

# The Controls of Sorcery: Understanding True Power in the Kingdom of God

## I. The Biblical Pattern: Simon the Sorcerer (Acts 8:9-11)

- **Key Scripture:** Simon amazed Samaria with sorcery; people called him "the great power of God"
- **Reality:** His power was not from God but from darkness
- **Modern Application:** Not everyone performing miracles operates in God's power
- **Quote:** "Not every miracle is from God. The greatest deception is when darkness performs wonders and calls itself light."

## II. The Modern Sorcerer Defined

### Who They Are:

- Not just occult practitioners
- Any spiritual leader using power other than the Holy Spirit
- Often occupy pulpits, lead ministries, have large followings
- Use Scripture and spiritual language effectively

### What They Do:

- Redirect faith from Christ to themselves or their organization
- Create systems of dependency and control
- Their influence mimics divine authority but serves self-interest
- Operate through "familiar spirits" (demonic imitation)

## III. Four Mechanisms of Sorcerous Control

### 1. Spiritual Dependency Systems

- Phrase: "Your miracle is in my hand"
- Makes themselves the indispensable channel to God
- Replaces personal relationship with Christ with mediated access

### 2. Weaponizing Scripture

- Takes Bible verses out of context

- Uses Word to instill fear and enforce loyalty
- Creates spiritual contracts with hidden conditions
- Turns grace into legalism

### **3. Commercializing the Sacred**

- Packages spiritual blessings as commodities
- Places price tags on God's grace
- Sells "special anointing" and "exclusive access"
- Creates spiritual marketplace

### **4. Producing Bondage, Not Freedom**

- Fruit: Anxiety, confusion, financial strain, isolation
- Followers live in perpetual insufficiency
- Cripples independent spiritual growth
- Contrasts with Holy Spirit's fruit: love, joy, peace, freedom

## **IV. The Path to Discernment and Freedom**

### **Three Safeguards:**

#### **1. Seek God, Not Just His Benefits**

- Cultivate passion for Christ Himself
- Prioritize intimacy over miracles
- Satisfied hearts resist counterfeit signs

#### **2. Depend on Holy Spirit's Guidance**

- Pray: "Holy Spirit, teach me"
- Scripture without Spirit's illumination leaves us vulnerable
- Spirit bears witness to truth

#### **3. Test Every Spirit (1 John 4:1)**

- Test by Christ's centrality

- Test by spiritual fruit produced
- Test by alignment with whole counsel of Scripture

## **V. Prayer of Deliverance (Key Points)**

### **What to Renounce:**

- Every covenant, spell, chain of sorcery/witchcraft
- Every controlling influence on mind, family, finances, destiny
- Every bewitching word and ungodly soul tie

### **What to Declare:**

- Freedom by the blood of Jesus
- Dependence on God alone
- Complete deliverance as God's child

### **What to Invite:**

- Holy Spirit to flood your life
- Healing of perception and restoration of discernment
- Guidance into genuine truth

## **VI. Closing Truths**

- You are a victor, not a victim in Christ
- You have a spirit of power, love, and sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7)
- True Kingdom power liberates, heals, and raises the dead
- Walk in the glorious liberty of God's children