

# SOUL TIES

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## Lesson 1: Soul and Spirit

We will begin our study of soul ties by laying a foundation of the difference between our spirit and our soul. The soul and the spirit are not the same. There is a very distinct difference between the soul and the spirit.

Hebrews 4:12, For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.

1 Thessalonians 5:23, And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Hebrew word 'ruach,' occurs 378 times and is rendered spirit 232 times. In the remaining 146 times it is rendered 16 different ways. The Greek word for spirit in the New Testament is pneuma. It occurs 385 times and corresponds to 'ruach' above. The primary meaning of both words is invisible force. The spirit of man is the invisible faculties that make him a free moral agent and a rational being. The spirit and soul of man are so closely related that it is hard to distinguish between them, but there is a difference. This is clear from the Scriptures we have referenced above.

In general we can say that the spirit is that which knows and the soul is that which feels.

We are a spirit being, we live in a body and we possess a soul. The real person inside us, the inner man that the apostle Paul talks about is made up of the spirit and soul--our mind, our will, our intellect and our feelings and emotions. Our bodies are obviously what we live in while we inhabit the planet earth.

The moment we accept Christ, our spirits become brand new. We are a completely new person, we are born of God, and we are made alive with God:

2 Corinthians 5:17, Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. This is speaking of our spirits, which are instantly made new the moment we accept Christ.

The Bible even tells us that the old man in us has died with Christ, and that we are raised to new life through Christ's resurrection. (Romans 6:2-6) Even though we have died to sin, and been raised to new life through Christ Jesus, our souls still need to be transformed and purified by the washing of the water of the Word. (Ephesians 5:26)

The Bible is clear that even though our spirits are born of incorruptible seed, our souls still need to be purified, that is cleansed. [1 Peter 1:22-23](#). Our spirit is instantly reborn and made new the moment we accept Christ, but the soul is not born again. Our souls are transformed by the renewing of our minds as is stated in [Romans 12:2](#).

Our spirits are made right with God, and raised to new life the moment we accept Jesus, but our souls can carry much spiritual grime and dirt over from our past lifestyles. Our souls are transformed by the renewing of our minds and by the washing of the Word, as the Bible makes clear. This is why so many believers can continue to struggle with sin even after accepting Christ. Their souls still contain grime and dirt that needs to be removed and washed clean.

I believe we have a firm foundation based on these Scriptures that our spirits and souls are two different components that make up our inner man which resides in our bodies. To understand soul ties we must understand the difference between our spirit and our soul and we must understand that there are two worlds that we deal with--there is a spirit world and there is a natural world.

The Bible is the only book in the world that gives an insight into the heavenly and infernal worlds. There are hundreds of Scriptures revealing to man all that he needs to know--and, we may say, all that he wants to know--of the unseen worlds. We mean by the spirit world all the various spirit-beings that inhabit the unseen material worlds about us. There are many kinds of spirit-beings revealed in Scripture. We mean by the unseen worlds all the heavens as well as the underworld of departed spirits and even the invisible things about us on the earth. The Scriptures are full of the supernatural. There is but a step from the natural world to the spiritual world. The following are some of the spirit-beings in the spirit world.

Angelic Beings called Seraphim: These are mentioned only two times in Scripture, but their description proves that they are angelic creatures and heavenly beings. Let's look at [Isaiah 6:1-7](#).

Angelic Beings called Cherubim: These are mentioned in several passages, which are too lengthy to quote, so we will give a brief description of them. Ezekiel saw them as the heavens were opened, and he saw visions of God and of cherubim. The cherubims look like men except that each one has four faces and four wings and feet like a calf. Two of their wings join tip to tip, and the other two cover their bodies. Their faces are like those of a man, a lion, an ox, and an eagle. Their general appearance is like fire and lightning. They move with the speed of lightning. They are connected to wheels, which look like a wheel within a wheel. The wheels are very high and look like a beryl and have many eyes in them. They have a firmament over their heads colored like a crystal. Above this firmament is the throne on which God sits and He has the appearance of a man. Fire and lightnings and glory are all about the throne and a rainbow is round about the throne. [[Ezekiel 1:5-28](#); [8:1-4](#); [10:1-22](#)]. Cherubims drove man from the Eden and guarded the Tree of Life. [[Genesis 3:24](#)].

Angelic Beings called Zoa or Living Creatures: These are beings similar to the cherubims, except that they have only one head each and are full of eyes before and behind. They are like the seraphims in that they have six wings. One has a face like a lion, one like a calf, one like a man, and one like a flying eagle. They cry, 'Holy, holy, holy' to God day and night [Revelation 4:6-9]. The word translated 'beast' in this passage is zoa, meaning 'living creature'. The zoa are pictured in Revelation 4:6-5:14 as having harps and singing and doing things such as man does [Revelation 6:1-8; 7:11; 14:3, 9-11; 15:7; 19:4].

Spirit Horses and Chariot Drivers: Paul taught that there were many things in the invisible world like the things we have in the visible world. 'For the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made. [Romans 1:20] He further taught that in his trip into the third heaven he 'heard unspeakable words, which is not lawful for a man to utter' [2 Corinthians 12:1-4]. In other words, men would have thought he was raving mad if he had told them all that he had seen and heard in Heaven. It was not best for him to tell all that he knew for fear it would cause men to reject his message of the Gospel.

Humans have such a vague conception of Heaven and spiritual things that it is hard for them to grasp the realities of the spirit world. All we know about it is what the Bible reveals. And, if we take Paul literally in Romans 1:20, we could very easily believe that there are many kinds of heavenly creatures such as we have on the Earth. He did not limit the number of how many invisible things are made clear by the created things in the Earth, so to be wise let us not limit them.

We do know that there are horses in Heaven, as proven in the following Scriptures: 2 Kings 2:11-12; 2 Kings 6:13-17; Zechariah saw red horses, speckled and white with riders on them. He also saw chariots drawn by red, black, white, and bay horses. They were called 'the spirits of the heavens' doing scout work for God [Zech. 1:8-11; 6:1-8].

In Revelation 19:11-21 we see the armies of Heaven on white horses following Christ, who also rides a white horse, coming from Heaven to seize the governments of this world and to reign forever.

If there are horses in Heaven there may be all kinds of animals, for Heaven is called a 'better country', and it is sure to be as good as the planet Earth [Hebrews 11:10-16]. We know there are cities, streets, mansions, rivers, trees, and other things in Heaven. The more we accept the many plain Scriptures on the things in the heavenly world, the more real the next life will become to us now.

Angelic Beings called Archangels: The word, 'archangel' is found two times in Scripture--once in connection with Christ coming in the air to take out of the world all the dead and living saints [1 Thess. 4:16], and once of Michael who disputed with the devil over the body of Moses [Jude 9]. The word 'arch' simply means 'chief', and it suggests that there is a class of beings higher than ordinary angels. In Daniel 10:21 and 12:1, Michael is called 'the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people' (the

Jews). He is spoken of in **Revelations 12:7-9** as the commander of the angels of God who will fight against the devil and his angels and will cast them to the Earth. He is called 'one of the chief princes' of God in **Daniel 10:13**. If he is one of them, there must be more chief princes or archangels. Gabriel is one according to **Daniel 8:16-19; 9:20-23; 10:8-11**; and **Luke 1:19, 26**. Lucifer was one of the chief angels before his rebellion. In **Colossians 1:15-18** we read of thrones, dominions, principalities, and powers in Heaven; so there must be many chief angels. Some of them rebelled along with Lucifer and are now under him as rulers of certain kingdoms of this world. [**Daniel 10:13-11:1**].

Angelic Beings known as Common Angels: The words 'angel' and 'angels' are used 294 times in Scripture. The word is from the Hebrew and Greek words meaning 'messenger'. The Bible is full of Scriptures that describe what angels are like. They are intelligent and wise, patient, meek, joyful, modest, glorious, immortal, powerful and mighty, heavenly spirit-beings, not human, limited in knowledge, higher than men, and are always spoken of as 'male beings'. They have wills and spirit-bodies with hands, feet, eyes, voice, head, mouth, hair, face, and other parts and passions as do men. They need no rest, eat food, can operate in the physical realm and can travel as inconceivable speed; can ascend and descend, speak languages and can act and do all things man can do.

**Psalms 104:4; Matthew 22:30; 24:36; Hebrews 1:14; Psalm 8:5; Luke 20:36; Isaiah 14:12-14; Judges 13:6; Daniel 10:5-20; Revelations 8:1-9; 14:6-11; and 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10** are just a few Scriptures that talk about angels.

Angels are called 'watchers', 'sons of the mighty', 'sons of God', 'congregation of the mighty', 'hosts' and 'spirits'. They drive spirit horses, guard gates, wage war in actual bodily combat, execute judgments, minister to saints, rule nations, help each individual, sing, praise, and worship God, strengthen in trial, lead sinners to gospel workers, direct preachers, appear in dreams, guard the Abyss, protect saints, receive departed spirits, bring answers to prayers, and do many other things for God and man.

Angels were created by Christ before the Earth; they are not to be worshipped; they are organized into principalities and powers with thrones; they are innumerable; subject to God; interested in earthly affairs and are being taught wisdom by the Church. They desire to look into the things of salvation. They observe us and they will be judged or ruled by the saints.

Angels have real, tangible bodies with bodily parts like men. They have appeared to men in real bodies, and men could not tell them from other men, as seen before. Paul said, '**Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares**' [**Hebrews 13:2**]. Angels have souls and spirits, too, for they have feelings, passions, appetites, and desires which constitute soul; and they have wills, knowledge, intellect, consciousness, and other faculties which constitute spirit. Thus, all seraphims, cherubims, living creatures, archangels, angels, and other spirit-beings are real and have personal bodies, souls, and spirits.

Satan's Angels: They are made subject to Christ; they are sinful and rebellious. They will be cast out of Heaven and will fight against Christ at Armageddon. They are organized into principalities and powers; they deceive men, oppose saints, originally fell with Lucifer and Hell is prepared for them. There are two classes of fallen angels: those that are bound and those that are still loose with Satan.

Devils or Unclean Spirits called Demons: The subject of demons is very real according to the Bible. The word 'demon' means 'evil spirit' or 'devil'. The word 'devil' is used of Satan, the prince of demons. [Matthew 9:34; 12:24]. He is the original source of evil in the universe. The Greek word for 'devil' used in connection with Satan is 'diabolos', meaning 'adversary', 'false accuser', 'slanderer', 'devil'. It is translated 'false accuser' and 'slanderer' and is used of men in 1 Timothy 3:11; 2 Timothy 3:3, and Titus 2:3. It is translated 'devil' once while referring to Judas when he became an adversary of Christ in John 6:70. In 34 other places it is used of Satan as the chief adversary of God and is translated 'devil'.

In the other 76 places where the words 'devil' or 'devils' are found, they refer to evil spirits or demons and the word is derived from two different Greek words--demonian and daimon, meaning 'evil spirits' or 'devils'. There is only one devil--Satan--but there are many demons--or evil spirits.

As we have seen in previously mentioned Scriptures, angelic beings have real, spirit-bodies and they cannot enter bodily into anyone. The devil [Satan] has an angelic body and cannot enter bodily into anyone. I believe Scripture makes it clear that Satan and fallen angels are the ruling powers, the principalities that are aligned against the Most High God and His saints. Scripture makes a difference between fallen angels and demons. Demons are disembodied evil spirits and do not seem to be able to operate in the material world except through possession of men and beasts who have bodies for them to operate through. [Revelations 16:13-14; Acts 23:8-9]

They are called 'devils' in Mark 16:17; 'familiar spirits' in Lev. 20:6; 'unclean spirits' in Mark 1:27; 'evil spirits' in Luke 7:21; and 'seducing spirits' in 1 Tim. 4:1. They are made subject to Christ and believers by the atonement, the Name of Jesus, and the Holy Spirit [Mt. 8:16-17; 12:28; Mk. 16:17; Lk 10:17; Acts 19:15]. Thousands of them can enter into and take possession of one man at the same time as in Mark 5:9. They must be discerned, tested, resisted, and rejected by believers. [1 Jn. 4:1-6; 1 Cor. 12:10; Eph. 5:27; 6:10-18; 1 Peter 5:8-9].

Demons are possessed of more than ordinary intelligence; their rightful place is in the Abyss; they have a personality; are disembodied; are Satan's emissaries and are numerous. They know their fate and they know those who have power over them. Demon possession and demon influence are different. There are demon spirits for every sickness, unholy trait and doctrinal error known. They must be cast out in order to get relief from them. The only resources against them is prayer, bodily control, and the whole amour of God.

There are many kinds of demon spirits, fallen angels, and other spirit-beings mentioned in Scripture. It is certain they were not created wicked. They were originally created perfect and sinless and became fallen and unclean. Even the prince of demons is spoken of as being 'perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee' [Ez. 28:11-17]. God could not and did not create anything sinful. Everything in the spirit and human realms that is wicked and rebellious has become this way because of sin and because of free choice.

The fallen angels, demons, and those mentioned below are all rebels in connection with the planet Earth. They have sinned with the original rebellion on Earth under Lucifer, or they would not be confined in prisons under the Earth or be operating on the Earth now against God. That those below have sinned in connection with the Earth is clear from the fact that they are confined in the Abyss underneath the Earth. They perhaps lived on the Earth when Lucifer ruled. At any rate they are not a part of Adam's creation that was created in the six days of [Genesis 1:3-2:25](#). They are supernatural beings, as is clear from the description of them. Whether there are many other kinds of creatures now confined in the Earth is not known, but certain passages teach that there are some in the heart of the Earth. We have mention of the fact that 'every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in the earth, and things under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.' [Phil. 2:9-11]

Eternity will reveal the many kinds of creatures that are under the Earth, but it is now revealed that there are some and that they all have knees and tongues; so they must be real creatures with spirit-bodies, souls, and spirits. All creatures we have listed thus far are intelligent creatures, as are those below that are now confined in the Abyss. In other words, enough is revealed in Scripture to give a clear idea of the existence of real creatures--some sinful and some holy; some rebels confined in prisons for sin and others still loose; and some rebellious and some still faithful to God.

Scripture clearly teaches about a real spirit world that is inhabited by real spirit beings with bodies, souls and spirits as well as this natural world inhabited by human beings. These two worlds intertwine in the lives of mankind. Next week we will discuss man's relation to this spirit world.

## **Lesson 2: Man's Relation to the Spirit World**

Now let's look closer at the soul.

The Bible speaks of what is today known as soul ties. In the Bible, it doesn't use the word soul tie, but it speaks of them when it talks about souls being knit together, becoming one flesh, etc. Popular phrases such as the Trinity and the rapture are not to be found within the pages of Scripture. However they adequately serve to describe truth readily found within Scripture. Likewise, the phrase soul ties, though not found in Scripture, is useful for describing truth found throughout Scripture.

A soul tie can serve many functions, but in its simplest form, it ties two souls together in the spiritual realm or the “spirit world”.

Soul ties between married couples draw them together like magnets, while soul ties between fornicators can draw a beaten and abused woman to the man which in the natural realm she would hate and run from, but instead she runs to him even though he doesn't love her, and treats her like dirt; and vice versa, it could be a man that is drawn to a woman who mistreats him. There are other forms of soul ties such as parent/child; between siblings; other family members and even loved ones who we haven't let go in death.

In the spirit world, ungodly soul ties can serve as bridges between two people to pass demonic garbage through. Soul ties can do things such as allow one person to manipulate and control another person, and the other person is unaware of what is going on or knows what is going on, but for no real reason, allows it to continue.

You could wrap a knife and fork up together in a napkin for years and they would never interact or bond with one another. They are not designed to. You could set a chair upon a floor for years and the two items would never interact or bond with one another. They are not designed to. We, however, are different.

As spiritual beings with a soul, living in a body, we are designed to interact and bond with our Maker and with one another. Indeed God has created us for fellowship in such a deep and wonderful way that scripture describes us as being capable of being “knit together” [1 [Chronicles 12:17](#)]

This knitting together can be a good and Godly companionship or an evil and ungodly companionship. Our lives can be bound up or tied to another's--a very deep level of joining, such as two people bound together with a rope.

God gave us this amazing ability to bond at different levels with family, friends and companions in order that we would be able to bless one another. He gave us the correct understanding of authority structure in government [[Romans 13:1-5](#)], marriage [[Ephesians 5:22-33](#)], family [[Ephesians 6:1-4](#)], church [[1 Peter 5:5](#)], and employment [[Ephesians 6:5-9](#)], in order that it would give us the blessing of protection or covering.

However, when a “soul tie” goes bad, the same “phone line” that is capable of transmitting blessing is just as capable of transmitting fear, rejection, abuse, domination, manipulation and control, etc. and those on the receiving end know it all too well. One sure sign that this has happened is when one person lives in fear of another--whether they be living or dead.

When we love someone we find strong positive emotions rising up which bond us to that person. We think positive thoughts about them. They are no longer a “neutral” figure in our lives. Likewise, when someone has wronged us--or wronged one who we love--then we feel strong negative emotions rising up against that person. We think negative

thoughts about them. They are no longer a “neutral” figure in our lives.

The same soul tie that can carry love can carry hate.

Let's look at ways soul ties are formed:

#### Sexual Relations:

[Ephesians 5:31] For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. This is the ONLY legal sexual relationship that is permitted by God. Everything else is illegal and will cause ungodly soul ties to be formed.

The original Greek word that is translated joined is 'pros-kol-la-o' and it means glue on to; cemented to. You could read it this way: For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother (family), and shall be glued on to or cemented to his wife, and they two shall be one flesh. Think about that. There should be no person, place or thing that is before a man's wife.

Godly soul ties are formed when a couple are married, and the Godly soul tie between a husband and the wife that God intended him to have is unbreakable by man. Wives and husbands must respect each other regarding lawful sexual needs, paying the matrimonial debt and render the conjugal duty to each other, mutually satisfying each other. If they do not obey this injunction one may be responsible for the infidelity of the other.

The husband and wife belong to each other and neither of them has any authority to refuse what the other needs or demands in normal temperate, relationship. What you thus owe to each other, do not refuse to pay, unless by mutual consent for a time agreed upon for fasting and prayer. Then, regardless of the spiritual blessing either one has received, come together again to defeat Satan. God's original plan was a marriage relationship till death parts the man and his wife.

However, let's look at Mark 10:2-12. Divorce means to set free, undo a bond, loose, give liberty to, release, or cut apart. In Christ's day there was a great controversy about divorce and remarriage. It was known as the Hillel-Shammai dispute. Hillel taught that a man could divorce his wife for any cause whatsoever. Shammai held that a man could not for every cause, but for the one cause of fornication or adultery. With the Jews the right to divorce was a right to remarriage and this was accepted without question by all in Israel. The question here is not the right to remarry, but only the right to divorce. The Pharisees wanted to know which side of the controversy Jesus was on. It was the prevailing custom to divorce and remarry times without number, hence the strategy was to make Jesus unpopular or even be killed by Herod as was John the Baptist. Jesus agreed with Shammai that fornication was the only exception; but He did not change the Jewish universal practice that a right to divorce was a right to remarriage. He let this be as it was in Dt. 24:1-4. This is clear from the fact that He referred them to what Moses commanded (v.3). He did not say that Moses was out of

the divine will in making a law of divorce, but merely that it was because of their hardness of heart that such was permitted by God, and that from the beginning this was not the will of God.

It must be kept in mind that the answer on divorce spoken of in verses 10-12 was given to His disciples as well as those found in [Luke 16:1,18](#). The answer on divorce found in [Matthew 5:31-32](#) and [19:1-8](#) was given to non-Christians and for all men in general.

Among disciples or Christians there could be no grounds for divorce, for they are not to commit adultery or fornication, or be as the unbeliever who leaves the believer, thus giving just cause for divorce. When we use the term Christian, it means that one is a new creature in Christ and a true imitator of Jesus in life, conduct, and works. There could not possibly be such a thing as any two people of this kind having disagreements enough for a divorce or any scriptural grounds for it.

If one is a Christian and the other is not and the unbeliever leaves the believer because of their Christianity and gets a divorce, the believer is free from all blame and is free from the marriage bonds.

Soul ties from marriages that have been dissolved through divorce need to be broken so that the people can move on to their separate futures. When those soul ties are not broken, then they can cause problems in future relationships and subsequent marriages. They make it difficult to “leave and cleave” as the Scripture commands.

Godly soul ties are good and bring blessings to our lives, but when a person has illegal sexual relations with another person, an ungodly soul tie is then formed. [[1 Corinthians 6:16](#)] This soul tie fragments the soul, and is destructive. People who have many past relationships find it very difficult to ‘bond’ or be joined to anybody, because their soul is fragmented.

We are created even to be so joined or bonded or bound up or knit together that we become what the Bible calls one flesh. This powerful one flesh bonding applies to all sexual intercourse, which is why “the god of this world” promotes casual sexual relationships.

In other words the two individuals could be miles apart physically yet mysteriously they are joined together as one in the unseen realms. Their souls are tied. The truth is, that wherever a man or woman lies with another man or woman, there, whether they like it or not, whether they believe it or not, a transcendental relation is set up between them which must be eternally enjoyed [if it is Godly] or eternally endured [if ungodly].

God’s wonderful design was that two virgins, one male and one female, would leave their father and mother and cleave to one another for life. The marriage consummation would involve the male breaking the female “hymen” upon the first entry resulting in a little blood being shed thus signifying that they had now entered into a powerful blood covenant.

One can thus see how today's casual sex with opposite and same sex has tied us into innumerable "one flesh" ties with people who are tied into an ungodly network of innumerable "one flesh" ties. This becomes an ungodly network available to the powers of darkness.

Sin is not harmful because it is forbidden, it is forbidden because it is harmful.

When Jesus talked about people who committed adultery in their heart, He was talking about pornography and fantasies. He wasn't just talking to men who look at dirty magazines, He was talking to women who read trashy romance novels, too.

People who masturbate over pornographic pictures and films, or explicit romance novels, quickly become locked into this secretive behavior because when a person lusts after, or "fantasizes" about having sexual intercourse with another person, they have in fact committed adultery with them in their hearts. [Matthew 5:28] They have strongly focused upon this person and sought to sexually bond with this other person in their imagination thus giving the powers of darkness a legal right to attach themselves to that imagined figure or figures. The powers of darkness are just as happy to attach themselves to such imaginary photographic images just as they are to attach themselves to idols.

Sexual intercourse is supposed to be for marriage. It doesn't matter if you are a Christian or not. God created sex and He made the rules. When you break the rules, there are consequences that you will face. Illegal sexual activity opens a person up to diseases and curses as well as ungodly soul ties, which is spiritual bondage between one person and another. These soul ties cause demonic bondages to transfer from one person to the other.

Illegal sexual intercourse includes:

Adultery: is illegal sexual relationship between men and women, single or married; sexual unfaithfulness in thought and/or act by husband or wife; This term is not used in the broader sense of all forms of unchastely as is fornication. All adultery is fornication, but all fornication is not adultery.

Fornication: in the Bible means adultery of married or single people; incest; idolatry and adultery in honor of idol gods (satanic ritual sex); natural harlotry; sodomy and male prostitution.

Uncleanness: sodomy; homosexuality, lesbianism, pederasty, bestiality, and all other forms of sexual perversion.

Lasciviousness: is the promoting or partaking of that which tends to produce lewd emotions, anything tending to foster sex sin and lust, such as pornography and night clubs.

These things are illegal and they will form ungodly soul ties and whatever spiritual bondage that person has will be transferred to you through the soul tie formed through the illegal sexual activity.

### **Lesson 3: Other Ways Ungodly Soul Ties Can Form**

As we look at this teaching on soul ties, I pray that the eyes of your understanding be enlightened and that it will set you free. Jesus came that we could have life, and have it more abundantly. We cannot move forward with God if we cannot resolve the things of the past. Whatever we are preoccupied with in our mind, and if we meditate on those things all the time, we are probably soul tied to something or someone.

A soul tie is the knitting together of two souls that can either bring tremendous blessings in a Godly relationship or tremendous destruction when made with the wrong persons.

A soul tie in the Bible can be described not only by the word knit, but also by the word cleave, which means to bring close together, follow close after, be attached to someone, or adhere to one another as with glue.

The stronger the bonding or the soul ties between family, friends, etc., the deeper and more lasting the relationship is. The emotional and mental strengths of one sustains the other in times of adversity and allows them to rejoice with the other in the time of triumph.

When love between family, friends, etc., is pure and not polluted by any selfish desire, the bond between them works well in their lives. In order to have this kind of relationship, you have to be very selective and get wisdom from God. The Holy Spirit will teach you how to have this kind of relationship.

It takes people that have a pure and giving heart and puts their love in action. If you have people in your life right now and they have these characteristics, then that is good. If they are selfish and controlling, you need to pray and get the wisdom from above on what to do, because the relationship could become dangerous, because your souls are knit together, emotionally, and this is not a Godly soul tie.

While a soul tie will develop between any two people who are open to one another, the strength of those soul ties depends upon how deeply involved with another their heart becomes. You can become soul tied to family, friends, co-workers and the leadership you are under.

Unity we have with others is an open expression of our soul ties.

Examples of other types of soul ties include:

Close Relationships: [1 Samuel 18:1] King David and Jonathan had a good soul tie as a

result of a good friendship, but bad soul ties can form from bad relationships as well. Idolizing somebody can cause a bad soul tie.

Vows, Commitments and Agreements: [Numbers 30:2] Vows are known to bind the soul; marriage itself consists of vows and binds the two people together, therefore there is little reason to overlook the concept of vows or commitments as being a means to create a soul tie.

Ritual is also a powerful way of “joining” people. We often see sports teams going through a team ritual before a game in order to bond into one unit for the duration of the game. In Christianity we have communion and baptisms. Satanism, witchcraft, Mafia and paramilitaries, etc., understand the power of ritual--especially ritual with spoken vows--and use it to strongly bind members together.

Ungodly grief leads to unbroken soul ties with the dead. As strange as it may seem, it is possible to be soul tied to the dead. We are to release the dead to Jesus. The Bible pattern for mourning is that it be limited to seven to thirty days. Then we are to put our grief behind us and go on. [Genesis 50:10 & Deuteronomy 34:8] The funeral service is designed to commit our loved ones to God and natural grieving is right, respectful and healthy. God knew that prolonged refusal to let “death do us part” invites spirits of sorrow, grief, loneliness, etc. to take advantage of this behavior. Excessive grief brings heaviness and gloom to others in the house. It’s as if the spirit of death were invited to remain.

Any and all involvement with idolatry or the occult sciences will result in soul ties with evil spirits. That’s because such involvement is in direct opposition to the first commandment, ‘Thou shall have no other gods before Me’. Ex. 20:3-5

Because satan is the father of all lies, lying can also result in soul ties with demons. [see John 8:44] Once you choose to lie to another or lie to yourself, you have, in effect, come into agreement with satan. That, in turn, opens you to suggestions and deceptions of wicked spirits. Also, when you refuse to forgive someone you soul tie with a demon. Why is that? Because when you refuse to forgive, God will not forgive you. What He will do is deliver you to the tormentors until you do forgive [see Matt. 6:15 and 18:35].

Needless to say, understanding these things will hopefully encourage one to avoid them at all costs. If you find yourself even now in agreement with satan because of lying, dishonesty, idolatry or unforgiveness, then quickly repent. The Lord will then grant you the grace to disentangle yourself from the bonds of the demonic.

We must be careful to examine all our relationships with the people in our lives because those people can influence the shaping of our lives and our walk with Jesus. Check their motives; here are a few things to watch for:

Is this person a compromising person or is it their way or no way?

Are they self-centered?

Do they have a giving spirit or do they always want to take?

Are they kind, gentle and above all, loving?  
Are they saved and walking with Jesus?  
Are they controlling or manipulative? BEWARE!

Some symptoms of ungodly soul ties:

Obsessive preoccupation with another, to the neglect of the things of the Lord.  
Tendencies to be domineering and controlling in a relationship.  
Tendencies to be passive and apathetic in a relationship (easily manipulated).  
Inability to truly forgive from the heart.  
Another person's voice playing over and over in the mind like a tape-recorder.  
Inability to bring a relationship under the godly order and control of the Holy Spirit.  
Patterns of anger, blame and accusations in a relationship.  
Fear of 'being real with' or speaking truth to another [intimidation and fear of man].  
Psychic or occult phenomena within a relationship.

Relationships that lack 'God-centeredness' can result in ungodly soul ties between friends, parents and children, siblings, marriage partners, former romantic or sexual partners, domineering authorities, etc.

An unhealthy attachment with another can bring about a psychic control that can adversely affect the life, e.g. a mother who refuses to relinquish her hold on her children, a person who refuses to release to the Lord the memory of an old romantic flame {withdrawing into nostalgia in times of loneliness}, a person who holds a grudge or a judgment against another, someone who uses spiritual forces to control others {witchcraft}, etc.

In **1 Samuel 2:29, 3:13**, God was rebuking the prophet Eli because of his unwillingness to correct his sons for their sins against the Lord. The sin of Eli was parental permissiveness. As a result, God's judgment came upon his house. In spite of their best efforts, parents can be soul tied to their kids in unhealthy ways. Due to their own insecurities, parents can develop soul ties of indifference, permissiveness, idolatry, compromise and control as well as many other areas.

Let's consider some of the symptoms and results of ungodly soul ties between parents and their children.

Symptoms of unhealthy or absent parent/child bonding would include angry correction to guilt; manipulative, dishonest dealings with the child; unreasonably controlling; resistant to counsel concerning their child rearing; defensive for the child when others speak of his/her failings or shortcomings. Unhealthy dependence on the child's part for the parent, which is often the result of 'spoiling'. Often, unhealthy dependence is fostered out of a sense of guilt on the part of the parent. The results can be as damaging as neglect.

God's balance can be seen in nature. As a piece of fruit ripens, so does the tie that connects it to the tree. If you try to remove an apple while it's still green, you'll need to

twist and pull to snap it loose. However, when the apple is fully ripe, it will fall off with just the slightest tug. So it should be with children. The dependence that was so essential in the early years needs to gradually give way to a parent-to-child respect that will enable them to leave the nest on their own when it's time.

The tendency to yield to the child's manipulation makes it difficult for consistent discipline and it enables the child to dictate and control the parent's activities and relationships. At this point, the soul tie between the parent and child has become quite unhealthy. This ungodly soul tie produces lifelong insecurities in the child, which invariably results in their pursuing unhealthy relationships with others of similar personality weaknesses. At the same time, when a healthy bonding is lacking, a child may spend the rest of his or her life looking to have it fulfilled.

This is one reason why a woman will end up marrying a man who displays the same abusive tendencies as her dad. Because she never properly bonded with her father, she finds herself, often without realizing it, attracted to men like her father. Why? Because she's trying to 'close the gap' in her soul caused by the lack of a healthy paternal soul tie. She's still trying to find his love.

When a boy is not properly bonded with his father or mother, a similar thing happens. He'll find himself bouncing from relationship to relationship, ever seeking the deep bonding he lacked as a child. This is one of the reasons divorce is so rampant today. The grown up child is trying to find the soul tie that never properly formed in the rearing years. The good news, though, is that Jesus can bring healing and restoration.

There are two things absolutely necessary in raising children: parameters and consistency. Clearly define the rules, and then be consistent in enforcing them. In other words, build a fence and don't waver with the consequences when the fence is crossed. Most child-rearing problems stem from either the lack of established rules of conduct, or inconsistent insistence that the rules be observed.

When a person who is bonded to another is governed by impure motives or the desire for selfish gain, the soul tie between them can enable that selfish one to manipulate and abuse the other. A person can actually control another through soul ties, because the minds of the two are open to one another. We are clearly admonished in Scripture to be wise in our relationships. We're told to avoid close associations with those that are angry, with those acting foolishly and with those that are unbelievers.

Understand that we're not prohibited here from having any relationship with such persons, rather, it's just that such relationships should not be able to form unhealthy soul ties where one's witness and walk with the Lord is compromised.

To bond with someone emotionally or spiritually who is unrepentantly angry or someone who is given over to a vice, can be extremely dangerous. The evil spirits at work in them can then pass through the soul tie to affect you. The result would be that you might find yourself at some point justifying and rationalizing their actions and eventually joining

them. Birds of a feather tend to flock together, we're told.

How then should you relate to such persons? Simply keep your discernment tuned in when you're around them so that if there's any transferring of spirits, it will be the Holy Spirit from you rather than an unclean spirit from them.

In ungodly relationships these soul ties may place us in emotional and mental bondage to others and cause us to do and say things to our own hurt. A soul tie is a 'channel'; think of it as a soda straw through which flows mental and emotional things. Spiritual things can pass through as well, be they from the human spirit, be they psychically induced, demonically inspired, or genuine and edifying from the Lord. Because demonic spirits can transfer so easily through soul ties, it's essential to identify and destroy those that are ungodly, controlling, or emotionally binding.

God demands first place in our hearts, spouses are to be second, followed by children, family, friends and associates. When our strongest soul tie is to God, there is a divine covering and protection that will enable us to withstand forming ungodly soul ties--the Holy Ghost.

God designed the universe to function with natural and spiritual laws that bring freedom when obeyed, but bondage and destruction when broken and violated. Just as two souls can be knit or made to cleave together in a covenant relationship, they can also be tied or knit together to form bondage and enslavement.

Sexual union was ordained by God to make two marriage partners one flesh before God, but promiscuous premarital and extramarital affairs can mysteriously tie ones soul to many partners. Illegal sexual activity scatters your soul and destroys your ability to commit to one partner. We seem to misunderstand the seriousness in these soul ties. It is because of lack of knowledge that we perish.

If you are in an illegal sexual relationship STOP it now. Your life will become so entangled that you won't even know what is going on. You will be cursed. People that have been promiscuous, their souls are not only drawn to all their former lovers, but when they marry they often have sexual and communication problems with their mates. They are unable to be sexually satisfied by their marriage partner because they suffer from a scattered soul and cannot share themselves fully with their mate. They often seek satisfaction, not only with multiple partners, but also through experimentation with bizarre forms of sex that may eventually lead to perversion.

Multiple soul ties will weaken your character, your will, your emotions and your mind to the point that a decision to be free is difficult to make. Breaking those soul ties will enable you to deal with getting rid of your past and letting go of emotional attachments, memories and fantasies.

Sometimes we don't see that we are bound with soul ties because of denial. We tell ourselves that there is nothing in our past to deal with and we don't want to change, but

if there are times that you seem to feel like you don't know who you are and you feel like you are going in so many different directions, well, you are probably soul tied. Fear of change keeps you in bondage and fear is not of the Lord. There is HOPE--and that is Jesus. Let me give you an example:

When a woman becomes pregnant she carries the baby inside of her for nine months, and during that time her and the baby are one. The umbilical cord is connected from the mother to the baby. The baby receives all the nutrients from the mother. They are one at that time. They have to go everywhere together. Even when the mother experiences stress, anger, bitterness, and other things, the baby will be affected. Once the baby is born, the mother and the baby are still connected together because of the umbilical cord. There is a procedure that has to be done to separate the two. The umbilical cord has to be cut, and when this happens the baby can begin its new life. I think that this is a great example of what God is trying to show us about being soul tied.

You have to cut and sever all old ties before you start your new life. You can see the importance in severing the spiritual umbilical cord from those in the past. As long as you are connected in the soul with someone from the past, it is hard to move forward.

So many single people want to get married, but they are not ready because they have to get themselves prepared for the bridegroom, and the most important thing is getting rid of the old and allow the new to come forth. If you go into a marriage with your past not put behind and all the ties severed, the enemy will try to bring them back.

Let's say that you were married and your spouse started cheating on you, he/she was coming home late from work, you were receiving hang up calls, and you became so suspicious of your spouse's every move. You finally divorce your spouse and later remarry. One night your new spouse is late coming home and the phone rings and then hangs up. The devil starts putting thoughts in your mind that your spouse is cheating on you just like the other one did and he goes on and on and on. By the time your spouse walks in you are in a rage. You start accusing them of all the things your ex-spouse did to you.

Can you see what is happening here? You are repeating your past, because you had not released the other person from your soul. It is a never-ending cycle if it is not dealt with. You can try to deal with it in the natural; by seeing counselors, trying to forget, or by even getting a divorce but those are only temporary. It must be dealt with in the spiritual realm.

Believers are 'spirit tied' before they're 'soul tied'. When you experience spiritual rebirth, you become one in Spirit with every other believer. As a result, bonding in the mind and emotions becomes far easier, because of the spirit union already there. This is the reason believers can meet somebody they've never met before and feel like they've known them for many years. Believers 'bear witness in their spirit' when they meet someone who loves Jesus. Satan cannot fake real joy or peace and he particularly cannot counterfeit the love of God that flows spirit to spirit between true believers.

My prayer is that this study on soul ties has given you the knowledge needed to deal with issues that may have been troubling your life caused by unknown soul ties. Knowledge is power. My hope is that you will have a clear understanding of the danger of ungodly soul ties. When God is at the center of our lives, guiding us in every area, we are under His protection, and we walk in the freedom Jesus so painfully died to give us. He will put the right people in our lives, but we have to let go of the past and leave all things behind us.

Following are several prayers that will guide you into the 'how to' of breaking free from ungodly soul ties so that you can move forward into the new life of liberty in Christ Jesus.

### **PRAYER 1**

Father God, in Jesus' Name, I humbly ask you to forgive me and cleanse me of the sin of fornication. I acknowledge it as sin and ask you to help me forsake it completely. I thank You for Your forgiveness, in Jesus' Name. Lord God, I come before Your throne of grace boldly, and covered in the shed blood of Your Son, Jesus. I ask you to cut any and all ungodly soul ties between myself and anyone else [say Name or Names if appropriate and remembered] created by sexual acts or any other relationship, known or unknown, remembered or forgotten. Please Father, take the Sword of the Holy Spirit and separate my human spirit with the human spirits of anyone with whom I have ungodly sexual contact. In Jesus' Name, I ask You to cleanse those ties by the blood of Jesus of any possible access through which Satan can trouble me or my family. By the authority of the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, I break the power of any and all covenants, contracts, dedications or commissions made over me, or my children [if any]. In the Name of Jesus Christ, my Lord, I now command any and all demons which may have come into me by ungodly soul ties or any other sin to leave me at once, never to return. I bind you all together as one, and I weaken you with the blood of Christ. I command you to go where the Lord Jesus Christ tells you to go by the voice of His Holy Spirit. Father, I ask you in Jesus' Name, to shut any doorways of demonic access opened into my life by ungodly soul ties or any other sort of sexual sin, and I ask you to seal those doorways forever with the blood of Jesus, shed on the cross of Calvary. I thank You for doing this, in Jesus' Name. Amen!

### **PRAYER 2**

Father, in the Name of Jesus, I submit my soul, my desires and my emotions to Your Spirit. I confess, as sin, all my promiscuous, premarital sexual relationships and all sexual relationships outside of marriage. I confess all my ungodly spirit, soul, and body ties as sin. I thank You for forgiving me and cleansing me right now! Father, thank You for giving me the keys of Your kingdom, the keys of spiritual authority. What I bind is bound and what I loose is loosed. In Jesus' Name, I ask You to loose me from all soulish ties to past partners and ungodly relationships. Please uproot all the tentacles of sexual bondage, of emotional longings and dependencies, and enslaving thoughts. I bind,

renounce and resist any evil spirits that have reinforced those soul ties or may have been transferred to me through evil associations. Please cleanse my soul and help me to forget all illicit unions so that I am free to give my soul totally to my mate. Father, I receive Your forgiveness for all past sex sins. I believe I am totally forgiven. Thank You for remembering my sins no more. Thank You for cleansing me from all unrighteousness. I commit myself to You by Your grace; please keep me holy in my spirit, soul and body. I praise You, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

### **PRAYER 3**

In the Name of Jesus Christ I now renounce, break and loose myself from all demonic subjection and any ungodly soul ties and unhealthy bonding with the following people: [break soul ties with each person that comes to mind]. Lord, I ask You to do whatever it takes to break me of my tendencies to: obsessive preoccupations, domination, control, passivity, apathy, unforgiveness, anger, blame, accusations, fear, intimidation and disobedience in relationships. Finally, in the Name of Jesus, I declare every demonic hold in my life that has come as a result of unhealthy soul ties null and void. Satan, I renounce you and your demons and command you to depart from my spirit, soul, and body! In Jesus' Name. Amen!

### **PRAYER 4**

Father, I thank You for all the godly and holy bonds in relationships You have brought into my life and for their nurturing and strengthening. However, in the Name and blood of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, I break, loose, destroy all ungodly negative and controlling soul and spiritual ties with the following people: [name each person by name or recollection of any incident if name has been forgotten/unknown]. Thank You, Jesus for cleansing me from these unhealthy ties. Father, I confess the sin of idolatry which is submitting my will, wholly or partially, to someone other than You and the sin of fornication and/or adultery as it applies to the people I have named. According to Your word, 1 John 1:9, I receive Your forgiveness and cleansing. I separate myself from their soul and spirit and I declare I am free body, soul and spirit. I choose to bring myself into unity with the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank You Jesus. Amen!

### Marriage - God's Way

We talked about the expectations that God has on the husband's part--leaving and cleaving. He is to leave his family and be joined to his wife--cemented to--his wife. That means she is first--before anyone or anything on earth. Jesus is the example: He left His Father and the heavenly family to be joined to His Bride--the Church. Husbands are commanded to follow His example in loving their wives as Christ loves His Church [Bride].

In **1 Peter 3:7** husbands are instructed to live considerately with your wives, with an intelligent recognition of the marriage relation, honoring the woman as physically the weaker, but realizing that you are joint heirs of the grace of God, in order that your

prayers may not be hindered and cut off--otherwise you cannot pray effectively.

Husbands are to be patient and kind; never envious or jealous; never arrogant and inflated with pride; not rude or unmannerly; never acting unbecomingly. He will never insist on his own rights or his own way, for he is never self-seeking; he is not touchy or fretful or resentful; he pays no attention to a suffered wrong. He bears up under anything and everything that comes, is ever ready to believe the best of every person; his hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and he endures everything without weakening. Isn't this how Jesus loves His Bride?

Husbands bear the greater responsibility in the marriage relationship because they are considered by God to be the Head of the relationship. Just as God expects husbands to fulfill their role as head of the marriage, He expects wives to make the decision to subordinate themselves to the secondary position--a position of support and help to their husbands.

### I Peter 3:1-4

In like manner, you married women, be submissive to your own husbands--subordinate yourselves as being secondary to and dependent on them, and adapt yourselves to them--so that even if any do not obey the Word of God, they may be won over--not by discussion, but by the godly lives of their wives when they observe the pure and modest way in which you conduct yourselves, together with your reverence for your husband; you are to feel for him all that reverence includes: to respect, defer to, revere him--to honor, esteem, appreciate, prize, and, in the human sense, to adore him, that is, to admire, praise, be devoted to, deeply love, and enjoy your husband.

One translation says to fit yourself into his plans.

Did anyone notice the way to win over the husband if he is not obeying the Word of God? It's not by discussion--which is a nice way of saying--nagging. A woman is not going to change her husband by constantly nagging him about what she doesn't like about him or the way he does things.

The way to win over the husband to God's ways is by godly conduct and showing respect to the husband. This is especially true when the couple is with other people. A woman can act pure and modest, but if she disrespects her husband with her words--especially in front of other people--she has just undone all the good her godly conduct had established.

Remember--our words carry the power of life and death, blessings and curses, good and bad. God created the universe with His Word and we create our world with our words.

The world you are living in right now is the direct result of the words you spoke in the past and the words you are currently speaking.

Repentance is a beautiful word. Agree with your adversary the devil quickly when he

accuses you of sin--repent. Yes, Lord. I did it. Please forgive me. Put it under the Blood of Jesus. The devil has no answer for the Blood of Jesus because when sin is under the Blood, it is washed away and we can stand before our Father God as if we have never even sinned.

Satan has no legal grounds to accuse us anymore! Do you see that's how Jesus defeats Satan? He takes away the power to accuse us!

There is therefore now, no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus because He's made us the righteousness of God in Christ!