



Meeting Notes: Submission and Wisdom (June 12, 2013)

These notes capture our June 12, 2013 meeting. We opened our meeting in prayer and then began our evening. Topic notes may not be in the order discussed during group, and they are not intended to cover everything discussed. They are intended as highlights to capture the essence of our study. General notes follow each topic that was discussed. Documents used or created during this meeting are attached.

TOPICS DISCUSSED:

Social time:

- During this meeting, we welcomed a new sister into our group.

Closing the loop:

- **Parable of the sower and the seed:** We highlighted some specifics from this parable. 1) The test of the Word WILL come, 2) when we lack understanding, the devil can steal the Word, 3) this parable is the key to understanding any other parable, and 4) the devil does not delay in coming to try to steal the Word! We also talked about understanding the environment in which Jesus was speaking before He told the parable – short version, we can see, but not see, and hear, but not hear. Therefore, how we receive the Word is important. In addition, we talked about several aspects of the Word. For instance, we should look at the Word for what God wants us to get, not what we think or want. Otherwise, we can take the Word out of context to validate what we feel or get what we want out of it, which will hinder our spiritual growth. A good prayer mentioned was, “Lord help me to see me!” When we connect to the Word of God, He can speak to us through His Word and by His Spirit. **Takeaway.** Let the Word do what it’s supposed to do – bring transformation!

Miscellaneous discussion:

- **Submit.** We can’t expect the thoughts in our mind to shut down on their own. We have to grab hold of them and shut them down with the Word of God. We also talked about rather than something being right or wrong, let us determine whether it’s done decently and in order. For example, the Bible does not make our submitting to our husband conditional on our husband’s behavior. it’s about whether or not what we are doing is being done decently and in order before the Lord. As a result, we were reminded submission CAN ONLY occur when we DISAGREE with our spouse. Therefore, our submission has absolutely nothing to do with our spouse, but has everything to do with our relationship with God. Unfortunately, we can get worldly ideas in our head that can hinder our ability to

submit to our husbands. For example, we discussed the concept that marriage is a partnership. In God's design for marriage, the partnership is us doing our part! God has a divine order in the home, and it looks much like that of corporate America. The husband is the CEO and we are under his authority. That doesn't mean we are less than, it does, however, mean if we wouldn't buck up at our boss, and especially if we wouldn't buck up at Jesus, we shouldn't buck at our husbands. They may not be perfect, and they will make mistakes, but God created order in the marriage to keep us from being deceived by the devil. When we focus on our husband's imperfections, it may be because we're holding them hostage to our expectations. As a result, we can't see their gifts, because we see how we want to see. We ended up doing an exercise to demonstrate this. We took two glasses of water. One was clear, and the other also contained soy sauce. The filter through which we see our husband will always be distorted for we cannot see his heart the same way God does. However, if we rid ourselves of our expectations and negative thinking towards our husbands, we will see them more clearly than looking through the "glass darkened with soy sauce." Just like soy sauce darkened the water in the one glass, our expectations and negative thinking darken our thoughts towards our husband. **Takeaway.** Be careful what philosophies we buy into, because some of them actually cause us to think contrary to God's Word.

- **Godly wisdom:** We looked up Godly wisdom in James 3 and did a T to clearly illustrate the difference in Godly wisdom and worldly wisdom. One point of particular interest is worldly wisdom is self-seeking! In addition, we talked about not comparing our marriage to anyone else's. Comparison causes us to covet and envy what others have, and James 3:16 tells us, "For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there." Therefore, it's important for us to know the difference in when we are walking in God's wisdom and when we are not! Even though this T was sent out via newsletter, a copy is attached. **Takeaway.** Regardless of the circumstances, it's important to know what the Word says about it and what our choices are!

Memory Verse

- We had a very brief discussion about the memory verse: **Psalms 51:6** – Behold thou desireth truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom (KJV).

Discussion Topic

- Our intended topic for discussion this week was righteousness; however, the Holy Spirit took us in a different direction. Nevertheless, if you get a chance, take a look at the attached Teaching Notes, as they cover much of what we is planned for Wednesday, June 19, 2013.

Next Week's Assignment(s):

- Continue memorizing **Psalm 51:6** and **Psalm 33:4**.

Closing:

- We closed our meeting in prayer with a time of need-specific prayer for the challenges that were lifted up, for the group overall, and as the Holy Spirit led.

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Meeting Summary
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ATTACHMENT: TEACHING NOTES FOR 12 JUNE 2013

Closing the Loop on the Belt of Truth:

- **Parable of the sower and the seed:** When truth comes, that truth launches us into the parable of the sower. Understanding this parable and the things Jesus said before and during are key to our spiritual growth.
- **Reference verses:** Matthew 13:10-17, Mark 4:8, Luke 8:9-10 set up the parable and Matthew 13:18-19, Mark 4:13-15, and Luke 8:11-12 explain how truth launches the parable—when the word comes...
- **Takeaway:** We can focus on hearing from the Lord, or we can focus on our circumstances. As Jesus says in Luke 8:10, “Seeing they may not see, And hearing they may not understand.” When the devil can blind our eyes to the truth of God’s Word or keep us from understanding that truth, the devil WILL steal that word from our hearts, “... Lest [we understand with [our] hearts and turn, So that [Jesus] should heal [us] (Matthew 13:15). Let us not be blind or dull of hearing when it comes to the Word of God that our belt of truth may be sturdy and firmly attached.

Memory Verse:

- **Psalm 51:6** – Behold, thou desireth truth in the inward parts, And in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom (*KJV*).

Discussion Topic: The Breastplate of Righteousness

- **Ephesians 6:14:** Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness
- **Key definitions:**¹
 - **On:** (G1746) from two different words (in the sense of sinking into a garment); to invest with clothing (literally or figuratively);--array, clothe (with), endue, have (put) on.
 - **Breastplate:** (G2382) of uncertain affinity; the chest (“thorax” [containing the chief organs of circulation and respiration; the chest]), i.e. (by implication) a corslet:--breast-plate.

¹ Strong’s Concordance for the iPhone version 1.5.3, Copyright © 2009, Brian Thomas Webb

- **Righteousness:** (G1343) from another word; equity (of character or act); specially (Christian) justification [²Theology – the action of declaring or making righteous in the sight of God];--righteousness.

A Few Scripture References:

- **2 Corinthians 5:21:** For He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (NKJV).
- **Romans 5:22:** ²²even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe.
- **Romans 10:3:** For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, seeking to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted to the righteousness of God.

Letting Truth Produce Righteousness:

- Accept the truth of God's Word that Jesus was made sin for us that when we believe in Him "we might become the righteousness of God in [Jesus].
- Allow that truth to change how we view ourselves, no longer walking in guilt, shame, and condemnation, but in full confidence that we are a joint heir with Christ (Romans 8:17).
- Allow God's righteousness to open our ears to hear Jesus and be taught by Him, "as the truth is in Jesus: ²²that [we] put off, concerning [our] former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³and be renewed in the spirit of [our] mind, ²⁴that [we] may put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:22-24).

Summing up Dressed to Kill, Chapter 11, The Breastplate of Righteousness:²

- **A few key points:**
 - Knowing we are righteous in God prepares our mind and emotions for spiritual warfare (p. 299).
 - "...an attitude of righteousness imparts both confidence and tremendous authority" (p. 297).
 - If we "view [ourselves] through the work of the Cross, [we] will receive a divine impartation of confidence and boldness that will always put us on the winning side of victory" (p. 298).

² Rick Renner, Dressed to Kill, A Biblical Approach to Spiritual Warfare and Armor, (Tulsa, Teach al Nations, 1991)

- **Takeaway:** Knowing I am the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus enables me to walk in faith and not fear!

Revelations from the Lord:

- “Knowing you are in right standing with God is the difference in being able to self-examine to receive correction from God and self-examining that brings guilt, shame, and condemnation.”
- God corrects us so we can come “to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, that we would no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the teaching of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things unto Him who is the head – Christ (Ephesians 4:13-15).



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ATTACHMENT: Godly Wisdom vs Worldly Wisdom

James 3:13-17 (NKJV)

Godly Wisdom	Worldly Wisdom
1) Pure 2) Peaceable 3) Gentle 4) Willing to yield 5) Full of mercy and good fruits 6) Without partiality 7) Without hypocrisy	1) Bitter envy and self-seeking in your heart 2) Boasts and lies against the truth 3) Earthly 4) Sensual 5) Demonic

V16 – For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.

V18 – Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

Key points to this T:

- Purity in wisdom precedes peace!