

THE RESTORATION OF MAN

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1. God's Chief Instructions regarding Spiritual Warfare: Matthew 16:16-17 (Duffy, p. 81)
 1. Truth never comes through a Solitary Witness: Duet 19:15
 2. We are responsible to encourage, reprove, exhort and instruct one another. Romans 12:4-16, I Corinth 12:14-27, 2 Tim 4:2
 3. Carry a Submissive and Accountable spirit with respect to all of our relationships (Ephes 5:22-6:9) (Duffy, p. 82)
 4. Destructive influences enter through those who are non submissive (Gen 4:3-8, Judges 14, 15, 16, 2 Chron 26).
 5. Men in authority, must be ready to humble themselves ignorer to experience the grace of God.(Daniel 4, II Kings 5:1-15, II Kings 18, 19)

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2. Accountable Thoughts 2 Corinth 10:5 (Duffy, p. 86)
3. God structures systems of mutual accountability to assure that we remain open and transparent to each other and able to be humbled if we refuse his provisions. (Duffy, p. 84)
4. Those who become proud require humbling if they are to be restored.
5. Men that refuse to submit to the demands of right relationship in a number of difference directions experience the loss of spiritual protection and adverse consequences as a result. (Duffy, p. 85)
6. God utilized Wives, husbands, employers and supervisors, parents, which are examples of governing authorities for our benefit. (Hebrew 10:25, (Duffy, p. 85)
7. Accountable Thoughts (2 Corinth 10:5). We are required to bring into captivity all of out thoughts. In other words, when thoughts come to destroy, we should use the word of God to cast down every wicked imagination.
8. Objective for personal development: One must freely and openly judge, evaluate and discern and even confess their needs, sins and weaknesses, so that it might be the crux of accountability, since we are told, "If we judged (Diakrino, separate throughly, discriminate, discern ourselves rightly, we should be judged (Krino, tried sentenced punished and disciplined by the Lord in order that we might be able to discriminate and discern ourselves rightly. It is clear that God intends such accountability by others to work for our good, to avoid condemnation with the world.
9. Confession is the tool to renew the mind and protection. (Duffy, p. 88)23
10. God will expose and bring things to the light (Ephesians 5:13). Anything that is brought to the visible is considered to be brought to the light.
11. Many prefer darkness as opposed top light. (John 3:20-21), (Duffy, p. 88)
12. Power is perfected when you are weak. (2 Corinth 12:9)

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13. How do we strengthened a weakened Cord or timber? We lash or lay other pieces of timber around the weak timber to make it strong.
14. We should take the time to wash each other's feet. The Doctrine of Feet Washing: Spiritual Application

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Having looked at the literal application and command to wash feet I would like to write about the spiritual application of what Jesus taught in John 13:1-17. I know some on the other side who only stress the literal act of washing feet but fail to recognize the spiritual lesson. If it is just a mindless, religious ritual that you do, then you might as well not do it because God is not impressed with traditions. To miss the spiritual application is to cut yourself off from the joy and blessing in what He was teaching.

Humility: The main object that I think is conveyed in feet washing is humility. The act of lowering ourselves beneath someone else rather than lifting ourselves up over others. Let's face it, we have all looked at some other Christian at some time and thought to ourselves that we were better than that person or more spiritual than that person. Let me testify that I have never had those thoughts about those with whom I have washed feet. Look at what the Bible says in John 13:3-5:

"Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God; He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded."

It's important to notice the words that He knew He was from the Father and returning to the Father. This emphasizes the nature of His position. He is higher and holier and greater than all of those in the room and yet He knelt before them, took in His hands one of the dirtiest parts of their bodies and washed them. He topped it off by drying them with a towel wrapped around His own waist. This is one of the most full and complete pictures of humility ever demonstrated on earth. In verses 13-14 He expounds on the lesson:

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“Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another’s feet.”