

THE RESTORATION OF MAN

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Examples of Discipline - Chpt. 22 Fords - Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; the rod of discipline will remove it far from him. (Proverbs - 22:15)

1. Raising a Child on Theory or (Fact, Truth - (God's Word)): - "Theory is great, but what about application? Following are some examples that illustrate some principles by which the disciplinarian may share in the consequences of sin in a manner to bring children up in "the discipline and instruction of the LORD"(Eph. 5:4) as discussed in the previous chapter. These lessons did not come easily." (Duff, Chpt. 22, p. 107)

Children must be raised according to the word of God and not on Theory. Remember, Theory is nothing more than an educated guess as to what you think. In other words, this is your Hypothesis. Children are not your experiment, they are a Blessing of God and should be taken for serious and not for granted.

Deception Learned in the Home from Parents:

The children developed increased levels of deception to circumvent the guidelines and many attempted remedies proved unsuccessful. Discipline accompanied with evident grief by the father, explanations of the consequences of sin, prayer with the children, reward and punishment, etc., and explanation of the reasons for restrictions upon television were repeated many times with no lasting effect. Cheating and deceit became rapidly developing traits of the eldest child. After much prayer, and with great regret, the parents came to realize that only by their participation in the consequences of the sin of the children could the lesson be effectively taught. (Duff, Chpt. 22, p. 107)

Lesson on Obesity learned from the Father (Duff, Chpt. 22, p. 108-109):

In another instance, it was discovered that intemperance in eating by one of his children was traceable to a root in the father. It did not reflect itself in overweight, but was there nonetheless. As years of futility in attempting to help the son gain control of his weight stretched out into additional years, it also became an object of intense prayer. The Lord revealed that no power would be provided to help the son with his problem of intemperate eating until it was repented of and disciplined in the life of the father. Hence, in this case, the father's participation in the discipline became the means of delivering his son from an aspect of the "law of the generations". A spirit of intemperance was held accountable. In this case, no words were ever spoken to the son regarding the father's repentance and the father became the sole participant in the

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discipline. The son was delivered from intemperance in overeating without another word being said or any other eating discipline ever being administered since that day!

There have been a few other occasions where the father's voluntary forsaking of his own meal at the same time his son is experiencing the same discipline have proved very effective in illustrating that an underlying spiritual battle is involved. It is an extension of discipline which boys, especially, understand! The father's voluntary willingness to go without food for the sake of the disobedience of his son speaks eloquently of the grief of the father. At the same time it refines and disciplines the mind and spirit of the father in seeking God's answers to the problems being confronted. (Duff, Chpt. 22, p. 108-109).

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Reconciliation with Fathers - (Chpt 23, p. 113). *"Now all these things are from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and gave us the ministry of reconciliation, namely that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their sins against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.We beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." - (II Corinthians 5:17-20)*

2. **Reconciliation with Fathers:** II Corinth 5:18-20 (Chpt. 23, p. 113)

The basic problem of the universe is 'father-rejection', the broken relationship between children and their Father. Earthly father as well as Heavenly Father. The former is a reflection of the latter. The father - child is the most commonly broken relationship among men, reflecting the truth of the broken relationship between man and his Heavenly Father. This is what Jesus came to solve. Even among believers, the reconciliation of relationship between children and their earthly fathers remains difficult and too long unaddressed. What should bring shouts of rejoicing, "hallelujah!", brings from many men only a groan and tight-lipped certitude that "no one could be reconciled with my father!" Ha! Reconciliation with God means reconciliation with The Father and it is intended to include our earthly fathers, too. Praise God! God wants us all to be reconciled and our fathers are at the head of His list. When reconciliation breaks out, God highlights that the centerpiece is fathers and, furthermore, that this will mark the end of the age! The last verse in the Old Testament reads, "And he will restore the hearts of the fathers to their children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the land with a curse." (Malachi 4:6) Our earthly fathers are the closest earthly facsimile to our heavenly Father for the major illustrations of the New Testament (Matt. 6:9, Luke 15:11-32, Heb. 12:7-10, etc.) Our

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progress at fellowship with God will remain especially stunted until we establish a right relationship through reconciliation with our earthly fathers.

The responsibility is ours, not our fathers'. Children are commanded to honor their parents, not the other way round. Furthermore, our well-being is tied to it. As Paul said, "...the first commandment with a promise. That it may be well with you and that you may live long on the earth."(Eph. 6:2-3).

Forgiveness: Men are notoriously poor in asking for forgiveness. It is especially hard to humble oneself before your own father because you have inherited so many traits from him. You know him thoroughly and dislike every one of his traits that has been passed on to you(Rom. 2:1-3) But asking forgiveness is hard in most instances, anyway, and so some special instruction is useful. The following points should be applied:

a) Prepare. Pray for God to free you from deception and to show your specific sins in a fashion that will enable you to confess and take responsibility for them. This is not "eyewash"! This is service and reconciliation as unto the Lord. Ask Him for humility and grace.

b) Rehearse your apology, word for word, with another witness. Another witness can scrutinize your spirit for compromise and the presence of deceiving spirits which would keep you from a full confession of sin and responsibility. For the same reasons, it is best to write it down oneself even before this. Working with a witness also helps to maintain steadfastness of purpose(by increasing our accountability to another person) and follow-through. The prodigal son rehearsed his statement of repentance to his father word for word, beforehand.

c) Make no reference whatsoever to anything the other person (father) has done to you, either directly or by inference. Forgive that beforehand. If you find it difficult, write the offenses down on a separate piece of paper, forgive them and close the account by asking God to also forgive them and close the account in heaven(Matt. 18:18, John 20:23). Then burn the statement of offense and never bring it up again. "Love does not keep an account of wrongs suffered."(I Cor. 13:5)

d) Be specific in stating your own offenses which God has impressed upon you and be specific in asking for forgiveness. (Duff, Chpt. 23, pp, 115 - 116)

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And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God. (II Corinth 5:18-20)

3. **God's Provision for Conquering Impure Thoughts:** II Corinth 5:18-20 - (Chpt. 24, p. 127). For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

1. Commence every occasion in which you are assailed with unclean thoughts with praise to God that you know He has purposed and provided that you are to have a clean mind. Memorize and speak to God your personal knowledge of this based on the following scriptures:

- "Sin shall not be master over me, for I am not under the law, but under grace." (Rom 6:14)
- "I shall know the truth and the truth shall make me free." (John 8:32)
- "I am not being conformed to this world, but am being transformed by the renewing of my mind, that I may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." (Rom. 12:2)
- "In reference to my former manner of life, I am laying aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and am being renewed in the spirit of my mind." (Eph. 4:22-23)
- "I am to be perfect, as my heavenly Father is perfect." (Matt. 5:48)

Thank God again that these things are true and that they will prevail in your life because His truth shall stand after everything else has passed away.

2. Review and acknowledge the work of the Holy Spirit in your life to guard the windows of your soul. The Holy Spirit will be working and is working at this very moment in having convicted you and brought you to this point of prayer and spiritual warfare to fulfill the use of your eyes as righteous lamps of light, fulfilling the law of Christ in you and removing the curse of failure from you.

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- "I have made a covenant with my eyes. How then could I gaze at a virgin?"(Job 31:1)

- "The lamp of my body is my eye. When my eye is clear, my whole body also is full of light; but when it is bad, my body also is full of darkness."(Luke 11:34)

- "Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied, nor are the eyes of (a natural) man ever satisfied." (Prov. 27:20)

3. Recognize that your warfare is truly with spirits and not with the person or persons through which the tormenting spirits have gained your eyes or mind. You are going to use this understanding to pray on behalf of the person or persons in a few moments. You are going to prevail over the spirits which assail the "lust of the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life"(I John 2:16) by praying on behalf of this person or persons. Memorize and review the applicable scriptures:

- " I stand strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might. I put on the full armor of God and am standing firm against the schemes of the devil. For my struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in high places."(Eph. 6:10-12. Learn verses 13-18, as well.)

- " The weapons of my warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. I am destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and I am taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ."(II Cor. 10:4-5) 4. If you "entertained" and gave audience to the spirits which brought these unclean pictures to your mind, then apply the blood of Jesus onto these pictures, by actually speaking the words of application of the blood of Jesus. Receive forgiveness and healing and express your faith in the effectiveness of this by thanking God for both forgiveness and healing. Memorize and personally apply the following scriptures:

- "Jesus Himself bore my sins in His body on the cross, that I might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds I am healed."(I Pet. 2:24)

- "In Christ, I have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness forgiveness of my trespasses, according to the riches of His grace."(Eph. 1:7)

- "For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled, sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, how

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much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse my conscience from dead works to serve the living God."(Heb. 9:13-14)

- "I am a brother of the Lord Jesus Christ(Rom. 8:29, Heb. 2:17) and I overcome the accuser(Satan) because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of my testimony and because I do not love my life even to death."(Rev. 12:11) 5. Review the fact that you are a warrior who expects to go into battle. This is normal since you are in a war. You are going to win and therefore you expect to win. Recognize that you are growing stronger and more skilled every day you engage in this combat. Not only this, but as you regularly exercise, you are developing powers and gifts of discernment that God has given you. Memorize and personally apply the following scriptural facts: • "I am like Daniel. I have resolved not to defile myself."(Dan. 1:8)

- "I have put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh in regard to its lusts."(Rom. 13:14)

- "I am becoming a mature warrior, able to eat solid food and who, because of my practice have my senses being trained to discern good and evil."(Heb. 5:14)

- "I am running now against footmen and will not tire out so that, as I grow in the Lord, I can successfully compete with horses."(Jer. 12:5)

- "I have a host of witnesses. I am laying aside this sin and every one which would encumber me to run the race that is set before me. I welcome the discipline this is developing in me in training me in righteousness and I recognize it as a sure mark of my Father's love for me."(Heb. 12:1-12)

6. Use the occasion of sensual or unclean thoughts as your signal for offensive operations against the enemy on behalf of the person through whom the attack was made(in picture, person, or dream).

Cover the following points in asking specifically for: -a hedge of thorns to protect that person from destructive influences (Hos. 1)

- blessings for that person in good relationships, health, finances, security, etc.

- salvation; a saving knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ

- a rich relationship and blessed life in the Lord Jesus Christ

- a righteous relationship between that person and yourself that would meet God's scrutiny and the scrutiny of man - your wife and your parents.

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NOTE: This offensive portion of your actions in response to coming under spiritual attack is the most important regarding your growth in Christ and in gaining freedom from the enemy. As you pursue prayer in support of others, you will experience miraculous transforming power in your thoughts and attitudes toward the person involved. Assuming the issue is sensual thoughts which have attacked you through a woman, you might pray along the following particular lines:

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for the life of this girl. Thank you for the knowledge that You created her and love her; that Jesus died for her and seeks to have a wonderful and righteous relationship with her that will bring her eternal life and blessings beyond number. Father, I ask on her behalf that you would protect her from the destructive influences that used her as a vessel from which to attack me. I pray on her behalf that her life would be kept from harm; that you would station and strengthen the angels around her to protect her from the evil one. I pray that you would begin now to bring blessings into her life. Heal her relationships from childhood on. Bring her into right relationship with her father and mother, her husband and children (as the case may be), so that through these relationships she finds fulfillment as a woman, security, peace and healing. Bring her health to her body, healing from any diseases that are afflicting her, health to her finances, and reliable people upon whom she can depend for help in time of need.

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For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. (Rom 8:20-21)

4. **Broken Women:** Rom 8:20-21. Their children also shall be dashed to pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be spoiled, and their wives ravished. (Isaiah 13:16)

Brokenness is the NORM: How many men would have their wives defiled by other men; their sons and daughters dashed to pieces? We are living in a generation where this is now the rule, not the exception. Over half of the men of our nation have either divorced their wives or been divorced by their wives because of their hardness of heart. They have failed to support the needs of them for whom they promised publicly before God to protect "until death". They have failed to prevent their defilement. So much for the "wife of our youth". (Duff, P. 127)

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It is normal now for pastors to find that nearly half of the women in their congregations are victims of incest or rape. Sodomy, sexual perversion and child molestation are considered normal, because they are so common. It is normal now for daughters raised in so-called Christian families to plan to give away their virginity by age sixteen, or "no later than the Senior Prom"! So advanced is our degradation in the cesspool of sexual immorality! We are destroying ourselves and our children. We are in the midst of our own funeral pyre and sacrifices to Baal!!

How many men realize that we are responsible for the defilement of nearly an entire generation of wives and children? We are the very defilement of manhood and these are the consequences. There is no escaping the curse, by which the iniquities of the fathers (not "parents", but "fathers"!) are visited upon the children, and on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate the Lord. (Duff, P. 127)

Facts Concerning Why Women Are Defiled

A report on "Women In Prison" in Parade Magazine in April 1988 reported that 85% of the women imprisoned are there because they were coerced into crime by men they thought they loved. Out of a sense of misguided loyalty or under the threat of injury to themselves or their children they became involved in robbery, extortion, dealing in drugs and a host of other crimes. Can any man comprehend the degree to which women seek identity and fulfillment in men and can be deluded into their own destruction?! Who will set them free? Have any of them ever met a real man? The actress Ava Gardner, one of the most famous sex goddesses of all time, who appeared in 60 major films and had three marriages, including one to Frank Sinatra, died as an unfulfilled woman. She said later in life that she'd gladly have traded her career for a lasting marriage, -"one good man I could love and marry and cook for and make a home for, who would stick around for the rest of my life." Did she ever meet "one good man"? How would she have recognized him?

5. Epilogue: Applications to Healing: Psalms 107:20 - (Chpt. 25, p. 129)

"He sent His word and healed them." - Psalm 107:20 These teachings are prophetic for healing and cleansing of the bride of Christ in preparation for her wedding supper with the Lamb of God. The bride of

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Christ is not exempt from the consequences of violating God's laws. Many lives remain scarred and broken because the scriptural precepts of design and function of men and women and the applications of scriptural accountability discussed in these chapters have been broken and have never been reckoned with through the blood of Christ. Do not be deceived; " ...be sure your sin will find you out."(Nu. 32:23)

Premarital Sex Issues: (Duff, P. 129)

Among the many problems which are revealed during marriage counseling(nearly 100% of which involve pre-marital sex with the one later married or with others, also), one very typical problem is wives who are not bonded to their husbands because they had pre-marital sex with other men. The result is that, when they have children, they become centered upon their children(through the bonding of childbirth) and find no fulfillment as women in their husbands. In fact, their husbands come to find that they are only enjoyed in the marriage for the purpose of sustaining their wife's ability to raise her children.

Men are Pressured to Perform Economically: (Duff, P. 129)

The husband comes under extreme pressure of his wife to perform economically and will usually experience separation or divorce by the wife if he fails to perform satisfactorily. He is frequently precluded from his normal role as disciplinarian of the children and is blamed for everything which tends to reduce the mother's self esteem in her performance as a mother. This can be especially devastating if the children further experience debilitating disease or injury, drugs or immorality and if the mother's self-esteem is totally rooted in her children and not in her husband.

Men that Lose their Virginity to a Wayward Woman: (Duff, P. 129)

A particularly painful situation is one where the man gives his virginity to a woman who has had many men and then marries her, thinking that his forgiveness will heal the problem. It does not. In addition to having given up headship of the family, he wakes up one day to discover that his wife can get along fine without him and there is nothing he can do(outside of Christ) to get her soul to knit to his. In counseling such a situation, it is important to recognize that the man must be persuaded to meet all of his obligations as a husband for physical, economic and emotional security of the wife before God can be expected to work healing in Christ and fulfillment in the wife. However, God will enable a repentant man to do this. Husbands who have failed to meet the financial needs of their families usually have need to repent of their sexual violation of their wives prior to the marriage covenant, and frequently adultery, as well, both of which have opened them to loss of manhood and the legal ravages of Satan working against their physical, economic and emotional strength.

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Men Suffering from Impotence: (Duff, P. 130)

The impotence resulting from loss of manhood, loss of headship of family (and failure of the wife to nourish their husbands properly) frequently results in extreme frustration and bitterness of the man toward women and those whom he feels have displaced him from his rightful position, which in turn results in hardness of heart toward God. Counseling and healing requires uncovering and confessing all of the roots of bitterness as well as confrontation with the sins of the man which produced these unconditionally consequences. Women who have held their husbands in the bondage of "expectations" to prove their love to them, due to the consequences of pre-marital sex, need to be brought to repentance for their failure to remain under adequate protection prior to marriage (their fathers, pastors, etc), their agreement to commit sin and their role in contributing to the robbing of their husband's manhood and perverting the proper husband-wife relationship. They need to be led to understand that their own well-being depends upon maintaining their husband as a healthy shield. They need to be led in vision-building regarding how they can turn their lives to loving their husbands unconditionally and find new, creative ways of nurturing his physical and emotional needs. Men who fail to recognize that their livelihood is only a means of ministering economically to their families sometimes overextend themselves in business at the expense of their family's security. In one instance, a young Christian was warned by the author not to mortgage his family's home for the sake of expanding his business, since it jeopardized his family's security.

Women Born out of Wedlock: (Duff, P. 131)

Women born out of wedlock or subjected to incest become hosts for spirits of hate and scorn of men (related to the gross failure of their shields), extreme insecurity and controlling, manipulating spirits which demand dominance in any relationship. The latter are essentially indistinguishable from the elementary spirits of witchcraft which also seek to control or manipulate events, people and the future for self-serving purposes. Counseling and healing require identification and renunciation of all these spirits and the closing of their doors of access through forgiveness and the breaking of the curse of the law, by the blood of Jesus.

The tremendous number of women in the economic marketplace today are reflections of the inadequacies of men to provide security and opportunities for women to find true fulfillment as wives and mothers and the opportunities for growth which lie beyond that. Women have either been forced into the marketplace or obliged to seek better prospects for happiness.

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