

# TALK IT OVER

## KEEPING THE THIEF OUT (Part I)

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Just as we decide who we let into our house, we must be careful with the doors of our lives, where our adversary, the devil, can infiltrate. **Ephesians 4:27** clearly urges us "do not give the devil a foothold." One of these gates through which demons and evil spirits can enter is occultism. There are two spiritual kingdoms, the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of evil, and they are totally opposite (**John 10:10**). One offers life, and the other offers life.

When we participate in divination, magic, witchcraft, santeria, or allow them to read the cards to us (Tarot/Physic reading), do us a job, or play with the Ouija board, we are opening the door to the one who only comes to steal, kill and destroy.

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS

1. *Why do you think God hates occultism? (See Deuteronomy 18:12)*
2. *What are some reasons why people open the door to occultism?*
3. *What two steps are needed to close the door on to the thief and destroyer?*



*"When an impure spirit comes out of a person, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' When it arrives, it finds the house swept and clean and put in order. Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that person is worse than the first." Luke 11-26*

### SIMPLICITY

Many, without knowing it, open the door to occultism by looking for someone to help and guide them (**1 Samuel 23:4**), others do so to know their future (**John 16:13**), and others consult a medium so that they can speak to a loved one who has already passed away. The reality is, they're talking to a demon and not to their loved one.

To close this door that only brings misfortune and destruction, it takes two things. First, regret doing it. This is simply asking God for forgiveness for opening a door without understanding the spiritual world. The second thing is to renounce pacts, works and words that bound you to the kingdom of Darkness. By giving up all this, you are giving God legality, to free yourself and restore yourself, closing the door to the destroyer. Minister deliverance and guide the group to repentance and to renounce occultism. *Class# 10*

### UPCOMING EVENTS

FAMILY EASTER JAM (*Whole Family Event*)  
EASTER SERVICES  
NEXT STEPS COURSE

Sat, April 3 (10am – 12pm)  
Sunday, April 4 (10am & 12pm)  
April 4 (9am)