

# Spiritual Vocabulary: Witchcraft

Let's go ahead and look up what **witchcraft** is. We will start with the definition of **witchcraft**:

noun

1. the art or power of bringing magical or preternatural power to bear or the act or practice of attempting to do so
2. the influence of magic or sorcery
3. fascinating or bewitching influence or charm

So let's take this definition as a base definition and go from there:

**witchcraft** is the art or power of bringing magical power to bear or the act or practice of attempting to do so using sorcery or fascinating bewitching influence or charm.

Since we have been led to this, let's look up magic and sorcery and see what that says:

noun

1. the art that, by use of spells, supposedly invokes supernatural powers to influence events; sorcery
2. the practice of this art
3. the practice of illusory tricks to entertain other people; conjuring
4. any mysterious or extraordinary quality or power: the magic of springtime
5. like magic very quickly

adjective Also: magical

1. of or relating to magic: a magic spell
2. possessing or considered to possess mysterious powers: a magic wand
3. unaccountably enchanting: magic beauty
4. informal wonderful; marvellous; exciting

verb -ics, -icking or -icked (tr)

1. to transform or produce by or as if by magic
2. (foll by away) to cause to disappear by or as if by magic

This description of magic best describes witchcraft, so let's use this one:

- the art that, by use of spells, supposedly invokes supernatural powers to influence events; sorcery

Let's now use what we have learned about magic to get a more granular meaning about witchcraft:

**witchcraft** is the art or power, by the use of spells that invoke supernatural powers to influence events using sorcery or fascinating bewitching influences or charms.

All right, so far so good. Let's see what sorcery is and get the best definition we can:

noun, plural sor•cer•ies.

1. the art, practices, or spells of a person who is supposed to exercise supernatural powers through the aid of evil spirits; black magic; witchery.

OK, let's add this to our definition:

**witchcraft** is the art or power, by the use of spells that invoke supernatural powers to influence events of to bear using the arts, practices or spells of a person who is supposed to exercise supernatural powers through the aid of evil spirits and witchery using bewitching influences or charms.

Let's see what the word conjure gets us:

verb (used with object), con•jured, con•jur•ing.

1. to affect or influence by or as if by invocation or spell.
2. to effect, produce, bring, etc., by or as by magic: to conjure a miracle.
3. to call upon or command (a devil or spirit) by invocation or spell.
4. to call or bring into existence by or as if by magic (usually followed by up): She seemed to have conjured up the person she was talking about.
5. to bring to mind; recall (usually followed by up): to conjure up the past.
6. to appeal to solemnly or earnestly: I conjure you to hear my plea.
7. Obsolete. to charge solemnly.

verb (used without object), con•jured, con•jur•ing.

1. to call upon or command a devil or spirit by invocation or spell.
2. to practice magic.
3. to practice legerdemain.
4. to conspire.

noun

1. Chiefly Southern U.S. an act or instance of witchcraft or voodoo, especially a spell.

We can use this definition for conjure:

- to call upon or command a devil or spirit by invocation or spell.

Let's add it to our definition:

**witchcraft** is the art or power by the use of spells that invoke supernatural powers to influence events using the arts, practices or spells of a person who **calls upon or commands a devil or spirit by invocation or spell** to exercise supernatural powers through the aid of evil spirits and witchery using bewitching influences or charms.

OK. Moving on, let's see what we can add after looking up spells:

noun

1. a word, phrase, or form of words supposed to have magic power; charm; incantation: The wizard cast a spell.
2. a state or period of enchantment: She was under a spell.
3. any dominating or irresistible influence; fascination: the spell of fine music.

Looks like we can use this definition:

- a word, phrase, or form of words supposed to have magic power; charm; incantation: The wizard cast a spell.

Let's update our definition:

**witchcraft** is the art or power by the use of **words, phrases or form or words** that invoke supernatural powers to influence events using the arts, practices or spells of a person who **calls upon or commands a devil or spirit by invocation or spell** to exercise supernatural powers through the aid of evil spirits using incantations or charms.

Let's end this with incantations:

noun

1. the chanting or uttering of words purporting to have magical power.
2. the formula employed; a spell or charm.
3. magical ceremonies.
4. magic; sorcery.
5. repetitious wordiness used to conceal a lack of content; obfuscation:

and charms:

noun

1. the quality of pleasing, fascinating, or attracting people
2. a pleasing or attractive feature
3. a small object worn or kept for supposed magical powers of protection; amulet; talisman
4. a trinket worn on a bracelet
5. a magic spell; enchantment
6. a formula or action used in casting such a spell
7. physics an internal quantum number of certain elementary particles, used to explain some scattering experiments

like a charm

1. perfectly; successfully

Let's add these two definitions:

- the chanting or uttering of words purporting to have magical power.
- a small object worn or kept for supposed magical powers of protection; amulet; talisman

OK, let's put all of this together:

**witchcraft** is the art or power by the use of words, phrases or form or words that invoke supernatural powers to influence events using the arts, practices or spells of a person who calls upon or commands a devil or spirit by invocation or spell to exercise supernatural powers through the aid of evil spirits using the chanting or uttering words purporting to have magical power or small objects worn or kept for magical powers of protection.

Let's clean this up so it is grammatically correct.

**witchcraft** is the art or power by the use of words, phrases or form or words that invoke supernatural powers to influence events using a person who calls upon or commands a devil or spirit by invocation or spell to exercise supernatural powers through the aid of evil spirits using the chanting or uttering words that have magical power or small objects worn or kept for magical powers of protection.



## Here is Our Challenge to all of you:

We challenge you to go to Jesus directly **RIGHT NOW** and ask Him if what is shown here is true. Use this as a means to start a conversation with The Lord Jesus Christ and sit with Him and ask Him questions. Start with **(asking out loud):**

**“Jesus, is what I just read true?”**

He will answer you, Christian; use this as an opportunity to start the conversation with the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep talking with Him. Get to know Him and He will start to reveal Himself to you.

You need to find out for yourself if what you support or believe is true, and what better way to find out than to ask the Lord Himself? You need to find out for yourself and work out **YOUR** salvation for **YOU**, [as the scriptures tell us to.](#)