How to destroy the works of witchcraft? Don't mistakenly believe that if you are a Christian, you will be automatically protected from the effects of witchcraft and Satan's schemes. It's true that God is infinitely more powerful than Satan, and 1 Jn 4:4, states "you, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world" - but if a Christian gives the devil a foothold in his life by engaging in deliberate, habitual, blatant and unrepentant sins, then he has broken the hedge and given Satan (serpent) an opportunity to bite him *Ecc 10:8*. We must be very careful that we do not give legal grounds for Satan and his demons to operate in our lives. Legal grounds include: rebellion, sexual immorality, idolatry, and stubbornness. Living in rebellion against God, is the primary way in which many will open doors for demonic activity in their lives. Do not deviate from God's truth, and His right way of life. We must never tolerate or permit sin, or cherish sin in our hearts, so that we are not brought into bondage, and thus do not become captives, who are controlled, dominated or manipulated through the use of witchcraft. According to Ps 91; 34:7, God's promise of supernatural protection is conditional. We must love and acknowledge God, and understand His name. This means to have a personal knowledge of His love, mercy and kindness. We are to trust in God and have faith in Him. We must fear the Lord, obey, serve and honor Him, to have His anointing and protection in our lives, and to destroy the works of witchcraft *Lk 10:19; 1 Jn 3:8*. An intimate relationship with Almighty God includes a life of prayer and fasting. (Read Tracts - 'Powerful And Effective Prayer' & 'Power Of Fasting'). For more information, please visit my website at: godzangelmusic.com/powerfulandeffectiveprayer.html.

How to respond to witchcraft and sorcery? 1) Burn and destroy all items associated with witchcraft and sorcery. For example, both adult and children's witchcraft books, films, videos, music, souvenirs and games, and spell books containing written incantations, spells and charms. Also, get rid of pillows (amulets), kerchiefs, arrows, pendulums, tea leaves, tarot cards, ouija boards, and occult jewellery, etc. Ac 19:18-19. 2) Break off all mediumistic contacts and friendships with anyone who is involved in occultism. 3) Repentance is crucial. It includes renouncing all occult involvement. Satan and his evil works, and satanic covenants (Read Tract - 'Repent or Perish!'). 4) Rebuke and expose the evil works of darkness Eph 5:11; 6:12. 5) Fill your life with the good deeds of light; rather than the evil works of darkness Ro 13:12; Eph 5:8; Col 1:13; Heb 10:24; Jas 2:14; 1 Pe 2:12. 6) Live a holy life, with prayer and fasting, to destroy the works of witchcraft 1 Th 4:7. Pray for more Christian prayer warriors. Please proceed to tracts: 'You Can Be Set Free!' and 'Dangers Of The Occult: Ex-

Scriptural References:

Leviticus 10:27 Leviticus 19:26,31

Numbers 22:7

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1 Samuel 15:23

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1 Chronicles 10:13-14

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Micah 5:11-15

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2 Thessalonians 3:3

1 John 1:6

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Revelation 18:23

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Exposing And Destroying Witchcraft!

What does the Bible say about witchcraft? By dabbling in witchcraft-type of activities, how miserable can your life become? What are the effects of witchcraft? Can you be set free?

What is witchcraft? In the Oxford Dictionary, witchcraft is defined as "the practice of magic." The Webster's Dictionary, defines witchcraft as "the practice of witches; black magic; sorcery." A "witch" is defined as a woman who practices magic or sorcery, by a compact (covenant or agreement) with Satan (the devil), or evil spirits (demons). A "warlock" is a male witch. They communicate with evil spirits, who are demons. Demons are fallen angels (evil angels) who obey Satan. Satan works through witches and warlocks. "Wicca" is the name used by modern witches to describe their witchcraft activities. The word comes from the original Anglo-Saxon spelling for the modern English word, "witch." Spiritualism (spiritism) is frequently called witchcraft, and is satanic paganism. Spiritualism is identified as witchcraft, sorcery, mediumship, shamanism, occultism ("occult" means "hidden"), and the dark (Satanic) arts. Other modern terms include channeling, parapsychology and Luciferian power. New age and psychics are more recent terms. It brings people into contact with demons (evil spirits).

Symptoms/effects of some common forms of witchcraft? 1) Evocation - act of calling or summoning demons, and then dispatching them to individuals, families or churches to cause hatred, bitterness, envy, strife and confusion. Demons are also summoned for sexual and other purposes. Some warlocks have openly confessed that they were into Satanism and had worked through witchcraft sex and all kinds of pagan rituals, as Ruth Brown mentions in her book 'Destroying the Works of Witchcraft through Fasting & Prayer.' Incubus is an evil spirit that lies upon and has sex with women while they are sleeping. 2) Black magic - Use of magic for evil/selfish purposes. Used to perform destructive acts, such as harming people by performing rituals anywhere in the world. Most common way to harm people worldwide. Symptoms/effects include bad dreams, negative thoughts and restlessness. The affected persons are never at peace and remain depressed, with lack of enthusiasm, or desire to live. It can destroy every aspect of people's lives, including career/prosperity. It can cause chronic health problems, inner turmoil and abnormal behavior, destroying intelligence, peace and happiness, adversely affecting children and families. It has ruined many prosperous families. It will cause people to be unfriendly to the persons affected. It can even cause unnatural or untimely death. 3) Hexes - A magical spell usually cast for malevolent purposes. 4) Curses -Malevolent spell purposefully done to inflict harm upon people. Objects can also be cursed, and if anyone wears those objects, or brings them into the home, they can be affected with misfortune, ill health, and even death. 5) Ungodly intercessory prayers - Prayers that are prayed on your behalf, or another person's behalf that are against God's will

What does the Bible say about witchcraft? Witchcraft is not a silly superstition. It is a very real and grave sin in God's sight. That is why He has pronounced serious judgments upon all who are involved in such detestable and damnable practices Mic 5:12; Mal 3:5. The Oxford English Dictionary defines "damnable" as "worthy of condemnation" or "subject to divine condemnation." Therefore, Christians must be aware of the dangers of witchcraft, and take the stern warnings from God very seriously. The Bible gives us strong warnings against having anything to do with witches, warlocks, or any form of witchcraft. God knows that these practices are dangerous, and that spiritualism is used by Satan to control people's minds, bodies and lives. Dt 18:9-14 is one of many scriptural examples where spiritualism is described as being an abomination to God. God promises that He will judge sorcerers swiftly and severely Mal 3:5. We must have nothing to do with them, so that we do not become spiritually defiled <u>Lev 19:31</u>. Don't listen to their lies <u>Jer 27:9-10</u>. Enchantments, soothsaying or witchcraft are abominable practices. God abhors and detests spiritualism (spiritism) in all its forms. It is the practice of spiritual prostitution or whoring. Consulting with mediums and spiritists is called spiritual adultery. Those who consult with them will be cut off Lev 20:6. We are to expose their evil works *Eph 5:11*. Witchcraft is a grave and detestable sin in the sight of God. God does not tolerate evil. In the Old Testament, in Ex 22:18, God gave these blunt instructions for witches to be put to death: "Do not allow a sorceress to live" (NIV); "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live" (KJV). Ex 22:18; Lev 20:27. Why was this practice such a serious offence? Because these evil practices corrupt, destroy, deprave, defile, and spiritually contaminate people. Many in ancient Israel, "sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord." 2 Ki 17:16-23. The Lord was very angry with them. He rejected them and afflicted them. In the New Testament, those who are involved in spiritualism and other idolatrous practices will not inherit eternal life in the Kingdom of God Gal 5:19-21. Instead, they will be thrown in unquenchable fire! This is the second death (Read Tract - 'Unquenchable Fire!') Rev 20:14; 21:8; 22:15. Witchcraft and sorcery are works of the flesh Gal 5:19-20, and considered rebellion against God, and evil in His sight 2 Chr 33:1,2,6. Sorcery is divination through the aid of evil spirits. We are to seek God and the Bible for counsel, not spiritualists Is 8:19-20. All the spiritual knowledge and information that we need is found in the Bible. Participation in any form of occult practice, including witchcraft, provokes the Lord to anger. God's divine judgment and wrath will be poured out upon those who engage in the occult. Don't think that if you profess Christianity and practice witchcraft at the same time, that you will escape punishment. One cannot have a covenant with God and a covenant with Satan. simultaneously 1 Cor 10:21-22. Scripture clearly states that there is no fellowship between light and darkness, and no concord between God and Satan. Therefore, we must have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, and have no relationship with evil 2 Cor 6:14-18; Eph 5:11. We must avoid what defiles and is unclean. Demons (evil spirits) are "unclean spirits" and "wicked spirits" Mk 7:25-26. We submit to God, and resist Satan Jas 4:7. We must warn and encourage the wicked to turn away from these evil practices Ez 13:22. Although scriptures such as Ez 13 and Is 47, talk mainly about women, and research shows that mostly women practice witchcraft, there is a tendency toward deception for both men and women of any age group. 1 Ti 4:1, shows that in the last days, spiritualism will increase and intensify. Many people will be deluded into trusting in spiritualists.

How dangerous are these evil practices? God strictly forbids seeking guidance of evil spirits. King Saul died as a result of consulting a medium for guidance, instead of seeking God for counsel 1 Sam 28:1-25; 1 Chr 10:13-14. Today, many individuals have reaped serious consequences as a result of engaging in occultism. They have suffered miserably with all kinds of problems, including harassing thoughts, extreme financial difficulties, addictions, ill health, and insanity. Others have even committed murder and suicide. Also, there is no such thing as white magic that is supposedly curative. Satan and all his demons are evil. There are no "good spirits" in Satan's kingdom. There are many cases in the world today, where heinous crimes were committed under the control of evil spirits. Once someone steps foot into occult territory, and gets deeply involved in witchcraft, it becomes very difficult to escape because of the demonic activity involved. "Dr. Carl A. Wickland, M.D., a physician, accomplished spiritist, and researcher in psychology... became an acknowledged authority in the area of spiritism and the occult... Wickland's life was similar to that of the great

Emanuel Swedenborg, the famous spiritist of the eighteenth century. Though both Swedenborg and Wickland practiced spiritism extensively, both issued stern warnings about its dangers. He said 'a great number of unaccountable suicides are due to the possessing influence of spirits. Some of these spirits are actuated by a desire to torment their victims' (Wickland, Thirty Years Among the Dead, p.132). —Yet they are tormenting their own followers! "According to his own extensive experience, he observed that spiritism frequently causes 'apparent insanity, varying in degrees from a simple mental aberration to, and including, all types of dementia, hysteria, epilepsy, melancholia, shell shock, kleptomania, idiocy, suicidal mania, as well as amnesia, functional bestiality, atrocities, and other forms of criminality' (ibid., p. 17). "In fact, his book devotes entire chapters to the spirits' influence in fostering suicide, criminal practices, drug use, and other unsavory activities. 'In many cases of revolting murder, investigation will show that the crimes were committed by innocent persons under the control of disembodied spirits' (ibid., p. 116).

It's extremely dangerous to consult spirits or spiritualists, because you will suffer tragic consequences. These evil spirits frequently kill their own followers, including spiritist mediums and channelers. Or get people to injure and/or kill both humans and animals:

- 1) Dr. John Warwick Montgomery, a trial attorney, has authored or edited several books on the occult. He wrote this: "There is a definite correlation between negative occult activity and madness. European psychiatrist L. Szondi has shown a high correlation between involvement in spiritualism and occultism, on one hand, and schizophrenia on the other. The tragedy of most sorcery, invocation of demons, and related practices is that those who carry on these activities refuse to face the fact that they *always* turn out for the *worst*. What is received through the Faustian past never satisfies, and one pays with one's soul in the end."—

 J.W. Montgomery, Principalities and Powers: the World of the Occult, p. 149.
- 2) "I have found that nine out of 10 cases of occult involvement result in harming people. This is supported by many thousands of examples."—Kurt Koch, Occult Bondage and Deliverance, p. 130.
- 3) "Many mediums are mentally unbalanced to a degree that verges on actual insanity. And only the most credulous, among their changing clientele who seek their guidance, can remain blind to the fact. Very many mediums show marked evidence of paranoia."—D.H. Rawcliffe, Illusions and Delusions of the Supernatural and the Occult, p. 172.
- 4) "Dr. Kurt Koch observed, after 45 years of counseling the occultly oppressed, that from his own experience 'numerous cases of suicides, fatal accidents, strokes and insanity are to be observed among occult practitioners.' And that 'anyone who has had to observe, for 45 years, the effects of spiritism can only warn people with all the strength at his disposal' (Kurt Koch, Occult Bondage and Deliverance, p. 31; also see Kurt Koch, Occult ABC, p. 238)."— John Ankerberg and John Weldon, Facts on Spirit Guides, p. 40.
- 5) "Dr. Franz Volgyesi, an outstanding physician, for a time took part in spiritualistic phenomena through the services of a medium called Lazlo. As a demonstration of the influence of spiritualistic activity on the medium, Volgyesi wrote: 'Then Lazlo suffered much hard luck, sickness, and emotional upsets. He pushed many men, who came to him seeking guidance through the spirits, to the point of suicide.' Finally he and a girl friend decided to commit suicide themselves. With their arms around each other, Lazlo put a bullet through both of them in the region of the heart. The girl died, but he recovered ... After my experience with Lazlo I stopped the personal work and investigations that I had begun in the spirit world. It is too dangerous."—Franz Volgyesi, The Soul is Everything, p. 289.
- 6) Dr. Merrill F. Unger, author of four books on occultism and demons, wrote this: "The psychic bondage and oppression that traffickers in occultism themselves suffer, as well as their dupes, is horrifying to contemplate."—M.F. Unger, Demons in the World Today, p. 95
- 7) "Murder after murder has been linked to the [witchcraft and spirit séance] craze, with the murderers openly admitting to police or to reporters that they worshiped Satan. Police, more and more frequently, are finding grim evidence of both animal and human sacrifices."—

 George Vandeman, Psychic Roulette, p. 100.
- 8) "The worship of Satan has deep historical roots. Known as satanism, it is found expressed in various ways. Black magic, so-called "white magic," the Black Mass, facets of the drug culture, and blood sacrifice all have connections with satanism.
- 9) "Medium Edgar Cayce, a large man (6' 2") died in misery weighing a mere 60 pounds. The biography on Cayce by Joseph Millard reveals the extent of suffering Cayce's occult involvement cost him—from psychic attacks to mysterious fires, erratic personality changes and emotional torments, constant bad luck and personal setback, plus guilt induced by psychic readings that ruined others' lives. Many channelers seem to succumb to various vices later in life, from sexual immorality to numbing their conscience, to alcoholism and drug addiction, to crime and worse."—John Ankerberg and John Weldon, Facts on Spirit Guides, p. 30
- 10) "In April 1973, the battered, mutilated body of a 17-year-old boy, Ross 'Mike' Cochran, was found outside of Daytona Beach, Florida. An Associated Press story said, 'The verdict of police is that Cochran was the victim of devil worshipers, killed in a frenzied sacrificial ritual.'

What are the effects of witchcraft, according to the Bible? Scriptures show that the righteous are a favorite target of witchcraft which is hunting (catching, ensnaring or entrapping) people's lives (mind, will, body and emotions) Ez 13:17-23. The phrases both "to ensnare, and "to slay" are mentioned in Ez 13:18-19. "Will you ensnare the lives of my people but preserve your own?" verse 18 states. Through the use of witchcraft, Christians can become captives, who are bound in spirit, with the incapability of making good decisions. Also, innocent people can be killed prematurely. As Ruth Brown mentions in her book 'Destroying the Works of Witchcraft through Fasting & Prayer,' some warlocks have openly confessed that they were into Satanism, and had killed people by putting curses on them. According to V22 the charge is that "you disheartened the righteous with your lies." Magical practices can cause depression, discouragement, disheartenment, oppression, torment, confusion, disori entation, unexplainable sadness and anguish of heart, infirmity and even physical death. Spirits of delusion are a strong tool used in witchcraft—and will cause someone to have a false belief, idea or opinion—designed to deceive, mislead and lead astray. V19 mentions, "will you turn away my people from me?" (Living Bible). Witchcraft can produce heavy demonic influence in the lives of Christians, and hinder their faith, and cause them to backslide (turn away from God and His word). Witchcraft can affect people everywhere, including not iust individuals, but families, churches, cities and nations, Individuals can be harmed or thou sands of people simultaneously. Example 1) In the Book of Nahum, God pronounces judgment upon the city of Nineveh, which was the breeding ground for occultism. Na 3:4 (NIV) mentions " .. who enslayed nations by her prostitution and peoples by her witchcraft." Example 2) In Ac 8, Simon the sorcerer bewitched the entire city of Samaria, so that they believed he was a true servant of God. Example 3) Gal 3:1, where false teachers had infiltrated the church, and were masquerading as servants of God. They used witchcraft to turn the entire church away from the truth they had been taught, and into false teachings.