

# COUNSELLING TONGUES-SPEAKING PEOPLE

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Now all thoughtful readers are going to realise that the material which has been set forth has extremely serious ramifications. Because of this and knowing what I have observed through counselling tongues-speaking people, I urge all people now in churches where "speaking in tongues" is practised, to **get out, because you are in danger!** Find another fellowship somewhere that is free of spiritistic phenomena. Even if you have to travel a long distance to attend, it will be well worth both the effort and the expense.

To those NOT in tongues-speaking churches, I issue this word of warning. Because of the rapid spread of this phenomenon, there will eventually come a time when you will be confronted with this matter. You will be urged to seek this supposed "gift of tongues". Well-meaning but deceived people will pressure you to "let your mind go blank" so the Holy Spirit can speak through you. If you yield to this impulse and relinquish control of your mind, you will eventually discover, as thousands are now finding, that it will not be the Holy Spirit that you come in contact with, but an evil spirit, impersonating Him and the end results can be **devastating**. It is my prayer that the Lord will give you much wisdom and enable you to avoid the deception that I have outlined here.

### THE END RESULTS

After many years of counselling people who have been "slain in the spirit" or "spoken in tongues" or who have been "prayed over in tongues" or "laid hands upon", we have been forced to the conclusion that most have problems. These problems vary greatly. They include emotional, physical, mental, psychological, moral, social and of course spiritual problems. **These problems have been directly caused by the people concerned coming into contact with demons.** In a large proportion of cases, they have actually become possessed by demons. What begins as a casual contact with demons through speaking in tongues, often progresses to regular "fellowship with demons".

The end result is, as could be expected, most of these people are in the long term devastated. They are lured into a supernatural bondage that can only be broken by supernatural means. A very high percentage want nothing more to do with Christianity or the Bible. The human wreckage resulting from this diabolical deception can now be found scattered all across the grey landscape of our society. Some, after having been hurt so badly, try to pick up the pieces and immerse themselves in worldly pleasure. Others crack under the pressure and are institutionalised. Many who come to us seeking help are so tormented by demons that they openly declare that if release cannot be found, then suicide is the only course of action left to them.

My prayer is that godly Pastors and Bible Teachers everywhere will not only "feed the flock of God" but faithfully warn the sheep not to go seeking ecstatic experiences outside what is clearly taught in Scripture.

If we wander from the path of clearly revealed truth, God will not save us from delusion.

### How To Help Those Troubled By Demons

When our Lord chose His twelve disciples, it was His purpose to train them to carry on His ministry. We see (Mat 10.1) that part of their work was to identify and cast out demons and to heal the sick. The procedure conveys to us the fact that our Lord placed a high priority on delivering people from demonic bondage. In Lk 10.17-19 we read how our Lord gave the same authority to the 70 disciples. **They too** were to cast out demons in His name. In the last five verses of Mark's Gospel, we find the same instruction given in the Great Commission.

The casting out of demons was to be a sign that followed the preaching of the Gospel. Today, it would seem that those entering the Ministry are taught almost everything else but how to deliver people from demonic bondage. This is indeed a tragedy of great magnitude and especially so when more and more people are falling into bondage in this occult era.

Now I feel that I should draw your attention to the fact that all who enter this field of deliverance are going to have a "head-on" confrontation with the powers of darkness. Any Christian who takes this lightly and enters into it with a self-reliant "blase" attitude is in for a great shock. **This type of ministry is not for the timid or fearful person.** Nor is it for those who are self-reliant and cocksure. The only ones who can hope for any degree of success, are those who are wholly dependent on the Lord to teach them.

**A Now I think the first thing to be grasped is the fact that our Lord has given this authority to believers.**

In Luke 10.19 our Lord said "I give you authority over all the power of the enemy." This is a promise to believers. This fact is stated very clearly in Mk 16.17 "and these signs shall follow them that believe; in my name shall they cast out devils." This power is to be claimed by faith and used to free people from bondage.

It is like a traffic policeman. He is in uniform, standing on the foot-path watching all the high powered cars "zoom" by. He has all the power of the law behind him, but he is standing on the footpath, just watching! He has the authority, but is not using it! If he chooses to do so, he can step out onto the roadway and simply raise his hand and all the motorists have to stop. When he **chooses to use that authority**, all the drivers must obey. This is the sad picture with the Church today. It has all the authority of the risen Lord behind it, but it does not choose to use that authority and the result is that Satan and his demons virtually do what they like unchallenged.

**B The second thing we should grasp is that we are not fighting "FLESH AND BLOOD" but spirits — wicked spirits — often in high places.**

It is a spiritual warfare and spiritual warfare can only be won by using spiritual weapons. These spiritual weapons are listed for us in Ephes 6.12-18. So those entering this type of ministry should be sure of their ground. They should study this passage very carefully and in detail! I would recommend that every counsellor pray much over these verses and ask the Lord to open up to their minds what is meant by each piece of armour.

**C Now how can we detect the Presence of Demons?**

I will list here just a few of the symptoms, but must emphasize the fact that only experience will help counsellors to know what to look for. This is a short list and applies mainly to "tongues-speaking" Christians:

1. Change of character
2. Deceit
3. Lying
4. Immorality
5. Oppression
6. Development of mediumistic ability
7. Mood swings — from ecstasy to depression
8. Emotional problems
9. Abnormally heavy breathing
10. Heaviness around the eyes
11. Compulsive talking
12. Passivity of the mind and difficulty in making decisions.
13. Passivity of the will, wanting to do, or not do, certain things, but lacking the will-power to carry out the decision. In other words, the person has given in so often that the will has become eroded and the person gives in without a fight.

Those engaged in this ministry should watch for some other signs as well. For instance, it is very common for people troubled by demons to walk out of meetings. We have, at times, seen them run or stamp out of meetings, especially when the presence and power of God is manifested to an unusual degree. The demons find it extremely difficult to stay in an atmosphere that is highly charged with the power of God, so they lead their victim outside. The people themselves cannot explain why they had a sudden desire to go

outside the church.

Avoiding spirit-filled Christians is another sign. Demons know only too well when a Christian is filled with the Holy Spirit and they will steer their victim away because such contact is a threat to them.

#### **D Now how do we approach those who are troubled?**

This should be done carefully and with great tenderness because it can often come as a great shock to people to find that demons have some control over their life, or even possess them.

Firstly, the counsellor can often overcome the shock by showing the victim that **demonic bondage is a very common problem**. In other words, that person is not the only one. Thousands of people round about have similar problems.

Secondly, the shock can be lessened considerably by showing the person that Christ can give victory over all the powers of darkness and free people from bondage. Counsellors should spend time on this point in order **to increase the person's Faith**. This is very important.

#### **E Considerable Time must be spent to discover HOW the demons gained entry.**

It cannot be emphasized too strongly here that **if entry is not uncovered, the demons cannot be dislodged** or if they are, other demons will soon come in because the door will still be open to them. If the person, for instance, is guilty of dabbling in some occult practice, the person should be made to see that they have committed serious sin and have actually brought their problems on themselves. (Deut 18.10-13)

They should be encouraged to humbly confess their sin and ask for forgiveness. **Until this is done, they will not be freed from bondage**. The Counsellor should carefully study 2 Tim 2.25-26 *"In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves: if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will."*

#### **F We are finding it very helpful to encourage the person to learn the Promises of God and to stand firmly on them.**

More and more Christians are gaining freedom by means of Truth. This is undoubtedly why our Lord stressed the fact that *"the Truth shall make you free."* John 8.32

We have observed that sometimes when a person takes a definite stand on a promise, they can be released from demonic bondage **without any manifestation, and also without any other help**.

#### **G Now to move on to exercising the Authority of the Lord in actual deliverance.**

I first must point out here that it will be impossible to comment on all the points used in endeavouring to deliver a person from bondage, for the simple reason that **no two cases are alike**. The information given here will be simply in the form of general guidelines:

**1** The afflicted person **must give permission** for the spirits to use their voice. Demons are spirits and have no vocal chords of their own, so must use the vocal chords of a human being in order to speak. The person being counselled should also be instructed not to answer any questions themselves **unless called by name**. This is necessary in order to ascertain just who is answering the questions, the person or a demon.

**2** The person should be instructed to just sit quietly and **definitely not to suppress** or stop the demons speaking through them. People sometimes through fear of what may come out, will stop the demons speaking through them, even though they have previously given consent.

**3** It is not uncommon for demons to be slow to answer questions because they do not want their presence to be revealed, but **the counsellor should be persistent and say**: "We know you are there!"

What is your name?"

**Sometimes demons will say very little**, while at other times, they will talk quite freely. We strongly suggest that counsellors talk to them as little as possible. Just **command them to give the information you need and leave it at that!**

**4** The Counsellor should speak directly to the demons, just as our Lord did in Mark 5.9 "*What is your name?*"

**5** The Counsellor should remind the demons that he has authority over them and quote such verses as Luke 10.19 to refresh their memories. "*Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.*"

**6** The counsellor should command "All demons that trouble this person, come here immediately and bring all your shared parts." The reason for this is that some may be "shared demons" and not be present at the time.

**7** The counsellor should **issue all commands in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ** or the demons will not respond.

**8** The counsellor should **be sure to bind all demons** "in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ," and command them "not to leave the CHAIR where they are and not to harm this child of God or anyone else in the room." **This BINDING is important!** If they are not bound, they may throw the person around the room or attack those present.

**9** The counsellor then should "strictly forbid their receiving help from one another or from outside." **All these commands** should be issued only in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

**10** The counsellor can then command the "Chief" demon to give its name. It is very common to find several chiefs, each with a group of demons under him.

I suggest that you do not waste time trying to discover the total number of demons present or their names. All you need at this point is **the names of the Chiefs.**

**11** The next question should be: "**How did you gain entry into this person?**" It is **absolutely crucial** to get this information either **from the person or from the demons.** The ground of entry must be found **and the door CLOSED** or more demons will keep on entering and the person will never be free (Eph 4.27).

**12** If demons mutter, which they are inclined to do, the counsellor will need to command them "to speak clearly and in English."

**13** After the ground of entry has been discovered, the demons can then be commanded to go. This command can be put this way: "I now command all of you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to leave immediately. **You are to take all your works with you** and go to the place where the Lord Jesus Christ would have you go and never return and I also command that no successors be appointed in your place."

**14** Demons when leaving can depart with a piercing scream, cause the person to choke or indicate their departure in a variety of physical turbulence. The screaming can be stopped by commanding them to go quietly and with a minimum amount of fuss without harming the person.

**15** Sometimes they go without any sign of their departure, but in order to be sure that they have gone, we have found it wise to command them "**to give some indication that you are leaving.**" Counsellors should learn to observe the various indications they give.

The person being delivered can also pray "If there are any of you left, I too now command you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to leave me and never return."

**16** Then the counsellor should carefully go over the whole "ground of entry" with the person concerned and make certain that **all sin is confessed and every door closed. This needs to be done thoroughly.** If it is not all carefully dealt with, it is highly likely that the person will continue to have problems in the future.

**17** It is common to find **counterfeit demons.** For instance, the counsellor may say "Spirit, what is your name?" and the reply may be "I am Jesus." The counsellor should then say "Are you the real Lord Jesus Christ who shed His blood on the cross for our sins?" Counsellors should insist on an answer to all questions. Sometimes a spirit may be a counterfeit of the person you are counselling. For instance, if you are counselling someone by the name of **Jane** and you say "Spirit, what is your name?" Back may come the answer "I am Jane." **Now remember the person has already been instructed not to answer any questions unless called by name.** So if a voice answers and says "I'm Jane," the counsellor should then say "But you are not the Jane that loves the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. You are a counterfeit, a lying demon!"

When cornered like this, the demon may either refuse to speak further or admit that he is a counterfeit. This is quite common. Demons counterfeit the Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Gospel *"for if he that cometh preacheth another Jesus, whom we have not preached, or if you receive another spirit, which ye have not received, or another gospel, which ye have not accepted, ye might well bear with him. For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works ..."* (2 Cor 11.4 13-15) We have pointed out, ONE or even SEVERAL can go by the name of the person you are counselling.

**18** If the person that you are counselling has been dabbling in **occult practices,** and then became a Christian and later started "**speaking in tongues**", they have given ground (or a toehold) to the devil. This is something we are specifically instructed not to do (Eph 4.27). In such cases, it is almost certain that you will find many resident demons including several "chiefs" or "princes" and each chief will have a number of demons of lesser rank under him. There is no need to waste time trying to find out all their names or even the exact number present.

**One of the main things to do in every situation is to discover the GROUND of ENTRY.** If the person can't remember or doesn't know, then command the demons to tell you. **The ground could be some occult practice or when they were "slain in the spirit" or any one of a number of things, including hypnotism or playing with a ouija board.** Insist that they tell you the truth. Some will have gained entry because the person dabbled in some occult practice. Others **may be ANCESTRAL or inherited demons.** *"Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me."* (Deut 5.9)

**19** "Tongues-speaking" demons are often difficult to cast out. Their presence seems **easy to detect** if the correct procedure is followed (1 John 4.1-3). However, when commanded to leave the person, they may become very defiant and refuse to go. The counsellor then can command them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ to look at the glorified face of our Lord Jesus Christ on His rainbow-encircled throne (Rev 4). They are the powers of darkness and live in darkness and to be forced to look at such a sight is more than they can stand. This tends to blind them and break down their resistance. You will often see the persons hands go up to cover the eyes: you can then command the demons to take the hands down and continue to "look". Whilst this is going on, others present should be praying that the Lord will break them down and render them powerless so they will have to obey and depart.

**20** It is important here to force the Chief Demon to admit defeat thus: "Do you acknowledge my authority over you in the Lord Jesus Christ?" When the Chief finally admits defeat, then all those of lesser rank must go too!

**21** It is often helpful to have one of the team to be **reading the Scriptures aloud,** not for the whole period of counselling, but especially when trying to force demons to reveal their presence. The reason for this is that they hate the Scriptures and it is often more than they can stand to hear someone reading passages like:

Is 53; Rev 5.9-14; 1 Cor 15.1-4, 20-26, 55-58; Eph 1.17-23; Col 1.11-22; Heb 8 1; Jn 5.1-15; Rev 7.9-17, 12.7-11, 15.3-4, 19.1-16 and Rev 20.1-10

Use also verses on the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ:  
Eph 1.7; 1 Jn 1.7; Rom 5.8-9; 1 Pet 1.18-19; Rev 1.5, 5.9, 7.14.

They will sometimes shout out "Shut up!" "No, no!" or "It's all lies!" Someone reading the Scriptures with confidence or praying aloud will often make them reveal their presence. A group singing hymns or choruses can also have a powerful effect.

Sometimes their presence can be detected by the person squirming or fidgeting while the reading is going on.

Other passages that can be read are Heb 4.13 or Phil 2.5-11. In fact, any passage that speaks **of our Lord's victory over Satan or demons** or of their final overthrow and their being cast into the Lake of Fire.

**22** It is not uncommon for a person being counselled to go into a state of trance. What happens here is that the demons completely blank out the person's mind so that he or she does not know what is going on. The counsellor can still talk freely to the demons, even though the person has no idea what is being said. After the demons have been commanded to leave, the counsellor need only snap his fingers in front of the person's face and call them by name and they will return to a normal state of consciousness.

**23** Sometimes a person may **not be completely delivered** in one counselling session. The reason may well be that all the ground previously given to Satan may not have been reclaimed for Christ. If demons have **ground** they have the legal right to remain. It sometimes needs several sessions before the person may be completely free. Counsellors should not be discouraged if this happens. If a person is in heavy bondage, their release and return to a normal life may take some time.

**24** It is important that counsellors should adopt **an intensely objective attitude** to this work of deliverance. **They should assume control of the situation.** The demons have been **defeated at the Cross of Christ.** The Authority which He purchased with His own blood is now ours. There is **no need to shout at demons!** We should just speak quietly but with definite confidence. Their defiance is a sheer bluff on their part. The counsellor should be master of the situation.

**25** If demons are aroused in a public service, it is better to just bind them in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and command them to step aside and be quiet until dealt with at a convenient time later on. Demon activity is increasing on every hand daily, **but Christians should not allow them to CALL THE TUNE!** Demons soon recognise genuine faith and authority when they see it!

**26** It is preferable that those who feel the Lord is calling them into this work do not work alone. We strongly advise Christians where possible to work as a TEAM. There is an enormous amount to be learnt in this field, so Christians need to study it together and compare notes and then work together as a group. Some should be praying or singing while others are actually counselling.

In a deliverance ministry, counsellors will soon learn that demons are inveterate liars! There is no such thing as a truthful demon. They will try to conceal their presence. They will lie regarding their "ground of entry". They will lie about who is Chief. When dealing with demons, there is one thing of which you can be sure and that is, they will lie to you. Counsellors **can force them to tell the truth, and even to betray one another,** by saying "We bring you up before the Living God and command you to tell the truth; now is that the truth?"

**27** After the person is delivered, there will invariably be a time of re-adjustment. It is during this **recuperation period** that some Christians will need to really **care for the person by spending time with them in Bible study, teaching how to maintain regular Quiet Times and encouraging them.**

**28** Those who engage in a ministry of deliverance are striking blows right at the heart of Satan's kingdom and it is only to be expected that **there will be a backlash** in some form or other, but

workers should just remain calm and immovable in their faith that the Lord is their strong Tower; (Prov 18.10 *"The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe!"*) Their faith will increase as each victory is won. **Faith never grows unless tested** and in a ministry of deliverance, it is often tested to the limit!

Those who are led into this ministry will often be misunderstood by other Christians. **Satan will see to this!** There will be occasions when we may even lose friends, but let us always remember **that loyalty to Christ and truth must always come first** even if it does cost us some friendships along the way.

**29** Now there is of course much more to be learnt on this subject. In fact, there seems to be **no bottom line!** As we mentioned earlier, every case seems different. We ourselves are learning new things all the time. For example, in the case where it has not been possible to have the person completely delivered in one session, you would need to get the person to cancel the permission they originally gave to the demons to use their voice (Guideline #1). If this is not done, the remaining demons could cause many problems before they too are removed in another session.

If people can absorb all the information in this chapter and begin to use it in their counselling, they will go a long way in the ministry of delivering troubled people.

I trust as the Lord enables me, to write more along this line in the future. In the meantime, may the Lord graciously enable us all to assist many who are "oppressed and afflicted by the devil."

### **DECLARATION OF VICTORY**

I claim for myself the full Victory that the Lord Jesus Christ has won over Satan and all his forces.

I give myself to the Lord Jesus Christ today, as one who is alive from the dead.

All ground that I have given to Satan in the past, I have already reclaimed and I have given that ground to our Lord Jesus Christ.

As an act of my will, I have chosen to be fully dedicated to the Lord Jesus Christ in spirit, soul, mind and body.

I again present my members as instruments of righteousness to God to use as He sees fit. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I resist Satan and all evil spirits and command them to leave me and go to where the Lord Jesus Christ would have you go.

I again renounce all of Satan's works in my life and declare myself to be the full and complete person that the Lord Jesus Christ intended me to be.

I am bought with the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ and I declare myself free of all spiritual bondage that may have passed to me from my parents, my family or my ancestors or any other source.

From now on until the Lord calls me home, I intend to serve Him in any way He chooses to use me.

I offer this prayer to God in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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