

# GOD'S E.R.

## FREED FROM ALL THINGS

Acts 13:39 and through Him everyone who believes is freed from all things

### Class 1 – Protecting Your Freedoms - Lesson Six

#### RIGHT RELATEDNESS

**Prov 13:20:** He that walks with wise men shall be wise; but a companion of fools will be destroyed:

Destroyed by what? By our own wrong decision to listen to others that teach us things contrary to the Word of God.

**I Cor 15:33** Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good behavior."

It is extremely important to have only Godly associations as your source of truth in your life. Although we must witness to others to bring them to Christ, this is not the same as spending time with them socially and learning from them. It is rarely possible to regularly interact socially with unbelievers without it having detrimental effects to you. This is where we establish wrong associations that become "Soul Ties."

First, let us understand what our "soul" consists of so that we can understand how it can become wrongly "tied" to another. Your soul is:

- a. Your mind (thinking, reasoning, rationalizing)
- b. Your will (your wants and desires)
- c. Your emotions (feelings that come from conscious or unconscious thoughts).

An ungodly soul tie, by its very nature, is based in the demonic. Anything contrary to the Lord's standard for our relationships is used by the enemy to destroy us. When you allow a soul tie to develop in your life, even with another Christian person, the enemy will come in and it will be distorted into a demonic stronghold.

#### What are the Signs of Ungodly Soul Ties?

**1. Soul Ties produce a lack of proper reasoning.** This means that you may fully and completely believe something, although it is contrary to the Word of God. Example. You may believe there are many ways to God. However the Lord himself said, "I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the 'Father but by Me.'" - This soul tie is often based in the sin of trying to please man, rather than the Lord.

**2. Soul Ties cause people to compare the present with the past when making decisions.** Some people always live in the past by bringing it into the future. Example. You find yourself comparing your ex-husband with your current husband and you assume he will not honor you

like the first husband did not honor you. Or you expect your new friend to talk behind your back because your old friend used to do the same. This soul tie is based in the sin of Fear.

**1 John 4:18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear.

**3. Soul Ties cause a person to wrongly apply their emotions to situations.** Today, the world is saying, if you want to do it, do it. If you “feel” like this or that, then you must obey your feelings. This is a deception! Your feelings should never be why you do something.

Example: People often do things because it makes them feel good – we often do whatever it takes to feel good. But our emotions and feelings are really not our friends! We love the feeling that emotions give us when we are happy or excited, and we hate the feelings we get when we are sad or discontented. In reality, our emotions don’t “make” us do anything. We choose to respond to our emotions.

We must be careful and think first, then choose - and line up our thoughts completely with the Word of God. If we do not, our emotions will take over and then we will make wrong decisions. Our decisions should only be based on the Word of God. The Word of God has all the direction we need for every circumstance. We need to learn the Word! As Christians our choice should be to do what is right, and then the good feelings will follow!

**4. Soul Ties produce a desire or attraction to people, places, or things that are contrary to the Word.** Some people are in abusive relationships. You feel you don’t deserve to be treated well. Some of you erroneously think that you have to “pay” for past bad behavior by letting someone else abuse you. This is a complete lie of the devil and is a victim-mentality soul tie.

**2 Cor 5:17** Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

This means everyday we are learning new and correct ways of walking with the Lord. We are letting the past go, and we watch with amazement the new things that God is doing in our lives. Remember this admonition from the Word:

**2 Cor 6:14** Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?

What will you believe? The Words of our Lord, or the words of the enemy?

**5. Soul Ties cause a lack of Judgment and Discernment.** The voice of a soul tie speaks louder than the “still small voice” of the Holy Spirit within you. This is because you have chosen to live by your soulish realm, the realm of your mind, will and emotions, rather than by the Words of the Holy Spirit who resides in and with you. You attempt to “discern” what is happening around you or even the Will of the Lord, but you are trying to discern it from your soul, rather than from your spirit and the Spirit of God within you.

God is speaking to your spirit, not your soul. Being in the company of strong Christians that speak the Word of God into your life helps you grow. As you read the Word and fellowship with strong believers, you will become Spirit-directed.

#### **6. Soul Ties Produce the inability to establish and maintain proper adult relationships.**

Acting like a child or childish in our communication with other adults; constantly jealous over a friend spending time with other people; always out playing or entertaining yourself? If you see yourself without purpose, this is an indication of a soul tie that has kept you from becoming the mature Christian with Godly purpose that the Father intends you to be. There is a “childlikeness” that is pleasing to the Lord – that is having the faith of a child.

**Matthew 18:3** Truly I say to you, unless you are converted and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

But there is *childishness* that is not pleasing to the Lord:

**Hebrews 5:12** For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food.

This is a difficult reprimand to take, but if we can accept this word from the Lord and put childishness behind us, we will stay free of the soul tie of self-centeredness.

#### **Why are Soul Ties so Strong? Soul Ties are Counterfeits for Godly Covenants.**

The following is a list of the common ways a person develops soul ties:

##### **#1 & 2 - Family and Marriage**

Family soul ties can be the strongest soul ties there are. If either parent has soul ties or demonic influence in their lives, it will be passed on to their children as they are birthed.

An example of a soul tie passed through birth is homosexuality. Many people argue that they are “born homosexual” – as if God made them this way. But God did not do this and it is not part of who God intended them to be. It is part of their soulish nature and can definitely be passed down from parents at birth. Demonic spirits have a right to property they have a stake in. If a parent has allowed witchcraft, incest, rebellion, drinking, or homosexual spirits into their lives, they will be passed to their children. However, this does not mean that the child doomed to have them their entire life. If they want to be free, Jesus’ whole purpose is to ransom us, to redeem us! The first requirement is that we surrender our lives to Jesus, give Him everything we are, and then we can begin to break off the soul ties and demonic oppression that we have allowed to be created. As the Lord brings these to our understanding as we grow in Him, we will see that this is not part of His character, and we are able to apply the blood of Jesus and His name to walk in freedom.

##### **#3 Sexual activity**

Any illicit sex, that is sex outside of the marriage covenant, will immediately make a soul tie. Why? Because marriage is a covenant. Two people, in covenant with God, become one person in spirit and purpose. When you have sex outside of marriage, you are making a *counterfeit*

covenant, a soul tie (soul covenant rather than a spirit covenant), with the one you are having sex with. Sexual “activity” outside of marriage brings a soul tie – immediately.

What are the outward signs? You will begin to act flirty, wear provocative clothes, touching inappropriately and whatever other behavior keeps the interest of this other person. Because you have a soul tie, it compels you to do things to keep that soul tie intact, even when you know that it is not appropriate behavior for a Christian. This includes touching or hanging on the person in public, wearing low cut blouses, too short a skirt, extremely tight clothing among other things.

Any elicited sexual activity produces all types of soul ties and other effects: incurable diseases, unplanned pregnancy (which could result in abortion - the act of which brings soul ties and demonic spirits), rejection, low self esteem, depression, and criminal behavior. When you lay down with someone, you get up with what they have. Sexual activity makes the two become one. Now you are “one” with all the things the other person has hanging on him or her. All of the junk in their soul is now in yours.

#### **#4 – Listening to Voices**

A voice is the vehicle of the soul of a person. Whatever you say, or whatever you hear someone else say, it is coming straight from the heart– it is the core of who they are. When you listen to another person, you are taking in part of their soulish nature, whether good or bad.

**I Cor 14:10** There are many voices in the world, and none of them fail in conveying their message.

According to the Word of God, it is rebellion to listen to and partake in astrology, tarot card reading, palm reading, fortune telling, future readings, or anything having to do with witchcraft. These things are not of God but are of the devil. These things are demons telling you things about your past life, or making up things about your future. Why is it rebellion and an abomination to the Lord? Because again, it is a counterfeit. Instead of reading God’s Word and trusting Him for your future and with your past, you are going to the devil and his workers to try to glean information. This always causes demonic influence in a person’s life and you will need to repent and be delivered.

If you know someone is not right with God and is preaching something contrary to the Word of God, and yet you sit under their teaching, you are inviting a soul tie and the influence of the demonic. Their words go into you as seeds that start to grow. Eventually you will believe this counterfeit position over the Word of God, and you will head down a slippery slope to trusting in your own reasoning or the words of another, rather than the Word of God.

Can you think of some examples of this? Soap Operas, talk shows, fantasy movies – how do they affect you?

**2 Tim 3:5-7** tells us that silly women who believe anything told to them are weighted down with sin and can *never even recognize the truth when it is spoken to them.* This is because they have taken into their souls the deception of the enemy by listening to error as if it were truth. If you listen to the wrong people long enough, you will be just like them.

## **#5 – Improper Allegiances**

Allegiances are when people promise their devotion to another person, group, or set of rules. Our society has a huge problem with this today concerning “Gangs.” Gangs are nothing more than a group of people with soul ties to each other. They have a counterfeit security when they are joined in soul ties to the gang. The Lord wants us to be “rightly fitted together”

**Eph 4:16** Under His direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.

This is what people are really longing for when they join a gang. It is the counterfeit for the Body of Christ.

## **#6 – Idolization**

What is an idol or idolization? It is when you put something or someone above God. We have a huge problem with this in our society. It is expected that non-Christians will follow Hollywood personalities and rock stars because every person is created to look up to someone and to be under leadership, an authority structure. Because non-believers don’t have a consciousness toward God, they follow after the lights, sex and money. WHY IN THE WORLD would Christians do these things? Why would we follow after the god of this world, the devil and his way of doing things, when Jesus is our Lord and Savior? It is because we *erroneously believe* these people are greater than anything else we have known – even above the Word and God’s plan for our lives.

You may hear that this actor or that actress is a born again believer, but if their behavior and manner of dress does not conform to the “chaste and respectful” behavior that the Word says we are to conform to, there is a problem. The Scripture says **flee immorality** (1 Cor 3:18). Following these people or anyone like them is inviting the soul ties of idolatry into your life.

The enemy is looking for every crack in the door, every wrong decision, to try to get in and distort our relationships with each other and with the Lord. We must understand this and keep our eyes, our thoughts and our heart on Jesus.

**1 Timothy 1:5** But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith.

**2 Timothy 2:22** Now flee from youthful lusts and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, with those who call on the Lord from a pure heart.

**Next week we will study “*Loving Yourself*” – the Secret to being at Peace with the Father and your Relationships with Others!**