

Are The Towers Of Torment Operating In Your Life?

An appropriate first step in walking in freedom is honestly discerning whether the enemy might be operating in your life. The enemy is cunning and deceptive. His working many times is disguised as what we think is normative behavior or common diseases. Take a moment and complete this simple checklist. It might help you discover if any of this teaching applies to you.

Symptoms Checklist

Body:

- Headaches (migraines or stress).
- Compromised immune system often characterized by chronic allergies, sensitivities, infections or reactions.
- High blood pressure / rapid heart rate.
- Digestive tract disorders particularly ulcers, gallbladder or irritable bowel.
- Autoimmune diseases.
- Chronic fatigue syndrome.
- Fibromyalgia or asthma.
- Cardiovascular dysfunction.
- Bulimia, anorexia or sleep disorders.

Soul:

- Inability to trust others.
- Broken relationships, aloofness.
- Preoccupation with past wrongs.
- No feeling of self-worth.
- Pattern of addictions or obsessions.
- Unfounded fears.
- Unconquerable depression.
- Anger, rage, brutality, resentment, retaliation.
- No sense of peace or security.
- Sexual dysfunction.
- Controlling, exploitive relationships.
- Medications required for you to sleep or function.
- Feelings of Abandonment.
- Panic attacks, tunnel vision, voices.

Spirit:

- Inability to trust God or His love.
- No interest in scripture or spiritual things.
- Inability to pray or to verbalize your faith.
- The sense that God is mad at you.
- Legalism and judgmentalism.
- Guilt, condemnation, pessimism.
- Lack of peace or joy.

This is a **partial** listing of dysfunctions that can affect anyone. The purpose of this exercise is to help you examine the possibility of whether the enemy has indeed been able to gain advantage over you and rob you of God's best. It is by no means exhaustive, or meant to be critical or accusatory. Allow the Lord to open your eyes.

If multiple symptoms are present in your life you need to have the *Towers of Triumph* (Forgiveness and Faith) built into your life. God's working in you will defeat the enemy in your life like turning on a light dispels the darkness.

Building the Towers of Triumph Into Your Life

God wants you to be whole and to have real life. The following suggestions can help you build the *Towers of Triumph* into your life. These steps are discussed in more detail in the pamphlet, *God's Prescription For Wholeness*, by Terry Sutton. Copies can be received by emailing Terry at gterrysutton@yahoo.com.

- Step 1: **Responsible:**
-Purpose to be responsible for your life.
-Pursue a relationship with Jesus Christ.
- Step 2: **Repent:**
-Deal with unresolved sin in your life.
-Divorce yourself from evil influence.
- Step 3: **Reconcile:**
-Work on mending relationships.
-Walk with a clear conscience.
- Step 4: **Recite:**
-Read and verbally confess scripture.
-Renounce wrong influence/feelings.
- Step 5: **Receive:**
God's forgiveness.
-God's truth.
-God's love.
-God's Word.
-God's presence daily.

Dear Friend,

Because of the constraints of space in this brochure, I can only give you a way to get started down the road of building the good towers of faith and forgiveness into your life. This brochure is only meant to introduce you to these spiritual concepts. I urge you to seek the counsel and support of others, and find a church that will help you grow and heal. You are always welcome at our weekly meetings. I counsel and teach extensively and can be reached through the email address listed in this brochure. We do have other publications and helps available.

The approach I take is to help you settle the most important issue first, your relationship to Almighty God through His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Unless you have received God's free gift of salvation and life you cannot have the best foundation on which to stand. Please consider giving your heart to Jesus. Life, wholeness and forgiveness are only available through Him! Because the ultimate enemy is Satan, there can be no lasting victory apart from the finished victorious work of Jesus. May you grow in Him and in the grace of God. It's not what you do, it's what you become through God.

Blessings!

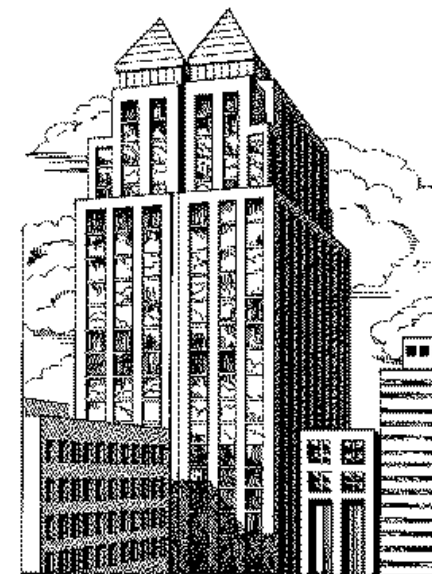
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The Twin Towers of Torment®

A BIBLICAL AND PRAGMATIC LOOK AT THE TWO MOST DESTRUCTIVE OF ALL HUMAN THREATS:

-UNBELIEF AND UNFORGIVENESS-

Conquered only by the *Twin Towers of Triumph*:
-Faith and Forgiveness-



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The Twin Towers

September 11, 2001, will forever be etched in the hearts and minds of Americans. Evil acted before us in the name of Islam and defiled this nation's innocence. That has always been the Devil's *modus operandi*. He is the original terrorist! Islam is not the true enemy. In a spiritual sense, Satan is a bully who has always wanted to tear down what God has built up and build up what Jesus, God's Son, died to tear down. The felling of the World Trade Center twin towers was chillingly symbolic of this maniacal plan. The purpose of this brochure is to present insight about your real enemy and the twin towers he wants to destroy in your life. It is based upon this minister's 35 years of experience in dealing both personally and professionally with how this process is played out in the lives of all of us from the cradle to the grave. May God bless your mind and heart as you consider this teaching.

God's Plan vs. Satan's Plan

Make no mistake about it! You are in the midst of a war for your soul. There is a constant and supernatural force that is poised to rob you of real life. The good news is that it is your choice which army you serve. If you have not willfully chosen God, you have, in effect, chosen the enemy. Even if you have made the choice to follow God, through Jesus Christ, the enemy has carefully constructed a series of battlefield maneuvers to sow defeat into your life. After dealing with hundreds of people, it is obvious to me that the Devil has two main personal weapons he craftily uses against every person; UNFORGIVENESS AND UNBELIEF. These towers of torment are only conquered by having constructed in our lives the twin towers of triumph, FORGIVENESS AND FAITH.

The Notion of Torment

The system of Islam operates in stark contrast to Christianity which teaches its followers to thank God for His goodness and to petition Him for divine favor and blessing. Not so with Islam. The passive fatalism of the Muslim forbids him from seeking spiritual merit or material provisions. Islam means "submit" and that characterizes the Muslim faith in his God, Allah, originally an Arabian lunar deity of war. Whatever happens is because of *Inshallah*, "if God wills." This deception about God and His will opens the door to futility, a toleration of evil and a misunderstanding of the cause of torment. The Bible speaks of torment in this life as caused by two sins: (1) **fear** (I Jn. 4:18) and (2) **unforgiveness** (Matt. 18:34). The root words for torment in these verses mean torture. To not deal with these sin patterns will open one to torment (physical, spiritual and emotional) inflicted by a determined and evil enemy.

"It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery." (Galatians 5:1 KJV)

Evil Tower # 1--UNFORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is an important concept. It is a part of the Lord's Prayer, issued by Jesus from the cross and taught repeatedly in the Bible. Based on the parable of Matthew 18, to not forgive blocks our own assurance of forgiveness and opens the door to torment. Unforgiveness can be directed towards God, towards others or towards oneself. Unforgiveness is always an expression of bitterness, the feeling of being wronged or violated. It is the response to an offense against oneself, or others. It demands its rights and is totally self-oriented. Hebrews 12:15 warns against a root of bitterness springing up in us, for it not only hurts us, it hurts and defiles others. This bitterness can be personal, generational, or cultural (The Arab/Israeli conflict as an example). The accompanying personal unforgiveness is an attempt to execute justice for the perceived wrong inflicted. It is self-motivated and destructive. It is a proclamation that justice must be served and you are the person to do it. (Governments have the authority to execute justice, but we do not!) It is the sin of trying to be God. It brings with it division, distortion, destruction, disease and dysfunction. It is the "chip" someone has on their shoulder, the seed of depression and division and the Devil's favorite tool. Bitterness and unforgiveness progressively lead to other sins:

- (1) REJECTION
- (2) RESENTMENT
- (3) RETALIATION
- (4) RAGE
- (5) RETRIBUTION
- (6) REMOVAL

In my ministry experience, this tower of unforgiveness is usually present in broken relationships, spiritual dysfunction and destructive sin patterns. It is the open door through which the enemy sows the seeds of disease and division. You must deal with your bitterness through the act of forgiving and being forgiven. If you do not, it will simmer inside of you until it explodes in rage or disease, or other dysfunction. The enemy wants to help you to build this evil tower by reminding you of how you have been hurt and victimized, how your rights have been violated and how you have been mistreated and misunderstood. God has a much better plan; **forgive and receive forgiveness**, opening yourself up to God's blessing and healing. Let God be responsible to execute timely justice.

Evil Tower #2--UNBELIEF

The other tower of torment is unbelief. However, unbelief and fear walk hand in hand. The absence of faith promotes fear in the same way that the absence of light produces darkness. (See the tract **What About Fear**.) All fear has as its genesis the fear of death. According to Hebrews 2:15 it is this fear that enables the enemy to keep people in bondage their whole life. That's why it is called **"terrorism."** It is a proven weapon. This basic fear manifests itself in other fears and attitudes that cripple and bind people. The only true deliverance from fear is through the one who openly destroyed this work of the enemy, Jesus Christ (Heb. 2:14; I John 3:8). It is in receiving and walking in God's "perfect love" (I John 4:18) that unbelief is dispelled. The key is a dynamic relationship with God through His Son the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Devil's Hijacked Weaponry

Just as a jet liner is not usually considered a weapon, the enemy uses our common responses as weapons to destroy the good towers of forgiveness and trust. Herein lies the problem. We must be vigilant and aware that what seem to be natural and prudent reactions may become powerful weapons in the enemy's hands. God wants us to forgive even when we are wronged. He wants us to trust Him even if it goes against natural inclinations. These responses are not possible without Him. The enemy uses our own lusts as the source of his attack (Ja. 1:14). He is a cunning opportunist.

"But, I Was Wronged!"

Yes, you are probably right in believing you have been wronged. That person should not have done that to you. But, your unforgiveness tethers you to them and you are hurting only yourself by not releasing your bitterness towards them and your fear of being wronged again. Most of the diseases and dysfunctions of mankind are either directly tied, or linked, to these towers of torment. It is not possible to deal with all the details of fear and unforgiveness here, but we would like to help you. Please read on.