

III) RENOUNCE THE WORK OF YOUR ENEMIES

Renounce:

“To speak out against, to refuse, to disown with aversion.”

(See 2 Cor. 4:2) (1)

“declaring that you want no more to do with this influence in your life; it is over. No more lies, no more empty promises.” (2)

A) BIBLICAL FOUNDATION

a. If we want to be disciples of Christ, Jesus commands us to renounce everything that separates us from him.

“27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple....So therefore, any one of you who does not **renounce** all that he has cannot be my disciple.” (Luke 14:27, 33)

“11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, 12 training us to **renounce** ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, 13 waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ,” (Titus 2:11-13)

As Neal Lozano says, “**renunciation** is an expression of **repentance** that does three things:

Identifies the lie and the power behind the lie.

Breaks the power. If we belong to Jesus Christ, we live by grace and are free. Yet evil spirits still influence us and seek to make a home in areas of our lives that we have not fully surrendered to Jesus....But, once their identity is exposed and the entryway sealed (through repentance, forgiveness, and renunciation), they must go.

Gives us personal responsibility. Renouncing our enemies is an expression of our human dignity and freedom. It is an act of cooperating with the saving work of Jesus. It expresses that we have taken responsibility for our lives.” (3)

b. Those who allow Jesus to be Lord and are led by the Holy Spirit live with good fruit plainly visible!

“16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. 17 For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. 18 But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.”
(Gal. 5:16-21)

“22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. 24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.”
(Gal. 5:22-24)

A few questions:

What would you like Jesus to do for you today?

What do you think he would like to do for you?

What is God saying to you through His Spirit?

Do you know the areas of your mind that are vulnerable to demonic attack?

What is the true test as to whether you have peace or not? When unfavorable circumstances enter your life, does peace reign? When you are faced with challenges, what emotions can rise to the surface that are not God's choice? What are the negative thoughts that may come?” (4)

B) SAMPLE PRAYERS FOR RENOUNCING EVIL IN OUR LIVES

a. From Neal Lozano and Neal Anderson:

Renounce Each Area of Bondage in Mind and Body:

“Lord Jesus, I surrender my life to You. I trust in You. In the name of Jesus, I renounce Satan and all his empty works and empty promises. In the name of Jesus, I renounce...”

(rebellion, selfishness, pride, lust, greed, ...)

“In the name of Jesus, I break the power of each “spirit” that I have just renounced.”

Renounce Any Occult Involvement:

“In the name of Jesus, I renounce the (any) spirit that came to me when I

“In the name of Jesus, I take back the authority I gave to _____

and to the spirit that operated in _____

“In the name of Jesus, I break the power of every spirit that I have just renounced.”

“I commit myself to get rid of all objects associated with the occult or false religion.”

Renounce Soul Ties:

If there has been repentance for sexual intimacy outside marriage:

“Father, thank You for forgiving me for the sexual relationship(s) I have confessed and repented. In the name of Jesus, I renounce all sexual and spiritual binding to _____

and I take back the authority I gave to him/her.
(or what he/she took from me, if the relationship was not consensual.)”

“In the name of Jesus, I break the power of every spirit behind the soul ties that I have just renounced.”

Renounce Every Curse Over Your Life:

“Lord Jesus, I thank You that on the cross You were made a curse, that I might be redeemed from every curse and inherit God’s blessing. On that basis, I ask You to release me and set me free to receive the deliverance I need.”

“In the name of Jesus Christ, I renounce the curse that _____
spoke over me when (he/she) said _____”

“In the name of Jesus Christ, I renounce the curse that I spoke over myself when I said _____”

“In the name of Jesus Christ, I break the power of the spirit behind each curse that was spoken over me (or that I spoke over myself.)

Thank you, Jesus, for giving me victory over my enemies. I am not afraid. Amen”. (2

b. From Francis Frangipane:

“Heavenly Father, there are areas in my life

(audibly name the habitual sins*)

that I have not fully surrendered to my Lord, Jesus Christ. Lord, forgive me of compromise. I also ask You for courage to approach the pulling down of strongholds without reluctance or willful deception in my heart. By the power of the Holy Spirit and in the name of Jesus, I bind the satanic influences that are reinforcing compromise and sin within me. I submit myself to the light of the Spirit of Truth to expose the strongholds of sin within me. By the mighty weapons of the Spirit and the Word, I proclaim that each stronghold in my life is coming down! I purpose, by the grace of God, to have only one stronghold within me: the stronghold of the Presence of Christ.

I thank You, Lord, for forgiving and cleansing me from all my sins. And by the grace of God, I commit myself to follow through in this area until even the ruins of this stronghold are removed from my mind! Thank You, Father. In Jesus’ name. Amen.” (4)

*Such as: unbelief, cold love, fear, pride, unforgiveness, lust, greed, or any combination of these, as well as the possibility of many others.

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- (3) Unbound, by Neal Lozano. Pages 89-90
- (4) When Heaven Invades Earth – A 40 Day Personal Prayer Journal, by Bill Johnson. Page 111
- (5) The Three Battlegrounds, by Francis Frangipane. Page 18

Prayer of Preparation to Hear from God*

“Father, I do not want anything to hinder my ability to hear from You this evening. Therefore, I come to You and ask that You would convict me of any unconfessed sin.

Forgive me of any thought, word, or deed that has been displeasing to You. By Your grace, I turn away from such things and receive the cleansing in my heart that You passionately want me to receive.

In Jesus’ name I choose to cast down my own soulish thoughts, desires, and imaginations. Thank You Father, that the weapons of our warfare have divine power to destroy strongholds.

In Jesus’ name, I bind the enemy’s voice, so that any and all powers of darkness are helpless to interfere with Your holy plans for this day. I will not listen to the voice of darkness speaking lies into my soul.

I want to only hear from You, Lord. I choose to submit willingly and joyfully, to Your voice in my heart. Thank You for Your steadfast love, Your promise that as a child of God, I will receive all the blessings that You have prepared for me. First and foremost, that You will transform me in the image of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Fill me afresh with Your precious Holy Spirit and cause me to discern Your voice. Thank You, Lord. Amen.”

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