

Spirit of Error

July 2020 – MiracleofDeliverance.com



Announcements:

- ✓ Missing Newsletters? Sign up for our monthly newsletters, free downloads & news. Go to website and scroll to bottom to sign up!
- ✓ Subscribe to our YouTube Channel: youtube.com/c/FreedomClasses
- ✓ This week training: Wednesday on SRA and Brokenness at 10AM. Rejection teaching series continues Wednesday at 7PM.
- ✓ Bible Translation: All scripture is NKJV unless otherwise stated.

Introduction:

Once a person has been in error or witnessed it, there can be a fear arise of falling for deception again. We have to put safeguards in place and then stand on Jude 24! The Lord will be patient to show a person He can be trusted. He is kind, with extra special kindness shown to the broken.

Jude 24 Now to Him who is able to keep [you from stumbling, And to present you faultless Before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy,

Spirit of Error

1. There is a Spirit of Truth and there is a Spirit of Error

1 John 4:6 We are of God. He who knows God hears us; he who is not of God does not hear us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

It is a Spirit of Deception

1. The issue with Error is that the person, group, organization, or church likely DOES NOT know they are in error. If they knew they were deceived, they wouldn't be deceived!

1 Tim 4:1-3 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,² speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

These scriptures have been given to us to let us know to be AWARE: The issue isn't IF there is error, it is where it is located and recognizing it!

2 Thes. 2:8-12 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His

coming. ⁹The coming of the *lawless one* is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, ¹⁰ and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. ¹¹And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, ¹²that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

2 Timothy 3:13 NKJV But evil men and impostors will grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived.

Matthew 7:15 (NKJV) “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. (Some who lead people into error are deceived themselves, but there are those who purposely lead people into error for their own greed.)

The Blindness of ERROR:

1. Why didn’t it occur to King David that he was in sin until he had already:
 - a. Committed adultery
 - b. Connived Bathsheba’s husband
 - c. Premeditated murder. Sent the assassination order by the hand of the man he wanted to kill.
 - d. Killed her husband and other men
2. When the prophet Nathan spelled out the sin, David could easily see it when he thought it was someone else. But, he could not see his own error.
 - a. 2 Samuel 12:5 (NKJV)

⁵So David’s anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, “As the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die!
3. The fact that error is so blinding needs to keep us on our toes. We need to pray and be aware that error is possible.

Deliverance Ministry and Error:

It is the truth that sets us free. If we cannot grab hold of the truth because of the blindness of error, how are we to be delivered?

In addition, the spirit of error ties itself in with other spirits to fortify itself in what seems like an immovable stronghold.

Error Often Works with:

Lying Spirit	Deceiving Spirits	Spirit of Seduction
Perverse Spirit	Antichrist Spirit	Religious Spirit

Fear
Pride/Haughtiness

Legalism
Generational Issues

Deaf & Dumb
Witchcraft/Divination

What Gift of the Spirit would help identify the spirit of error?

1. **Gift of Discernment** (1 Cor. 12:10)

- a. The gift of discernment when operating properly will detect what is of God and what is of the enemy. It will reveal and point to truth.

2. **What can disrupt the flow of discernment so that the person is not effective in identifying error?**

The following are areas where the wonderful gift of discernment can be tainted through the flesh:

- a. Confusing a critical spirit for a discernment
- b. Going into error using the gift by interpreting the discernment wrongly (ie: you discern perversion, so you interpret the person is perverted when actually, they are under assault or perhaps they've been abused)
- c. Sympathizing with Error. You will know this by compromising the Word to permit personal issues.

THREE Tests to check Truth verses Error:

1. **Test #1 The Confession**

1 John 4:1-3 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. ²By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, ³and every spirit that does not confess ¹that Jesus ¹Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the *spirit* of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world. (See also 2 John 1:7)

- a. Be clear about the authority of the name of Jesus. This scripture does not say that a spirit cannot say the name of Jesus. What does it say?

2. **Test #2 Denying The Power, Resisting Truth** (go over the checklist in vs 2-4)

2 Timothy 3:1-9 describes the depth of error and its fruit!

But know this, that in the last days [perilous times will come: ²For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, ³unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, ⁴traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away! ⁶For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts, ⁷always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. ⁸Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also **resist the truth: men of corrupt minds**, disapproved concerning the faith; ⁹but they will progress no further, for their folly will be manifest to all, as theirs also was.

NOTE: Being unteachable and uncorrectable are RED HOT FLAGS for error.

3. Test #3 The Spirit of Truth Guides and is Humble!

John 16:13 However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.

NOTE: When you do not know if it is error. Look at the Word. Pray. Seek Wise Counsel. God will reveal the truth if you want to know it!

Can Feel Like:

It is tricky because deception is just that: deceiving!

It's Mission:

- Discredit you and keep you from progressing
- Bind others and you
- Keep you from the truth
- Paralyze ministry and fruitfulness
- Separate you from truth and the presence of the Lord while binding you to lies

Sounds Like:

- Sounds right.
- (thoughts that the error could be wrong can make a person feel confused)

Looks Like:

- Know it All
- Pride
- Mocking
- Rebellion
- Fear of Authority
- Scathing

- Self-Sufficient
- Controlling

Typical Manifestations when Leaving:

- The issue with the spirit of error is not the manifestation when it leaves. The remedy for error is the Spirit of Truth. The truth coming in pushes out the error. The issue with error is the aftercare and clean-up of the damage.
- The aftermath of error may include but is not limited to:
 - Healing from shock.
 - People who have been blinded by error can experience grief, regret, shame, shock, and bewilderment when the truth is revealed. It truly can be a shock to the system, especially if the person had a heart to do good and believe rightly but was in error.
 - They need to be able to express their emotions and process it. This can be done through confession, pouring out the heart to God, through artwork, writing, music, etc.
 - This can take time. When a person comes out of error, they may become fearful of believing anything less they believe wrongly. They have to learn to trust the truth. Those ministering need patience.
 - It is okay to process the grief. We do, however, want to be on alert that a spirit of heaviness does not take the opportunity to sow depression, heavy grief and sorrow that does not lift. We can avoid this by forgiving ourselves and others as soon as we are capable of doing so and by communing with the Lord in prayer and in the Word.
 - Depending on the type of error, when a person learns truth and embraces it, they may be excommunicated from their community, shunned, persecuted, or cut off from a family unit. We must show great love and compassion as they do what the disciples did and leave all for the cause of Christ and His truth.

DELIVERANCE and POWER MINISTRIES IN ERROR:

Who can't name ministries who have gone into error? There are many famous names that started out right and took the wrong turn at Albuquerque.

Safeguarding oneself and ministry against error:

1. Know the WORD.

- **Matthew 22:29** KJV Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God.
- **John 8:32** KJV And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.
- **2 Tim 3:16** NKJV All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for ^[a]instruction in righteousness,

2. Get close to God!

- **James 4:8** (KJV) Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

3. Walk in the Spirit

- **1 Cor. 2:14-15** (Voice) ¹⁴But a person who denies spiritual realities will not accept the things that come through the Spirit of God; they all sound like foolishness to him. He is incapable of grasping them because they are *disseminated, discerned, and valued* by the Spirit. ¹⁵A person who walks by the Spirit examines everything, *sizing it up and seeking out truth*. But no one is able to examine or size up that *kind of* spiritual person,
- **Gal 5:16** I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

4. Be Teachable and Correctible.

- **Pro 19:20** Listen to counsel and receive instruction, That you may be wise in your latter days.
- **Pro 12:1** Whoever loves instruction loves knowledge, But he who hates correction *is* stupid.
- **Heb 12:5-11** And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons:

“My son, do not despise the ^[a]chastening of the LORD, Nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him; ⁶For whom the LORD loves He chastens, And scourges every son whom He receives. ⁷If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? ⁸But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then you are illegitimate and not sons. ⁹Furthermore, we have had

human fathers who corrected *us*, and we paid *them* respect. Shall we not much more readily be in subjection to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they indeed for a few days chastened *us* as seemed *best* to them, but He for *our* profit, that *we* may be partakers of His holiness. ¹¹ Now no ^[c]chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

5. **Beware of double-mindedness.** (Once you know the truth, hang on.)

- **Galatians 1:6** I marvel that you are turning away so soon from Him who called you in the grace of Christ, to a different gospel, (Note: A seducing spirit will work with a spirit of error to draw people away.)
- **James 1:8** (KJV) A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

6. **Stay in the Protection of the Authority God has placed over you.**

- **Heb 13:17** Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.
- A mature, kind, loving, wise mentor can be a great blessing to keep one out of error.

How can a person gauge a good authority from someone who is blind looking for blind followers?

1. **WALKING IN TRUTH**

- A good authority will follow the guidelines of 1-6 above themselves so they do not go into error.

2. **LOVE**

- **John 13:35** By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”
- **1 Cor 13:4-8a** Love suffers long *and* is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; ⁷ bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.⁸ Love never fails.

3. **GOOD FRUITS**

- **James 3:17** But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.
- **Matthew 7:15-20** “Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. ¹⁶You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? ¹⁷Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. ¹⁸A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor *can* a bad tree bear good fruit. ¹⁹Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ²⁰Therefore by their fruits you will know them.
- **Gal 5:22-26** But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. ²⁴And those *who are* Christ’s have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. ²⁶Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

Often those in error are manipulative, mean, can be demeaning, demanding, controlling, legalistic, disapproving, etc. This is not the fruit of the spirit! This is not love. This is not someone following the 1-6 guidelines above.

Spirit of Error Manifestations and Fruit

(From the Deliverance Manual by Bill Sudduth)

All false prophecies	Un-submissive	Hyper-spiritual	Hypocrisy
Dullness of comprehension	Twisting Scripture	An un-teachable spirit	Mixing the holy with the profane
A defensive and argumentative spirit	Sympathy for the devil	Contentions	Servant of corruption
Having a form of godliness but denying its power	Mental confusion and fears	Physical illness, pain and affliction	Depression and Suicidal
Spiritual hindrances to: Prayer Bible Study Listening to Services	All faith principles that have come in through error	Familiar spirit of error	

Moving in the gifts of the Spirit

All False Doctrines and False Religions

- Mormonism
- Catholicism
- Phariseeism
- Buddhism
- Hinduism
- New Age Movement
- Unitarianism
- Communism
- Nazism
- Freemasonry
- Islam
- Amish