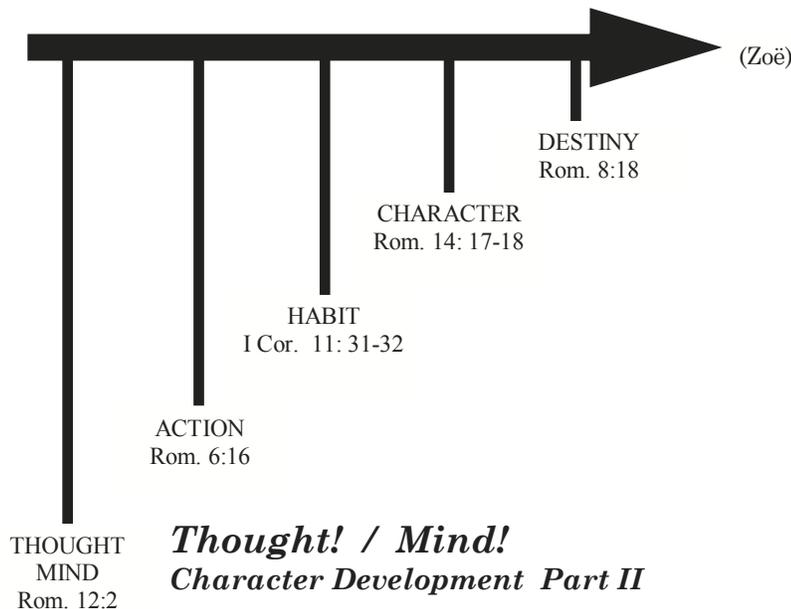


Character Development



It All Starts in the Mind!

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Then Moves to an Action!

Your Actions Become Your Habits!!

Your Habits Make Up Your Character!

Your Character Determines Your Destiny!

Where Does Your Destiny Lead too, Zoë or Hell?

*The mind is a terrible thing to waste!
And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. Romans 12:2 NKJV*

It all starts in the mind. Your mind tells you which way to go left or right, straight or turn, wide path or the narrow.

Your mind and thoughts are really what makes you who you are. Thoughts of truth and Godliness, a good and truthful person. Thoughts of evil and lies, a wicked liar. The thoughts you think are your choice.

Lets go to Eden, God created this beautiful land for His first couple Adam and Eve (first Mother)

Adam lived in what we are going to call an (ascended)(higher) nature (A.N.) He lived by the spirit and every word of God.

Now satan comes along and tricks Eve into eating off of the forbidden tree. Because of this a lot of Pastors and clergy today do not believe women should be pastors or even sit in the pulpit. Meaning that they are gullible because of satan's trickery with words. It's satan's job, It's what he lives for to trick, to deceive, to lie, to cause dissention among brothers and sisters in Christ.

Satan couldn't get to Adam so he went though Eve (or the family.) Eve eats of the forbidden tree doesn't die (at that time), then gives it to Adam. It's O.K. you can eat this I'm fine. So now Adam decides (in his mind) to eat. Bamm the clock starts here. We don't know or have any ideal how long Adam or Eve lived in the Garden of Eden before this event. Now death (age) has come to earth (you will surely die.)

You see Eve thought about this then ate. Then she takes it to Adam, she sinned she went against the will of God for Adam and herself. Now Adam on the other hand decided (weighed the choice) to go against God's will for himself that's transgression.

Adam has stepped out of his ascended nature and into his human (lower) nature (L.N.) by moving from God's will for him and Eve into his own will lower nature (L.N.) When you as a Christian come to a decision,
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Lessons on The Holy Spirit; 7 of 13
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Gifts of the Holy Spirit **(1 Corinthians 12)**

Lesson 7

Introduction: Last Month, we discussed the baptism of the Holy Spirit and, in a general way, we discussed the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This month I promised you that we would get into a study of the specific gifts. What are they? How do they work? Which one(s) do you think you have? Why are some of them hiding? Let's get specific and dive in to our study of the Bible!

1..Overview of the Gifts

1. Last week we learned from [1 Corinthians 12:7](#) that gifts of the Holy Spirit are given for the "common good," not the glory of a specific individual or individuals. Let's continue and read [1 Corinthians 12:8-10](#). What gifts do you see here? List them. (Wisdom, knowledge, faith, healing, powers, prophecy, distinguishing spirits, tongues, and interpretation of tongues.)

1:a What grouping do you see in these gifts? Do they fall naturally into general categories? (Wisdom, knowledge, distinguishing spirits and prophecy are gifts of intellect. Faith, healing and powers are gifts of demonstration. Tongues and interpretation of tongues are gifts of communication.)

2. Would the importance of some of these gifts change with time and circumstances?

2:a Would it change with advanced technology? For example, in the class discussion last month, someone suggested that a gifted surgeon displayed the power of the Holy Spirit. Others disagreed. Would gifted doctors living in an area reduce the need for the gift of healing? (This is certain: without the presence of gifted doctors, the only way difficult cases could be healed would be through the special healing of the Holy Spirit.)

2:b What role do doctors play in healing? (I'm reading a popular book about the history of influenza. It brought into focus the fact that the great scientific breakthroughs in vaccines were simply a way to trigger the natural defense systems of the body. God has given our bodies extraordinary powers of healing.)

2:c If we don't see some of these spiritual gifts now, what explanation do you have for that?

Are they hiding because we are unworthy? (Read [1 Corinthians 12:11](#).)

3. Let's turn next to the specific gifts.

2.. Gifts of Intellect

1. Read [1 Corinthians 12:8](#). What do you understand to be the gift of "the message of wisdom?" (The Greek can be understood as "wise words.")

1:a Whose wisdom are we talking about? Is this just the old, wise man (or woman) in the church congregation? (This is God's wisdom working through an individual.)

1:b Is this a special gift of the moment, or is this the result of the working of the Holy Spirit in a person's mind for decades? (It could be a moment of inspiration of wisdom, but I tend to believe that those with "wise words" are those who have been lead and taught by the Spirit for a long time.)

1:c Would this be a gift for preachers? (It would be helpful for sermons to be wise. But, this would seem to be a gift to help direct the church. We are not talking just about spiritual instruction, but more about practical decision-making.)

2. Look again at [1 Corinthians 12:8](#). What do you think is the "message of knowledge?" (The Greek can be read "word of insight." This is the illumination of an issue.)

2:a How does it differ from the "message of wisdom?"

2:b Do you know someone who possesses a lot of information, but is not very wise? (In this context, I think the difference between wisdom and knowledge are not as great as they are when we use them in secular terms. Here, the insight is from the Holy Spirit. The difference is that the word of insight helps us to understand the words mind of God. The word of wisdom helps us to understand what we should do with our understanding of the will of God.)

2:c As an example of this, we know that God does not want us to lie. But how we apply this knowledge might vary with the application of the wisdom of God, right? (Compare [John 16:12-13](#). Jesus made a judgment on how much of the truth He would reveal to the disciples at that present time.)

3. Read [1 Corinthians 12:10](#). What do you think is the gift of prophecy? (Read [1 Corinthians 14:1-3](#). Paul tells us that the gift of prophecy is of particular value.

It seems that in large part it combines the gift of wisdom and knowledge for the "strengthening, encouragement and comfort" of the church.)

4. Re-read [1 Corinthians 12:10](#). What do you think is the gift of the "distinguishing between spirits?"

4:a What kind of "spirits" are we talking about? What kind of a problem does this address?

4:b Are the "spirits" only "the Holy Spirit" and "what Joe thinks is right, but says the "spirit" told him?

4:c Or, can there be a darker side to this? Can the "spirits" include demons? (It could be all of these. I believe people have told me the "spirit" led them to do something that was merely their own preference or desire. See [1 John 4:1](#). On the other hand, [1 Timothy 4:1](#) speaks of "deceiving spirits and things taught by demons."

Distinguishing between spirits is a way to tell the Holy Spirit from all contenders - both evil and foolish.)

3.. Gifts of Demonstration

1. Read [1 Corinthians 12:9](#). What do you think is the gift of "faith?" (Be careful here. It hardly seems that Paul could be writing about "saving faith" because we all have this if we are saved. To get a better idea of the type of faith referred to here, read [Matthew 17:20](#) and [1 Corinthians 13:2](#).)

1:a What kind of faith do you see in [Matthew 17:20](#) and [1 Corinthians 13:2](#)? (This is faith that causes miracles. It makes mountains move. It casts out demons.)

1:b Many times over the years I have been with other elders when we anointed someone with oil to heal them. ([James 5:14](#)) None of the targets of healing jumped up immediately healed when the anointing ended. Indeed, some died later. My wife told me that, like a pack of cigarettes, I should make an advance disclosure of this to all who ask me to help anoint them: "This has never worked when I was doing this before."

1:c Is it "okay" not to have the gift of faith? (Read [1 Corinthians 12:11](#). The Holy Spirit determines who gets what gifts.)

1:d Let's examine [James 5:14-16](#). Is James writing about the gift of faith when he says, "the prayer offered in faith?" (I hope so. I would normally pass my experience off as weakness in my faith or my sinfulness, but this week I read a Philip Yancy article in the back of the latest issue

of *Christianity Today*. Yancy was interviewing a 90-year old pillar of faith in the evangelical community who admitted he had never seen a real, live, instant miracle of healing. But, he was still looking and believing!)

2. Read [1 Corinthians 12:9](#). How is the gift of healing different from the gift of faith? (It seems to be either a "lesser" gift or a specific manifestation of the gift of faith. *Word Pictures in the New Testament* ties this gift of healing to [James 5:14](#), thus suggesting that James was specifically referring to specific spiritual gifts and not the ordinary faith possessed by every Christian.)

3. Read [1 Corinthians 12:10](#). What is the gift of "miraculous powers" and how does it differ from the gifts of faith and healing? (Read in [Acts 13:8-11](#) what Paul did to Elymas through the power of the Holy Spirit. Not all miracles are "positive" in their effect.)

4.. Gifts of Communication

1. Again look at [1 Corinthians 12:10](#). Assume the gift of tongues simply refers to a foreign language, can you imagine a situation where you would need the gift of interpretation of tongues? (Yes. I once accidentally showed up at a Korean church. I thought it was an English-speaking church. It would have been helpful for me to have the gift of interpretation then!)

2. Read [1 Corinthians 14:2-5](#). Is Paul talking about foreign languages here? (The argument that Paul is speaking only of a foreign language is a hard sell. Why would Paul say that this person only speaks "to God?" Why would Paul write "no one understands him?" Why would Paul call a foreign language "mysteries with his spirit?")

3. Read [1 Corinthians 14:9-12](#). However you understand the gift of tongues, what is Paul's "bottom line" on this gift? (You need to seek to have those gifts that can be understood because those kinds of gifts build up the church. Unintelligible words do nothing to build up the church, but rather create confusion. The gift of tongues which helps the common good is the gift of communication.)

Friend, what are you doing to build up the church? We all have at least one spiritual gift to help build up our church. Will you determine today to exercise your spiritual gift(s) and start building?

Next Month: The Fruit of the Holy Spirit.

Comprehensive Bible Study
Used for Sunday Morning Bible School
And a Daily Bread for the Month of August
By David Cook

August 2, 2009

Life's Essential Ingredient

Lesson Focus: God's wisdom is priceless and attainable.

'The Search for Wisdom'

Proverbs 3:13-18

'From One Generation to the Next'

Proverbs 4:1-9

Blessed is the Seeker

God's wisdom is more valuable than Gold, Silver, or Rubies. It is the most important thing that the truly wise person seeks. Wise instruction can come from Scripture, Parents, or godly friends. However, the ultimate source of wisdom is the Lord Himself, through the Holy Spirit.

Key Verse: *HAPPY IS THE MAN THAT FINDETH WISDOM, AND THE MAN THAT GETTETH UNDERSTANDING. PROVERBS 3:13*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon. Proverbs 6:1-8; Free Yourself from Sin.

Tues. Proverbs 6:9-19; Seven Things the Lord Hates.

Wed. Proverbs 6:20-35; These Commands Are Like a Lamp.

Thurs. Proverbs 7:1-5; Store Up My Commands.

Fri. Proverbs 7:6-12; Youth Can Lack Judgment.

Sat. Proverbs 7:13-20; The Call of the Adulteress.

Sun. Proverbs 7:21-27; Don't Be One of Her Victims.

August 9, 2009

Avoiding the Snares of Sin

Lesson Focus: The wise person avoids the trap of sin.

'What God Hates'

Proverbs 6:16-19

'What God Requires'

Proverbs 6:20-28

Recognize the Danger Signals

Sin's trap is baited with attractive lures that appeal to our human nature. We want to be appreciated, to belong, to fit in, falsely believing that everyone else is doing this, or that no one will get hurt, we often swallow Satan's bait and reap the bitter consequences.

Thankfully, as in Proverbs, God's Word provides red flags of godly wisdom.

Key Verse: *BIND THEM CONTINUALLY UPON THINE HEART, AND TIE THEM ABOUT THY NECK. PROV 6:21 KJV*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon. Proverbs 15:1-11; The Heart Controls the Tongue.

Tues. Proverbs 15:12-22; Our Attitude Makes a Difference.

Wed. Proverbs 15:23-33; The Heart of the Righteous Thinks before Speaking.

Thurs. Proverbs 16:1-11; What Is in Your Heart Shows.

Fri. Proverbs 16:12-22; People Value Someone Who Is Honest.

Sat. Proverbs 16:23-33; Be a Patient Person.

Sun. Proverbs 17:1-10; The Lord Tests Our Hearts.

August 16, 2009

Watch Your Mouth

Lesson Focus: What you say reflects what's in your heart.

'Words Under Control'

Proverbs 15:1-4, 7-8.

'Wise Versus Foolish Speech'

Proverbs 17:4-10

Cleansing Our Hearts

Think about the ways in which your speech reflects your relationship with God. Is that relationship stronger now than it was last year? In what areas does your need cleansing so that your speech will honor God and build up others.

Key Verse: *THE TONGUE OF THE WISE USETH KNOWLEDGE ARIGHT: BUT THE MOUTH OF FOOLS POURETH OUT FOOLISHNESS. PROVERBS 15:2 KJV*

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon. Proverbs 19:1-10; Zeal without Knowledge Is Not Good.

Tues. Proverbs 19:11-19; Kindness Brings Rewards from God.

Wed. Proverbs 19:20-29; Listen to Advice and Accept Instruction.

Thurs. Proverbs 22:1-9; Being Right with God Brings Rewards.

Fri. Proverbs 22:10-16; A Lazy Person Always Has Excuses.

Sat. Proverbs 22:17-29; Do Not Exploit Others.

Sun. Proverbs 23:1-11; Riches Will Not Save You.

August 23, 2009

Giving 'till It Helps

Lesson Focus: A generous person will be blessed in return.

'Preserving Integrity'

Proverbs 19:17, 22:1-4

'Making Wise Choices'

Proverbs 22:8-9,16, 22-23

God's Gifts Keep On Giving

A generous person brings God's help to those who cannot help themselves. Helping the poor honors God. Selfishness oppresses the helpless and dishonors the Lord, while godly generosity lifts up those who often can give little in return.

Key Verse: HE THAT HATH PITY UPON THE POOR LENDETH UNTO THE LORD; AND THAT WHICH HE HATH GIVEN WILL HE PAY HIM AGAIN. PROVERBS 19:17 KJV

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon. Proverbs 8:1-5; Wisdom Guides Us.

Tues. Proverbs 8:6-11; Choose Wisdom over Riches.

Wed. Proverbs 8:12-21; Seeking Wisdom Brings Understanding and Honor.

Thurs. Proverbs 8:22-31; God Created Wisdom in the Beginning.

Fri. Proverbs 8:32-36; Find Wisdom and Find Life.

Sat. Proverbs 9:1-9; Wisdom Calls to Each of Us.

Sun. Proverbs 9:10-18; Do Not Listen to Folly.

August 30, 2009

The Wisest Decision

Lesson Focus: Accepting God's Wisdom is a choice.

'The Call of Wisdom'

Proverbs 8:1-5

'The Value of Wisdom'

Proverbs 8:6-11

'The Way to Life or Death'

Proverbs 8:33-36

Choose Wisely

The writer of Proverbs urged readers to listen to God's wisdom, which is far more valuable than any precious stone or gem. God will bless with His favor those who do, but He will curse with His judgment those who don't.

The first step to receive God's wisdom is to receive Jesus Christ into our lives; only in Him is true wisdom found. Then we must commit ourselves to listening to Him and obeying Him in all we do.

Key Verse: O YE SIMPLE, UNDERSTAND WISDOM: AND, YE FOOLS, BE YE OF AN UNDERSTANDING HEART. PROVERBS 8:35 KJV

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Mon. 1 Timothy 2:1-6; Pray for Leaders.

Tues. Exodus 24:12-18; Training as a Leader

Wed. Numbers 11:24-29; Misplaced Zeal.

Thurs. Numbers 32:6-13; Following without Reserve.

Fri. Numbers 27:15-23; Commissioned to Lead.

Sat. Deuteronomy 34:1-9; Ready to Lead.

Sun. Joshua 1 1-17; A Leader Led by God.



Everlasting Life Ministry and Overseer William Henry would like to wish Elder Oliver Coleman a happy Belated Birthday July 30th.

Big O' We thank you for the time and love you have showed this ministry and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Elder Coleman has continued to push the Word of Almighty God wherever he may be, by organizing studies and participating in instructions of the Lord though the chaplaincy. My Brother in Christ Jesus continue the good work that you are doing. Don't get discouraged the Lord is looking over you and blessing you. You are fighting a good fight, your endurance will hold up for that great reward in the Lord's Kingdom.

Prayer:

Thank you my Brother and may the Lord whose Name is Jesus continue to bless you and pour you out a blessing that is to much for the human mind to comprehend. Amen!!!

(Continued from Pg 1, Thought)
you have the choice to do right or do wrong.
Do it God's way or your way.

To the best of my knowledge the human brain is faster than a computer. Your brain processes thousands of commands simultaneously to keep your body functioning. Now I'm writing, seeing what I'm writing, breathing, legs crossed, listening to music, listening to another conversation and performing thousands of other bodily functions to keep this body going. We don't realize the power of the human brain. The brain or mind then decides what we do or don't do. Adam and Eve decided to move away from God's will.

So now I ask you are you in God's will?
Let's stop blaming Adam and Eve for bringing us into sin. How are you living, are you in God's will for you and your family.

Now moving on, your thought life dictates your actions. If you think and or dream of adultery for example, it's only a matter of time before you commit the action. Once the plan formulates in your mind. Now you're waiting for the opportunity. That's why Jesus said "if you think of committing adultery, murder, thievery or lying your guilty of it, because it's only a matter of time before you do it.

That's why you can't think sinful thoughts. You have to work on keeping your mind clean and clear (in the light) of evil thoughts, which leads to evil actions.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but be a new and different person with a fresh newness in all you do and think. Then you will learn from your own experience how his ways will really satisfy you. Rom 12:2 TLB

This here is something that must be done. You must deprogram your mind in the things of this world and selfishness. You have been taught for years to look out for number 1 (yourself.) You must let this train of thought go you cannot allow your lower nature to rule you.

You are a believer in Christ now.

You must move from just believing to moving (acting) on faith (which doesn't make since most of the time). The mind can't understand this faith action. But you must overcome your will, to live out God's will for you.

This is not an easy task and must be practiced and worked on. You have to give up the old way of thinking and come over to God's way of thinking.

A person comes home from work finds his spouse in bed with someone else. That person then goes and gets a gun and starts shooting. Why?

Because that person had put in his mind that if that situation occurs that they are going to start shooting. The legal system may say that's not premeditated murder. It's a crime of passion. (emotions: we will deal with topic later) But I say (most of the time) they thought it out before it happened. And when the person saw it happening, they stepped into it without thinking or processing the outcome. Not what the future of that action would entail or how it would affect others.

Let's go back to Adam and Eve's first children Cain and Abel. God spoke to Cain and told him "if you do what's right you'll be all right, but if you let sin in, it will take over and run you." He killed his brother right after that. You cannot condone a little sin. Sin is sin and a little will bring you a lot.

So now the way to being a righteous man or woman you must control your thoughts.

Focus on Jesus as if he was here next to you

Read your Bible, find one you can understand and soak it up.

Meditate on what you read and the Lord throughout the day.

Pray, pray, pray if you can't read well, you must become a prayer worrier.

The way to revelation and enlightenment is through prayer and meditation give onto God your time in prayer and study. Your focus must be on Jesus; He is the Way!

I'm sure you heard the saying about computers, "if you put junk in you get junk out." The same goes for you if you're around negativity. It will enter your mind. You must contort your environment.

Lets say you're living with a family of negativity and sin. You can't leave; you're stuck there for a while. Then you must find a quit place even if it's only quit from 3 to 6 am. Then you must take advantage of that quit time, to talk to the Lord. You have a 3-hour window during the oblation hour to pray and talk with the Lord about your situation and most important what you can do for him. During the rest of the day you meditate and keep reciting scriptures (read the Bible aloud) the negatives will flee or change.

Now is where faith comes in. Faith in God; to keep you in your right mind. Faith in God; to be strong and not let the negative bombard your mind. You must control your mind. You must reprogram your thinking from the lower nature of man, to the higher nature of God Almighty. You can do it you must move your mind from the fleshly nature to the spiritual nature. I'm not going to tell you it's going to be easy. But it will be better for you. Stop wasting your brainpower worrying about things. You can't change anything. If you live in the spirit you know God is in control of everything. It's not your job to worry but it is you job to follow Jesus. So reach out to the hem of His garment, knowing that He can fix any and every situation. Just reach out to touch Him focus on Him.

That Lord Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. We parish for lack of knowledge so take heed to my cry for you to please work on your mind and thoughts this is the way to finding, joy, peace, and love in Christ Jesus.

Know that your mind can be strengthened through Him. *Read Phil 4:13*

Definitions:

Sin: means literally , missing the target, like an arrow that veers off to one side or the other. God's goal or mark for us is nothing short of perfection. When we fail to hit the bull's-eye of that target, we deviate from the straight course that God has in mind for our lives. The Bible calls this deflection sin.

Iniquity: Similar, is straying from a straight path, God's path is marked by truth, but the effects of sin are all around us and within us, and there are many distractions that can cause us to become sidetracked or to follow dead-end tangents.

Transgression: refers to rebellion against God's right to be in control. As creator and Lord of the universe, He has determined absolute standards for right and wrong. When we go against those standards, when we step outside the guidelines God has set up, we are transgressing.

Repentance: can only follow admission of being wrong, of wrongdoing and wrong believing. Human nature cannot admit to wrong, or confess error of belief or conviction. To admit-false knowledge must be unlearned. And true knowledge learned, in it's place!

Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary, A turning away from sin, disobedience, or rebellion and a turning back to God (Matt 9:13; Luke 5:32). In a more general sense, repentance means a change of mind (Gen 6:6-7) or a feeling of remorse or regret for past conduct (Matt 27:3). True repentance is a "godly sorrow" for sin, an act of turning around and going in the opposite direction. This type of repentance leads to a fundamental change in a person's relationship to God.

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Genesis 8:21 And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. KJV

Man without **Gen. 4:7** L.N. **A.N.**
 the holy spirit **Lower Nature** **Ascended (Higher) Nature** Rev. 4:1-2

Soul Rom.10:6-10 Spirit (Inner Holy Ghost)

Sin presents itself to you & you decide to follow or not

Brain Col 2:18 Heart **PROV. 3:5**

Man's Will Rom 8:7; Eph 2:2-3 God's Will I Peter 4:1-2

Rom 6:6 Flesh (Body) Col 2:11-12 Spirit

Rom. 3:14-18 1 John 2:16 Matt. 26-28 John 6:53-57
 Heb. 5:14 Senses-Personality Blood Flowing-Life Essence
 Eccl. 8:5 Gen. 27:21 Gen. 4:10; 9:4-5

1 John 4:3-6 James 4:4 **Earthly-The World** **God's Kingdom- Heaven**
 Matt. 6:24-33; John 3:3-6; James 1:27; John 15:19

Eph 1:15-23 = A) *Memory* Put To Death! Eph 3:14-21; Col 2:1-6
 John 14:28-31, James 1:13-15 1. Mind = B) *Imagination* On Heavenly Things Revelation = Knowledge
 = C) *Intellect* A New Way to Think! Rev, you must apply it -- That's Faith -- That's Worship
 Wisdom I Cor 2:6-9

2. Emotions Exodus Chap. 33 Communications John 15:1-4 Fellowship I John 1:3, 6-7

James 1:2-8 3. Will James 1:13-15 Worship John 4:16-24 Acts 13:1-2 Rev 4:1-2, 8-11
 Full Assurance in Christ Jesus

Gal. 5: 19-21, 26 Gal. 5: 22-24

If you notice that page 1 chart of this study, You must decrease so that you can increase in the Lord. Embrace change and use it to grow into the man you were created to be.

Italian Tomato Garden By Internet

An old Italian lived alone in New Jersey . He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard.

His only son, Vincent, who used to help him, was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

*Dear Vincent,
I am feeling pretty sad, because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over..? I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days.*

Love, Papa

A few days later he received a letter from his son.

*Dear Pop,
Don't dig up that garden. That's where the bodies are buried.*

Love, Vinnie

At 4 a.m. the next morning, FBI agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left.

That same day the old man received another letter from his son.

*Dear Pop,
Go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances.
Love you, Vinnie*

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The Present by Internet

Imagine there was a bank that credited your very own account each morning with a large sum of money. But, it carried over no balance from day to day. Every evening it deleted whatever part of the balance you failed to use during the day. What would you do? Draw out all of it, of course!

Each of us has such a bank. Its name is - Time. Every morning, it credits you with 86,400 seconds. Every night it writes off, as lost, whatever of this you have failed to invest to good purpose. It carries over no balance. It allows no overdraft.

Each day it makes a new deposit for you. Each night it burns the remains of the day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours. There is no going back. There is no drawing against the "tomorrow." You must live in the present on today's deposits. Invest it so as to get from it the utmost in health, happiness, and success!

The clock is running. Make the most of today. And remember that time waits for no one. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. But today is a gift. That's why it's called The Present!

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Go and hug your "Michael"

by Maya Angelou... (Internet)

Yesterday I cried watching the Michael Jackson memorial. I cried for a little black boy who felt the world didn't understand him. I cried for a little black boy who spent his adulthood chasing his childhood. And I thought about all the young black boys out there who may too feel that the world doesn't understand them. The ones who feel that the world does not understand their baggy jeans, their swagger, their music, their anger, their struggles, their fears or the chip on their shoulder. I worry that my son, may too, one day will feel lonely in a wide, wide world.

I cried for the young children of all colors who may live their life feeling like a misfit, feeling like no one understands their perspective, or their soul.
What a burden to carry.

As a mother, I cried for Katherine Jackson because no mother should ever bury a child. Period. And I think about all the pain, tears and sleepless nights that she must have endured seeing her baby boy in inner pain, seeing him struggle with his self-esteem, and his insecurities and to know he often felt unloved even while the world loved him deeply. How does it feel to think that the unconditional love we give as mothers just isn't enough to make our children feel whole? I wonder if she still suffers thinking, "what more could I have done?" Even moms of music legends aren't immune to mommy guilt, I suppose.

When Rev. Al Sharpton ("who always delivers one" awesome "funeral speech") said to Michael's children, "Your daddy was not strange...It was strange what your Daddy had to deal with," I thought of all the "strange" things of the world that my children will have to deal with. Better yet, the things I hope they won't ever have to deal with anymore.

And as a mother raising a young black boy, I feel recommitted and yet a little confused as to how to make sure my son is sure enough within himself to take on the world. Especially a "strange" one. To love himself enough to know that even when the world doesn't understand you, tries to force you into its mold or treats you unkindly, you are still beautiful, strong and Black. How do I do that?

Today, I am taking back "childhood" as an inalienable right for every brown little one. In a world, that makes children into booty-shaking, mini-adults long before their time, I'm reclaiming the playful, innocent, run-around-outside, childhood as the key ingredient in raising confident adults. Second, I will not rest until my little black boy, MY Michael, knows that his broad nose is beautiful, his chocolately brown skin is beautiful, and his thick hair is beautiful.

And nothing or no one can ever take that away from him.

"Now aint we bad? And ain't we black? And ain't we fine? ---Maya Angelou

Old Creature vs. New Creature Curse of a Culture:

No Fear of God

Scripture: Romans 3:10-18

Greetings Kingdom Citizens

As I was looking at this title, this describes not only the old creature but the some of the new as well today. But for reference we will deal with the old creature. When you look at these verse and when you get to verse 18, this verse sums it up about the old creature. No fear of God! You sinned without conviction. You did not care about your life because you believed you could ask for forgiveness and do it all over again. When we look back at the children of Israel after the exodus from Egypt, after all of that power God has showed them, they still went about doing all the things that the past messages stated,

idolatry, homosexuality, false god worship, adultery, murder, stealing...etc. Now it was God's mercy that kept many of them but it was His grace that would eventually save them.

The important thing you have to know about the old creature is because there was no Holy Ghost living in them then there was no conviction. That is why we backslide so much, even the saints with the Holy Ghost. The old creature had no fear of God but God still sent messengers, the prophets, to tell them about the grace that was to come. The grace that will come and give them conviction, dominion and life back will show them in which way their lives were wrong. Instead of being victims, they will be conquerors and overcomers. But it all starts with respect for God. Now we know we are not to be scared, per say, of God, but we are to respect Him, show Him reverence through obedience and in that relationship learn how He loves us so we can love our brothers and sisters. God is not the author of fear. But knowing your place and respecting His authority through obedience is the beginning of wisdom.

This series on the Old Creature has taught me many things and showed me how much farther and how separate we have to be from the world to show Christ and prove He lives in us. Being Holy and Sanctified is to be separate and set apart. I pray you have learned much and decide to make a change not only in someone's live but most of all to yours. In our next message we will deal with the new creature and see where we need to be to be effective Kingdom Ambassadors and witnesses.

At Our Father's Service,
Min. Calvin Calhoun, Jr.

Old Creature vs. New Creature

Curse of a Culture:

Generational Curses

Scripture: Exodus 20:5; 34:7;

Deuteronomy 5:9

Greetings Kingdom Citizens

I know many of you do not truly believe in curses. Well today, God has a word for His unbelievers. Curses started way back in Adam and Eve's time. A curse was set as a punishment for sin. Of course the curse was for the person; however, the Bible says that that curse will go down through some generations. Today, we are going to try to shed some light on this problem and tomorrow we are going to deal with some solutions. Please pray before you read the rest of this email.

A generational curse is a curse passed down through the lineage and affects future generations of children. Some of our prevalent curses are alcoholism, unfulfilled and uncommitted relationships, birth out of wedlock, those who curse Israel, idol worship, smoking and drug abuse, and there are a whole host of other things that can be considered generational curses. Now how does this work? Here is an example.

Grandpa was a drunk that passes down to the son (who becomes a alcoholic) and then to His grandson (that becomes a alcoholic). Here is where it gets weird, when the grandson is asked why did I start drinking and becoming an alcoholic, many times they will say, I do not know. As long as they commit the same sin, the curse continues until someone breaks the curse.

I know some of you as you look back at your life, you wonder, how in the world did I get into this situation? Consider you first, then pray and ask God is this a generational curse? I personally know of some generational curses going through my family and you can stop it, but you have to know what it is first. Many young people today can look at their families and say "I see where this is coming from." For today, I ask that you pray for your families and ask God to show you if there are any generational curses that are going through your family today. Remember we must be able to recognize a problem in order to solve one. May God show Himself unto you and speak wisdom, knowledge and understanding today.

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The Cosmic Conflict
Between Christ & Satan

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Satan Vs Jesus Lesson 10 Of 13

Jesus Wins / Lesson 10

(Mark 14, 15 & John 20)

Introduction: The ultimate battle in the great controversy between Jesus and Satan took place during the time frame when Jesus died on the cross and was resurrected. With His life, death and resurrection, Jesus won the battle over sin. The question is whether we will join the winning side. Let's plunge into our study of Jesus' sacrifice for us which allowed us to accept His the victory over death!

1... The Watch

1. Read [Mark 14:32-35](#). We pick up the story during the last hours of Jesus' life. What is Jesus' mental state? (He is very sad and very troubled.)

1:A Why?

1:B How do you feel after you sin? (You feel badly about it. [1 Peter 2:24](#) says that Jesus "bore our sins in His body" when He was crucified. I believe the weight of our sins was making Him sad and troubled.)

1:C Jesus tells Peter, James and John to "keep watch." For what were they watching? (Jesus wanted them to be alert. No doubt part of their "watch" was to look out for the mob to come.)

2. Notice [Mark 14:35](#) again. Jesus asks that "the hour might pass from Him." For what is Jesus asking? (Jesus was going through tremendous mental distress and He was about to go through tremendous physical pain. He wanted to avoid it.)

2:A In the great controversy between good and evil, what do you think was Satan's reaction to verse 35? (Satan hoped that Jesus would abort this mission. He hoped Jesus would turn away from the sacrifice for us.)

3. Read [Mark 14:36](#). Is Jesus saying that He does not need to die and that God could figure out a different way to do this? ([Hebrews 4:15](#) says that Jesus was tempted in "every way, just as we are." This text proves it. Jesus, like us, knows that God can fix anything. Jesus, like us, does not want to experience the painful, terrible things of life.)

3:A Was it true that God could figure out another way? (Any other way would leave us forever dead.)

3:B What is the most important part of Jesus' prayer for us to incorporate into our prayers? (Jesus says "not what I will, but what you will.")

You can see that the weight of sin, and Jesus' humanity, has caused Him to naturally shrink from what is coming. He wants to avoid "the hour," but He puts the matter in the hands of His Father.)

3:C Have you ever been disappointed in God that He did not fix some sort of problem in your life? Have you ever thought that you should just claim the right to some miracle? (Jesus did not "deserve" to suffer like this. It was most unfair. We need to learn the lesson that we are not the judge of what is "fair" in our life. We need to simply place our trust in the judgment of God who knows the end from the beginning.)

4. Read [Mark 14:37-38](#). How do you think Jesus felt about the disciples sleeping?

4:A Remember I asked you earlier about what the disciples were supposed to be watching. What do these verses suggest? (Jesus is looking for support in this trying time and the disciples are sleeping. Because Jesus knows that a tremendous test is about to come to them, He tells them to be alert to what is about to happen ("watch") and to pray.)

5. Read [Mark 14:39-42](#). What is it that Jesus is praying again? (It must be the same prayer He prayed in v.36.)

5:A Have you prayed several times for something and God told you "No."

5:B If that has happened to you, how did you feel? (Consider now what is happening here. Jesus is not going to have the cup taken away, His disciples are not giving Him moral support. Jesus is facing Satan and His furies without any help from His closest associates.)

2... The Cross

1. The mob has now come and arrested Jesus. Jesus is on trial before Pilate. Read [Mark 15:14-15](#). What is the answer to Pilate's question about whether Jesus committed any crime? (Evidence and logic showed He had not committed any crime. Judas, who had Jesus arrested, said Jesus was innocent ([Matthew 27:4](#)). Pilate's wife sent a note to him that Jesus was innocent ([Matthew 27:19](#)). Pilate himself disclaimed responsibility for Jesus' death ([Matthew 27:24](#)).

1:A How did the crowd answer Pilate's question "What crime has He committed?" Did they present evidence? Give a legal theory? (No. [Mark 15:14](#) tells us they simply turned up the volume.)

1:B For whom was Jesus dying? (The people who were yelling.)

Jesus had already prayed that this hour would pass from Him. How would you feel now if you were Jesus? (The people who you have come to save are calling for your death without reason or justification.)

1:D What argument convinced Pilate to let Jesus be whipped and crucified? ("Wanting to satisfy the crowd" - pure weakness in the face of unreasoning pressure.)

2. Read [Mark 15:16-20](#). How do you feel about being embarrassed? Shamed? Being the butt of jokes and ridicule?

2:A Think back to the last time that someone, who was not your friend, deliberately embarrassed you. How did you feel? What emotions came to the surface?

2:B What is your response if you have the opportunity to "get back" at those who make fun of you?

2:C Was Jesus (v.18) the King of the Jews?

2:D What would you have said or done if you had been Jesus?

2:E In the controversy between good and evil, what tools does Satan use to win his points? (These verses are examples of the comparison between Jesus and Satan. Satan's tools are mob pressure, lies, raised voices, ridicule and physical violence. Notice in a debate which side uses those tools.)

3. Read [Mark 15:24-37](#). Is the statement in v.31 true?

3:A As you look at these verses, remember that this is Satan's last, great, opportunity to cause Jesus to sin. What temptations does he use?

3:B Notice particularly verse 34. Had God forsaken Jesus? (As we will see below, God had not forsaken His Son.)

3:C Remember the verses ([Mark 14:37-40](#)) we read a little bit ago about Jesus asking His disciples to watch and pray. They did not come through for Jesus. [Mark 14:50](#) tells us that when Jesus was arrested "everyone deserted Him and fled." Have you ever felt that you were alone against your problems?

3:D Did Jesus have reason to believe His Father had forsaken Him? Why do you think Jesus said this? (Remember the sacrificial system of the Old Testament? That system was a "prophecy" of Jesus' coming sacrifice for us. Jesus was bearing our sins and the weight of that sin caused Him to believe a holy God had forsaken Him.

See [John 1:29](#); [1 Corinthians 5:7](#))

3:E What impact do your sins have on your ability to see that God is working in your life?

3:F As you review these verses, what kind of a being is Satan? Since Satan is the inspiration behind all that was done to Jesus, what do you think about being on Satan's side in the conflict between good and evil? What do you think Satan has in mind for you?

4. Friend, if you honestly examine your life, whose side are you on? When you consider what your sins have done to Jesus, what direction do you want your life to take in the future?

2.... The Resurrection

1. Read [John 20:1-2](#). Who did Mary think "they" were who had taken Jesus?(Mary had seen Jesus take so much abuse she probably thought this was the latest outrage - the Romans or Jewish leaders had stolen His body.)

1:A Was it the goal of the Romans and Jewish leaders to further abuse Jesus after His death? (No. Read [Matthew 27:62-66](#). The goal of the government and the Jewish leaders was to make sure no one took Jesus' body.)

2. What had happened to Jesus? Where had He gone? (Read John 20:11-17. God had not forsaken Jesus. He had raised Him to life. Jesus was about to go on His way back to heaven.)

3. Read [John 20:9](#). What does this say about the possibility of conspiracies to make it look like Jesus rose from the dead when He actually did not?

3:A What does this suggest about the mental state of Jesus' disciples? (The disciples could hardly have engaged in a conspiracy to fake a resurrection since they did not even understand that Jesus would be raised from the tomb. This was a very bitter end to their great hopes about Jesus ruling the nation. Stealing Jesus' body was the last thing they had on their mind.)

3: B What warning is there in this about your understanding of the future? (Friend, I get so concerned about people who claim to know exactly how prophecy will be fulfilled. We need to studying the Word and be alert, rather than arrogant about our present understanding.)

4. Read [John 20:19-22](#). What is our role in light of Jesus' resurrection? What attitude should we have?

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[Establish a Dividing Line](#) By Internet

Genesis 12:1; Matthew 12:46–50; John 4:44
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Lord Jesus, You separated Yourself from Your throne on high and from the Father of lights so You could take my place on the cross and redeem me with Your blood. The least I can do is separate myself unto You. I love my family and thank You for them, but I must never allow them to turn my heart away from the things You said to me in the secret place. The best thing I can do for You, for myself, and for them, is to put You first. Then we all will be blessed through my obedience.

The Lord had said to Abram: / “Get out of your country, / From your family / And from your father’s house, / To a land that I will show you.” The first requirement for the walk of faith is separation from the world and from the human nature of your family. This is a picture of the way the church must join with her Husband, Jesus Christ. God does not call us literally to hate our family members; rather we are to put them into proper perspective and priority. It is part of growing up spiritually.

Some of us have not separated from our kinfolk. A lack of separation will hinder your “marriage” to the King of the kingdom. Newly married couples that fail to establish a dividing line around their marriage usually suffer from the intrusions of well-meaning family members.

Sometimes the family and friends you love most can contaminate the pureness of the word God gave you on holy ground. They have known you from birth, and they often become the “hometown naysayers” who doubt your ability to do a supernatural task at God’s command.

(Continued from Pg 13, Jesus Wins)

Friend, would you have gone through what Jesus did for people who abandoned, physically abused and mocked you? Jesus has an unbelievable love for us. He knows what it means to feel alone and unwanted. He will be with you in your difficult times when you feel alone. But most important, Jesus has overcome death. If you accept His hard-won victory over sin and death, you can live with Him forever. Will you repent and join Jesus' side in the great controversy between good and evil?

Next Month: The War Within

IMITATORS OF GOD ?

by Terrilyn H (Internet)

Therefore be imitators of God (copy Him and follow His example), as well-beloved children (imitate their father). And walk in love?? (Ephesians 5:1-2a AMP.)

When people look at you, do they see your family resemblance? Perhaps in the natural, you have characteristics of your father or mother; maybe you have their eyes, or mouth or mannerisms. But we should also have the characteristics of our heavenly Father. We should display His likeness. We should have His eyes, His mouth and His mannerisms, too. We should study Him and imitate Him with the same awe that little children do as they imitate their earthly fathers.

The Bible tells us that God is love. We are never more like God than when we are walking in love? When we are being patient and kind; when we are extending grace and mercy and forgiving others the way Christ has forgiven us. When you imitate God, when you do things His way, you get His results! And God’s ways always lead to life, freedom and blessing. The more you imitate your heavenly Father by walking in love, the more you will see Him moving in your life. He’ll open doors for you that no man can close, and you’ll see His hand of blessing in every area of your life!

Father in heaven, I invite Your love to flow through me today. Show me how I can be a blessing to others and follow Your ways. Let my life please You so that I can be an example of Your awesome character. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

(Continued from Pg 11 Curses)

Stay tuned to learn how to break the curse! Here is a hint, it starts with you!

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AUGUST

- 2nd BD: Sis. Kunasa Futrell
Appreciation Service for
Pastor Melynn Murphy @ 4:00 PM
Mt. Zion Full Gospel,
1025 Madison Ave. Paterson
- 5th BD: Minister Ann Addison
BD: Vernon Melvin
- 7th BD: Dakeia V. Stewart *
- 8th BD: Bro. Alan Bond #
BD: Sis. Asia Rivera *
- 12th BD: Sis. Tara Amiya Davis
- 14th BD: Minister Robert Garret
- 20th BD: Coueik Harrison *
BD: Sis. Briana McNeal *
BD: Sis. Mia Brooks

21st to 23rd AhhP Holy Convocation

- 21st BD: Sis. Betty Simmons #
- 24th Anniversary, Deacons James & Wanda
Townsend
- 25th BD: Bro. Jerome Moultrie
BD: Timothy Jeffery *
- 26th BD: Bro Ervin Waddy
BD: Sis. Janashia Wyche
- 27th BD: Louis Banks *
- 28th BD: Lynn Banks *
- 31st BD: Deacon Robert Banks

SEPTEMBER

- 4th BD: Elderess Margaret Bugg
- 6th BD: Bro. Marc Brooks #
- 7th Labor Day
- 8th BD: Bro. Gerald Wood
BD: A'Ishah Nath *
- 13th Grandparent's Day
- 19th Rosh Hashanah
- 20th BD: Bro. Waverly Brooks #
- 22nd Autumn Begins
BD: Christian Broddus *



Daily Scripture Reading:
Read the Holy Bible in a Year.

August

1. ΔI Cor 16 Δ2 Kgs 12-13 ΔMic 3
2. Δ2 Cor 1:1-2:4 Δ2 Kgs 14 ΔMic 4:1-5:1
3. Δ2 Cor 2:5-3:18 Δ2 Kgs 15-16 ΔMic 5:2-15
4. Δ2 Cor 4:1-5:10 Δ2 Kgs 17 ΔMic 6
5. Δ2 Cor 5:11-6:13 Δ2 Kgs 18 ΔMic 7
6. Δ2 Cor 6:14-7:16 Δ2 Kgs 19 ΔNah 1
7. Δ2 Cor 8 Δ2 Kgs 20-21 ΔNah 2
8. Δ2 Cor 9 Δ2 Kgs 22:1-23:35 ΔNah 3
9. Δ2 Cor 10 Δ2 Kgs 23:36-24:20 ΔHab 1
10. Δ2 Cor 11 Δ2 Kgs 25 ΔHab 2
11. Δ2 Cor 12 ΔI Chr 1-2 ΔHab 3
12. Δ2 Cor 13 Δ1 Chr 3-4 ΔZeph 1
13. ΔJn 1:1-18 ΔI Chr 5-6 ΔZeph 2
14. ΔJn 1:19-34 ΔI Chr 7-8 ΔZeph 3
15. ΔJn 1:35-51 ΔI Chr 9 ΔHag 1-2
16. ΔJn 2: ΔI Chr 10-11 ΔZech 1
17. ΔJn 3:1-21 ΔI Chr 12 ΔZech 2
18. ΔJn 3:22-36 ΔI Chr 13-14 ΔZech 3
19. ΔJn 4:1-26 ΔI Chr 15:1-16:6 ΔZech 4
20. ΔJn 4:27-42 ΔI Chr 16:7-43 ΔZech 5
21. ΔJn 4:43-54 ΔI Chr 17 ΔZech 6
22. ΔJn 5:1-18 ΔI Chr 18-19 ΔZech 7
23. ΔJn 5:19-47 ΔI Chr 20:1-22:1 ΔZech 8
24. ΔJn 6:1-21 ΔI Chr 22:2-23:32 ΔZech 9
25. ΔJn 6:22-59 ΔI Chr 24 ΔZech 10
26. ΔJn 6:60-71 ΔI Chr 25-26 ΔZech 11
27. ΔJn 7:1-24 ΔI Chr 27-28 ΔZech 12
28. ΔJn 7:25-52 ΔI Chr 29 ΔZech 13
29. ΔJn 8:1-20 Δ2 Chr 1:1-2:16 ΔZech 14
30. ΔJn 8:21-47 Δ2 Chr 2:17-5:1 ΔMal 1:1-2:9
31. ΔJn 8:48-59 Δ2 Chr 5:2-14 ΔMal 2:10-16

September

1. ΔJn 9:1-23 Δ2 Chr 6 ΔMal 2:17-3:18
2. ΔJn 9:24-41 Δ2 Chr 7 ΔMal 4
3. ΔJn 10:1-21 Δ2 Chr 8 ΔPs 73
4. ΔJn 10:22-42 Δ2 Chr 9 ΔPs 74
5. ΔJn 11:1-27 Δ2 Chr 10-11 ΔPs 75
6. ΔJn 11:28-57 Δ2 Chr 12-13 ΔPs 76
7. ΔJn 12:1-26 Δ2 Chr 14-15 ΔPs 77
8. ΔJn 12: 27-50 Δ2 Chr 16-17 ΔPs 78:1-20
9. ΔJn 13:1-20 Δ2Chr 18 ΔPs 78:21-37
10. ΔJn 13:21-38 Δ2Chr 19 ΔPs 78:38-55
11. ΔJn 14:1-14 Δ2 Chr 20:1-21:1 ΔPs 78:56-72
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