

## The Soul Tie Trap

A *soul tie* is defined as a connection in the soul realm between two people. The Lord created soul ties. **Genesis 2:24** tells us, “**Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.**” This was for the purpose of being fruitful, multiplying, and taking dominion. As stated by the Lord, “**It is not good that the man should be alone**”(18a). Thus, He created the woman and joined her together with the man in order to produce a soul tie that would bring Him glory. Although the following scripture was later written, it is still appropriate for this intent: “**How should one chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight, except their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had shut them up**” **Deuteronomy 32:30**? In addition to marriage, the Lord saw it necessary to create a more powerful union among humans so that our power is multiplied against the forces of darkness.

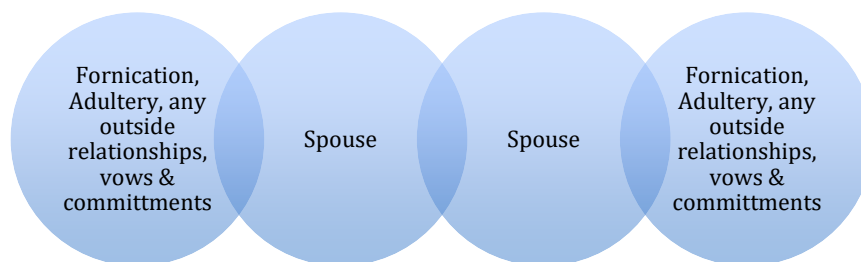
Soul ties are also natural between child and parent until the child is of age to cleave to his or her spouse. At that time the soul tie between parent and child is no longer as strong as it may have been in the past. In this circumstance, when a child leaves a parent to marry, the soul tie of marriage is in place. Soul ties can also be found in close friendships as we can see with King David and Jonathan: **1 Samuel 18:1**, “**And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.**”

Soul ties are not necessarily negative entities, although they can be. Our actions, thoughts, and practices can bring about a negative soul tie in our lives. We know that sex, even outside of marriage, such as fornication and adultery forms a negative soul tie. According to **1 Corinthians 6:16**, “**What? know ye not that he which is joined to an harlot is one body? for two, saith he, shall be one flesh.**” We are also finding that an individual can create soul ties by watching sexual acts, as in pornography or lasciviousness.

### ***The Trap***

Illegal soul ties fight against the legal soul tie that God has formed in one’s life. Marriages are destroyed because of someone being entangled in a soul tie outside of the marriage, that occurred either before or during the marriage. This is why one can have problems in their marriage and seemingly out of nowhere an ex happens to call. It is a soul tie that is opposing the Godly relationship. In Figure 1, we see how spouses are joined together in the marriage union, but the outside influences are still connected and joined with them. Thus, one spouse is not fully connected with the other spouse as it should be.

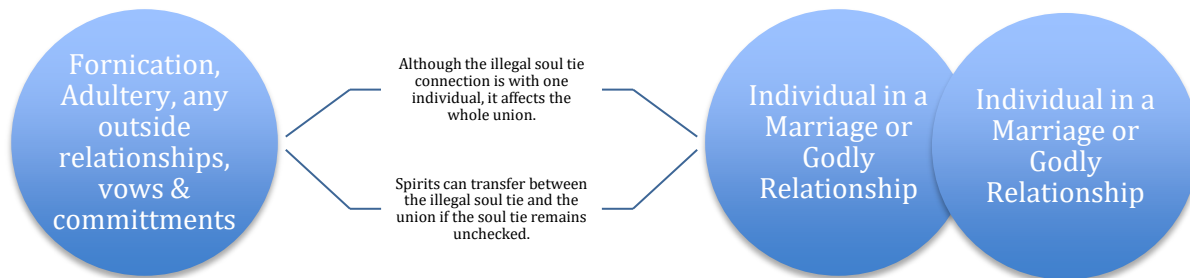
***Figure 1: The Soul Tie Connection***



Another trap of negative soul ties is seen in how demonic spirits attempt to take advantage of the innocent one joined in the Godly union. In other words, spirits will try to transfer from the individual who has defiled himself or herself to the individual connected to

him or her. The enemy will use the defiled individual to transfer spirits from one person to another. We often see these in our lives, but don't recognize it until it's too late. Have you ever been angry with an individual because of what has been said about the person by someone close to you? If so, then a soul tie has affected you, in which there was a transfer spirit in operation.

**Figure 2: Transference of spirits**



We must be mindful that ANY relationship can form a soul tie. **1 Corinthians 15:33** warns us, **"Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners."** Some of us are tied together in gossip, the sharing of ideals, rash vows, commitments made in the heat of emotions or by working closely together. This is why we should know them that labor among us and carefully examine the fruit of the individuals we share our ideals with. These conversations form connections that may manifest into something else. We should especially be mindful of our vows and commitments made in the heat or height of emotions. As **Proverbs 21:23** tells us, **"Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles."** Words spoken have the ability to bring the soul great troubles and bondage. Be mindful that our emotions can cause us to make commitments and vows that are not godly centered. These commitments must be broken and the vows must be renounced because they war against our commitment to God and our godly vows. Once they are broken, you will find that you are able to think clearly and to hear the voice of God. Yet, be very careful about what you vow or commit to before making the vow or commitment. There is power in our words, the more we break a vow, the less power or integrity we have in our words. Thus, we must begin to examine our relationships and emotions so that we can identify what causes us to stumble in the area of soul ties so that we do not make rash vows or commitments that we have to break.

A soul tie, in and of itself, is not a good or bad entity. How the soul tie is formed can direct its use for something positive or negative. God's purpose for soul ties in our lives is for power in numbers and intercession. The enemy opposes Godly soul ties by distracting us with ungodly soul ties for the purpose of diminishing the intercession and the power within the Godly union. We must actively break soul ties that are not of God. Unlike other demonic influences, soul ties can only be broken by the individual entangle in it.

**Steps to Breaking the Ungodly Soul Ties:**

1. Confess the sin that was committed that formed the soul tie.
2. Get rid of any items associated with the soul tie.
3. Denounce any vows or commitments formed during the soul tie.
4. Forgive that person if you have anything against them.

5. Renounce the soul tie. Do this verbally, and in Jesus' name. Example, "In Jesus' name, I now renounce any ungodly soul ties formed between myself and \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of \_\_\_\_\_ (fornication, gossiping etc.)."
6. Break the soul tie in Jesus' name! Do this verbally using your authority in Jesus. Example, "I now break and sever any ungodly soul ties formed between myself and \_\_\_\_\_ as a result of \_\_\_\_\_ (fornication, gossiping etc.) in Jesus' name."

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