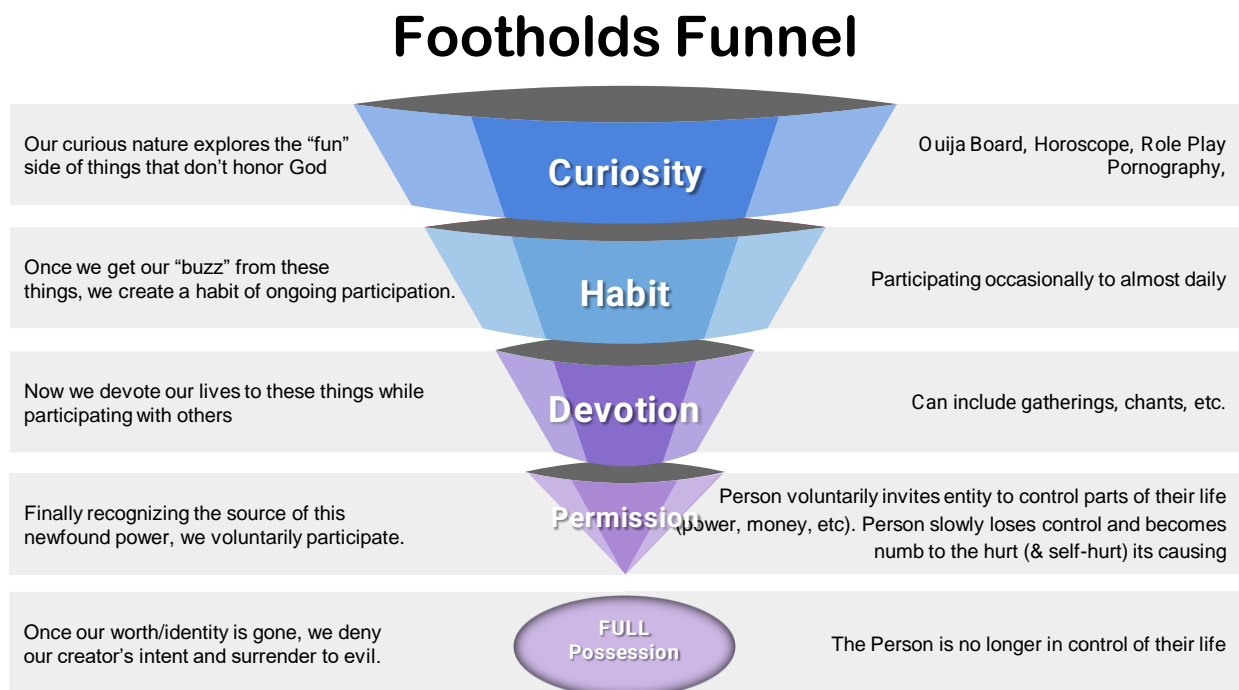


FOOTHOLDS FUNNEL

Levels of Footholds (How we slowly and over time invite evil footholds into our lives)

1. **Curiosity** *-Naïve interests because we just don't know (or ignore) the possible dangers*
2. **Habit** *-The "fun" factor takes over largely due to the pressure of others*
3. **Devotion** *-We like the "drug high" and participation now involves others (teaching etc)*
4. **Permission** *-We now give the evil (entity) permission to actively participate*
5. **Control** *-By now, you might no longer be in control (largely due to low self-worth)*



The Downward Funnel of How We Lose Control:

Not everyone falls to the deepest part of this chart. Yet many choose to stop somewhere along the way but never leave this downward spiral. What we can see here is a "funnel" type of pattern that continues to pull the "user" further and further down towards a point of "no return." What starts out as curiosity can and ultimately will develop into a loss of control if left unto its own. Evil is just too strong and the overwhelming popular power of evil in the world is just too dominant to fight without God.

How Do I Get Out?

Freedom Through Christ - This is the "Plan" on how to get a person out of their deadly downward Footholds Funnel and find Christ in the process. **THE KEY WILL BE SURRENDER!!!**

Step 1: Freedom in Christ (Begin with Breaking the Bondage of Sin)

- Let the person know that he/she has been “DECEIVED” for a time and that freedom from these footholds BEGINS ONLY with CHRIST.
- Salvation prayer (relationship with your creator) is the beginning of this new freedom.
 - An IDENTITY in Christ
 - Birth Rights that come with that → **Salvation PRAYER** – Move ahead

Step 2: Understand the Foothold Funnel (Examine your life honestly and transparently)

- Identify the footholds in your life
- Identify where in the Funnel your footholds are right now

Step 3: Understand that Luke 2:52 lets us know where these funnel footholds fit into Luke 2:52

- Where do your footholds (that you need to surrender) fit into Christ's 4 Growth Areas
 - Intellectual Foothold – (e.g. “intellectual elitists”, horoscope,
 - Physical Foothold – (e.g. Porn, food,
 - Spiritual Foothold – (e.g. Ouija, wicca, pop-ghostology,
 - Socio-Emotional Foothold – (e.g. money, pride,
- Taking **one element/foothold at a time**, begin to see which of the **FOUR GROWTH AREAS** the foothold belongs to (intellectual, physical, spiritual, socio-emotional) and then, after identifying that, examine what it will take to truly SURRENDER that foothold.

Step 4: Understand that SURRENDER to CHRIST is the ONLY WAY to Get Out of the Funnel

- **Pray** that **God reveals** “how to” surrender that foothold
- “Break FREE” of the Foothold Bondage (specifics in The Bondage Breaker)
 - TBD
- Specific prayers for specific steps towards Freedom in Christ (Chptr 12 – The Bondage Breaker)
 - Counterfeit vs. Real
 - Deception vs. Truth
 - Bitterness vs. Forgiveness
 - Rebellion vs. Submission
 - Pride vs. Humility
 - Bondage vs. History
 - Acceptance vs. Rejection
- Put together a plan of ongoing deliverance (long-term process)
 - This plan can be as simple as a prayer
 - This plan can be as complicated as an exorcism
 - Either way, prayer from the individual COMBINED with prayer from others will be essential
 - More than likely, the plan will involve taking on each foothold, one at a time
 - Each Foothold might demand its own plan of surrender as well
- **Find daily accountability** to follow through with the plan

(CHRIST has to be found and accepted at the beginning of the process for **HE** is the **ONLY** one who can truly begin to not only provide life purpose (HOPE) but also bring complete healing from the footholds.)

Introduce the “I AM’s” of your new identity in Christ!

- Your Identity: I AM ACCEPTED
 - John 1:12 – I am God’s Child
 - John 15:15 – I am Christ’s Friend
 - Romans 5:1 – I have been Justified
 - 1 Cor 6:17 – I am united with the Lord, and I am one spirit with Him
 - 1 Cor 6:19-20 – I have been bought with a price. I belong to God.
 - 1 Cor 12:27 – I am a member of Christ’s body
 - Eph 1:1 – I am a saint
 - Eph 1:5 – I have been adopted as God’s child
 - Eph 2:18 – I have direct access to God through the Holy Spirit
 - Col 1:14 – I have been redeemed and forgiven of all my sins
 - Col 2:10 – I am complete in Christ
- Your Security: I AM SECURE
 - Romans 8:12 – I am free forever from condemnation
 - Romans 8:28 – I am assured that all things work together for good...
 - Romans 8:31-34 – I am free from any condemning charges against me
 - Romans 8:35-39 – I cannot be separated from the love of God
 - 2 Cor 1:21-22 – I have been established, anointed, and sealed by God
 - Col 3:3 – I am hidden with Christ in God
 - Phil 1:6 – I am confident that the good work that God has begun in me will be perfected
 - Phil 3:20 – I am a citizen of heaven
 - 2 Tim 1:7 – I have not been given a spirit of fear (timidity) but of power, love, and a sound mind
 - Heb 4:16 – I can find grace and mercy to help in time of need
 - 1 John 5:18 – I am born of God and the evil one cannot touch me
- Your Significance: I AM SIGNIFICANT
 - Matt 5:13-14 – I am the salt and light of the earth
 - John 15:1,5 – I am a branch of the true vine, a channel of His life
 - John 15:16 – I have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit
 - Acts 1:8 – I am a personal witness of Christ
 - 1 Cor 3:16 – I am God’s temple
 - 2 Cor 5:17-21 – I am a minister of reconciliation for God
 - 2 Cor 6:1 – I am God’s co-worker
 - Eph 2:6 – I am seated with Christ in the heavenly realm
 - Eph 2:10 – I am God’s workmanship
 - Eph 3:12 – I may approach God with freedom and confidence
 - Phil 4:13 – I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me

These and other verses should be read aloud for at least 30 days so that Scripture starts each day of this new believer, that evil is warned off at the beginning of each day, and that a habit of taking in scripture gets created (like spiritual food for the day).