Fear: The Spirit of Control

**This spirit establishes its stronghold primarily in women;**

**however, many men have been victimized by it as well, where it functions as a "controlling" spirit.**

1. Why do we want to control?

Fear of not ending up with control and/or attaining whatever s/he desires is what propels a Controller. And this is of course typical of demons; beings that thrive on that very emotion. Fear is the catalyst for generating all other negative emotions.

Fear drives aggression, it fosters insecurity, anxiety, self-pity, narcissism, greed *etc*. All these emotive qualities are sharply contrasting the fruits of the antagonist of fear, which is, LOVE, or God’s currency. Fear is the currency of the demonic.

*Fear that I’m not good enough, smart enough, pretty enough, athletic enough. Changes our lives. This is where the enemy came in as little children thru 1.family influence of learned behavior, 2.generational curse or 3.inner vow.*

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| **The most common cause of the controlling personality is** fear and insecurity**.** Insecurity is the root of the spirit of control. It is the deepest root cause of all problems of fear, jealousy, anger, resentment and control.  Those **plagued with insecurity** have a great sense of rejection and are seeking attention and approval. The complexity of insecurity and inferiority comes to a head in the desire to **control**.  Finding the feelings of inferiority intolerable (often in one who feels his physical body doesn’t measure up), the mentality flip-flops into a sense of superiority and pride.  This twisted pride runs even deeper than the typical ego of an athletic jock. This person who once felt so deeply inferior now, in a perverted sense, feels superior to everyone. He is now **a know-it-all** and is threatened by anyone who dares to disagree, seeing him as the enemy. He now has the answer to everything and is characteristically extremely opinionated. **He’s quick to express his opinion as the final authority. No input needed**. [Steve Sampson (p 54-55)](http://books.google.nl/books?id=hQ5GdgmExhAC&pg=PA45&lpg=PA45&dq=jealousy+jezebel&source=bl&ots=6LisXg-YoZ&sig=lrlFE9dkGmRNImmTxI825-HHexM&hl=nl&ei=7lTSSozDNsnZ-Qbfmpl4&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=6&ved=0CB8Q6AEwBTgU#v=onepage&q=&f=false) |

**Learn a Lesson**--*“This person who once felt so deeply inferior now, in a perverted sense, feels superior to everyone.”* I am quite convinced though that these feelings of superiority are not sincere.

I regard these feelings to be the consequence of a psychological mechanism that seeks to offset feelings of inferiority.

They are not genuine feelings of superiority but rather the result of an ego-based act of overcompensation.[Obsessive Compulsive Disorder] Perfectionist in whatever rehelm of life we control to protect our inner fears or insecurities.

Problem:

Deep down inside their feelings of inferiority and insecurity still remain[still damaged, still abused] but they are now camouflaged by a mere veneer of superiority, false security.

Indeed, their inherent insecurity is shown to still exist, as evidenced by their fearful reaction when someone challenges their usurped authority. They demonstrate to still be prone to feeling threatened of there assumed control.

Truth

Sincere (feelings of) superiority only belongs to God. And unlike pretenders and usurpers, He doesn’t have, nor does he need to have, the urge to flaunt it. God just *is* superior.

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| Defensiveness is a common reaction when a suggestion is made. This again is out of insecurity. Insecurity, which is deeply rooted, cannot take correction, becauseall correction is perceived as rejection. Therefore, you will never hear a person with a controlling spirit admit they are wrong. It is always the fault of someone else. **Never is there confession of guilt, contrition or true remorse.** The closest controllers come to apologizing is,“I’m sorry you misunderstood me.” [Steve Sampson (p 59)](http://books.google.nl/books?id=hQ5GdgmExhAC&pg=PA45&lpg=PA45&dq=jealousy+jezebel&source=bl&ots=6LisXg-YoZ&sig=lrlFE9dkGmRNImmTxI825-HHexM&hl=nl&ei=7lTSSozDNsnZ-Qbfmpl4&sa=X&oi=book_result&ct=result&resnum=6&ved=0CB8Q6AEwBTgU#v=onepage&q=&f=false) |

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| Basically, **the spirit of Control has no conscience.** Those under its control have hardened their hearts, and their consciences are seared. Their **will** is king, and they are supreme. [Steve Sampson (p 16)](http://www.stevesampson.com/jezebelbook.html) |

Truth: Controllers tend to work alone in isolation because to work in groups or teams will expose the bull in the china closet very quickly. They just do not co habit with anyone easily even their spouses.

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| When a CONTROLLER is confronted, he commonly spiritualizes the situation, explaining it off on God. This prevents him from owning up to responsibility required of him. The implication is always, ***“You’ve got a problem; I don’t.”*** [Steve Sampson (p. 65)](http://www.stevesampson.com/jezebelbook.html) |

[James 3:14-17](http://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=james%203:14-17&version=NKJV)14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. 15 This wisdom[perceived] does not descend from above, but is **earthly, sensual, demonic.** 16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

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| **The Controller stronghold is rooted in the man/woman’s reaction to fear.** S/he controls because s/he seeks predictability; [walking by sight] s/he manipulates because s/he cannot trust.   1. However, the scriptures tell us that “perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment” (1 John 4:18 KJV).   ***Notes for Verse 18***  [**Verse 18**](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Jn+4%3A18)**.** *Fear* has no place in *love. Bold confidence* ([1John 4:17](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Jn+4%3A17)), based on *love*, cannot coexist with *fear. Love*, which, when *perfected*, gives *bold confidence, casts out fear* (compare [Heb 2:14, 15](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=Heb+2%3A14-15)). The design of Christ's propitiatory death was to *deliver* from this *bondage* of *fear*.  **Hebrews 2:14-15 (KJV)**  14  Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;  15  And **deliver them who through fear of death** were all their lifetime **subject to bondage**.  **boldness**—"confidence": the same *Greek* as [1John 3:21](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Jn+3%3A21), to which this passage is parallel. The opposite of "fear," [1John 4:18](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Jn+4%3A18). *Herein* is our love perfected, namely, *in God dwelling in us, and our dwelling in God* ([1John 4:16](http://www.crossbooks.com/verse.asp?ref=1Jn+4%3A16)), involving as its *result* "that we can have confidence (or *boldness*) in the day of judgment"    **fear hath torment**—*Perfect love* is incompatible with such a self-punishing *fear.*  A Commentary: Critical, Experimental, and Practical on the Old and New Testaments.  *During the process of deliverance, he/she needs godly men and women to stand with her in love, especially as s/he embraces the allotted times of weakness*. Remember, **the person under the influence of this spirit is a person tormented. S/he has not been properly loved; the controllering stronghold is the result.** [Francis Frangipane (p 43)](http://www.amazon.com/Jezebel-Spirit-Discernment-Francis-Frangipane/dp/0962904988) |

What does not properly loved mean?

Controllers as a woman: have with issues in her heart concerning male authority. She has probably been wounded by a male authority figure(s) in her past, and hasn’t allowed God to heal those inner wounds. A Controller is often a woman who has great disrespect for her father, either because he

1. **abused her,**
2. **ignored her, adopted, neglected, not nurtured, or thought poor**
3. **or the opposite because where you spoiled as a child (the baby) by never confronting her immaturities as a child, and who let her run wild- this too is abuse.**

Regardless of the type of abuse, she has nursed a deep disrespect for manhood inside her heart. . .

Sometimes a Controller is a controller because, by default, she had no example but her mother… who was a controllers herself… in the home and this is a learned behavior. Old habits die hard.

**By Default:** The women will take over the husband’s role **because she senses he is unsure of himself** and she has the stronger personality and dominates—**except in the area of His stronghold where He may hold on violently.** This will be an ongoing source of contention in marriage.

I see grown men making their calling in life to appease the women in their life. This is out of order!

This is the Sin in the Garden by Adam and Eve!

* See the Clip---*Is there a snake in your Garden- aaron T*

1. *Make a Jesus in our image,*
2. *Dominate everyone to make that image*
3. What is wrong with the Spirit of Control?

**Control-** Why this obsessive pursuance of power and control over other people is so antagonistic to *True Christian Doctrine* is explained by Steve Sampson:

The reason the desire to control is akin to witchcraft is that it is in total contradiction to the nature of God Himself.

**The irrevocable gift God gave to mankind is that of free will itself.** God Himself refuses to violate His gift of our free will. He will woo us, draw us and attempt to lead us, but He always leaves it up to us to choose His way. “I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that you and your descendants may live” (Deuteronomy 30:19). God will love people to their graves, desiring to woo them to Himself, **but He will never force His purpose on any man**. He will in no way force eternal life or heaven on any person. He honors our “right” to choose.

Therefore, when people try to manipulate or dominate the will of others, it is in direct violation of God’s laws and comes under Satan’s domain, namely witchcraft.

God wants us to come to Him based on our own free will and love for Him, he doesn’t want us to come to him based on coercion and as such out of fear. Unlike Controllers, God is not a control-freak or dictator!

The Church desperately needs humble godly unified leadership in this hour not frightened unbelief.

1. **Recognizing the Controlling Spirit in the Church**

**CONTROLING SPIRITS CAN LOOK THE PART SPIRITUALLY.**

**CONTROLING** spirits have the ability to work through some of the sweetest-looking, nicest, most spiritual people you ever want to see in your life. They are usually gifted, loyal, self-sacrificing, giving, praying people. **But in most cases there is an open wound or character flaw that was never confronted or healed that Satan attaches himself to in order to work through.**

**CONTROLING SPIRITS LOOK FOR AUTHORITY WITHOUT MUCH RESPONSIBILITY.**

They don’t care about fulfilling the responsibilities of their position/or office before God. They are self-important and believe *their gift* is the reason they are in the church to save it from ruin.

* The "CONTROLING spirit" is in a constant agitation, terribly aggressive, very determined, callous, controlling, selfish, power-hungry, manipulative, unrepentant, up and down, an overwhelmingly evil spirit, and those are mostly only it's good points!