

"Don't Delay! Call Your Psychic Hotline Now!"

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We are living in a society where people are searching for happiness and success in the wrong places. One such place is among so-called psychics. The advertisements say, "Don't delay, call now! Your personal psychic is waiting to talk to you. Pickup your phone and dial. For only \$2.99 a minute you can discover what your future holds. Happiness, love, money, work, friendship and success is only a phone call away."

These same folks used to have a tent at the carnival and were called "fortune tellers." Now they have a new name for a new generation-- "psychic." It still falls under the same category no matter what you call it - "Black arts." Psychics are nothing more than modern-day fortune tellers, mediums or spiritualists.

The law of Moses condemned participation with such individuals. Leviticus 19:31 says, "Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits, do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God." Again, chapter 20:6 says, "And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against the person and cut him off from his people."

Those who became Christians in the first century realized that they had to give up magic arts, sorcery and witchcraft. In Acts 19:19, they burned all their books on these subjects which were of great monetary value. Also, the apostle Paul condemned Elymas the sorcerer, saying, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?" (Acts 13:10) The deeds of this man made him a child of the devil, because he was practicing ungodliness.

True happiness and success will never come to those who dabble in witchcraft and things that have their roots in the same. Happiness is based on salvation through Jesus Christ and on obedience to His commandments.