare has been making difficult for them to win.

For example, some of these church leaders have problems getting married well after they have passed their prime. Others have children with demonic problems; A lot of them put up with these secret problems for a long time because their churches have no deliverance programme. But because the Lord loves His people. He brought about a revival of the teaching of total victory over Satan and his demons. This made some Christians to begin to seek knowledge. They began to throw off their denominational shackles as

they began to value their victory more than church positions. They started to embrace the knowledge of the truth which liberates. Today, the story has changed. More and more people now enjoy their freedom in Christ

The apostolic days are here again. God's people are now willing to be free and the result is that lives have been, transformed, bonds have been broken and the oppressed have been set free. We are grateful to the Lord who has led His people into full liberty in Christ.

It takes a lot of courage to stand for the truth. It was not easy in the past to declare the truth of deliverance and spiritual warfare. Those who misunderstood our mission labelled us as a strange church that taught people to do evil. But the great multitude of people we saw around us oppressed by satanic activities fuelled our resolve to carry out our God given mandate. Today, we have prevailed through perseverance and faith in God. God has honoured His word which we have preached over the years. People have now discovered the difference between sweeping problems under the carpet and tackling them head-on through aggressive prayer and spiritual warfare. When I see these liberated Christians radiating joy in their lives ! give glory to God. Nightmares, poverty, satanic attacks, evil spells, demonic children, the spirit of non-achievement, the problem of failure at the edge of miracles, the problem of finding a marriage partner, ugly harassment by agents of the devil, battling with parental problems -all these can now be dealt with and overcome. Christians everywhere are discovering that victory is sweet and that bondage is bitter. and have chosen the former.

I was surprised the first time I saw a white man praying over his washing machine. I thought it was strange. But, surprisingly, it Worked. It is possible for evil spirits to in-dwell even non-living things. I have made up my mind to stand for the truth; no matter how strong the opposition.

There is no short-cut to victory. It takes the combination of holiness and deliverance to practically enjoy the fullness of the gospel. But praying without doctrine may lead to fanaticism, while sound doctrine without prayer will lead to formalism sooner or later. To teach without giving enough time for prayer is to fill the head with knowledge while actual experience is nothing to write home about. We must teach and practise the

whole counsel of God if we must help God's people in this day of high level satanic operations.

Satanic operations have robbed many people of their peace of mind. A lot of people take sleeping tablets and yet find it difficult to sleep. They are kept awake by the fear of so many things, even their own shadows! The fact is that once, the devil is able to gain entry into a person's mind he quickly assigns one of his wicked spirits to instill fear, including the fear of death, into that mind. Highly traumatized by this fear, the person gets into unreasonable actions and refuses to listen to any helpful advice. This is because mind-controlling spirits have used fear to take control of his mind. We must know how to deal with spirits that control the mind.

A sister came for prayer in our church recently. She was troubled because her husband had threatened to kill her if she failed to get out of the house. She did not want to lose her life, neither was she prepared to lose her home. This made her seek urgent help.

After she had narrated her story, I gave her some prayer points. She went home and prayed with the desperation of a wounded lion.

She went to bed after the prayer. She had a dream which baffled her. She saw her photograph tied with black thread. She ran to me to narrate her strange dream. I asked her if she had ever given her photograph to anybody. She told me that she had consulted a satanic prophet because she wanted to retain her husband's love. The satanic prophet told her to bring her photograph which she tied with black thread and buried it. Unknown to her, the prophet decided to use her photograph against her marriage. The prophet wanted to scatter her home in order to gain her love. That was how she almost lost her home. This is how some sisters have ended up marrying false prophets.

God never intended human beings to be controlled like robots. But a lot of people are being controlled like robots by mind-controlling forces. These powers often cast spells on people by using their photographs.

# RECOGNIZING THE PRESENCE OF MIND CONTROLLING FORCES

If you want to know whether mind controlling forces have affected your mind, answer the following questions.

- ➔ *Did you have a special friend in school who broke up with you and died suddenly?*
- ➔ *Did you have a special relationship with a man or a woman which collapsed suddenly?*
- ➔ *Has your wife or husband deserted you for another partner?*
- ➔ *Did your best friend steal your wife or your husband?*
- ➔ *Is your partner having affairs with other men or women?*
- ➔ *Is there anybody who dipped his hand into the same dish with you and has gone about spoiling your name?*
- ➔ *Have you been betrayed by somebody who you have high regard for?*
- ➔ *Did you sponsor someone's education only for the person to refuse to show appreciation?*
- ➔ *Did you help anyone who later disappointed you?*
- ➔ *Did you invest any more in any joint business venture with a friend only for the friend to run away with the profit?*
- ➔ *Have you been jilted by a man or a woman?*
- ➔ *Have you ever told lies to save yourself and put someone else in trouble?*

Answer all these questions and examine yourself thoroughly to ascertain whether you have been a victim of mind controlling powers.

*The Television.* If you ask me to name the most, powerful weapon of witchcraft in the world today, it is the television. There is a force behind the television. Everyday, millions of people spend hours watching the television.

When the television is energized by Satan and a demonic programme is on, some demonic forces may urge you to keep on watching. Mind-controlling spirits will then take over from that point. The evil programme would be transferred to the realm of the dream. Eventually, you will begin to have horrible dreams.

I never knew that there was anything called Dracula until particular mother dragged her daughter to my counselling room. The young girl's problem was that Dracula was chasing her in her dream, I asked her, "What is Dracula?" She simply smiled and told me that Dracula is a vampire spirit. Again I asked her, "What is" vampire spirit?" She replied, "It simply means a blood-sucking spirit." She then narrated how she came across Dracula on the television. I asked her, "But why must you watch that kind of horrible film?" She said, "I don't know. I just liked watching it." That was how what she saw on the television began to haunt her.

When something bad comes into your mind, and pollutes your thoughts, it will prevent you from focussing your mind on good things. These mind controlling spirits are responsible for a lot of evil things that go on in the human mind. They make the mind wicked, foolish, hardened, carnal, vain, defiled, unstable, corrupt and weary.

You must be careful how you decorate your house. Most of the carvings which people use to decorate their houses are dangerous. They are heavily loaded with demons. You must avoid all carvings that resemble idols or animals such as snakes or frogs. You must get rid of any carving that represents any unclean creature in the Bible. These animals are listed in the book of Leviticus. Such carvings will bring strange fire into your home.

You must also be careful about what you eat. Somebody wants to celebrate his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday for the third time and decides to buy a cow. His purpose is to transfer all his problems into the lives of as many people eat the cow. Before the cow is slaughtered he would place his hand on it and demand that every problem in his life be transferred to the cow and that whoever eats the meat should inherit all his present and future problems, be it death, accident, sickness or evil attacks. The cow is slaughtered and the

meat is cooked. The demonic meat would be served from house to house to unsuspecting victims.

Such sacrifices are very common today. The virtues and the blessings of so many people have been exchanged or stolen through such demonic sacrifices.

***Other Forms of Attack.*** Let me enumerate below other forms of being susceptible to attacks by mind-controlling spirits.

➔ ***Through worldly music***

If you play the type of music that is inspired by the devil in your house, you will consequently invite the spirit that came into the life of the composer. It is unfortunate that most of the best selling records are filled with lewd and other obscene language, incantations, slang, abusive songs and other things that are capable of capturing the mind and leading people into bondage.

➔ ***Evil meditation***

Sometimes people think of strange things: For instance someone who boards a commuter bus might say "What if this vehicle has an accident right now? May be, this bus will run into the lagoon. Many of us will soon be rushed to the hospital." These thoughts come from mind controlling forces.

➔ ***Bad books***

If you read bad books, the influence behind the book may soon enter into your own life. A lot of our teenagers today are in trouble because they are reading the wrong books. If you ask them why they are reading corrupt books, they would tell you. "We simply want to improve our English." They are deceiving themselves.

➔ ***Drugs and alcohol***

Some people are addicted to hard drugs and alcohol. It will be a great tragedy if anyone coming to a church, where the power of God is moving and holiness within and without is taught, is still drinking in secret. Such a person will end up cutting himself off from the anointing of God.

➔ ***Anything that corrupts the mind***

➔ ***Inheritance from parents***

If a father is careless and confused at all times, his children will wake up such habits. If a mother is melancholic, her children may also become bitter.

➔ ***Attending fake churches***

Mind controlling spirits can take hold of somebody's life if such a person attends a fake church. If you attend a church where a signature is written on your palm, you are making yourself a victim of wicked mind controlling forces. If you pray with a prophet's picture you are also opening your heart to demonic influence.

➔ ***Serving or distributing any food that contains satanic poison***

There are many kinds of food items that are satanic. If you eat any food which was prepared with satanic ingredients you will end up losing the control of your mind to demonic controllers.

➔ ***Sleeping with a fetish priest or a false prophet as a means of solving your problems***

This is nothing but demonic manipulation

➔ ***Putting on the underwear of a possessed person***

This will lead to bondage

➔ ***Eating anyhow in the streets***

If you come across a local roasted plantain seller and discover that there is no fresh fire in her local oven, or that all she has are two or three plantains with no sign of having peeled them there, then you can be sure that she is a certified demonic agent. Many of the people who hawk food in the streets are chronic idol worshippers; Unknown to most people, they generally dedicate their food to their idols each day before going out to sell. If you eat that kind of food without prayer your mind may be polluted.

## **THE DIVINE SOLUTION**

Finally, let us examine the solution to the problem of manipulation of the mind.

### **Recognize the problem**



How do you recognize a problem that emanates from the mind? If you memorize the Scriptures and fail to remember them when you need them, then you need help.

**Come to the realization of the fact that God wants full control of your mind.**

God is not interested in partial control of your mind. Luke 10:27 says:

**And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength. and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself.**

The Bible also teaches that your mind must, agree with what the Bible classifies as sound thoughts:

**Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, Whatsoever things are of good report; If there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things (Phil.4:8).**

At this moment I want you to examine the thoughts in your heart in the light of what you have just read. Let me also ask you a few questions:

- ➔ *Do you think about what is true?*
- ➔ *Are your thoughts centred on honest things?*
- ➔ *Are you entertaining impure thoughts in your mind?*
- ➔ *Are you thinking about what is not lovely?*
- ➔ *Do you believe evil reports?*

Your answers to these questions will reveal the state of your mind or conscience.

Again, the Bible says in 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.**

➔ *Is your mind filled with the power and the love of God?*

➔ *Is your mind sound?*

### **Renounce these powerful dark spirits**

Don't let evil spirits deceive you. Sometime ago, a man brought his two wives to my office because he had great problems in his family. I told him what the Bible teaches concerning marriages. I advised him to keep only the first wife. He found it difficult to accept my counsel. His excuse was that the two wives liked each other. He told me that, in fact, they could not do without each other. He refused to obey the word of God. Today, he has lost both wives, both of them are dead. The man has become as confused as ever.

### **Wage war against mind controlling spirits**

It is unfortunate that many people find it difficult to maintain a clean heart. Such people generally refuse to fight against powers that pollute the mind.

If you find it difficult to think through a particular thing you must be ready to wage war against wicked spirits today. The devil is a very good lecturer. If you listen to him, he would confuse you.

Somebody was duped about half a million naira, a huge amount of money which did not belong to him. He decided to end his life. He drank from a bottle containing acidic battery liquid. As soon as he took the acid he started rolling on the ground and shouted to attract the attention of neighbours. Evil spirits had ruined his state of mind and led him to untimely death.

Mind-controlling spirits are responsible for failures. They programme the mind to think and do evil things. Their goal is total destruction. Do not give them an inch in your mind. Rise up and fight against them today. Make sure that your mind is holy, healthy, happy and godly. That is how to have a good conscience. It is a battle you must win.

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