Who Control You?

<u>Trust</u> in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own <u>understanding</u>. In all thy ways <u>acknowledge</u> him, and he shall <u>direct</u> thy <u>paths</u>. Be not <u>wise</u> in thine own eyes: <u>Fear</u> the Lord, and <u>depart</u> from <u>evil</u> {Proverbs 3:5-7}. This Word of God is letting us know that The Lord wants full <u>control</u> of our lives.

Control means to <u>restrain</u> or to <u>regulate</u>.

If we are allowing anyone besides the Lord to limit us or restrict us then we are in bondage or under the power of witchcraft. Let us examine ourselves daily to see if we are being control by the following:

- +Family Member {Husband, Wife, Father, Mother, etc...}
- +Minister {Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor, Teacher, etc...}
- +Yourself {Your Flesh, Your Ways, Your Thoughts, etc...}

*Family Member - We have a tendency to agree with our love ones to the point where we will allow them to take us out of the will of God. Because of our love we are inclined to attend a House of God that our parents raised us in not allowing ourselves to seek the Lord to see if that is the place of worship for us. This can affect your relationship with the Lord because many of the Houses of God are caught up in traditions and doctrine of men and Jesus told us to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of the Sadducees {Matthew 16:5-12}. Jesus told us this because he knew that if we allow ourselves to get caught up in doctrines of men then we would be servants of sin and not of God. Also, the world has a saying that blood is thicker than water but is blood thicker than Jesus? We should know not {Read Matthew 12:46-50}. We encourage you to obey the word of God that tells us to submit ourselves unto our own husband and to one another out of the fear of God. But remember the scripture that says follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord {Hebrews 12:14}. Please remember to live peaceably with all men but don't lose the holiness of the Lord to do it.

*Minister - The word of God tells us to obey the one that have rule over us for they watch for our souls {Hebrews 13:7; 17}. This scripture is telling us to respect them but not to think that they have it all neither do they know it all. This is to say that the word of God tells us to study to show thyself approve unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth {2 Timothy 2:15}. If we take the time out and seek ye out of the book of the Lord and read then we will not get caught up in a man or woman neither in the different denominations that man set up. Denominations are not just Baptist, Methodist, Church of God in Christ, Pentecostal, etc... but also any group that has been set aside because of a name or beliefs. These things ought not be so because the word tells us that we are one body with many members and as long as we allow names and beliefs to divide us we cannot be the body of Christ that the Lord intended us to be. We need to remember that the word states that if we say we are of this person or that person then are we not carnal and walk as men. Paul tells us to speak the same thing, and not to have division among ourselves but to be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgement. {1 Corinthians 1:10-17; 3:1-9}. If ministers have set up ways to govern God's people not according to his word then they are controlling them rather than God. We need to be very careful about allowing ministers to tell us when and where to go and also how to live because the word states that many that are led by the Spirit of God they are the sons of God {Romans 8:14}.

*Yourself - The word states that we should cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the <u>flesh</u> and <u>spirit</u>, perfecting holiness in the fear of God {1 Corinthians 7:1}. The purpose for us to gain a relationship with the Lord is to bring about a change in our lives. We have to remember that God is a Spirit and our change is to stop living in the flesh and seek the Lord to help us to walk in the Spirit so that we will not fulfill the lust of our flesh. The word states that there is a way, which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. {Proverbs 14:12}. We have to humble ourselves as a child to the Lord because we know that a child knows only what he/she has been taught. That's why the word tells us not to be conformed to this world but to be transformed by the renewing of our mind. Remember to allow the word of God to transform us so that we will not make provision for our flesh to fulfill the lust thereof {Romans 13:14}.

+Galatians 1:6-10 +Galatians 5:1 +Acts 15:8-11 +Galatians 4:9 +James 4:5-10

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