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Bible Study

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**Living From Above and Within Series**

**Lesson: Walking in the Light of Eternity-Victorious Christian Living**

**Objective:**

**To explore factors which hinder and prohibit a winning walk in Jesus Christ.**

Matthew 14:15-20

* Conquering the Crisis of Human Calculations
* Diminish the consideration Time Restrictions
* Delegate the Dilemma to the Lord
* Expect more from the outcome, than can be calculated.

1. **The Mind that overcomes defeating Attitudes: The Branded-Mind vs. Spiritual Mind**

Habits are by products of experiences which have yielded some personal advantage, to such a regard that the person engaged in the habit, are convinced that the habit is essential to existence.

* Its who they are!
* It is what they do!
* It’s their branding and it has a hold on them mentally!
* **Listen to 1 Timothy 4:1-2 “**Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall **depart from the faith**, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; 2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; **having their conscience seared with a hot iron;**

Victory prohibiting habits lead to Victory prohibiting Attitudes, and are typically associated with mindsets based in carnality, and must be overcome with Spiritual Mindedness.

* **Let’s Read (Romans 8:5-7) note v.6**

1. **The Pathology of Spiritual Transformation.**
   1. **Spiritual Transformation refers to the process of forming or growing the spiritual self.**
   2. **Spiritual Transformation affirms salvation by grace through faith, the importance of truth, and the importance of obedience.**
   3. **Spiritual Transformation occurs through “exercising self unto godliness” (1 Timothy 4:7b)**
   4. **The intent of Christian spiritual formation is to facilitate the Holy Spirit's *inward transformation of our hearts*, which is reflected *through our outward behaviors*.**
   5. **We cooperate with God's work by obeying His commands.**
   6. **The acts of Christian spiritual formation are meant to draw us closer to God, and are methods used to "put off [the] old" and prepare our hearts for God to "put on the new"**
   7. **READ Ephesians 4:20-24**
   8. **Our efforts to obey God’s directives gives way to us knowing God’s character through His directives.**
   9. **And when we know God more fully, we can find more satisfaction in life.**
2. **The Pathology includes:**
   1. **Spiritual Realization-A Fundamental and Permanent shift in your sense of reality. (Read Ephesians 2:1-5)**
   2. **Spiritual Realization awakens you to the reality of your “New Life” (1 John 2:29), and to the reality of your “New Nature” (2 Corinthians 5:17).**
   3. **Spiritual Realization places you on the path of “Spiritual Regeneration”**
   4. **Spiritual Regeneration is The Spiritual Transformation within a person, and is brought about by the Holy Spirit, which brings that person from “spiritually dead to a Spiritually Living Human Being.**
   5. **Spiritual Manifestation-producing what God wills (1 Corinthians 12:1-7)**
3. **LIVING LIFE BY THE SPIRIT**

If you live on earth you're going to be in daily tension with your sinful flesh, it is unavoidable.

* **Read (Rom.7:15-25)**

The good news is that despite the tension with the desires of the flesh, ***you do not have to be defeated by them. G*od promises that when you "live by the Spirit, you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature [flesh]"**

* **Read (Gal. 5:16-17)**

**Fact: To gain Spiritual Victory over the flesh, you need to live by the Spirit.**

**Question: What does it mean to Live by the Spirit?**

* "Living" is defined as regulating or conducting your life according to a specific purpose and guide.
  + It means taking charge of your life in such a way that you are making constant decisions and adjustments throughout the day to conduct yourself according to the leading of the Holy Spirit.

**Question: How does the Holy Spirit lead?**

* How do you know what the Spirit wants you to do?
  + Holy Spirit use God's Truth - the Scriptures - to guide you
  + **Read (John 16:13).**
  + As you read God's Word, study it, memorize it, and meditate on it, the Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance what God says you should do every time you face a decision.
  + **God’s promise to the Children of Israel stands as God’s promise to us today.**
  + **Read (Isaiah 30:21)**
  + The Holy Spirit is that voice, guiding you through the promises and principles of God's Word.

**GALATIANS 5:16-17**

* 16This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. **(KJV)**
* But I say, walk habitually in the [Holy] Spirit [seek Him and be responsive to His guidance], and then you will certainly not carry out the desire of the [a]sinful nature [which responds impulsively without regard for God and His precepts]. 17 For the sinful nature has its desire which is opposed to the Spirit, and the [desire of the] Spirit opposes the [b]sinful nature; for these [two, the sinful nature and the Spirit] are in direct opposition to each other [continually in conflict], so that you [as believers] do not [always] do whatever [good things] you want to do. **(Amplified)**
* **My counsel is this: Live freely, animated and motivated by God’s Spirit. Then you won’t feed the compulsions of selfishness. For there is a root of sinful self-interest in us that is at odds with a free spirit, just as the free spirit is incompatible with selfishness. These two ways of life are antithetical, so that you cannot live at times one way and at times another way according to how you feel on any given day. Why don’t you choose to be led by the Spirit and so escape the erratic compulsions of a law-dominated existence**? **(Message)**

Paul wrote this phrase, "walk by the Spirit," the word walk is to be understood as “Live”.

This word is written in the present tense, active voice, and imperative mood.

* **Present tense** refers to a continuous, ongoing, regular action that is happening in real-time. It is something that you need to do every moment of every day. By using the present tense, Paul is telling us that every moment of every day you need to regulate your life; conducting yourself according to the leading of the Holy Spirit. As the Spirit reveals God's truth to you - showing you things you need to either do or stop doing - you immediately yield your life to Him and put that truth into action in your life**. This is living by the Spirit in the present tense.**
* **The active voice** means that this is something that you must do. No one else can do it for you. **It is personal**. If you don't do it, it won't get done. Living every moment of every day under the direction of the Holy Spirit is something that only you can do. Only you can hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit as He guides you into God's truth. Only you can make the decision to **yield** to His will and apply God's truth immediately to your life.
* **The imperative mood** means this isn't an option - it's a command. We are commanded by God to conduct our everyday living according to the leading of the Holy Spirit. He commands it because He knows it is best for us.
* **Also the use of the verb, "live by" (the King James Version renders it "walk by"),** indicates forward movement. In other words, you are going from where you are right now to where you ought to be. This is "spiritual growth." Only as you **submit your life** to the **Spirit's control** will you move forward - growing spiritually and Victoriously in your Christian Life.
* The Victorious Life of a Christian is lived out step-by-step with the Holy Spirit moving you from where you are to where God is leading you, where He wants you to be. The Holy Spirit is your guide. This is exactly why Paul said that when you live by the Spirit you will not gratify the sinful desires of the flesh.

The fact is, you cannot live the Christian life by your own strength and resources any more than you could save yourself for eternity. Victorious Christian Living is Spiritual Living, and Spiritual Living is Worship Full-Life Living.