

Steps of Freedom

Our hedge of protection

- Story of Job
 - Job 1:1 There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was **blameless and upright**, and one who feared God and shunned evil.
 - Job 1:5 So it was, when the days of feasting had run their course, that Job would send and sanctify them, and **he would rise early in the morning and offer burnt offerings** according to the number of them all. For Job said, "It may be that my sons have sinned and cursed God in their hearts." **Thus Job did regularly.**
 - Job 1:9-10 So Satan answered the LORD and said, "Does Job fear God for nothing? 10Have **You not made a hedge around him**, around his household, and around all that he has on every side?"
 - Job's hedge was maintained because he was upright and confessed his sins and his family's sins regularly.
- Isa 5:5 And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard:
I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned;
And break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down.
 - When the hedge is removed, the devil has access to us.
- Eccl 10:8 He who digs a pit will fall into it,
And **whoever breaks through a wall will be bitten by a serpent.**
 - This scripture hints that there is demonic attack when the hedge is broken.

Hedge breakers

1. Generational sins
2. Occultic / Idolatry sins
3. Sexual sins
4. Unforgiveness
5. Pride / Rebellion
6. Bondage
7. Rejection
8. Traumas / Fears
9. Inner vows and judgments
10. Curses
11. Infirmity
12. Death

Before you begin

- Make sure the person you're counseling has come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.
 - Be especially thorough with those who have been involved in Jehovah's Witnesses, Mormonism, and other cults who say they worship Jesus. Their Jesus is different from the Jesus of the Bible. The false Jesus must be renounced and the true Jesus accepted.
- Key essentials
 - God is one and He is Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
 - Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He is eternal and has always existed.
 - Jesus is God come in the flesh and was born of the virgin Mary.
 - Jesus lived a sinless life on the earth.
 - Jesus was crucified on the cross for our sins.
 - Jesus rose from the dead three days later.
 - Jesus ascended into heaven and now sits on the right hand of the Father.
 - We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ: His death, burial and resurrection. Salvation is a gift from God, not a result of our good works or of any human effort.
 - The Bible is the only authoritative Word of God. It is inspired, infallible, and inerrant.

Fixing the Hedge

- **Confession:** Lord Jesus, I confess that I have sinned against you by _____. I ask your forgiveness and I ask that you cover this sin under your precious blood. Amen.
- **Renunciation:** (*Spoken out loud*) Satan, I renounce participating in the sin of _____. You no longer have any access to my life because of this sin because Christ forgives me.

Generational Sins

- Ex 34:7 who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, **visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations.** "
- Lev 26:40 'If they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their forefathers, in their unfaithfulness which they committed against Me, and also in their acting with hostility against Me
 - When we're ready to do business, we confess our sins and the sins of our ancestors.
- Examples
 - Abraham / Isaac
 - Spirit of fear. Shirking his responsibility to protect and cover his wife.
 - Rebekah – Laban / Jacob / Jacob's sons
 - Lying and deception.
 - Rachel / Joseph
 - Occult worship and practice?
 - Gen 31:19 When Laban had gone to shear his flock, then Rachel stole the household idols that were her father's.
 - Gen 44:5 'Is not this the one from which my lord drinks, and which he indeed uses for divination? You have done wrong in doing this.' "
 - Can't determine from the passage whether Joseph really practiced divination or not.
 - This could explain why Israel was so prone to worship false gods.
 - Rahab / David / Solomon
 - Sexual sin
 - Jews
 - Matt 23:30-33 and say, 'If we had been living in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partners with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' 31"Consequently you bear witness against yourselves, that **you are sons of those who murdered the prophets.** 32"**Fill up then the measure of the guilt of your fathers.** 33"You serpents, you brood of vipers, how shall you escape the sentence of hell?
- What to look for:
 - Family sins
 - Has the family been predominately Christian?
 - Involvement in the occult / freemasonry.
 - Marital fidelity / divorce
 - Tendencies
 - Anger, depression, woundness, sexual sins, etc.
 - Illnesses that run in the family
 - Heart disease, high blood pressure, certain types of cancer, arthritis, mental illness, premature death, etc.
 - Traumas
 - Murder, displacement, abuse, etc
 - Curses
 - Are there any curses that have been placed against the family?
 - Family spirits
 - Bind all family spirits on the father's side and on the mother's side.

Occultic sins / Idolatry

- Mediums, horoscopes, Satanism, mutterer (one who talks with a familiar spirit as if talking to himself), divination, water witching, astrology, Ouija board, seances, black or white magic, games (Magic 8 ball; Dungeons & Dragons, Bloody Mary), channeling, Tarot cards, palm readers, crystal balls, mysticism, TM, drugs, unscriptural attempts at deliverance, fortunetellers, Freemasonry, psychic, sorcerer, voodoo, magic charms, blood pacts, spiritualist, clairvoyant, astral projection, trances, materialization, belief in ghosts, table lifting, hypnosis, telepathy, etc.
- Cults
 - Eastern religions, Christian Science, TM, Scientology, Silva mind control, Unification church, Church of the Living Word, Mormonism, Jehovah's Witnesses, Children of God, Masons, New Age, Buhaism, Zen Buddhism, Channeling, Yoga, Unity, The Way, Hinduism, Father Divine, Roy Masters, Islam, Science of Mind, Hare Krishna, Rosicrucian, Any supremacist or separatist group, Divine Science, EST, Religious Science
- Freemasonry or Mormonism
 - Those who have been involved in Freemasonry or Mormonism or have had ancestors involved in this need to have curses broken off their:
 - Minds and thinking processes
 - Heads – eyes, nose, and throat; sinuses.
 - Chest – lungs: asthma, breathing difficulties; heart; breasts
 - Digestive system, intestines, bowels
 - Reproductive organs
 - Skin, bones, muscles
- Drugs - Mind altering drugs have **always** been a key component in the occult for opening the doors for demons.
- Occultic objects – rid your home of all objects associated with false idols and with sin.
- Break all curses associated with the occult. Being involved in the occult can bring curses upon the health, relationships, finances, ability to draw close to God, ministry, etc.

Sexual sins

- Sex outside marriage – fornication and adultery.
- Sex with the same gender
- Sex with animals
- Sex with spirits
- Pornography
- Rape, incest, and molestation
- Abortion
- 1 Cor 6:16-19 Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her? For "the two," He says, "**shall become one flesh.**" 17But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him. 18Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, **but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body.** 19Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?
- All soul bonds must be broken by name.
 - Having many soul bonds will cause fragmentation of the soul.
 - Pray for the soul to be brought back to wholeness.
 - Lead the counselee in a prayer dedicating their bodies **only** to the Lord Jesus and to their (future) spouse.
 - Pray for the cleansing of all memories.
- Break all curses. Sexual sins bring a curse upon the body and upon relationships.
 - If abortion is involved, the spirit of death must be dealt with. Look for trauma also. Sometimes a part of the person will "die" because of the abortion. That part must be brought back to life by the Spirit of God.

Unforgiveness

- Matt 18:32-35 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, **"You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you begged me. 33Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?"** 34" And his master was angry, and **delivered him to the torturers** until he should pay all that was due to him. **35So My heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."**
- Does the person have hatred, bitterness or resentment?
- Unforgiveness keeps you trapped in the hurt, anger, and bitterness. Even after many years, the event will still feel like it happened yesterday.
- Forgiveness does not mean that what the person did to hurt you is okay. It is still a sin.
 - Forgiveness means that you release the person into God's hand and judgment and that you no longer hold on to your right for revenge.
 - Forgiveness frees you from the "torturers" and it frees you to begin healing.
 - Forgiveness is an act of your will. It's something you choose to do.
- Have the person recount what happened so the pain can come up. Once the pain has come up, it's at that point that it can be handed over to Jesus and let go of.
- Each person must be forgiven by name and occasion.
- Prayer for healing. Unforgiveness can cause many physical illnesses or it can block God's healing power from flowing.

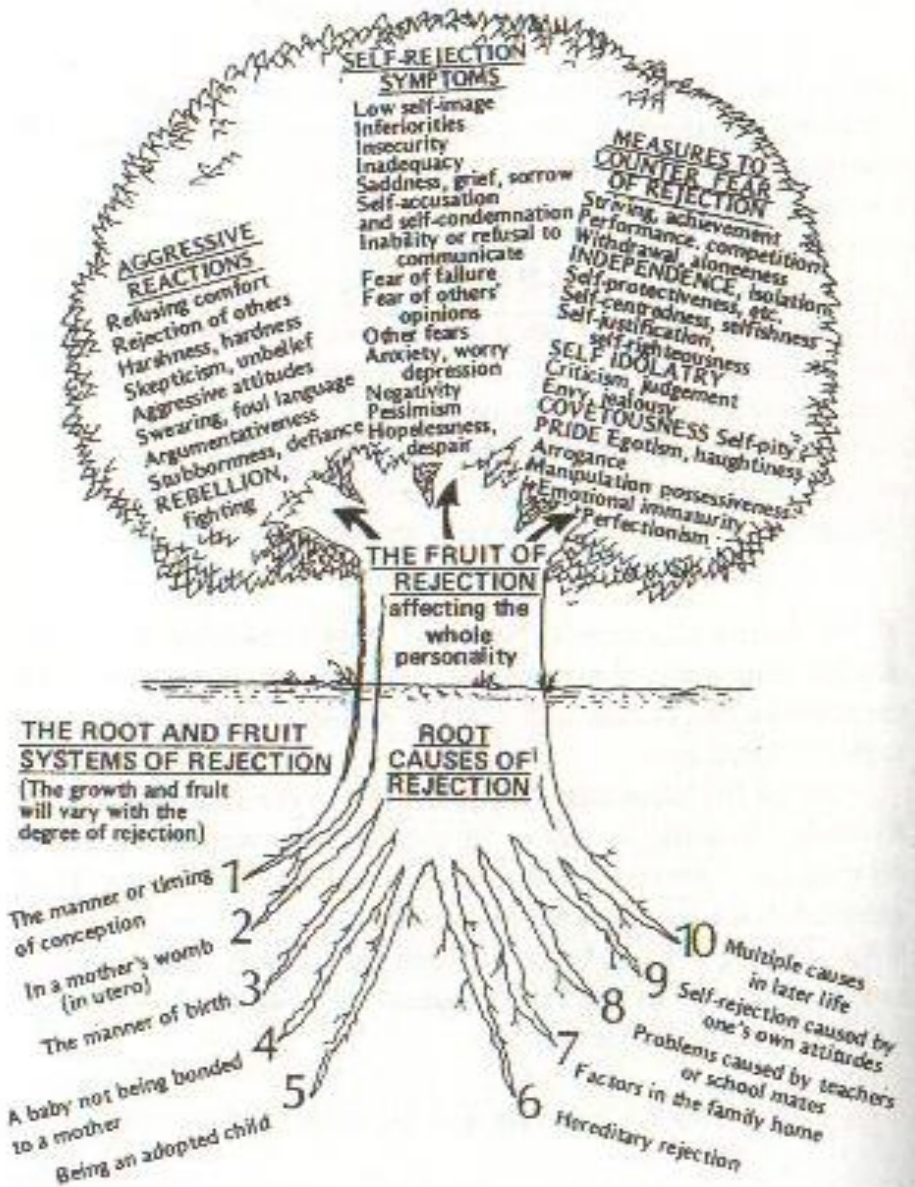
Pride / Rebellion

- James 4:6 "God **resists the proud**, But gives grace to the humble."
 - Symptoms of pride
 - Scorn, mockery, judgment, rudeness, lofty looks, bragging, stubbornness, egotism, prejudice, self righteous, vanity, arrogance, controlling, overbearing, domineering, superiority, gossip, contention, constant criticism, independence, conceit, manipulative, impatient, big ego, needs to be right all the time, dictatorial, etc.
- 1 Sam 15:23
For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft,
And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.
Because you have rejected the word of the LORD,
He also has rejected you from being king."
 - God calls us to submit to those He has placed in authority over us: parents, teachers, civil authorities, pastors, husbands, managers, etc.
 - Eph 6:2-3 Honor your father and mother (which is the first commandment with a promise), 3that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.
 - Prov 20:20
Whoever curses his father or his mother,
His lamp will be put out in deep darkness.

Bondage – Who's in control?

- Rom 8:15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."
- Examples of bondages
 - Cigarettes, alcohol, drugs, bulimia, anorexia, soul ties, superiority, addicted to another person, addicted to a specific sin, workaholism, pornography, sex, computers, video games, food, TV, etc

Rejection



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- Address spirits of
 - Rejection
 - Perceived rejection
 - Generational rejection
 - Self rejection.
 - Fear of rejection

Traumas / Fears

- Has the person been traumatized in any way? Demonic spirits can attach when a person is vulnerable through events outside their control.
 - Emotional abuse, verbal abuse, sexual abuse.

- Accidents
- Family tragedy
- Fears
 - 2 Tim 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.
 - Types of fears
 - Rejection, being alone, intimidation, the dark, death or dying, not getting approval of others, not being liked, persecution, failure or making mistakes, the unknown, saying no, change, confrontation, embarrassment, crime or violence, man, what others will think or say, poverty, authority, abandonment, pain
 - Also shows up as:
 - Fright, torment, dread, nightmares, timidity, inferiority, inadequacy, worry, anxiety, critical spirit, tensions, stress (heart attacks), performance, migraine headaches, schizophrenia, paranoia, insanity, lack of trust, phobias, panic attack

Inner vows / judgments

- Matt 7:1-2 Judge not, that you be not judged. **2For with what judgment you judge, you will be judged**; and with the measure you use, it will be measured back to you.
- What inner vows has the person made?
 - "I'll never trust another man/woman again"
 - "I'm never be like my mother/father"
- Vows are often made in response to a traumatic situation. Satan will try and take that vow and enforce it in a way that injures the person.
- Vows are also made in judgment of others. God commands us to give grace. Being judgmental opens the door for the same thing to happen to us.
- All judgments must be repented of, confessed and renounced.
- All ungodly vows must be broken and renounced.

Curses

- Prov 26:2 Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow,
So a curse without cause shall not alight.
- There is tremendous power in the spoken word. A curse without a "cause" cannot affect a person.
- Curses that have a cause are:
 - Ones spoken by people in authority over us.
 - Ones spoken by ourselves and not cancelled by those in authority over us.
 - Num 30:3-5 Also if a woman makes a vow to the LORD, and binds herself by an obligation in her father's house in her youth, 4and her father hears her vow and her obligation by which she has bound herself, and her father says nothing to her, then all her vows shall stand, and every obligation by which she has bound herself shall stand. 5But if her father should forbid her on the day he hears of it, none of her vows or her obligations by which she has bound herself shall stand; and the LORD will forgive her because her father had forbidden her.
- Has the person ever wished death upon themselves or cursed a body part?
- The person needs to confess and renounce the curse they have spoken and then the curse must be broken by the blood of Jesus/
- Jesus became the curse for us so we don't have to be cursed.
 - Gal 3:13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, **having become a curse for us**-- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"--

Infirmity

- Luke 13:11, 16 And behold, there was a woman who had **a spirit of infirmity** eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, **whom Satan has bound**--think of it--for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?"

- Signs that it might be a spirit of infirmity
 - Physical problem the medical doctors cannot diagnose
 - They've tried everything and symptoms don't go away
 - Problem seems to travel from one part of the body to another
 - Physical maladies that run in the family
 - Has a fear of infirmities and confesses it
 - Chronic health problems
 - Often diagnosed as hypochondriac
 - Lingering disorders
 - Impotent, frail, lame, weak
 - Bent body - spine
 - Fever

Death

- John 10:10 The thief does not come except **to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**
- Signs of the spirit of death
 - Accident prone
 - Involved in random acts of violence
 - Fatal diseases
 - Suicidal attempts
 - Numbness
 - Hopelessness
 - Despair
 - Loss of movement
 - Loss of reproduction
 - Loss of force and vigor