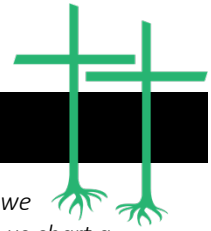


MINISTRY TOOL #2 – FOR DIAGNOSTICS

“PSEUDO-Life” (Identifying the Specific Issues)



Jesus came to set people free from the devil's work and influence. When people come to us for help, we are generally dealing with one or a combination of issues. Identifying which issue is at work can help us chart a path forward in ministry.

1 John 3:8 – . . . The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

EXPLANATION:

The word “pseudo” is often used as a prefix in English and means “not genuine”—pretending to be something else. What the enemy offers people is pseudo-life. It is really death in disguise.

As we partner with the Lord in helping people experience freedom in Christ, we generally encounter one of six problems, which we remember with the following acrostic:

- **P** HYSICAL AILMENTS
- **S** IN
- **E** NTANGLEMENTS
- **U** NRIGHTEOUS BELIEFS
- **D** EMONS
- **O** UCH! (old wounds)

With the possible exception of physical ailments, most issues we encounter in ministry are multidimensional, meaning more than one of the above will be at work. In some more intense cases, all of the above may be operating in a person's life.

GOSPEL SUMMARY:

Everything on the PSEUDO list is a work of the devil—either directly or indirectly (through the original temptation in the garden). Either way, Jesus came to destroy those works (1 John 3:8), and then He sent us to continue His ministry in the world (John 20:21).

No matter which works of the devil a person is experiencing, we are called, authorized, equipped, and commissioned to address all of them with the good news about Jesus. There is a gospel solution in every situation.

HOW TO:

- ❑ **PHYSICAL AILMENTS** – Some issues are purely physical, while others are spiritual but with a physical component. Where physical ailments exist, healing is available in Christ.
 - *Ministry Tool #16: Healing Ministry*
- ❑ **SIN** – Sometimes a sin is just a sin—a poor decision made in a moment of weakness. Other times, sin is just one component of a much bigger mess. In the ministry session, whenever sin is identified, address it with the following tools:
 - *Ministry Tool #3: Real Repentance*
 - *Ministry Tool #8: Addressing Bitter Roots*
 - *Ministry Tool #12: The Forgiveness Cross*
- ❑ **ENTANGLEMENTS** – Some relationships are unhealthy and even sinful, bringing spiritual defilement into our lives. Whenever such situations are identified, the spiritual bonds of those relationships need to be addressed with the authority of Christ.
 - *Ministry Tool #6: Applying the Gospel to Family Identity*
 - *Ministry Tool #12: The Forgiveness Cross*
 - *Ministry Tool #15: Binding & Loosing*
- ❑ **UNRIGHTEOUS BELIEFS** – Any misperception of God, self, or others is an unrighteous belief—a stronghold of the mind that needs to be torn down by the gospel.
 - *Ministry Tool #3: Real Repentance*
 - *Ministry Tool #7: The Father Ladder*
 - *Ministry Tool #13: Renouncing & Replacing*
- ❑ **DEMONS** – Where a demon is involved, deliverance is necessary. Note that you will never encounter a demon issue and not also need to address one of the other works of the devil on the PSEUDO list. But demons are not necessarily involved in all situations.
 - *Ministry Tool #11: Deliverance Ministry*
- ❑ **OUCH! (old wounds)** – Traumas and other painful past experiences often leave spiritual wounds that continue to affect people later in life. When these surface, address them with love, compassion, and an encounter with Jesus. Remember, victims still need to repent.
 - *Ministry Tool #4: Hearing God & Prophetic Ministry*
 - *Ministry Tool #10: Presenting Jesus*
 - *Ministry Tool #12: The Forgiveness Cross*
- ❑ **Additional tools used throughout the ministry session:**
 - *Ministry Tool #4: Hearing God & Prophetic Ministry*
 - *Ministry Tool #5: Encouragement & Giving Peace*
 - *Ministry Tool #9: Appropriate Physical Touch*
 - *Ministry Tool #14: Authority in Christ*
 - *Ministry Tool #17: Coaching Questions*
 - *Ministry Tool #18: Presence, Love, Patience, & Truth*