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# We Must Counterattack the Forces of Darkness at Halloween

*Believers need to start  
praying now because the  
enemy is already at work.*

BY KATHY DEGRAW

**T**he demonic realm is alive and active. Every day the number of people exploring and practicing New Age, Wicca, witchcraft and Satanism is growing.

In fact, these are some of the fastest-growing religions and practices. We hear in the news daily about evil happenings such as mass shootings, persecution and gross murders where we know evil forces drive these actions.

However, when it comes to the pagan celebration of Halloween, we somehow do not see it as having the same demonic and evil impact of destruction as those other tragedies. The effects of Halloween and human sacrifices are just as real. However, authorities—and the news media—simply don't report them.

We mask Halloween as a time for our children to have fun, dress up and collect candy. We ignore the evil roots of Halloween that the world has created and the demonic has set forth. Churches even go as far as to host alternative events like trunk-or-treating.

We further disguise it in our churches by hosting evangelical harvest fests, but we don't open our mouths to share Jesus. We simply allow them to play games and hand out candy, and hope they will see Christ through our actions. However, seeing Christ through our actions of celebrating Halloween is an oxymoron.

Witches, warlocks, Satanists and every other false religion that puts the utmost importance on this evil event are praying fervently for the month prior to Halloween. They are already starting to conjure up curses, spells, vexes and other evil practices. They are making it their assignment to

destroy Christians, uproot prophetic destinies and come against the plans of God.

Why aren't we, as Christians, on the counteroffensive of these attacks that are coming our way? The demonic realm is like a military troop being committed, organized and disciplined to their cause.

However, as a Christian, when asked even to pray aloud at a meal table with friends, all shy away with no one volunteering to pray out loud for fear the prayer will not be good enough. The attacks that come our way have a foothold in our lives and can easily penetrate our armor when we haven't been in prayer diligently or when we aren't fully dressed in our armor.

I once took a trip to Boulder, Colorado, to discern the spiritual atmosphere of Pearl Street Mall. They practice witchcraft activities openly on the mall streets. As I was walking through the mall, I could feel the center of the mall was highly protected and guarded by prayers, curses and whatever individuals were throwing up in the spiritual atmosphere to protect it.

What they were practicing was working, because I could feel the shift in the spiritual atmosphere and knew they were protecting

something. Why, as Christians, don't we pray that hard and diligently to protect what is ours?

I think sometimes the New Agers, Satanists and Wiccans are better at prayer and being passionate about their cause of destruction than we Christians are about the cause of Jesus. I dislike even saying that. It shouldn't be true, but I

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believe sometimes it is. We can't get people to pray and open their mouths (see my book *Speak Out* to learn the power of audible prayer).

Halloween is approaching and, whether we believe it or not, curses and destruction against the Christian community are going forth. How do we apprehend our enemy and the powers of darkness that come forth? We need to start praying now. We need to be praying diligently on the offensive to bind and restrict these powers of darkness.

We need to pray and fast, and to get on our face before the Lord and petition Him to send conviction to Christians who aren't taking

this seriously, and to convert and convict those in witchcraft practices to come to Jesus. We have the power within us, the Holy Spirit, to co-labor with us in prayer to combat the powers of darkness.

The question is, are we going to release that power we know is greater than the power that is in the world?



# There Is Nothing Holy About Halloween

*Why I don't celebrate Halloween*

**T**he root word of Halloween is hallow, which means “holy, consecrated and set apart for service.” When people read articles or have conversations about Halloween, it seems as though the repeated message people try to bring up to prove Halloween isn't evil is to put forth how Halloween is rooted in holiness.

Instead of having an ongoing debate about who is right or wrong with the meaning of Halloween, my statement is, yes, it is set apart for service—for service of Satanists, witches, wiccans, and neopagans. It is their high holy day, and it is encouraged and applauded in the ranks of witchcraft to get married on Halloween. This

day is not set apart for service, holy and consecrated unto the Lord. The world has commercialized it as a billion-dollar industry promoting the works of the devil, passing out candy, and putting up Halloween shops for the season to make money.

We have authority over the works of evil, but the question is, are we rising up and taking that authority or ignoring the devices and works of the enemy? When we are ignorant and don't feel we have to pray offensively and speak out against the works of the devil, we become prey to his plans and powers.

We would rather allow trick-or-treating and not stand up at church planning meetings than upset the apple cart and take a stand for what we believe or know is right. We don't want to disappoint our children by denying them candy, and we are in fear of confrontation, so therefore we don't take a stand against our spouses.

What about defending the gospel? What about defending our Lord? Where does He come into the picture? Would you participate in the works of darkness if He were here with you because He is. He is in you! Romans 12:2 says, "Do not be conformed to this world, but

be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

Witchcraft works through ignorance, sin, pride, unclean acts and every area of our life that we aren't living in holiness and obedience is an open door to the enemy. People operating in dark forces love it when Christians are ignorant and are arguing over the facts of Halloween. When we are in opposition and dissension, they have an open door to the church, to the body of Christ.

Occult means secret. It is the secret things that happen on Halloween that are concerning. When we participate in Halloween—even in what appears to be the innocence of street evangelism, trunk-or-treats at church or opening our doors on Halloween—we are still co-laboring with the works of darkness. We are in essence supporting the hidden secret works of occult activities including:

- Rapes and forced sexual activities by people kidnapped for points and ratings based on if they were a baby, Christian, child or elderly person
- The conjuring of demons, bringing

up the dead through séances and casting of spells

- Sacrificing of innocent babies to shed blood and then drink the blood
- Countless animal and human sacrifices that are offered
- Orgies and bestiality

A common practice on Halloween is an act of having sex with demons. However, it doesn't stop at Halloween, and it isn't just for Wiccans, Satanists, and neopagans. I have heard of Christians being attacked in the night throughout the year by incubus and succubus spirits. I've ministered to hundreds of people who have had sex with demons or perverse activities with the demon. It doesn't matter if they are in witchcraft or Christianity; these demonic sexual spirits wreak havoc with people experiencing spiritual attacks, demonic strongholds, and staying in bondage to perverse spirits. The spiritual realm is real and comes in to attack in all ways, whether we acknowledge them or are ignorant of them. They desire to destroy, interrupt and attack.

The darkness being released through witchcraft activities on Halloween is enough to keep me inside in a time of prayer and fasting against

these powers of darkness. I do not stay inside in fear. I am in faith that my prayers can prevent some of the sacrifices from going forth. I will not participate in any form of Halloween. I have made it a habit to either be ministering at a conference, away at a retreat in solitude or locked up in prayer, worship, and intercession

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on Halloween. The Bible gives us clear instructions to stay away from evil and that light and darkness cannot exist together. However, more than that, I want to honor my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by not participating in something which He opposed.



# How to Pray Offensively Against Witchcraft Curses at Halloween

*Apprehend our enemy and the  
power of darkness through prayer*

**T**he demonic realm is organized, committed and obedient. They form as a military troop attempting to wreak havoc on Christians. Their purpose is plain and simple: to send forth destruction, curse Christians, have prophecies not manifest, and to make our lives miserable and filled with sickness, accidents, emotional bondage and every evil thing.

As Halloween approaches and they celebrate their greatest time of evil destruction, they are spending time in preparation and prayer to

make sure their destruction goes forth. They are committed to their cause.

One argument I hear from Christians is that evil curses can't stand and take flight. We loosely claim we are covered with the blood of Jesus. Therefore, their curses have no power. I do believe the blood of Jesus is more powerful

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than anything else. I am not discrediting that. I believe when we are in prayer offensively and living an obedient life to the Lord we are covered according to Psalm 91. We live in a fallen world where the demonic roams. If we think we can loosely claim that the blood of Christ covers all, does that mean every person is healed, set free, delivered and living in financial prosperity because the blood of Jesus covers their sickness, emotional ailments and poverty? We know that isn't the reality.

How do we effectively pray against the power of darkness setting out to annihilate us in this season of darkness? We need to pray audibly, binding and restricting the powers of

evil. In my book, *Speak Out*, I teach how Jesus and the Father spoke to things and how we have a right to bind and restrict. I teach the power of praying out loud. We can't fight a spiritual war in our head. Warfare must be fought audibly.

Prayer Points to Target the Powers of Darkness:

- Pray audibly. Speak aloud and declare your prayers against evil forces, witchcraft and the demonic realm. (See my book, *Warfare Declarations*, for powerful spiritual warfare prayers to recite.)
- Pray to send forth conviction from the Holy Spirit to Christians who are celebrating Halloween.
- Proclaim and decree that witches, warlocks, New Agers, Satanists and occultists will be convicted, converted, set free from the powers of darkness and set on fire for God.
- Pray for Christians who are against Halloween to release intimidation and have boldness in their speech to stand up for their beliefs and share with others in order to make a difference.

- Bind and restrict demonic curses from going forth and activating in your region. Take dominion over your region by prayer walking your streets or driving around in your vehicle praying.

### Warfare Declarations to Pray Audibly:

- I bind and restrict every evil force operating against my family, church, employment, region and ministry, in Jesus' name.
- Witchcraft operations over me, above me, beneath me, I silence your operations. I speak and decree that your curses and operations will not go forth.
- Fire of God, apprehend my enemies and the powers of darkness against me. I speak and decree that the fire of God burns up every demonic contract and blueprint ordered against my life, in Jesus' name.
- Spirit of the Living God, send forth conviction and matters of people's hearts to change. Allow them to feel your great love. Give them divine encounters with the Living God, the greatest power of all.

- Every demonic entity assigned to my region, I speak and decree that Jesus gave me power and authority over all things (Luke 10:19). Therefore, I walk in dominion and in the power of God in this region. Therefore, I order your assignment against this region to be nullified, by the blood of the Lamb.
- I establish a hedge of protection around my health, finances, property and possessions, in Jesus name. I speak and decree that no weapon formed against me will prosper (Isaiah 54:17).
- I command every evil force attempting to operate against me and invade my life to be still now of your commission. I speak and decree you will not penetrate my armor, blessings or walls of protection. I dwell in the secret place of the Most High. Therefore, no evil will befall me (Psalm 91).
- I come against any and all spirits of death, destruction, and annihilation of my prophetic destiny. I decree and declare that I will live and not die and declare the works of the Lord (Psalm 118:17).

Speak out and pray audibly to use these prophetically targeted prayers to annihilate and destroy the powers of darkness coming against you, your family and region. Open your mouth and pray! Your words are prophetically assigned to hit their target with power and authority when you believe and pray!

# Fearful and Scared Spirits Have Detrimental Effects Years Later

*Scary Halloween images can  
haunt children for years.*

Scaring people is traumatizing, and the effects can last years later. Christians are called to be love and exude Christ's characteristics. Why would we want to exude something that is contrary to Christ? Why would we want to be anything but love? Halloween is not an innocent holiday when, behind the heart of the celebration, blood sacrifices are happening, and spells and curses are being sent forth.

Ghosts, goblins, mummies, and caskets are some of the symbolism and ill effects of Halloween. These images can create traumatizing

memories that last for years. I remember going into a haunted house as a young child and how I was horrified. I never went back. It didn't affect me for years to come, but it was scary enough that I chose not to participate again.

I don't think many of us enjoy being scared, and scariness is what Halloween is about. We have competitions in neighborhoods to see who can put up the scariest display. When children come to trick or treat people put on masks, dress in evil costumes, or have grotesque displays put up in their garage for people to walk through, it is all in anticipation of creating a frightful experience. It creates what some perceive as innocent fun, but being a deliverance minister, I see the seriousness of this night as I see in the natural the impact it has on people and see in the spiritual realm what is really taking place.

When a family member or friend purposely scares you, it isn't fun. It shakes you up for the moment. When a person you know scares you by hiding around the corner or jumping out of a room at you, often you get over it in a few minutes, but it can last for years depending on the instance.

I was in a season of recording radio shows

and was talking to the host. I learned he was very afraid of snakes. He told me about a time his sister as a child in Arizona played a prank on him involving a snake. Now years later, he was still scared of snakes. Weeks later, he did a Christian comedy show and used me for one of his skits. It wasn't my personality to be used to be the brunt of jokes, so I thought it would be fun to get back at him. The next time I went to record on the radio, I brought a couple of rubber snakes. After

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recording, I pulled the snakes out of my bag. He cowered in fear and said, “Get that brown one out of here,” and covered his eyes with his hands. He was tormented years later from an instant in his childhood where he was frightened.

As a deliverance minister, I see effects from people years later from being scared, tormented or frightened. Evil acts and depictions can be one of the entry points in which people need deliverance. We don't know how another person handles an issue, fear or joke.

I was just speaking to someone recently about teasing and joking. I told them being a jokester can have effects of rejection, low self-worth and intimidation on the part of the recipient. We don't know how another person feels about a comment, action or being exposed to something in which they are not accustomed. I recently was approached by a person that was on the receiving end of something being repeatedly said to them. It was a simple comment of truth, never meant to be hurtful. However, the recipient said it made them self-conscious in that area for years. I believe we need to watch our words, because we never know how the person is receiving what is happening to them, and something that can be innocent to us can be hurtful or harmful.

I am very sensitive to the spiritual realm. I used to always go and minister out in Colorado, one of the darkest regions, on Halloween. It was my way of doing good and combating the forces of evil. As I stayed with a ministry friend out there every year, the neighbor across the street would decorate their yard with a graveyard, coffin and other dark and scary things. Although it did not bring fear, I did not enjoy looking at it.

When celebrating darkness, people are on two sides. They either are attempting to scare people or don't realize how their innocent fun and love for Halloween can impact other people. Either way, a person's feelings and how they receive it, perceive it or get scared and tormented because of it is not being considered.

I ministered to a man once who had a tattoo of a grim reaper. He had become a Christian and now wanted the tattoo gone. Therefore, we prayed for it to be removed. During the ministry time, I asked him about the tattoo. He stated that he purposely got it because he wanted to scare people. How awful for people to want to purposely terrorize people. We have to look beyond ourselves and consider where other people may be tormented.

What we don't realize is that a person could have been having nightmares about a grim reaper, and when they saw his tattoo, it was another frightening experience, reminding them of the nightmares. People don't think about other people and the effects it could have on them. There are triggers in our life, and seeing scary things and items that remind us of that trauma and trigger the fear and traumatic

memories all over again.

When you are home alone and you hear noises, your senses are heightened, and you can get scared. This can be a vain imagination or false scenario, but it can also be a trigger or reminder of a previous home invasion.

Being scared is a real, raw emotion and one that we don't care to encounter. The world is marketing Halloween as a time when it is okay to dress up in scary costumes, hang ghosts from our doorposts or put witches on broomsticks in our tree.

These all have evil origins, and in the spiritual realm they have significance and credence. The Bible instructs us to "Abstain from all appearances of evil" (1 Thess. 5:22). We are to abstain from all appearances of evil. Aren't witches, ghosts, bloodied scenes and countless other evil depictions appearances of evil? The Lord doesn't desire us to operate in fear.

In Timothy, it says, "For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and self-control" (2 Timothy 1:7). He didn't give us a spirit of fear, but over time, when we are scared, afraid and tormented, those emotions become a spiritual stronghold. We focus so much on

quoting, “I haven’t been given a spirit of fear,” that we don’t look at the other part of the verse. We have been given love and power; however, a child doesn’t know that. Even some of us that are mature in our walk still don’t realize that we have the love and power of God living on the inside of us. Therefore, fear and torment enter and become a stronghold.

We have a responsibility to be the light of Jesus and be the love of God in a lost and hurting world. We send mixed messages when we wear our Christian t-shirts and cross necklaces and then allow our children to participate in an evil holiday. The Bible instructs us that we cannot mix light and darkness.

“Beloved, do not imitate that which is evil, but that which is good. Whoever does good is from God, but whoever does evil has not seen God” (3 John 1:11).

“You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot be partakers of the Lord’s table and of the table of demons” (1 Cor. 10:21).

“For you were formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness

and righteousness and truth, proving what is pleasing to the Lord. And do not have fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness; instead, expose them” (Eph. 5:8-11).

“Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; who exchange darkness for light, and light for darkness; who exchange bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!” (Isa. 5:20).

“You adulterers and adulteresses, do you not know that the friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God” (James 4:4).

“Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not go in the way of evil men. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and pass on” (Prov. 4:14-15).

Let’s focus on being the light that Jesus came for us to be. There is enough darkness in the world. Choose today not to partake in both tables.

# Do You Need Deliverance From Past Halloween Activities?

*Turn over a new leaf today.*

**D**emonic forces are active in the spirit realm. We know a curse without a cause cannot stand: “As the bird by flitting, as the swallow by flying, so the curse without cause will not alight” (Proverbs 26:2).

However, there was also a time when we lived in sin, participated in dark activities, and didn't pray on the offense. In times of unforgiveness, offense and strife, we aren't living in godly manners, and evil attacks can and do happen. That is one of the reasons we suffer spiritual warfare. If we say we are immune to everything and living in abundant victory, we are living

in ignorance. The Bible says, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge” (Hosea 4:6). The lack of knowledge we have about the spiritual realm kept us in darkness, but now we are transferred to light. Now that we walk in light, we need to close and remove every entry point of the works of darkness.

The question that arises now is, “What do we do about our past, and do we need deliverance from evil participations?” The answer is an

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absolute yes! We need deliverance from all sin and forces of evil. When we don’t repent, ask for forgiveness, turn around and change, we still have an open doorway for the enemy to infiltrate our soul, not our spirit man.

We should audibly confess our sins and participation in evil works. The spiritual realm can hear our words, and when we openly confess and repent, it no longer has a hold on us. The devil loses his power over us, and spiritual warfare diminishes. Our sin needs to be confessed,

and we need the spiritual realm to hear our repentance and renunciation so they lose our foothold on us. Even if we didn't know what we were participating in, the works of darkness see our actions and know what demonic activities in which we have participated. When we confess and repent, the effects are reversed, and we receive freedom.

Deliverance is closing the doors to our past to walk in the fullness and freedom of Christ. You may think it is extreme to have to repent for past Halloween participation, but don't you repent for past participation in sins like pornography, masturbation, rape, stealing, or vulgar language? Why is Halloween any different? Why should it be categorized separately? Sin is sin and a cause for repentance.

One argument could be that as an innocent child, I didn't know the effects of the spiritual realm, so I don't know why I have to repent and receive deliverance. As Christians, we are accountable for what we do know. We now know that this is wrong, and we should desire to clean up every room and close every demonic doorway to our life. As adults we repent for things we did as children such as stealing,

rebellious or participating in unclean sexual acts. We may have not realized the severity of our actions in our young years, but in order to receive inner healing and deliverance as an adult we still repented. How should Halloween be any different?

We have things we did as a child that followed us through the years and have kept us in bondage in our adulthood. Things such as evil practices and participation can be one of those things that have effects on us today, knowingly or unknowingly. In deliverance, we have to repent and renounce participation as a child with Ouija boards, magic eight balls, horoscopes, levitation, and seances, how is participating in Halloween any different? It is not; evil is evil, and witchcraft practices are witchcraft. It is still an evil thing we co-labor with and participated in that opens a doorway to demonic strongholds and spiritual attacks.

Deliverance ministry can be defined as casting out demons, destroying stronghold powers, and exposing the realms of witchcraft, masonry and generational curses in our life. However, it is also known as simply closing the doors to our past, removing entry points, and

repenting for evil actions and sin. Closing the doors to your past is looking back, repenting, forgiving and shutting all legal entryways to demonic invasion in our lives.

How do we receive deliverance and close the doors to past exposures of darkness?

*Repent.* Ask the Lord to forgive you and your participation in evil.

*Receive Forgiveness.* Receive His forgiveness. Don't get caught in shame, self-condemnation, guilt or regret. Receive the atonement of the cross and move forward.

*Forgive.* Extend forgiveness towards anyone who has scared, tormented, or traumatized you. Spend a few moments in meditation and ask the Holy Spirit to bring instances where you need to forgive another person for their actions towards you. Extend forgiveness towards family members, neighbors, innocent pranks or activities that were contrary to the word of God.

*Chase Purity and Holiness.* Keep your spiritual doors closed by abstaining from evil and filling up on the word of God. Keep yourself pure and holy by not participating in the works of darkness.

Jesus came to set the captives free, and we can be free indeed. Confess your sin. Repent and abstain from darkness and live in the light and love of Christ.

# Is the Blood of Jesus Enough?

*Why declaring the power of the blood of Jesus Christ is not enough*

**T**here are two other sides to Christianity when discussing the powers of evil. One side thinks we are over the edge, giving the enemy too much credit. They feel we are taking it to the extreme and thinking there is a demon behind every bush. The other side knows there is evil but doesn't believe it can affect them, or they are ignorant of the works of the devil. They try to discredit us every chance they get that the powers of darkness can't attack us. When we justify Halloween and say there is no credence to the dark forces over our lives, we are burying our heads in the sand and not wanting to realize there are evil works in operation. Their operations intensify against us when

we are ignorant of the enemy's devices.

The Bible instructs us, "Be sober and watchful, because your adversary the devil walks around as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour" (1 Peter 5:8).

I've heard arguments against evil powers that we are covered in the blood and that all this Halloween and evil spirits talk is nonsense. Are we covered in the blood? Is the blood enough?

I am not downplaying the power of the blood of Jesus. I love Jesus dearly, and there is power in His blood. One drop saved me, healed me and delivered me. His blood is everything to me, and yes, there is power in it: wonderful, life-giving, miracle-working power.

However, we can't loosely and legalistically go around shouting and declaring "I'm covered in the blood, and evil can't touch me because I'm covered in the blood." If everything is covered in the blood, then that means we can always resist temptation, constantly exude love and never sin again. In our arrogance, we throw around the power of the blood as if no weapon formed against me will ever activate. The Bible doesn't say that. It says, "No weapon that is formed against you shall prosper" (Isa. 54:17).

It doesn't say that a weapon won't be activated against you. It is telling you that the ultimate victory will be yours because it won't prosper.

God has given us the tools to counterattack the demonic attacks and have victory over them. Our tools are education, knowledge and realization of the powers of darkness against us. There are dark forces against us. The Bible tells us, "For our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Ephesians 6:12).

When we go around in arrogance shouting "The blood covers it, so it can't touch me," does that mean you live healthy, never having a cold, sickness or disease? Does that mean you are free from every emotional ailment and have no habits, thoughts or generational curses of depression, anger or control? Yes, in the spiritual realm, that is true, but are we manifesting it in the natural realm? We can't just shout the blood, the blood, the blood. It is legalism to shout out the blood and think it is going to solve all of our problems. We will have problems even though we have the blood. "I have told you these

things so that in Me you may have peace. In the world, you will have tribulation. But be of good cheer. I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

There is power in the blood, but the fact of the matter is we live in a fallen world, and evil forces are at work to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10). Yes, it is a good thing Jesus came to give us life and give it abundantly, but it still says, “The thief does not come, except to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly” (John 10:10).

The enemy comes to steal, kill and destroy, and that is why he, the devil, gets away with what he does because we don't acknowledge that he is stealing and killing and destroying. We believe everything was accomplished at the cross and we have nothing else to do. Jesus did accomplish it at the cross. However, we need to co-labor with the cross and continue to complete what He accomplished.

We cannot be ignorant, and that is how the devil wins and curses go forth. We would rather think we are covered than realize we are still in a war. We can win the war—after all, the battle has already been won—but it needs to continue to be

fought with diligent intercession and awareness that we have an enemy who is counterattacking every move we make in the spiritual realm. He is out to destroy us, our destiny, our families, our finances and our ministry. Ignorance is not

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bliss. Ignorance warrants attacks. It is time we rise up and fight and get diligent in the war we are facing through prayer and intercession so that we can rise up above the evil forces operating against us.



# Rebellion as the Sin of Witchcraft

*Have you given in to the  
works of the flesh?*

**R**ebellion is the sin of witchcraft, and when we are doing things our own way because we think they are harmless, we are in rebellion against God. We long to satisfy the lusts of the flesh, and the lusts of the flesh are anything that we are making more important than the Lord. We are a prayerless people acting and reacting instead of taking things to prayer. Instead of living out in the flesh, doing what we want when we want and how we want to do it, we need to be diligent to walk in the Spirit, discern and allow the Holy Spirit to lead us.

One of the reasons my podcast is called *Prophetic Spiritual Warfare* is because people need

to operate and be led by the very Spirit of God. We need to go to Him for prophetic direction, wisdom, correction, and conviction. However, conviction and correction aren't fun. When we receive it, we need to be obedient to it. We act out in rebellion and don't take things to prayer for the Holy Spirit to guide us, because if He presents an answer, we don't want to adhere to it. In our minds, it's better to not pray and get the answer than to disobey after we receive an answer.

We don't want to walk in the Spirit because it is living a life of discipline and obedience. We want to live our way, fulfilling ourselves with the pleasure of the world and doing what we enjoy. Our life is not our own, but it belongs to the one on the throne. Instead of acting out in rebellion contrary to God, we would get further, be protected and have abundant life if we learned to walk in obedience allowing Him to lead and guide our steps.

Allowing the Spirit of the Lord to lead and guide our steps isn't always popular or fun. I could list countless things I've had to give up for the sake of the Lord. I pray about most things allowing Him to lead and guide me. When He

says no, you wonder why. It doesn't always make sense. But submitting to Him instead of giving into control and rebellion will get us further in the long run.

Rebellion is control. It says, "I will do what I want when I want and how I want." It says, "I don't want to believe there is anything wrong with participating in Halloween, so I will justify it with doing an evangelistic event on Halloween, a trunk-or-treat, or handing out tracts at my door." Justifying that I am being the light and showing the love of God is rebellion. It is saying,

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"God I am in control, and I know better than you do." But remember He is the one that conquered the powers of darkness and truly knows the war we are fighting against.

When we are in rebellion and think we know best and don't want to abstain, we are surrendering our soul to the enemy and opening ourselves up for demonic attacks and spiritual warfare. We encounter spiritual warfare; no one

lives without it. What do you think its source and entry point is? Satan rebelled against God and look what happened.

“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord” (1 Samuel 15:23).

Instead of rebelling on behalf of one day of the year or a season of Halloween, let's submit to the Lord who loved us so much that He conquered the powers of darkness. Truly, friends, is it worth a little self-satisfaction in the flesh to be found in rebellion and disobedience to God? Repent, turn around, change and accept the Word of God as truth in your life, and live in submission to the One who loved you so much He came to be your Savior.

# You Have No Idea What Demonic Spirits Are Behind Halloween

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**A**s I've been part of delivering many people internationally, I am always amazed at the lasting effects our childhood has on us. One of the things many parents subject their children to in high school is hypnotism.

I remember how unsettled I was to learn my children's class was paying to have a hypnotist come in and the students could pay \$3 to partake. I held my children out of school that day, not wanting them to even be near the evil spirits being thrown into the spiritual atmosphere.

Our churches, ministry leaders, pastors, evangelists, parents and schools still partake in a different form of evil today called Halloween. As a spiritual warfare and deliverance minister, I know the deep effects of what happens in the

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spiritual realm on Halloween, the countless lives that are secretly sacrificed, the curses and spells that go up against Christians, and all the ill effects that I am delivering people of years later.

I am here to tell you there is no such thing as masking Halloween as a fall fest, church trunk-or-treat or evangelism-friendly event. You are still celebrating the devil’s holiday, Halloween, and the demonic realm knows it! You are acknowledging an evil holiday by participating in any form.

We justify it by saying they will participate in Halloween somewhere, and therefore, we are creating a good alternative event. Do you realize in the process you are opening your family and

church up to spiritual warfare attacks? There is no such thing as a good Halloween event.

The Word of God instructs us not to partake with evil:

“Stay away from every kind of evil” (1 Thess. 5:22).

“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Eph. 5:11).

We don't see the devil coming and celebrating Good Friday with us, so why should we celebrate Halloween with him? Dressing our children up and saying it is innocent is justification. I think sometimes we need to go back to the WWJD bracelets and say, “What would Jesus do?”

If Jesus was walking the earth right now with you, would you take Him trick-or-treating with your kids or have a fall harvest party? He is with you! He is in you!

Did you know satanists, witches, warlocks and others who desire to destroy Christians curse the candy they hand out? The candy is then consumed by you or your children. In the demonic realm, when they give you an item of theirs, or they obtain an item of yours, their

curse has power. There is a spiritual exchange that happens.

We have no idea the powers of darkness that are behind Halloween. People who worship the devil make it their lifelong mission to destroy Christians. They spend their time cursing, destroying and putting forth destruction in the spiritual realm that wreaks havoc on our lives, and then we can't figure out why we can't get healed of a disease, walk out of an emotional ailment or receive complete deliverance.

Demonic people spend more time cursing than most Christians spend praying. They are committed, organized and obedient to their cause, more so than most Christians. Their curses can be sent forth because we don't believe in the demonic realm, we don't pray offensively and we don't take warnings like these seriously.

The Bible tells us, "For our fight is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, and against spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places" (Eph. 6:12).

In order to live a saturated life full of God's presence, purity and holiness, we must abstain from all forms of evil. In Psalm 91, it speaks of

God's protection upon us. His protection is upon us when we dwell in that secret place and live according to His Word. We need to dwell in a place of holiness. Light and darkness cannot exist together. We are the light and should not participate in darkness.



# Witches and Warlocks Are Actually Looking for God's Power

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**W**e live in a world of spiritual warfare and false religions. People have gone astray from the word of God and sought out other powers. Satanism, witchcraft and occult practices are on the rise, and in most bookstores have more space allotted for books than the Christian genres.

When you think of witches, warlocks, voodoo priests and Satanists, you should know

they're looking for power and love. They usually get coerced into false practices and divination through being a rejected child, thrown out on the street or having someone show them love like they never had before. Yes, some are raised, and some make conscious choices to participate in occult practices, but some are simply looking for love. They are looking for the same love you are looking for, the love and acceptance of people, to be liked and acknowledged.

Being a spiritual warfare minister, I have seen many of these people who throw curses are truly looking for love and power but are caught in a trap of evil. I believe they are seeking the same love and power we are looking for; they just don't know it is the love and power of God they desire. As Christians, God has given us a spirit of love and power, "For God has not given us the spirit of fear, but of power, and love, and self-control" (2 Tim. 1:7). We want to exude love to everyone we come in contact with, and we want to see God's power through the demonstration of healings, miracles and deliverance.

Unfortunately, the people caught up and seduced into evil practices were found by a Satanist or occultist first. If we the church would

get outside the walls of the church and exude God's love and power in the streets, secular community and the marketplace, perhaps we could find these people before they are seduced into serving false gods and cursing Christians.

Even so, as Christians, we must realize their curses have no power over us. Instead of the church embracing and loving these people who are caught up in a false identity, we run in fear from them or are uncomfortable being around them. As I said before, they are looking for love and power, and the church has the ability to show them the love and power of Christ, but we don't. I believe when we see a person in a mall whom we can tell is serving another master,

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or a witch or warlock comes into our meetings to try and disrupt the service, we cower in fear of the unexpected instead of realizing what the Scripture says: “You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is

in you is greater than he who is in the world” (1 John 4:4).

We need to arise and take our rightful place and position in the kingdom of God. We have been given authority, and when we speak out and declare out through prayer, our words are prophetically assigned, can target a spiritual realm and produce results. We cannot produce results while in fear; we will only further reject those who need to be accepted.

When we are living an obedient, disciplined life, full of worship, prayer and the Word, those curses have no power. They only have the power you give them because you open the door to fear and timidity.

Next time you see someone operating differently than you, take a step out in faith and try and exude the love and power of God. Perhaps you'll eventually lead them to Christ and bring them into the kingdom of God, where they can experience true love and power.

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