



# The Dead Man

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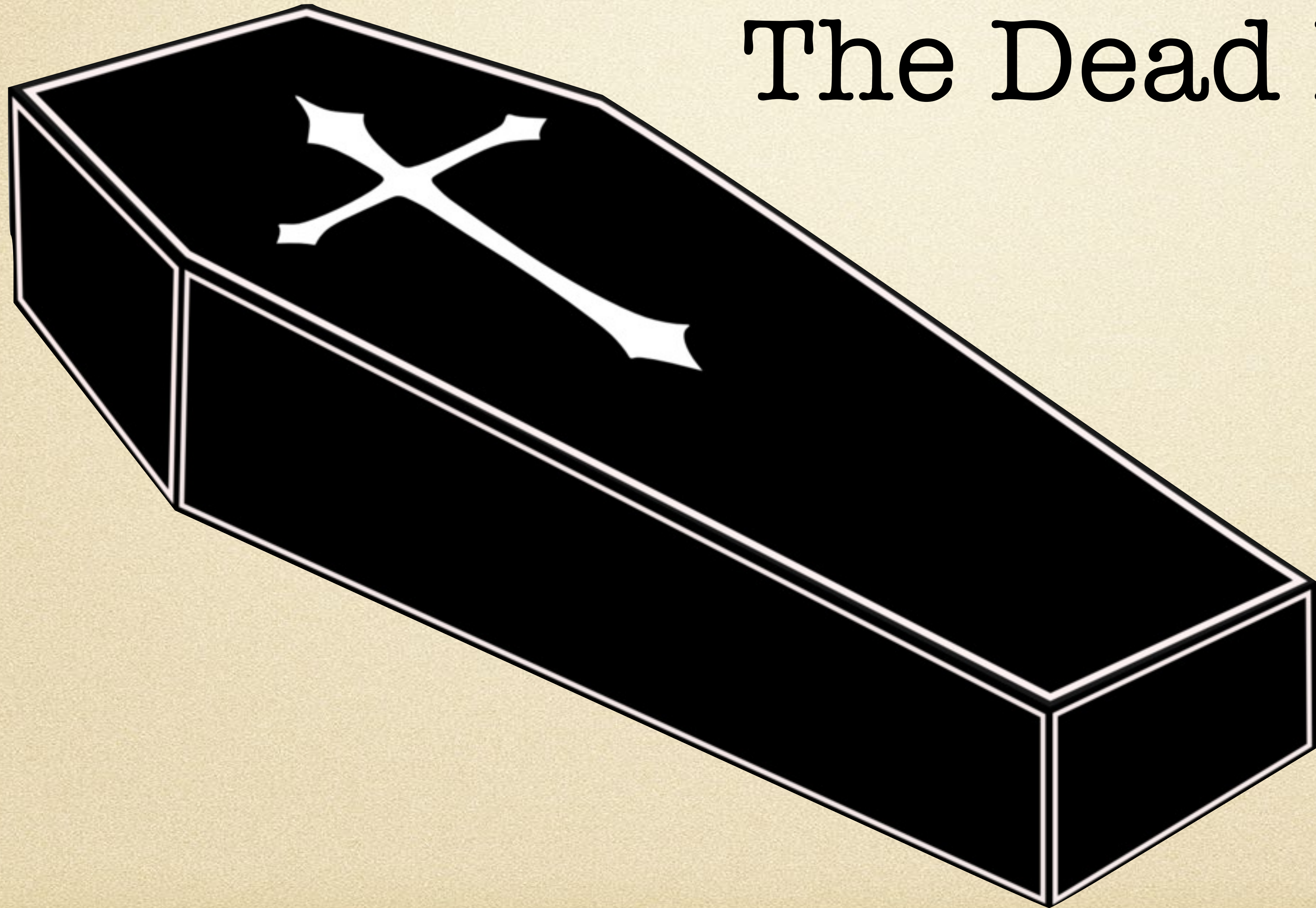
- When we are born again, we are born into a new life and our old life dies! We become new creations, we forsake the old way. The old man and his deeds are dead! *2Cor. 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.*
- This is not to suggest that we won't be tempted and tried by our old nature. However, as new creations we should not entangle ourselves in sin again. *Gal. 5:1 Stand fast therefore in the liberty wherewith Christ hath made us free, and be not entangled again with the yoke of bondage.*
- If we are dead to sin, then we will not be bound by it. Making mistakes and errors is one thing, but practicing sin after being made freed is senseless, if we are supposedly dead to it. *Rom. 6:2 God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein?*



- The enemy loves to tempt us with things that could possibly ensnare us again. He loves to cause us to constantly repent from dead works. This discourages us because of our lack of growth and progress. *Heb. 6:1 Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,*
- The devil has no new tricks so he keeps doing what he is good at. Whatever trapped you before is what he is going use to get you again. Your deliverance was a blessing, but that doesn't deter him. *1Pet. 5:8 Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:*
- No matter what you were delivered from, you can still be tempted by sin, if you put yourself within striking distance of it. We are humans with a sinful nature, so that is a formula for disaster if we do not put our faith and trust in God's power to save us from ourselves. *Rom. 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;*



# Awakening The Dead Man?



# FAMILIAR SPIRITS



*Lev. 19:31 Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.*

Familiar spirits mimic the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is a comforter and brings comfort to us when our lives are in disarray. Familiar spirits do the same, but uses sin and lies. These are spirits people use to attack our senses and cause us to relive past experiences. When our mind wanders back into those places, our bodies will soon follow. We must rebuke these spirits and do it quickly or you will find yourself back where you used to be.

# SOUL TIES



*1Cor. 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.*

The enemy will use these to connect you with people against your own will. When you yoke up with people, it can form binding spiritual ties that hold you, which can cause you to be pulled into a compromising position. When deliverance from bad relationships come, you must break the ties spiritually as well as naturally.

# HARDHEADEDNESS



*Prov. 14:8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way: but the folly of fools is deceit.*

Being hardheaded will always make you pay! When you have been there before and got burned, then you should know better. Look around you: are you making the same bad decisions you made before? Are you being ambitious again? Are you serving self again? Are you chasing the Joneses again? These are all formulas for disaster that you should recognize because you are probably paying for previous hardheaded decisions right now. Why would you go there again?

# ARROGANCE



*Gal. 6:3 For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.*

Don't try to act like you are impervious to temptation. Lying to yourself creates self-righteousness. Arrogance causes you to operate on willpower instead of God's power. We must always believe that it's by God's grace and power that we are able to be changed and not by sheer strength or might.



# TRIGGERS



*Phil. 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

You better know what triggers the old you. God has changed your spirit and your soul, but your body is still your body. Certain triggers release memory pathways that can lead you back into bondage. Songs, movies, fragrances, etc. can all be triggers that flip switches in your body. You want God controlling the switch and not you. When you get lonely, when you get sad, when you need comfort, let the comforter of the Holy Ghost do the job and not what you did 'back in the day'.

# *SUMMARY*

The longer you walk out deliverance, the further away the old man will be from you. The more distance you put between you and who you were, temptation will become less enticing. But this is not an occasion to feel you are above who you were, because had it not been for God's power, you would still be bound.

Recognize that it's not you, not your will, and not your own power, but it's by God's power that we are all saved. Therefore, if we stick close to Him and His will, we will not fall back into sin.

*Jude 24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.*