

Methods of Counter Attack

The Lord expects instant obedience. In 1 Samuel 15:22 Samuel asks *“Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.”* Man needs to hear and respond with the first command. It is a tragedy and often costly presumption when man refuses to hear and respond to the Lord the first time He speaks to a person, regardless of whether it is what man wants to do or not.

Jesus promises help through the Holy Spirit in John 14:15-17:

“If you love me, obey my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, who will never leave you. He is the Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth.” 1 John 4:4 states *“But you belong to God, my dear children. You have already won a victory over those people, because the Spirit who lives in you is greater than the spirit who lives in the world.”*

The conviction of the Holy Spirit (the small still voice guiding you and convincing you of sin, transgressions and iniquity) is specific and needs to be dealt with without delay. But most of all this conviction leads us to freedom if we sincerely repent.

The following are steps that can assist in the process of breaking free from bondage¹:

- Confession. Acknowledge and confess the existence and right of an identified sin, iniquity or transgression. Confess with the mouth, out loud, that it is wrong in God’s eyes and according to His Word.
- Repentance. Repentance of the sin, iniquity or transgression needs to be sincerely. Announce that you choose to turn away from the sin. This can be done on behalf of someone who has passed away.
- Forgiveness. Forgive any party involved or that is responsible for the committed sin, iniquity or transgression. Forgive yourself where necessary and forgive God if you should blame Him for any part in it.
- Acceptance. Receive forgiveness from the Lord as He is faithful and just to forgive any confessed sin (1 John 1:9).
- Renounce any more involvement or putting up with the sin or transgression.
- Bind the strongman (Matthew 12:29). For example say out loud: “I bind the strongman in this body in Jesus Name”
- Break the power of any curse, in the authority of the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and cast any evil spirit (demon) out, in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, that was working through the legal right of the confessed sin, iniquity or transgression. For example say out loud: “I break the power of the curse of sickness in this body in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth and declare this curse null and void. I command the spirit of sickness to leave this body now in Jesus Name.”

¹ Buys, 1990, p. 83

- Ask the Holy Spirit to fill the space left behind by the curse or evil spirit (Matthew 12:43-45). For example pray out loud: “Father, I ask in Jesus Name that you will fill any void left by the demon or curse with your Spirit of love, power and a sound mind according to 2 Timothy 1:7. I also ask that You will seal any door left open in Jesus Name for it (demon and curse) never to be able to return.”
- Affirm your healing, deliverance and restoration in the Name of Jesus.
- Forsake the sin or transgression in your life going forward and obtain mercy (Proverbs 28:13).

It is recommended to do the preceding steps out loud in a firm and assured voice as it helps to hear it with your ears and it will let your faith grow. It will also build up your confidence. There is nothing to fear!

The following can be done to help us to keep safe and far from harm²:

- Avoid the influences of the world and the wrong crowd of people;
- Pray specifically against the influences of the world and the wrong crowd of people;
- Thank the Lord for being proactive in showing the truth and the hidden things to His children (Jeremiah 33:3).
- Never feel condemned for that which might surface. The Lord’s intention is that it should be dealt with. Satan is always behind condemnation.
- Simply say: “Thank you God, for showing me what was in my heart. Now I will do something about it.”

Rick Joyner in his book “*Mobilizing the Army of God*” proposes seven principals to apply for this “storm” coming³. This “storm” refers to the adversity that is coming with vigor in the last days according to the Bible:

- Preparation must be done. One must not be ignorant and should know ones enemy and his devices. Trials are for the purpose of working God’s grace into ones lives. One of the most important lessons to be learnt is to not waste a good trial, but to make the most of every opportunity. The lessons one learn from them may someday save ones spiritual lives. Acts confirms that “...it is through many hardships and tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God” (Acts 14:22).
- Staying calm in the midst of it. Panic destroys judgment and ability to function properly. One should focus on the peace of the Lord primarily as Colossians 3 instructs us: “*And let the peace (soul harmony which comes) from Christ rule (act as umpire continually) in your hearts [deciding and settling with finality all questions that arise in your minds, in that peaceful state] to which as [members of Christ’s] one body you were also called [to live]. And be thankful (appreciative), [giving praise to God always].*” (Colossians 3:15)
- Do not overreact. Do not go into extremes but keep to God’s Word. It is always steady.
- Hold your course. It will pass much quicker going straight through it. The way out is not by submitting to the “storm” but by overcoming it. Great pressure will come upon a person during the “storm” to make changes or try new courses to get out of it – resist it.

² Buys, 1990, p. 84

³ Joyner, 1994, pp. 162-171

- Do not abandon cargo. This is the most common reaction of people who get into problems: they abandon the teachings, relationships, and often to church God has given us to help us through such problems. Hold on to what God has given.
- Do not submit to the “storm” but submit to God. He has not called a person to submit to resistance but to overcome it.
- Never lose hope (Romans 3:3-5).

Above everything – God is faithful even when we aren't! 2 Timothy 2:13 declares “*if we are faithless, He will remain faithful, for He cannot disown himself*”

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