

THE SPIRIT OF BETRAYAL

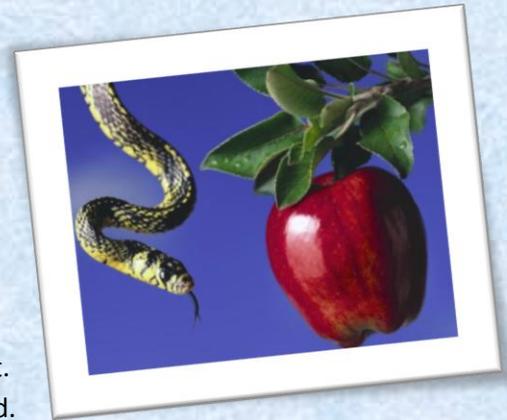
Conquering the silent killer

No one likes to feel that they have been diked, or played the fool. The resulting pain is sharp, staggering, and imprisonment. The spirit of betrayal is a stronghold that will imprison your mind.

It also invites other negative attitudes into your life such as anger, resentment, revenge, bitterness, hatred, and even murder. These attitudes are open doors to satanic systems, which prey on human brokenness and frailty. They advance off of these human emotions, and invite you to do something about it. Take matter into your own hand. After all someone has to pay, because it's not fair if someone doesn't pay. Although Christians are aware of the biblical teachings concerning forgiving others, betrayal is such a painful human experience. It paralyzes the heart. Our ability to receive love from others is compromised. If left unchecked or is not dealt with properly, it could destroy your relationship with Jesus. During my years in the ministry, I have met people who wrestled with the spirit of betrayal. They are closed, moody, angry, and judgmental; and almost always had sabotage relationships with loved ones. Unfortunately, some never open the door for love again, though they may be Christians. Why, because the enemy has influenced them to harden their heart to avoid vulnerability. They are blinded to the fact that they prohibit themselves from experiencing God's Love in its fullest. The devil knows that betrayal is a silent killer, and he uses it to sabotage our relationship with Christ.

In order to see it in its real perspective, we must look briefly at the relationship between Jesus and Judas. Jesus chose Judas and prayed for him (Luke 6:12-13), as He did for Jerusalem that rejected Him and for those who crucified Him. Jesus desired Judas to eat the last Passover with Him (Luke 23: 14-15), loved him and offered him the place of love and communion at the table in the Passover chamber (John 13:26). Jesus washed his feet (John 13:5) and, hence, expressed to him a love that was indeed unfeigned and worthy of the Son of God. Jesus gave Judas full recognition and never revealed him as His future betrayer, referring to Judas as His "friend." Careful meditation on the events leading to the betrayal will reveal that Jesus offered to Judas every token of love and was unwilling to disown him even, at the moment, of his crime.

Healing from rejection and emotional injuries suffered from betrayal requires time and forgiveness. Instead of focusing on yourself, focus on God. Remember that you were made in the image of God (Genesis 1:27). Therefore, you are His valuable possession. Trust in God, because, His Wisdom is far beyond your understanding. And know this: God has better plans for you. Years from now you will look back and appreciate His plan for you. You will, also, gain better understanding of how complete His provision is for your life. However, you must start, now, by opening "closed-off" areas of your life to trusting again. Let's begin with this simple prayer, and then add your own words, from your heart, as you experience release. Remember to pray out loud.



Prayer: commitment to trusting:

Lord, I choose to commit and trust you with all the areas in my life; all of my possessions, all of my family, and all of my relationships, and all of myself. From this day forward, I choose to cooperate with you will and your plan in my life. Show me the things, show me the others, and show me myself, and how I need to fully commit and trust you completely. It is my desire for you to be Lord in my life. I want to fully commit my life to you and experience trusting again. In Jesus Name I pray ... Amen.

Prayer: Forgiving

Lord Jesus, I have a confession to make. I have not always loved, but I have resented certain people and have un-forgiveness in my heart. I call upon you Lord to help me to forgive them. It is my will and my desire to forgive them from my heart. I don't know if I can, but I want to. I ask you to help me to forgive them and take all of the hurt and pain away. I do now forgive (name them, both living and dead) and I release them into your hands. I, now, forgive myself, and accept myself as your created design ... in Jesus Name ... Amen.



Need prayer? Email me:

stevep7517@gmail.com