

Playing With the Dark Side

If you visit a psychic, engage in tarot card readings, dive into horoscopes or play dark games, you are playing with the dark side. These things may seem harmless and enjoyable, but you are actually inviting the presence of demonic spirits into your life when you participate in these activities. In fact, you give them permission to invade and influence your mind, your relationships and your home.

Hosea 4:6 says, "My people perish for a lack of knowledge."

Ignorance and willful disobedience bring suffering. God is endeavoring to protect you from harm, but you also have to make wise choices. You can't go on blaming immaturity or a lack of understanding for your bad decisions. The Bible is filled with warnings and insights to guide your life and keep you from needless spiritual attacks.

What do you do if you have played with the dark side, even unknowingly?

First, get rid of any ungodly items in your home now. Remove any objects, books, games, tokens or decor that hold an unbiblical value. If you are experiencing nightmares and demonic manifestations in your home, you most likely have invited the presence of demons into your life. Start with getting rid of the physical things you have acquired right away.

In Acts 19, many of those who believed in Jesus Christ came and openly confessed their evil deeds. The ones who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. In other words, they destroyed and removed the occult objects from their lives.

Ignorance does not absolve us from the guilt of our sins, but we can repent and obtain mercy! Repentance from the heart and

changing your ways shuts the door on the devil. Repentance is the first step you must take spiritually to be freed from any unwanted demonic presence in your life.

After you have repented, asked God's forgiveness and removed the evil from your life, don't allow the enemy to continue to condemn you. You must tell the enemy, with your own mouth, "Go! Leave me and my house in Jesus' name!" All authority to resist the enemy is in the name of Jesus. Jesus paid an extreme price for us to exercise this God-given authority.

Make new choices today! Move forward with God. Spend time renewing your mind with the Bible. Pray and ask for continued discernment and awareness. You are a child of the Most High. Follow Jesus and don't look back or fall into old habits or the devil's traps. {eoa}

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