

PRAYER STUDY #105
**FANTASY, VAIN IMAGINATIONS, & SPIRITUAL
HOUSEKEEPING**

The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire; thou shalt not desire the silver or gold that is on them nor take it unto thee; lest thou be snared therein; for it is an abomination to the Lord thy God. NEITHER SHALL THOU BRING AN ABOMINATION INTO THINE HOUSE, lest thou be a cursed thing like it; but thou shall utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it, for it is a cursed thing.

Deuteronomy 7:25-26

FANTASY (taken from *The Prophet's Dictionary* p.218): A word that describes the illusory and the enticing-Fantasy comes from the word fancy that originally meant "hallucinations>" a)The unrestrained imaginative journeys and visions of the mind. B) Mental excursions that permit the unrestricted roving of the mind. C) The process of conjuring or conceiving mainly the unrealistic or improbable. D) Fantasy is believed to be the psychological response to a need to create for oneself mentally what does not, cannot, or should not be experienced in reality. E) Biblically, the word is described as vain imaginations. (Genesis 6:5 and 8:2)

VAIN IMAGINATIONS come from:

Walking in the flesh rather than the Spirit(Romans 8:5-8)

Lying Spirit ((2nd Chronicles 18:22)

Spirit of Whoredoms (Hosea 4:12)

Perverse Spirit (Isaiah 19:14)

IMAGINATIONS CAN BECOME STRONGHOLDS (taken from *Sparkling Gems from the Greek* by Rick Renner pp.369-370): When Paul writes "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds. Casting down imaginations..."in 2nd Corinthians 10:4,5, the word "imaginings" is taken from the Greek word logismos. This word is where we get our word for logic. Even a logical mind must be subject to the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit. Otherwise, your mind will develop a stronghold of natural reasoning in the flesh that starts to put all kinds of lies in your life. These are rational strongholds that will make sense and cause you to rationalize about your sin. These strongholds will tell you it is not a good time to step out in faith and you cannot afford to obey God.

There are also irrational strongholds that primarily have to do with unrealistic fears and worries, such as a fear of dying young, a fear of being in open spaces, a fear of a terminal illness coming on you, an abnormal fear of rejection, etc. Paul wrote in 2nd Corinthians 10:5, “Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.” Paul says nothing about defeating the devil in this passage but tells us to take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. How do we do this? By speaking the Word of God continually over these areas of your life. The Word works!

Some Scriptures that Deal with Imaginations

...the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth.. Genesis 8:21

They...walked in the counsels and in the imagination of their evil heart and went backward, and not forward. Jeremiah 7:24

Jesus said, “You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not commit adultery.’ But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell.” Matthew 5:27-29

Do not be deceived. God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. Galatians 6:7-8

...they obeyed not, nor inclined their ear, but walked everyone in the imagination of their evil heart...” Jeremiah 11:8

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ... 2nd Corinthians 10:4-6

Spiritual Housekeeping (information taken from How to Minister Freedom)

Abstain from every form of evil. 1st Thessalonians 5:22

1. Symptoms of Spiritual Pollution in Homes

- a. Sudden ongoing illness
- b. Continual bad dreams and nightmares
- c. Insomnia
- d. Behavior problems such as continual fighting and misunderstandings
- e. No peace
- f. Unexplained illness such as chronic headaches or fatigue
- g. Heightened bondages such as increased mental or physical perversion
- h. Ghosts or demonic apparitions
- i. Poltergeist(the movement of physical objects by demons)
- j. Foul unexplainable odors
- k. Atmospheric heaviness making it hard to breathe

2. Potential Entry Points

- a. Objects related to heathen worship such as Hindu gods, yoga, snakes, dragons, pyramids, crystals, broken crosses, Buddha figurines, gargoyles, tarot cards, worry stones, voodoo dolls.
- b. Objects related to occult such as Ouija boards, Dungeons and Dragons, some video games, horoscopes or astrology books, demonic tattoos, Satanism materials, New Age materials, Wicca materials, etc.
- c. Movie videos with immoral behavior or foul language and pornographic books, pictures, or websites.
- d. Music that demonstrates a demonic or depraved mental imagery, uses filthy words or creates an interest in death or murder.
- e. Pokemon dolls, goddess statues, demon statues, demonic comic books, rock posters, troll dolls, Smurf dolls, an obsession with turtles (an Egyptian god), owls(witches use these for controlling others), phoenix bird(Egyptian god that controlled the underworld).
- f. Books dealing with cults or the occult

- g. Art or jewelry with obvious demonic representations such as yin-yang, broken crosses, upside down crosses, good luck charms, dragons, snakes, etc.
- 3. Purification process**
- a. Repent for the sins, bad attitudes, and behaviors of both you and your family members. (1st John 1:5-10 says, *“And besides this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge, self-control, and to self-control, patience, and to patience, godliness; And to godliness, brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness, love. For if these things be in you and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he that lacketh these things is blind and cannot see afar off and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure for if you do these things, you shall never fall.”*)
 - b. Repent on behalf of past owners for any defilement in the land or house.
 - c. Remove and destroy (do not give away) items related to the occult, heathen worship, past sin, and anything else the Lord convicts you of. You do not, however, have the right to destroy other people’s property.
 - d. Renounce aloud any demonic contract that you have made willingly or unwillingly and break any unholy covenants with past sin, including ungodly soul ties or ungodly relationships. Break them by the blood of Jesus.
 - e. Command the demons, in the name of Jesus, to leave you, your family and your home. Ask the Lord to cleanse you, your possessions, and your home.