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This guide provides Biblical insight on identifying and confronting witchcraft. It explores character traits, common expressions, occult behaviors, spiritual consequences, and how to resist in the power of the Holy Spirit. Our authority comes through Jesus Christ.

1. What does the Bible say about witchcraft?

Deuteronomy 18:10-12:

"Let no one be found among you who... practices divination, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD."

Galatians 5:19-21:

"The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God."

Exodus 22:18:

"You shall not permit a sorceress to live."

2. Character traits often linked to witchcraft

- Manipulation and control over others
- Rebellion against divine authority (1 Samuel 15:23 - "Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft")
- Jealousy, bitterness, and envy
- Dominance or intimidation in prayer or conversation
- False prophecy coming from the soul, not from the Holy Spirit
- Operating under the spirit of Jezebel (Revelation 2:20 - deception, control, seduction)

3. Words and expressions to be cautious of

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- Declarations with manipulative intent such as:
 - * "I speak this over your life..." (without God's Spirit)
 - * "I see something in your aura" / "I feel energy around you"
 - * "The stars say..." or "According to your horoscope..."
 - * "There is a blockage in your chakras"
- Speaking of mother earth, universe, energy fields

4. Behaviors associated with witchcraft

- Using tarot cards, horoscopes, pendulums or fortune telling
- Magical rituals, spells, white or black magic
- Using crystals for 'healing power'
- Intimidating through prayer or eye contact to control atmosphere
- Participating in New Age or occult practices
- Praying not led by the Holy Spirit, but driven by the desire to control

5. How to discern witchcraft spiritually

- You feel confusion, unrest, or sudden spiritual blockage after contact
- You sense a heavy atmosphere, discomfort, or fear
- The Holy Spirit gives you warning or unrest (1 Corinthians 12:10 - discerning of spirits)
- Words sound spiritual but lack peace or truth
- A form of godliness is present but denies its power (2 Timothy 3:5)

6. How to deal with it spiritually

- Cover yourself with the blood of Jesus (Revelation 12:11)
- Take authority in Jesus' name: Luke 10:19
- Verbally command every spirit of witchcraft to leave in Jesus' Name
- Pray for protection and wisdom: Psalm 91, James 1:5
- Do not argue - be wise as serpents and innocent as doves (Matthew 10:16)