

GATEWAYS TO ENEMY CONTROL

PATTERNS OFTEN FOUND RESULTING IN BONDAGE

NOTE: The major headings are referred to as "Door-openers", defined as the "pattern-able ways the enemy can gain a foothold in our lives".

1. TRAUMATIC EXPERIENCES:

As with the case of Job in the Old Testament, the enemy is known to gain influence through trauma, when the human will is shut down for a time and there is a vulnerability to false comforts and deception. We see this in cases of:

sudden death	child abuse	severe rejection	
violent crime	divorce	incest	abandonment
violations of trust	betrayal	emotional abuse	intense loneliness
severe hurt	acute fear	adultery	physical abuse
sexual abuse	serious accident	spiritual abuse	
	severe pain	severe accident	

2. LINEAGE HOLDS AND/OR CURSES:

As stated in Exod. 20:5, there is a pattern of the "sins" (offenders) visiting down family lines, so if a spirit is displaced because of a death, the spirit will seek another in the family line who is already conditioned with the same vulnerabilities to gain control in a similar way.

A "curse" is a harmful statement by someone, usually an authority figure such a parent, which is then rehearsed by an evil spirit in the mind of a person, in order gain influence in the person's life.

Familiar spirits can come from relatives who were involved in witchcraft, false religion, ancestral spirit worship, or through curses spoken by relatives or people in authority against the person's character, physical appearance or abilities; If the person is adopted, the lineage from the birth parents and legal parents are both potential sources since both legal and biological ties carry a kind of authority.

3. HISTORY OF WITCHCRAFT/ REBELLION:

1 Sam 15:23, "For rebellion is as the sin of divination." These words were spoken to King Saul, who later uses the witch of Endor to call up Samuel. In the next chapter we read, "Now the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD terrorized him." (16:14)

Cults	false religions	Ouija board	spirit guides
prayers to Satan	cursing God	New Age	drugs
horoscopes	astrology	yoga	astral projection
occult activity	occult books	occult movies	spiritism
channeling	magic	levitation	spells
curses	incantations	divination	Tarot cards

premonitions	clairvoyance	astrology	fortune telling
psychic power	blood pacts	satanism	sorcery
nightmares	apparitions	charms	amulets
fetishes	idolatry	blood sacrifices	blasphemy

4. **HABITUAL SIN BONDAGE:**

Addiction is defined by the inability not engage in something without experiencing withdrawal. It can be to a substance (ex. alcohol, drugs, caffeine, sweets, etc.) or an obsession with a natural life activity (Emotional attachments, food addiction, eating addictions, video addiction, sexual addictions, etc.)

street drugs	prescription drugs	alcohol	nicotine
gluttony	anorexia	bulimia	violence
lying	stealing	pride	jealousy
envy	blasphemy	cursing	swearing
gossip	slander	critical	coveting
anger	rage	selfishness	hatred
judgmental	manipulation	control	greed

[These are only a few strongholds that can be present here.]

5. **MENTAL/EMOTIONAL BONDAGES:**

God gives us emotions to serve our wellbeing, but when the enemy controls our emotions, they become a **controlling** and **destructive** force in our lives. The area of our emotions is tied to the meaning of something in our minds.

Emotions can be compelling as to behavior, and are triggered by the meaning of circumstances. If we are deceived as to the meaning of anything in our life, our emotions are vulnerable to enemy control in the areas of:

loneliness	anxiety	guilt	worry
rejection	denial	frustration	self-pity
hopelessness	discouragement	fears (see #9)	emotional pain
despair	hurt	anger	rage
depression	condemnation	suicide	trauma

6. DECEPTION – The Battle for the Mind: “As a man thinks within his heart, so is he;” Proverbs 23:7 This is where the battle began, and is still the primary strategy against us in the spiritual war.

mental confusion	lack of concentration		indecisiveness
fantasy	distraction	negativity	hallucinations
pretension	avoidance	voices	phobias
schizophrenia	manic/depression	escape	paranoia
multiple personalities		passive mind	blank mind
obsessive spirits = obsessions	fixations of the mind (ex. obsessive worry,		

obsession to someone, etc.)

compulsive spirits = compulsive behaviors (ex. compulsive buying, compulsive lying, compulsive gambling, etc.)

[These are only a few of the strongholds that can be present in these areas.

The enemy can also counterfeit, intensify, or cause total suppression of the emotions.]

6. **SEXUAL IMPURITIES:** The enemy is known to prefer those human activities which serve to give the greatest value to other people, and focus his efforts of corruption on those things. Similar to money, human sexuality holds great potential for expressing the value of another, **especially for men**, and is at the center of marriage, which reflects the image of Christ and His Church. The stakes are high, and this area is a favorite target in spiritual warfare.

lust	fornication	immorality	masturbation
sensuality	adultery	pornography	perversion
bestiality	sexual abuse	molestation	rape
incest	homosexuality	lesbian spirit	sexual fantasy
nightmares	abortion	prostitution	sexual shame
sexual curses	sexual rejection	harlot spirit	transvestite
Satanic sexual ritual abuse (used in ceremonial rites)			seduction
sexual attack by demons		sexual violence	

7. **SELF-IMAGE:** In as much as we find most men struggling with sexual bondage, it seems the favorite strategy to disable women is in how they see themselves, or self image. This is truly a bondage of the mind, and is targeted on how women and men think about themselves. (**Note the back of the "Card" for a number of passages where Scripture directly addresses God's "image" of us in Christ**)

Curses through others (spoken by someone: ex. "You're stupid")

Self-curses (We listen to the enemies lies and speak them about ourselves.

Ex. "You're ugly".) There may be many.

These curses may produce: **self-condemnation**

rejection

low self-esteem **worthlessness** **inadequacy** **incapable**

self-hatred **self-destroyer** **false body image** **bulemia**

self-hatred **anorexia** **starvation** **death**

Bondage in this area may also result in:

self abuse (**cutters** = people who cut themselves)

self-mutilation (usually related to rituals)

false demonic personalities (usually after severe abuse or trauma)

When our self-esteem is distorted, the enemy may use:

pride **pretension** **fantasy** **isolation**

escape **depression** **fear of rejection** **suicide**

8. **UNFORGIVENESS:** Forgiveness is defined not as “pardoning” what another has done, but detaching from it, such that the person and the sin committed are cut off from having any further influence (**2Corinthians 2:10-11**):

hurt	emotional pain	resentment	hostility
retaliation	revenge	rejection	bitterness
hatred	murder		

9. **FEARS:** 2 Tim 1:7 “**For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and love and discipline.**”

[Other names for fear: terror, psychosis, panic attacks, paranoia]

fear of _____ (Only a few are mentioned)

God (negative)	rejection	abandonment	future
Satan	dark	supernatural	death
attack	failure	success	authority
loss of control	loss (ex. loved one)		insanity
illness	pain	hurt	sex
men (women)	intimacy	unknown	confrontation

public speaking
water, drowning, snakes, spiders, people, heights, driving, accidents, etc.....

There can be a stronghold of fear of almost anything, if **excessive and controlling**.

10. **PHYSICAL OFFENDERS:** Any prolonged illness, affliction or symptom that does not respond to normal medical diagnosis and treatment is suspect. Often these are bondages on the family lineage. Common ailments that have been frequently (but not necessarily) demonic are:

asthma	cancer	choking	constrictions
blood disorders	PMS	epilepsy	convulsions
reoccurring illness (ex: skin diseases, severe allergies, high blood pressure)			
high blood pressure	severe or erratic pain (ex. migraines, pain that moves)		
fevers (when not normal symptom of ailment)	energy robber		
severe and prolonged fatigue	nervousness		
false healing (usually allows other demons to enter in place of the one that left)			

11. **SPIRITUAL BLOCKS:** 2 Cor. 4:3-4, “**And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.**”

These are experienced as an otherwise unexplainable inability to engage with God, including the experience of His presence, prayer, Bible reading, worship, etc. This can result from the following:

cursed God	prayed to Satan	rebellion	doubt
unbelief	distrust	discontent	legalism
deception	passivity	hypnosis	pretension
anger (to God)	performance	perfectionism	witchcraft

curses false gifts counterfeit Jesus false visions
subjected to false ministry—hands laid in false ministry, false oil anointing, slain
in the spirit, false "baptism in the spirit", false tongues or other spiritual 'gifts',
false "laughing in the spirit", spiritual confusion, lack of concentration
dedications to 'saints' or 'the virgin Mary' or any one other than to God

12. **UNCONFESSED, KNOWN SIN AREAS**

Do you have any known unconfessed sin? _____

This may result in bondage to:

guilt	deception	pride	hypocrisy
pretension	shame	blame	defensive
condemnation	self-righteous	legalism	performance
high reasoning	evil imaginations	rebellion	

spirits of false doctrine (*changing your beliefs to accommodate the sin*)

13. **HARASSING SPIRITS:**

There spirits may be assigned to continue to harass you with:
tormenting thoughts; doubt; fears; accusations.

After deliverance, these spirits may try to rob the believer of his/her
deliverance and gain ground back by attacking in the same vulnerable areas.

14. **FALSE SPIRITUAL GIFTS:**

What are your spiritual gifts? _____

Have these gifts been tested according to 1 John 4: 1-3? [Chapter 6]

Here are some know demonic supernatural counterfeits:

counterfeit tongues	false prophecy	false discernment
false Jesus / Christ	false healing	false anointing
counterfeit signs and wonders	false presentations of 'Mary' or 'Jesus'	
false visions—clairvoyence	false teaching	false doctrine
religious spirits	religious performance	rituals
incantations (false prayers)	false knowledge—premonitions	

There are many other false supernatural manifestations.