

Recognizing Spiritual Witchcraft

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As a spiritual principle, witchcraft operates in one of three ways:

- **Manipulation-** “I’ll *trick* you into giving me what I want.”
- **Intimidation-** “I’ll *scare* you into giving me what I want.”
- **Domination-** “I’ll *force* you to give me what I want.”

Witchcraft can be found in

1. Domineering leadership
2. Manipulative family, church members, co-workers
3. Prophecy (both corporate and personal)
4. Abusive relationships (families, friendships, marriages, etc.)

Scriptural examples of witchcraft:

1 Kings 19:1-5- After His Great Victory on Mt. Carmel, Jezebel* Intimidates Elijah

1 Kings 21:1-16- Jezebel* Takes Naboth’s vineyard

Acts 8:9-24- Simon the Sorcerer

***Characteristics of Jezebel (Revelation 2:20):**

1. “...callesth herself a prophetess.” – **Usurps authority.**
2. “...to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication.” – **Sexually immoral; Unclean.**
3. “...to eat things sacrificed unto idols.” – **Leads people away from God.**

Dealing with Witchcraft:

2 Kings 9:30-33-

30: And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window.

31: And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?

32: And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs.

33: And he said, **Throw her down.** So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he **trode her under foot.**

Acts 16:16-18-

16: And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:

17: The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

18: And this did she many days. But Paul, being **grieved**, turned and said to the spirit, **I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.** And he came out the same hour.