

Day 62

- Good Morning!! I hope your weekend was filled with amazing joy and God's perfect peace!
- I am starting off today with a personal confession. I am confessing to you that, although I don't want to be, and although God has set me free in so many ways, I have still seemed to live partially guarded. I think in part, it is because, up until about a year and a half ago, I had lived completely guarded since a young girl. In living guarded, it means that I am not always living according to the Spirit but the flesh.
- Why do I say that? Because, to live guarded, I am living in my head — letting my mind control my actions, my words, or lack thereof. Now, I am not saying that I believe I should say everything I think or that I should do everything my flesh impulsively wants to. No, that would be foolishness. We are to consecrate our whole being to God, in the desire and purpose of being more like Him, moment by moment.
- But, I realized, when I am around certain groups of people, I have still manifested in this guarded nature. I am not taking people at face value—meaning, what they are showing me. I am polite and sometimes funny, but I am not necessarily relaxed, at rest. I am looking at people through my human eyes far too often. Yet, I ask the Lord to let me see people as He sees them. And I believe that He is definitely helping me to grow and become all I was designed to be. This that I am sharing with you right now is quite an epiphany, a revelation, a clear visual of myself. And in seeing it, it means I can change it.
- To live guarded is a form of not fully trusting God, and it definitely comes from a place of insecurity, not feeling good enough, not being 100 percent content with who I am. Now, I don't see this aspect crop up all the time anymore, which is awesome, but I do see it from time to time. So, that means it is being removed from me, but I still have some stuff to deal with. And I think the reason it crops up in certain places is because in those situations, I personally am less comfortable. But, I want to always live according to the Spirit as Romans 8:5 says, which means, I can LIVE in that place of God's perfect rest all the time. We can all live in place of God's perfect rest all the time.
- In any and every situation, I can live in His rest. I can be me living according to the Spirit. Once I stop living guarded, in any form, I can then actually see each person with God's eyes because I am not DISTRACTED with myself. If I am guarded, I am thinking of myself. I certainly do not want to live there!
- If I am not guarded, I can HEAR people better because I am not filtering it through my guarded self. The same applies to sight, what I see and how I see it.
- In this time in history, it is certainly harder to not REACT to all that is going on around us. But, we are not called to react; Now, I know that there is a law that states for every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. But in understanding how that law works in the spiritual realm is where we can be set free.
- We are not pinball machines that instantly hit back because something hit us, sending that ball to the other side to strike something else. We are humans with the capability of understanding this law in the spiritual realm. We can have something hit us, anything mind you, but let's look at words. I can take in the words I hear, and in that moment, I can choose two actions — an equal or opposite action.
- If someone says unkind words to me or negative words to me, I can do two out of four things: 1. I can agree with that word in my spirit and let it take root. 2. I can then react with an equal action and speak unkind or negative words back. Or, 3. I can hear the words, harden my heart to them (which is a good hardening), spiritually refusing to let them be planted in me to have any chance to take root. And 4. I can choose an opposite action and either let the words spoken die on the ground and blow away, or speak words of life back.
- Every natural, scientific, and mathematical law has spiritual applications. There are two worlds we live in really — one of the flesh, the natural world we experience with our five senses, and there is the spiritual world that is happening all around us, that most people are

completely unaware of. Everything we do in the natural world directly has an effect in the spiritual world.

- Satan has been trying to keep this point of wisdom from the church the whole time. Why? Because he knows that once we fully grasp this truth, he will no longer be able to easily get us to come into agreement with him so that he can use our dominion and authority.
- Now, notice that I said he wants to keep this wisdom from the church — he lets his earthly followers know about this wisdom — he wants them to understand it, so they can use it to their advantage; for themselves? No, for him. They are in partnership with him, agreement, covenant. And Satan knows the laws that surround covenant relationship. Each party in covenant can draw from the covenant partnership.
- Satan actually brings nothing but death to a covenant relationship, but he lies and deceives and says that he brings money, fame, power, etc. here on earth (he doesn't mention any truths of eternity passed the earthly), but what he doesn't tell his covenant partners is that the actual power of the agreement between them comes from the humans themselves. God gave mankind dominion and authority on the earth, not angels, not fallen angels. We all have it, humans; we have it. He GAVE it to us. And we actually wield that authority all the time; most of the time, we use it ignorantly, which is why lives can be destroyed through our words, actions, and intents of the heart. Lives can also be incredibly blessed when we use that dominion and authority for good.
- All Satan offers are empty promises. People "think" his promises are real because they got their fame, fortune, or power when they made a covenant with him, but he trafficked with other people in covenant with him, so those people could have what they have.
- God freely gives to us all things, freely, not trafficking, no hidden clauses. And when we see that all natural, scientific, and mathematical laws have spiritual components, we then begin to understand how God's freedom works.
- In that place, a whole new world opens up to us — the world that is actually fully real — a world that marries together the earthly (natural world) with the spiritual (God's world). And in that, we are living in the Garden of Eden, at rest in God Himself — how He designed it all to be from the very beginning.
- Now, I understand this is quite a revelation to wrap our brains around, but if we can truly grasp it, we will see how to walk out Romans 8:5, living according to the Spirit. We walk it out in the natural, with an understanding that every action we take, has an equal and opposite reaction in the spiritual realm.
- When we grasp this, then the scripture, "And the God of peace will crush Satan under YOUR feet shortly," Romans 16:20, makes complete sense. If we see clearly, Satan has much less power over us. He has his lies, his ways, and his deceptive nature, and he will continue to use them against us, but the greater our understanding and wisdom grows, the less power he has — why? Because we then will see that he has never had real power over us at all, unless we gave him that power. The more people see this truth and break covenant with him, the sooner God will crush Satan under OUR feet!!
- So, my epiphany from the beginning of this devotional is amazing to me. I don't want to live guarded in any way. I don't want to see or hear anything through filters of my own making. I want to see and hear all God has for me, so I can grow myself, but more importantly, so I can help meet the needs of others around me. If I have a buzzing in my ear from my own guardedness, then how can I hear that still small voice?
- This is all part of, "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me." Galatians 2:20.
- Everything I share with you, I work to walk out in my own life. This epiphany is really a revelation; I can see it in living color as never before. Because it is a revelation, I can consecrate to it, and it will become a firm stone that I can put in the foundation of my life in Christ. I do not want to be double-minded in any form. The Bible says, "a double-minded man [is] unstable in all his ways." James 1:8.

- Christ Jesus is to be where we keep our focus, not on ourselves, the cares of this world, or any type of distraction the enemy of our soul, satan, throws at us. For we have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer we who live, but Christ lives in us. What an incredible truth.
- I bless you with the courage to look at yourself with Holy Spirit, to ask Him to show you where your focus needs to be re-focused. Maybe, like me, there are places in your life where you live guarded. If so, ask Holy Spirit to root them out. Cover those places with the cleansing, grace-filled blood of Jesus. Rise up, and see how glorious it is to be more free in Christ Jesus than you were a few moments before.
- Be encouraged! "The God of peace will crush satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen." Romans 16:20.