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How to Wage Spiritual Warfare

I. Idolatry.

- A. Idols themselves are nothing nor can they do you any good or harm. (I Cor. 8:4b; Jer. 10:5)
- B. Because idolatry is a matter of the heart, anything can become an idol. (Ezek. 14:7-8, 20:16b)
- C. Because idolatry is a matter of the heart, anything you connect your heart to that is not of God could open you up to the demonic. (Rev. 9:20)
- D. If you worship idols, you will become like them, worthless. (II Kgs. 17:15)
- E. If you do have idols your heart is attached to, repent and get rid of them. (Ezek. 14:6)

II. Non-Christian Spiritual Experiences.

- A. It is possible to give the Enemy access to our lives via non-Christian spiritual experiences.
- B. This access may lead to spiritual bondage. (cf. Gal. 5:1)
- C. Deal with these potential strongholds via announcing your allegiance to Christ and renouncing your former non-Christian spiritual allegiances. This is part of what is called repentance. (Ez. 14:6; Acts 3:19)

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III. Curses and Generational Bondage.

- A. We all live in a world cursed by sin and as such we do suffer some of the effects of living in a fallen world. (Gen. 3:17 Rom. 5:12, 8:22)
- B. Generational bondage may be in the lives of those who hate God. (Deut. 5:8-9)
- C. No curse shall rest on mankind unless it is deserved. (Prov. 26:2)
- D. If you rely upon your good works to get you into heaven, you are already under a curse. (Gal. 3:10)
- E. Generational bondage is not in place for those who love God. (Deut 5:10)
- F. No curse shall rest on you that was placed upon your forefathers. (Jer. 31:29-30)
- G. If you place your trust in Christ as your Savior, you are no longer under a curse. (Gal. 3:13; Prov. 3:33; Lk. 4:18; Rom. 8:1-2; Jn. 8:36)

At home this week:

1. Got idols? Lest you become like them, are you willing to "announce and renounce"?
2. Are there any undealt with non-Christian experiences in your life? Review Neal Anderson's list and deal with them this week.
3. How has Hollywood or perhaps superstition affected your concepts of curses and/or generational bondage?
4. Do you believe your home is under God's blessing? Discuss your answer in light of Proverbs 3:33.