

UNGODLY SOUL TIES

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Tonight's lesson is a continuation from last week's lesson on STD'S—Sexually Transmitted Deceptions and Spirits. As we continue to look at this topic on the family and on relationships, tonight our focus is on "Ungodly Soul Ties." *What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh* (1 Cor. 6:16). The scripture is extremely clear in this area. Who you sleep with, who you converse with, will ultimately have a great effect on you. Your attitude determines your altitude. Your environment determines your success. My prayer for you tonight is that the blessings of God will be released upon you and your family and that you enter into the awesome presence of the Almighty God as it relates to awareness. Awareness shall be your theme: "I'm aware of my surroundings; I'm aware of the situation that I'm currently in." And the second principle is *change*. "I am now willing to *change* the environment that I am in, which is not productive for me in my life and that refuses to yield to me any success."

LESSON: UNGODLY SOUL TIES

DEFINITIONS:

SOUL – 1: the immaterial essence, animating principle, or actuating cause of an individual life 2 a: the spiritual principle embodied in human being, all rational and spiritual being, or the universe 3: a person's total self 4: an active or emotional essential part b: a moving spirit: LEADER 5: the moral and emotional nature of human beings

TIE – 1 a: a line, ribbon, or cord used for fastening, uniting, or drawing something closed; esp: shoelace b (1): a structural element (as a rod or angle iron) holding two pieces together 2: something that serves as a connecting link: as a: a moral or legal obligation to someone or something typically constituting a restraining power, influence, or duty b: a bond of kinship or affection

KNOT – an interlacement of the parts of one or more flexible bodies forming a lump or knob b: the lump or knob so formed c: a tight constriction or the sense of constriction 2: something hard to solve: PROBLEM 3: a bond of union; *esp*: the marriage bond

RELATIONSHIP – 1: the state of being related or interrelated 2: the relation connecting or binding participants in a relationship: as a: kinship b: a specific instance or type of kinship 3: a state of affairs existing between those having relations or dealing b: a romantic or passionate attachment

FAMILY – 1: a group of individuals living under one roof and usu. under one head: household 2: a group of persons of common ancestry: clan b: a people or group of people regarded as deriving from a common stock: RACE 3 a: a group of people united by certain convictions or a common affiliation: FELLOWSHIP b: the staff of a high official (as the President)

SOUL TIE – a bond that is formed between two individuals' souls and that knits them together mentally, emotionally, and psychologically. (*Def. Taken from When Loving You is Wrong, But I Want to be Right*)

That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, And not holding the Head, from which all the body by joints and bands having nourishment ministered, and knit together, increaseth with the increase of God. —Colossians 2:18-19

In chapter five of The Little Boy in Me book, I deal with the different types of “Bad Boys:”

Fresh Meat Seekers	Mama’s Boy	The Trapper
Just a Friend	The Perfectionist	The “Gotcha” Man
The Playa (Player)	The Boxer	Big Money Grip
The Great Pretender	The Gender-Bender	The Promise-Maker-Breaker
The Quiet Storm	The Baby-Maker	

The unveiling of these men fascinates the reader because it reveals to all of us a person that we’ve either known in the past or who is currently a thorn in the flesh of some loved one that we know. For many, he’s your personal nemesis—whom you refuse to shake. You find yourself strong enough to stay in the relationship, but far too weak to get out of it.

The spiritual implications are very serious. Why do you continue to attract to yourself the same type of people over and over again. This warrants investigating. Ask yourself a few questions: Do I love myself; or Do I hate myself? Why do I keep subjecting myself to relationships that are very, very harmful to me? And why is it that every time I enter a relationship, it separates me from my family and other loved ones? It’s probably the soul tie. Therefore, we will investigate the mystery that your flesh will not allow you to solve. In my book, When Loving You is Wrong, But I Want to be Right, we deal with the issue of ungodly soul ties.

CURSED BE THE TIES THAT BIND

Taken from Chapter 6 of When Loving You is Wrong, But I want to be Right

The scripture teaches that *a threefold cord is not quickly broken* (Ecc. 4:12). Therefore, any relationship between a man and a woman, a mother and a father, a father and a son, a mother and a daughter...an aunt...an uncle...a cousin...and so on...within those relationships, Christ must be the center cord of which the other two cords are wrapped around.

A soul tie can either be a blessing or a curse. Examples of positive soul ties are writ throughout the bible: *Jonathan was knit to the soul of David* (1 Samuel 18:1)

“The unity of purpose created by positive soul ties can bring about victory over a common enemy, individual and relational growth, and an increase of love, protection, edification, and encouragement for one another.”

“God isn’t the cruel Judge that some think He is. After all, He is the Designer of our sexuality in the first place. He just designates the boundaries for our good.”

