

Finally my Brethren be strong in the Lord and in the power of His Might. Put on the whole amour of God, that we might be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Ephesians 6:10-



KNIGHTS CODE OF CHIVALRY

A knight was expected to have not only the strength and skills to face combat in the violent middle Ages but was also expected to temper this aggressive side of a knight with a chivalrous side to his nature. There was not an authentic Knights Code of Chivalry as such - it was a moral system which went beyond rules of combat and introduced the concept of Chivalrous conduct - qualities idealized by knighthood, such as bravery, courtesy, honour, and gallantry toward women.

The Knights Code of Chivalry and the vows of Knighthood

The Knights Code of Chivalry described in the Song of Roland and an excellent representation of the Knights Codes of Chivalry are as follows:

- To fear God and maintain His Church**
- To serve the liege lord in velour and faith**
- To protect the weak and defenceless**
- To give succour to widows and orphans**
- To refrain from the wanton giving of offence**
- To live by honour and for glory**
- To despise pecuniary reward**
- To fight for the welfare of all**
- To obey those placed in authority**
- To guard the honour of fellow knights**
- To eschew unfairness, meanness and deceit**
- To keep faith**
- At all times to speak the truth**
- To persevere to the end in any enterprise begun**
- To respect the honour of women**
- Never to refuse a challenge from an equal**
- Never to turn the back upon a foe**

INTRODUCTION:

This book has been revised we have taken out the things that are of the best reports and put them into this book:



My wife

Erlinet and my son Joshua work with me as a team and we as a Missionary team want you to enjoy this book and we pray for you to grow in Christ and to be exceedingly blessed in the Lord Jesus Christ. As most people know we are a Missionary Family to all South-East-China-Seas, however we do have reports and testimonies from a number of other countries and by the Grace of God and donations from our friends and contributions from our mailing list we will be able to visit most countries that are praying for us to visit. We are however self supported through our own contributions as we receive no wages from any denominational church it would be a lot easier if I did but the Lord God has not led me this way so we have a donation tab on our website at <http://trafficbuilder3.com> and we would like you to see just one of many book reviews that are close to our heart thank you so much:

By Apostle George Morara Onsarigo

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Having Read this book it has really touched my heart and thought me many things i did not know . I request that this is a must read for all leaders, Pastors and Apostles and Bishop. Reverend Brian Richards this is God who write this through you. Apostle George Morara Onsarigo Kenya

"Who is a disciplined disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ" (New Edition) all references are King James Version of the Holy Bible translated out of the original tongues and with previous translations diligently compared and revised.

This book is written from accumulation of notes how God has spoken to me over the last 20 years of study. The inspiration from the Spirit of God compelled me to write and to continue to write, this book whilst I was convalescing from a car accident nursing a fracture in my back, through the whiplash on impact.

I had been very concerned about things that we were hearing in churches about the so-called faith movement. Even though there was nothing wrong with the word that is being preached because it is all scripture. There is something wrong with the delivery and more importance should be put on the fruit, rather than the power of the gifts. Yes many writers have said this before, and it needs to be said again, that sign & wonders should be following those that believe. Not the other way around, I see people saying there is a anointing over here, that makes people roll around the floor laughing, or miracles happening here and there. I am not against the miracles or the joy of the Lord However I think us all can get our eyes of the real fruit of the Spirit mentioned in Galatians 5:22- this is the fruit we should be looking for.

If we hear people claiming to have outstanding miracles in their life, but they are still sinning like an unsaved person there is something wrong. I was a drunk 25 years ago and got filled with the new wine of the Holy Ghost this was a miracle because I never drank like an alcoholic again. The fruit of the Holy Spirit is

evident in my life still from the touch of the master's hand; 25 years later one touch from God changed my life forever.

I have observed that the Faith movement as we know it, has been confused with other things, and Satan has taken full advantage of this time of whilst young Christians have been battered, and alluded into something that is not of God.

The charismatic people have been drawing people, and counterfeiting the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Some of these church leaders have waited so long for the move of God that they have embraced the charismatic ways that is going on now, not realising that that they too have been alluded away from the real signs & wonders of God.

The God that I know always, always, always shows his fruit in a person's life if a real miracle has taken place. I have talked to Christians that say they are sorry they ever got involved with the Church for one reason or another; well that is not the fruit of the Spirit. There should be always a love for God that no one can take away (Romans 8:35) tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or peril, or sword? In all theses things we are more than conquerors, no power present, or to come will be able to take the true believer from the love of God, which is Christ Jesus our Lord; this is the fruit we should be looking for.

The miracle power of God we received a long time ago folks so walk yea in him. In Him we live, in Him we move, in Him we have our being. What Greater miracle can there be that can not be counterfeited. I can see that there has been taught

old things are past away and all things have become new! And now we are to call those things that are not as though they really are. O course that is what the word of God say's after all. Yes but there is a right way and a

wrong way of application of this faith, some people I know expect a magic formula to set them free from their sticky past with-out doing any work themselves. I praise God for that if it happened that way for you, but I have talked to thousands of people about this in deliverance. If some one wanted to start a church and say healing of the memories seminar to night he would fill any building. People want the magic without any effort on their part; deliverance doesn't come from the touch of the pastor's hand or the stroke of a pen. I come from obedience to scripture and repentance is always required. There has to be a turning away from old ways, old thoughts, deeds, and actions, and then true deliverance comes.

Yes God will hasten his word to perform a miracle of deliverance, if we can hasten our repentance from dead works. However most of the people I have spoken too it took a working out of something that God had worked into our lives. (Philippians 2:12-13) God works in you whilst YOU work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. Satan has tricked people all over the world in an expression that people say here in Australia forget it mate' she'll be right.

Satan wants you to try to forget things by sweeping them under the carpet and years later when they show there ugly head we say well wonder where that came from. It was UN-confessed, UN-repentent sin that is where it came from, and was allowed to grow; now it has become a strong hold that the devil is using to keep a person in bondage, and now needs deliverance.

God spoke to me and gave me Teaching and summons, that I said why Lord, why am I having all these wonderful teachings and summons. The Lord said this is what I want you to put into a book, the book "Who is a

disciplined disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ" is first written for my benefit.

As I was much of the time

depressed over my afflictions, I have still not heard, from the driver whom slammed into the back of me at an estimated speed 130klms per



hour.

I am alive to day by the grace of God, and whilst being in a bad state of depression God started to speak to me in a way that I had not known before. He said all what you have ever learned about over coming, being victorious in this life you have to put into practice now. So whilst I had time on my hands I enrolled into University to study the Bachelors of Social Sciences, but this did not satisfy the hunger I had in my soul, and my heart to improve my self and to get well. So by seeking God further than I had ever gone before through desperation the Lord started to wake me up at night and give me teaching and summons.

I got that way that I would not go to bed knowing that if I did I would have to get up again to write down what the Lord was talking to me about.



I spent many hours at night just writing down what the Lord gave me to write, sometimes until 5 & 6 o'clock in the morning I would go to bed for a couple hours before going about my day.

With Doctors appointments and Physiotherapy, and hydrotherapy this kept me very busy and exhausted most of the time for the first two years.

The title of this book and the purpose of writing it is that I could see the superficial so called Christian by name only. However not really disciplined in the word of God at all.

I thought and indeed still do believe that a true disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, is one whom is disciplined and obedient to His word. My heart cry is that by writing this book that it will bring, the right correction, and direction to the reader who wants to live an overcoming, victorious Christian life for God. Hence comes the title ‘WHO IS A DISCIPLINED DISCIPLE OF THE LORD JESUS

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Spiritual Communication: There are many people that claim to be able to communicate in the spiritual realm. There Spiritual media's, clearvoyancy is fortune tellers or some other kind of Spiritual communicators, Spiritual Healing all coming to the same conclusion. Without the Spirit of God of our Lord Jesus Christ, a man will be deluded; it is at best guess work or a work of a wrong spirit that will lead to deception.

The Bible said there are many spirits in the world; 1John 4: 1-4 tells us. *Beloved believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and that is the spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye of God, little children and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in YOU, than he that is in the*

world. Now this of cause is talking to the born again Spirit filled Christian, how does one know he is filled with the correct Spirit is simple if we are obedient to Scripture. Romans 10: 9 & 10 say's

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

So this is the way unto Salvation, this is the way to receive the right ,correct and true, Spirit of God to direct your steps and make the right decisions. Jesus said you must be born again (John 3: 3-5) unless a man is born again he cannot enter or even see the kingdom of God. So awake now unto righteousness before it's too late.

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NOW I SEE THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY (Corinthians 13: 13)-shaping the brain (or) seeing into the spirit world.

(With news article to follows about God reshaping the brain)

This style of preaching or story telling I call (birthing the dream) conceived some thing that I believed came from God in the first place. This I called (birthing the dream) whether I am right or wrong with this thinking it doesn't matter I am going with it anyway because this is the only way I can explain. Let me begin by telling you where I was and at what time of my life this was. I was at the Manila, Philippines Airport around December 20th 2003 I was hot and sticky after a long hard day, and a number of hot days. It was time for me to go back home to Australia and I was on my way! I had said good bye to my new wife Erlinet (we were married December 10th) as she was not ready to travel with me because of a visa she was waiting for! So now it was decided that I was to travel home alone as my travel ticket was about to expire. I had lost completely my reading glasses a couple of days before this and I was having troubles seeing. I remember how I lost my reading glasses; I had left the

reading glasses on top of a taxi cab as I was thumb ling for change to pay the cab driver. He drove off and I forgotten my glasses that I had placed them on top of his cab, just for the moment, but now I was without glasses because I had lost them this way. O.K. so here I was at the Manila Airport 5.p.m.alone.

Just coming off the domestic flight to change to the International flight due to leave about 7.p.m. so

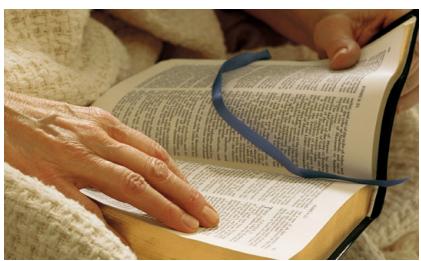


I was led to believe! This is what actually happened because I could not see too well I asked the travel agent on the domestic flights to put me on a flight to interchange with my International flight. However when I got to the Manila International Airport after saying good bye to every body being, my new in-laws and my new wife Erlinet and all friends there in Dumaguete. I was now very much alone not being able to speak the language and in Manila International Airport, ready to go through the barrier I was told by the ticketing personal that my ticket was outdated by one day and I would not be allowed to fly on that ticket. I would be allowed to fly on that same flight if I was to purchase a new ticket. However that ticket I was in possession of was now not valid at all, under any circumstances. I said to all the attendants there that there must be some mistake, as I could not see to well the ticket I had asked the domestic flight booking agents to connect me with the International flights in the booking. I trusted their judgements, as I could not see; my eye sight was getting more blurred the more I would try to see. As I was told this new concerning my ticket my heart then did sink at first then as the reality hit my despair went into panic and anger and rage and desperation, more panic,

feeling of abandonment filled my body, soul, and spirit. I remember feeling for the first time in my whole life so much alone, so it seemed, very much alone, and desperate. I was alone many times in my life, but never until this day did I feel alone. I remember thinking and saying in my mind (my God, my God, why have you suddenly left me) I said out loud what am I going to do? Lord Jesus Christ what am I going to do? You see this trip to Philippines had not been so filled with preaching or teaching the word of God like all the other times, because I got married. It was a sudden decision that I had made and now I was thinking maybe it was not with God's approval. But how can it not be I thought with all my knowledge of the Word of God, with all that I had gone through with God's teachings over the many years of study. My thoughts was that I have studied to show myself approved unto God a workman that needs not be ashamed at all. (2.timothy 2:15) How could it not be approved by God / he whom takes a wife, takes a good thing, and wins the favour of God?



All these scriptures and so many others were flooding through my mind, as I thought to myself, is there some thing wrong? Why have I found myself in this dilemma, a predicament that I don't know what to do next? So I knew as I was walking through the International Airport in the direction of the door and the hot sunshine out side. I knew I was to find myself a cool shady spot and start praying and asking God what am I to do now? Did I do some thing wrong to find myself in this predicament? If so was there some kind of repentance needed for me to find the mercy and Grace



of God. I put Hebrews 4: 16 into practice here? Then

it suddenly dawned on me? I was in not only a real test of faith, but a real challenge? Yes this was a challenge just like Job had gone through. I was feeling just like Job, for in Job chapter one we see that Job had not done anything wrong to be in this fight with the devil. It was a fight that Satan had picked a fight with God, and using Job Satan had said lets see if Job would stay in Faith or curse God and forsake his belief in God. You may not have Heard the story of Job that way but truly this is what it was all about! And still is today. Yes that is Old Testament? Yes times have changed since then, we are in the new testament now/ but the test of Faith and the challenge of Satan, the test of the flesh or the spirit is still the same. Satan uses the flesh thinking to challenge the Faith thinking. All of us don't matter how long you have been a Christian, or how long you have walked by Faith, don't matter how much miracle signs and wonders you have seen in God. You will still be challenged by the devil to go to the flesh thinking. When the times get tough and things seemed to be going wrong the thinking is the most important thing now. So now I am at the International Airport and been told that I would have to purchase another travel ticket to go to Australia, I did not have any money at all I only had the airport departure tax in my wallet. I had no money what so ever, I had no friends that I could call on to help me. I called two people in Australia and was rejected by both as being joking; I was stranded completely, because I knew the family I married into was a poor family also. I did remember however that I had a brother -in-law Edward that I had never met, I was only told about him and maybe I spoken to him one time over the phone.

We did not know each other, but he was told of my dilemma and my bad circumstances, and being stranded without a ticket. He said to me on the phone Brian have a sleep on the benches outside the Airport and I will try to



get to see you tomorrow. So this is what I did, not knowing what I was to do next. I found a bench in the crowded airport and prayed that the



Lord could restore my mind, as I rested.

Yes it was crowded as

people were not allowed into the airport too early for their flight, and if you did not have a flight ticket at all, then you were not allowed to be in the airport at all. So here I was in the crowded airport with people talking all around me, but I was able to switch off by Faith and go to sleep. I had experience in doing this, but not under these circumstances, but by the Grace of God I was able to do this. I believed that God was going to tell me what to do, and where I was to go now. To my surprise the night came in just like someone switching off the electric lights. I woke up suddenly it was 6 a.m. next morning, people was talking about Christmas I heard them and they was, had been a

breakthrough I felt it in my spirit so now I had accepted an invitation from my brother-in-law's wife Luzvie said to come and clean up, at their home. I was only going into the supervisor's office to tell him that I would be away for a couple of hours to clean up? As I told him that he said NO NO Sir doesn't do that you will miss your chance here! So I said o.k. I will be here in time don't worry. I went to Brother Edwin's and Sister Luzvie humble house it was a very small house but I felt the love. The hospitality hit me in the face and they insisted that I was to have a short sleep in their home. Well maybe you can guess what happens now, they told me the traffic is so bad there is no way to

get back to the International Airport until



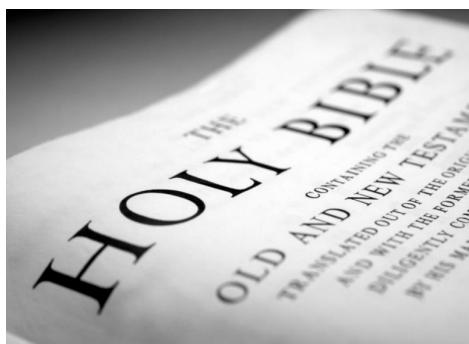
early morning so have a night sleep and then go back. So I did that I felt in my spirit it was the right thing to do, so I stayed the night we had wine and song and a good night sleep. The next day Brother Edwin had gone already to work, Luzvie was talking me to the International Airport in this Open Jeep it was great fun in the traffic. We got there I thought in good time I knew the

Supervisor office did not open until 8a.m. But to my surprise it was open all night and The supervisor had been waiting for me, as soon as he saw me he said quickly give me your old ticket! I thought what is he going to do now tear it up maybe? NO NO

of course not I had already seen it in the Spirit Brian; this was going through my mind. YES what I saw in the Spirit happened exactly the way I had seen where the ticket said "NOT VALID" was made "VALID NOW" one flight only. The supervisor said there is a flight in a couple of hours get going now and don't miss

it? This story is a true story and happened just as I have described. I call it faith in a teaching "NOW I see through a glass darkly" What do you see, how do you pray? Lord teaches us how to pray? Pray thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, how many

times has this happened since then! Well believe me this was a



breakthrough like a (Re-shaping of the brain) and everything I receive from God I receive the same way, and this has become my method of prayer now. I had seen a news article the talk about re-shaping the brain! I hope this has been informative and will be life changing, and bring a discipline into our thinking; hence this is another form of discipline of the mind. Little did I know at the time that this would become a theme song in a book I am writing now! "Who is a Disciplined Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ?" and book (2) "Blow The Last Trumpet In The Remnant Church" I did not know at the time that I would have to wait 2 years for the immigration department to allow my wife Erlinet to come to Australia because I was penalized because I was not a tax payer. I was a missionary to Philippines and did not have any taxable

income and was not required to pay any tax on the income that I did receive. Therefore I was not a litigable assurance of support for my wife to be able to come to Australia. (So what happened then? (I believe God re-shaped my brain) So I could use more faith (Read the new article on re-“shaping the Brain” 'You Can Sculpt Your Brain' So far, scientists have focused on people who pray or meditate for one, two or more hours a day. They think that studying spiritual virtuosos will offer clues to the brain workings of more typical believers. But now Newberg and others are turning their attention to people who want to enrich their spiritual lives, but don't have that kind of time.

And there's hope for people with jobs and kids. Neuroscientist Richard Davidson says you can change your brain with experience

and training. "You can sculpt your brain just as you'd sculpt your muscles if you went to the gym," he says. "Our brains are continuously being sculpted, whether you like it or not, wittingly or unwittingly." It's called neuroplasticity. For years Davidson, who is at the University of Wisconsin, has scanned the brains of Buddhist monks who have logged years of meditation. When it comes to things like attention and compassion, their brains are as finely tuned as a late-model Porsche. Davidson wondered: Could ordinary people achieve the same kind of connection with the spiritual that the monks do — without so much effort?

I wondered that, too. And when I heard his lab was launching a study lasting two weeks, I said, "Sign me up."

It turned out I was too old for the study. But they let me see what it was about. For 30 minutes every morning, I settled into my chair to the soothing tones of a meditation CD. The voice of a University of Wisconsin graduate student urged me to shower compassion on a loved one, a stranger, myself.

The trouble came when I was asked to visualize someone I had difficulty with in life. I became surly, as I reflected on the minor tragedies in my life and the people who caused them. When I saw Richard Davidson, I didn't mention how ill-tempered I had grown.

"Is there a capacity to change my brain if I continue with this?" I asked. "Absolutely," he responded enthusiastically. "I would say the likelihood is that you are already changing your brain."

I hope not. Others, however, were far more successful in cultivating a spiritual mind-set. Davidson couldn't tell me about the results of my study, which have yet to be published. But he could say there were detectable changes in the subjects' brains within two weeks. Another similar study, where employees at a high-tech firm meditated a few minutes a day over a few weeks, produced more dramatic results.

"Just two months' practice among rank amateurs led to a systematic change in both the brain as well as the immune system in more positive directions," he said.

For example, they developed more antibodies to a flu virus than did their colleagues who did not meditate.

Well that is the second part of the story told in my book.

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Statement of Faith for the

“WORD OF FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST”.

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We believe there is one living and true God who has revealed Himself in three in one entity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, infinitely perfect and eternal in existence and equal in glory, majesty and power (Matt 28:19; Luke 3:21 - 22)

We Believe in...

1. THE WORD OF GOD

We believe the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, is fully inspired by the Holy Spirit and without error, unified in their redemptive purpose, yielding a complete revelation of God's will for the salvation of mankind. We

hold the Bible to be trustworthy, the only supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. Scripture is our source of revelation of God, the knowledge of

salvation, the origin of all things and of the hereafter-it is the final Court of Appeal on all points of doctrine, life and godliness. (2 Tim 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21; Hebrews 4:12)

2. THE PERSON OF GOD

We believe there is one living and true God who has revealed Himself in three Persons in one entity: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, infinitely perfect and eternal in existence and equal in glory, majesty and power (Matt 28:19; Luke 3:21 -22):

a) God the Father is the Creator of all things and the Author of eternal redemption. (Matt 6:9)

b) The Lord Jesus Christ was manifest in the flesh as the very Son of Godfully God and fully man, Creator of all things with the Father, and the appointed Judge of all men (John 1:14 ,18; Col 1:13-20; Acts 17:31; Heb 1:1-4).

Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, lived a sinless life, died on the Cross for our sins, was buried, resurrected bodily on the third day according to the Scriptures and appeared to his disciples (1Cor 15:1-8). He ascended to the Father, where He continues His High-Priestly ministry. He will personally and physically return for a glorious Church and execute judgment upon the wicked. (1Thess 4:16 -18)

c) The Holy Spirit is The Comforter, the Promise of The Father (Acts 1:4), the Revealer of Christ and His work on the Cross, the Empowered and the Distributor of gifts and graces upon the Church.

3. Humanity's FALLEN NATURE AND NEED OF THE SAVIOUR

We believe the human race was originally created by God, in His image, to have dominion over His creation (Gen 1:27). However, with The Fall of humanity, sin entered through disobedience and rebellion. Humanity became separated from God and totally incapable of saving itself (Rom 5:12). All of

mankind needs to turn from sin and trust personally in the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, to receive redemption. (Rom 3:23)

4. SALVATION ONLY THROUGH FAITH IN JESUS CHRIST

We believe the power of sin and death was broken when Jesus bore our sin at the Cross and rose again, providing the only way of salvation for the whole person: spirit, soul and body. (Heb 4:12; 1Thess 5:23)

Mankind can only be saved by grace through repentance and faith in Christ's perfect and sufficient work of the Cross. We receive remission of sins by Christ's substitutionary sacrifice for us, redemption through faith in His shed blood and regeneration by the Holy Spirit's power. (John 3:5)

5. EMPOWERMENT OF Christ's PRESENCE

We believe the Lord's Presence, Peace and Power are manifest in His Body in various ways, which are not, however, to be regarded as a means of salvation.

We regard:

a) The Lord's Supper as a means of fellowship of the spiritual body of Christ, and as a way of partaking of the spiritual benefits bequeathed to New Covenant believers.(1Cor 11:17-34)

b) Water baptism, by immersion, as the obedient response to the Lord's command (Acts 2:38; Matt 28:19-20) and a visible representation of our death, burial and resurrection with Christ.

c) The baptism of the Holy Spirit as a valid and important experience for believers today. The Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost and is present for all believers today, often subsequent to the new birth and evidenced by speaking with other tongues (Acts 2:1-4; 10:44-46; 19:1-6) and empowerment to witness (Acts 1:8). This baptism is also accompanied by grace gifts and fruit of the Spirit (Rom 5:5, 1 Cor 12:5-11; Gal 5:22 -23).

6. THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH

We believe the Church is the Body of Christ (1 Cor 12:12 -14; Eph 1:22 -23),

His Bride (Eph 5:25) and Temple of the Holy Spirit (1Cor 3:16), the expression of the present rule and reign of Christ's Kingdom of God on earth. Christians are members of the universal, mystical, body by faith-they are a holy priesthood of believers. Believers need to live out their commitment to Christ in love, unity and community with other body members in the local church this

is the practical expression of Christian faith in action. Christ gifted His Church with unity and a five-fold ministry of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers for maturing, ordering, equipping, and releasing the whole body to do the works of service that reveal His glory. (Eph 4:11-16)

7. DIVINE HEALING

We believe divine healing is within Christ's work of atonement (1 Pet 2:24) and great gift of salvation. Healing, communicated by God's grace, gifts, laying on of hands, anointing with oil, and simple faith alone, minister healing for the whole person (emotional, mental, physical) and deliverance from oppression by the devil (Acts 10:38; Mk 16:17-18; James 5:14-16). The

gospel is not only in word, but in power and "these signs will follow those who believe."

8. THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

We believe that the laying on of hands, as practiced in the New Testament, is an operation of the ministry of the Holy Spirit for:

- Healing the sick**
- baptism of the Holy Spirit**
- receiving spiritual gifts**
- dedicating children**
- Ordaining ministries**
- and sending out ministries (Acts 13:3)**

9. THE CHRIST-LIKE ABUNDANT LIFE

We believe all Christians are called into a life of separation from sinful practices and they should take every opportunity to promote righteousness and godliness (James 4:4; Romans 12:1-2, 13:1-10; 2Cor 6:14 -18; 1 John 2:15 -17). Holiness is the release of Christ within each and every believer, changing us into His image, from glory to glory. (2Cor 3:18)

10. EVANGELISM

We believe the mandate and privilege of every Christian is to spread the Gospel to the lost world by making disciples of all nations, baptizing and teaching them to obey everything He commands (Matt 28:18-20). This lifestyle

of evangelism is accomplished through prayer, living out our faith, preaching the Word and sacrificial giving. (Acts 1:8; Luke 10:2; Matt 10:7-8; 1Cor 9:19 -23)

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST

We believe the Ascension and Exaltation of the Lord Jesus Christ to the throne of the Father proclaims His present rule and reign over the universe.

His Kingdom is revealed here on earth through His Body, the Church, resulting in a glorious Church and global harvest at the end of this age. He will be finally revealed through His personal, physical, and soon return and the events described in the following scriptures, including the resurrection of the dead (the just too everlasting life and unjust to eternal separation from

God (Acts 1:11; 1Thess 4:16 -17; Titus 2:12 -14; 2Thess 1:7-10).

12. FURTHER REVELATION

We recognize that God is continually restoring truth and light to His Church.

Therefore, we place no limit on further revelation; however, each must be substantiated according to the scriptures.

“THE BIBLE, THE BOOK ITSELF AND HOW IT CAME TO US”

THE BIRTH OF THE BIBLE:

The problem of human relationship with God finally comes to this: “How can I know God’s will, and do it?”

Originally, God intended that man should be instructed in his will, and kept obedient to it, just by the influence of conscience. But the rule of conscience failed to preserve human innocence, and the first couple found themselves expelled from the Garden of Eden.

At once God began to inaugurate a new principle, the rule of law; and the first major step in this process was taken when God called Abram to leave his native home, changed his name to Abraham (“father of a multitude,” Gen 17:5) or the father of many nations some translation say’s. This established him as the forefather of the Hebrew people. From among

the Hebrew God chose the family of Israel, and this family he built into then nation that was destined to become the recipients and keepers of his written law (Rom.3: 1).

Accordingly, about 600 years after the call of Abraham, that is, about 1400BC, the time came for this written revelation to begin. It was to embody a history of the proceeding centuries, right back to the day of Creation, and it was to include God's laws, promises, prophecies, and the continuing Salvation-history of his people. Moses was the man chosen from among the thousands of Israel to commence the sacred writings-Moses received living

oracles to give to us"(acts 7:38). This written law, by its permanence and freedom from corruption, would provide a more reliable guide to man than either conscience or oral tradition.

Having chosen the people of Israel to be the guardians of his law, God then guaranteed its preservation by separating Israel from all other nations, and by stamping indelibly upon the national consciousness a sense of responsibility towards sacred writings. Israel continually lapsed into idolatry. Again and again the nation

persecuted the very prophets of God sent to teach them His law. The Scriptures themselves ruthlessly exposed Israel's faults and warned of the coming judgement.

The prophets said however still this nation remained faithful to the task of killing the prophets and yet preserved what. Israel was receiving, recording,

And preserving the "living oracles." They killed the prophets, but preserved their prophecies! They received the laws of God, continually violated them, but still jealously recorded those same laws! They

worshipped Baal, but were careful to maintain the revelation of the true God! Across the centuries, Israel gathered the words of God together, preserved them intact, and eventually offered them to the world. And so they came to us.

The first mention of writing in the Bible is in Exodus 17:14, where the lord commanded Moses “to write in a book” the story of the fight with Amalek. However it maybe said that the actual commencement of the book that will outlive heaven and earth took place on the awful heights of Sinai, when Moses stood alone before God (exodus 19:16-) And from this Majestic beginning, about 40 persons, from all station in life, and spread over some 1600 years, were engaged in writing about 1400BC< and the last words were probably written by the apostle John

about 97 AD in Asia Minor.

THE MEANING OF “BIBLE”

“Bible” is a collective term which is used to describe the group of books which Christians believe contain the only true and complete revelation of God’s will for the human race. The word of “Bible” is not the title of a book, it is derived from two Greek words, “ta biblia,” which mean simply, “the books”. The early church added to “bibla” a distinguishing epithet such as “Holy” “Divine” “Sacred” “ inspired”, and this usage was adopted without alteration into Latin of the Middle Ages. From Latin the words have come into English as “the Holy Bible”, and this expression is now used by us all to refer exclusively to the collected sacred books of the Old and new Testaments.

So its worth repeating that “the Bible” is not the title of a book, but is the heading under many books, with which a great variety of style and content, are gathered. The message of these books is one. However that

message comes to us through a wide diversity of style and of form. The Bible contains drama, philosophy, poetry, narrative, history, song, parables, proverbs, prophecy, geography- in fact, almost every kind of literature; but it is all wonderfully moulded by the hand of God into a single divine revelation to mankind.

Among the authors of the various books of the Bible were Kings, princes, fishermen, priests, shepherds, farmers, a tax-gatherer, politicians, scribes, prophets, poets, etc., -but all of these, we are told, spoke and wrote not from their own will, but only as they were moved by the Holy Spirit (2 peter 1:20- 21.) The word “Scriptures” is derived from the Latin, and means simply “the writings.” It occurs in John 7:42, Acts 17:11< Romans 4:3, etc. Another common description of the Bible is the “word of God”-see 2 Timothy 2:9 Hebrews 4:12 etc.

THE DIVISIONS OF THE BIBLE

The Bible is composed of 66 books, and they are divided into two grand divisions known as the Old Testament

and the New Testament; with 39 books in the former, and 27 in the latter. The Old Testament was written in

Hebrew, with a few chapters in Aramaic, and the New Testament was written in Greek.

The Old Testament consists of a group of books current among the Jews in Palestine in the time of Jesus, because He accepted these writings as Scripture, they were accepted also by the early Christians. The New Testament consists of a group of writings by a number of the leaders of the early church. From the earliest times these were accepted as being especially stamped with divine authority, and the churches on an equal footing with the

Old Testament placed them.

The Old Testament records by history, type, prophecy and poetry, the story of the nation Israel about the nature and purpose of God. The New Testament records, in memoirs and letters, the life of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the interpretation given to his life and teachings by the early church.

There is also a history of the early church, and a book of prophecy. The Old Testament begins with the fall of man; the New Testament ends with the restoration of man.

THE OLD TESTAMENT

- The Old Testament is divided into five parts.....**
- THE LAW, Consist the first five books we call the Penditure.**

Genesis,

Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy.

- HISTORY,-[twelve books] Joshua -to- Esther**
- POETRY, -[five books] Job...to. -Song of Solomon.**
- MAJOR PROPHETS, -[twelve books] from Hosea.to. -Daniel.**
- AND MINOR PROPHETS. [twelve books] Hosea ..To. - Malachi.**

This arrangement of the books of the Old Testament was probably made about the middle of the 3rd

century BC. It reflects the

Subject matter of the various sections, rather than the chronological order in which they were written.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

The New Testament is divided into six parts....

- BIOGRAPHY, -[four books] Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.**
- HISTORY, -none [one book] book of Acts.**

- CHRISTIAN CHURCH LETTERS, --[nine books] from Romans.to. - Thessalonians.**
 - PASTORAL AND PERSONAL LETTERS, --[four books] 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy,Titus, 1,2 and Philemon.**
 - HEBREW CHRISTIAN LETTERS,--[eight books] Hebrews, James, 1 and 2 Peter, 1-2-3-John, and the book of Revelation**
 - PROPHECY- [one book] Revelation.**
- The origin of this arrangement of the 27 books of the New Testament is in fact unknown. It reflects the logical and chronological order of the subject matter of each part, but it gives no indication of the order in which the books were actually written. The first New Testament documents to be written were probably the letter of James and the early letters of Paul [between AD 45 and 60] The four gospels, acts, the later letters, and Revelation were written between Ad 60 and 100. This is without too much speculation. THE MEANING OF “TESTAMENT”**

“Diatheke” was used to translate the Hebrew word “covenant” this word was later changed from “suntheke”?

Apparently because “diatheke” enabled them to place an emphasis on the divine initiative in formulating the covenant.

Ordinarily, a covenant requires the concerned parties to reach an equal agreement on its terms and conditions, and if either party breaches the contract, the covenant becomes void. By contrast, “diatheke” was usually applied to a situation where just one of the parties took full responsibility for formulating the covenant. In the context of scripture, “diatheke”

describes a covenant in which God has arbitrarily laid down the conditions, without consulting man and God simply demands that we yield without argument to his terms.

So because “diatheke” held this special meaning of a unilateral contract, it was the word commonly used

in the Greek world to describe what we would call a “Will” or a “testament”. This was the translation given to it in the old Latin versions of the Bible, where it was rendered as “testamentum”; and from there it passed into English as “testament”.

“Testament” is an allowable translation of “diatheke”; but it can be misleading, for to us it holds the idea of a benefit, which is bestowed only after the testator’s death. However while it is true that the covenant God has made

with us is given by death [that is Christ], and in this sense the covenant may be called a “testament,” in other

respects it is far removed from the ordinary “Will.” Hence it is generally better to translate “diatheke” as “covenant”

rather than “testament” for ref; Exodus 24:7 2Kings 23:2-21 Jeri 31:31 Luke 22:20 2cor 3: 14 and Hebrews 12:

24 there are plenty more however our information is drawn from theses alone. To the exception where Hebrews (:

15-18 where “diatheke” is used in senses, a “Will” and a “covenant.”

SO NOW WE COME TO THE QUESTION“HOW DID THE BIBLE COME TO US?

Well before the time of Christ, the Old Testament had reached its final form, being accepted by the Jewish nation

as their inspired “Scriptures” It then contained the same books as our English Bible, but in a different arrangement.

The Jews, of course, did not know it as the “Old Testament” [nor do they to day] they used the following

terms...THE LAW FIRST FIVE BOOKS OF THE OLD TESTAMENT. THE PROPHETS –[four earlier], Joshua,

Judges, Samuel, Kings, [four later] Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, The Twelve.

THE WRITINGS- THREE poetical, Psalms, Proverbs, Job.

FIVE SCROLLS- song of Solomon, Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastics, Esther.

THREE OR FOUR BOOKS Daniel, Ezra and Nehemiah, Chronicles.

About 250 BC. A Greek translation of the Hebrew scriptures was made at Alexandria in Egypt. It was traditionally

supposed to have been made by 72 Jewish scholars, this translation is called the Septuagint [seventy], and it is

usually written as LXX. The LXX re-classified the OT books according to subject matter, and this is the order

followed in our English Bibles. The Christian Churches first accepted these Jewish Scriptures as the “word of God” and added them to the Apostolic writings gradually over the years [Col 4:16] as the Apostles passed away

the churches started to make copies and collections of all the available apostolic writings. These were scattered

through the Roman Empire far and wide from the original manuscripts.

The copies were done by hand and

laborious work, travelling to various parts of the empire. The making of copies by hand was both tedious and

dangers work and many perilous times. For 300 years imperial persecutions, during which many Christian died.

Christians were compelled to meet in private and they kept their secret books well hidden or are put to death for it.

It was Roman policy not only to kill the Christian believers but to burn theirs books also. This had one big

advantage know one would risk their lives unless it was the genuine article and complete 66 books. Under such

circumstances it was slow work for the churches scattered over the vast extent of the Roman Empire to come to

uniformity in their collections of authentic Apostolic writings. Some of the books in the east did not become quickly

in the west; and some issued in the west were slow to gain recognition in the east; each Church was very careful

to satisfy itself before accepting any writings as genuine.

It should be mentioned and remembered that the chapter and verses numbers was not a part of the original text of

Scriptures. Robert Stephen's introduced this in 1551AD. In places the system is clumsy and breaks the continuity

of thought. Italics in the King James, or Version, indicate that words lacking from the original text have been supplied by the translators to complete the sense of the passage in English. Most modern translations have some other scheme, which is usually explained in the preface. The printing, invented by John Gutenberg, 1454 AD, removed the danger of errors in the text, made Bibles cheap and abundant, and greatly promoted

the circulation and influence of the Bible among all people. Up to this time all books had to be copied out by hand. In the Middle Ages a Bible could cost the wages of a workman for an entire year.

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The Truth that Sets You FREE!

Sin is here and it's the biggest problem humanity has ever had. Unfortunately, many people today consider it politically incorrect to even use the term, especially in church. They'd rather say that a person has an issue they're dealing with, or that there are problems in their life they're trying to solve. No, the people are sinning and they need to call it that. Don't sugar-coat sin by calling it something else? Sin is sin and there are gross consequences for those who let it run rampant in their life. Rom. 6:23 says, "For the wages of sin is death." This is a spiritual law that has been around since the Garden of Eden. God told Adam in Gen. 2:16, 17, "Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." If you sin, you die. Period. Sin is a violation of light, an open rebellion against the right thing you know you're supposed to do. 1 John 3:4 (MSG) says, "All who indulge in a

sinful life are dangerously lawless, for sin is a major disruption of God's order."

People who don't believe in God have no morals. The course their life takes is based solely on what they think is right and wrong, and that can change daily. What's wrong today may be considered acceptable tomorrow. There was a time when it was abominable to have sex before marriage, now it's an accepted practice everywhere. This is why when a person believes less and less in God, the more immoral they will be. People will say that this is a new generation where the level of acceptability gives them the freedom to do whatever they desire. If it feels good, do it. But God never changes. He's the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8). It always has been, and always will be, God's will "that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth" (1 Tim. 2:2-4). The truth of God's Word will set you free for it reveals the standard for which people are to live their lives.

Sin is when you violate what the Bible says is right and wrong. 1 John 5:17 says, "All unrighteousness is sin" and Rom. 14:23 says "for whatever is not from faith is sin." The problem many Christians have is they're trying to live as close to their old life as they can without losing their salvation. These people are walking on

dangerous ground because all sin leads to darkness. Heb. 3:12 says, "Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God." The Message Bible says, "So watch your step, friends. Make sure there's no evil unbelief lying around that will trip you up and throw you off course, diverting you from the living God." An evil unbelief is when you've seen the light but can't be persuaded to walk in it. This is why sin is called a violation of light. You've seen the light, you know the truth, yet you willingly refuse to change your life and follow the standard God revealed to you. If you don't walk in the light you have, everything around you will get darker and darker.

Heb. 3:13 says, "You must warn each other every day, while it is still 'today,' so that none of you will be deceived by sin and hardened against God." When you willingly walk in sin you will no longer be tender hearted and sensitive to the things of God. You'll become dull of hearing and all open communication with God will be lost. Hardness of heart causes you to not see the light and, the farther in life you go, the more blind you will become to the spiritual side of life. In time, you won't be able to discern right from wrong and will do things that even sinners would be ashamed of. This is what happened when a man in the Corinthian church began to sleep with his father's wife. 1 Tim. 4:1, 2 says, "Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings

that come from demons." This verse is talking about believers because you can't depart from the faith unless you've first been in the faith. How did this departure take place? They listened to false teachings that did not line up with the light of God's Word.

People whose hearts are hardened cannot distinguish between right and wrong. Be careful what you listen to because bad things happen when you listen to the wrong things. This is what opens the door for the enemy to come in and destroy your life. Understand that God is gracious and merciful and will not allow you to be taken captive by the enemy just because you're a helpless victim to the devil's deceptions. Those who get destroyed are the ones who see the light and willingly refuse to walk in it. There comes a point when people know better but decide to get off the beaten path anyway. As long as you're walking in the light you have, the blood of Jesus will cleanse you continually from all sin. When people refuse the truth there is nothing left to believe but a lie? In the last days the man of lawlessness will be revealed and Paul says in 2 Thess. 2:10 (NLT), "He will use every kind of evil deception to fool those on their way to destruction, because they will refuse to love and accept the truth that would save them."

These people will be destroyed because they will not receive the love of the truth. They will have seen the light but wouldn't walk in it. Vs. 11, 12 says, "So God will cause them to be greatly

deceived, and they will believe these lies. Then they will be condemned for enjoying evil rather than believing the truth." When you believe a lie you are deceived and, the farther you go from the light, the darker it gets. It is a dangerous thing to not walk in the light you have, to deny what you know to be true. Heb. 6:4-6 says, "For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the power of the age to come, if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame." This verse is referring to those who refuse to repent and turn away from a life of sin and darkness. They've turned their back on God and refuse to return to Him no matter how hard you try to persuade them otherwise.

A baby Christian cannot commit the unpardonable sin. These verses are referring to those who know better, believers who have seen the light and have walked in the counsel of God. They've experienced the anointing in their lives and have flowed in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Then one day they decided they didn't want to serve God anymore and wilfully turned their back on Him. These people knew what they were doing and what they did was not done in ignorance. On purpose they violated light and this is what makes their turning away so grievous and severe. They proclaimed that the blood of Jesus has no value to them and chose to walk in

darkness rather than light. It is impossible to get a person to repent once they've done this. There is no such thing as once saved, always saved. The good news is that you can be saved as long as you want to be saved. Mental institutions are filled with people who think they've committed the unpardonable sin but they haven't. If they did something wrong but still want a relationship with God, they have not done what these verses is talking about.

The devil is always standing by hoping you will reject the truth because, if you do, that opens the door for him. For sure, he will give you something else to believe for he is the master of alternate choices. He is a liar and the father of it and when you listen to him you have started down the path that leads to death and destruction. The deceitfulness of sin hardens your heart and you reach a point where nobody can talk to you. Your trust in God is eroding and your conscious is severed to the point where it don't bother you when you sin. This is what happens when you don't walk in the light you've been given. You knew the truth but chose an alternate way to live. People who do this are nothing more than puppets on a string controlled by the devil as he tries to prevent you from fulfilling your destiny. Those who are deceived are cold-hearted believers who are unable to tell the difference between right and wrong. Their sin will dull their spiritual senses and will take away their ability to hear from God.

Before there is sin, there is temptation. James 1:14, 15 (NLT) says, "Temptation comes from our own desires, which entice us and drag us away. These desires give birth to sinful actions. And when sin is allowed to grow, it gives birth to death." People are pulled away from God and pulled into sin by their own desires. The Message Bible says, "The temptation to give in to evil comes from us and only us. We have no one to blame but the leering, seducing flare-up of our own lust. Lust gets pregnant, and has a baby: sin! Sin grows up to adulthood, and becomes a real killer." The path to sin begins when you desire the wrong things. The devil then comes in and entices you with alternate choices contrary to the Word of God. The devil works with your desires for if you had no desire in a certain area; he would have nothing to entice you with. Desires grow strong when you feed them; they grow weak when you starve them. Never think you're too holy to be tempted. Everybody has desires and everybody gets tempted. Those who don't give in to sin are those who control their desires rather than letting their desires control them.

Heb. 11:24,25 says, "By faith Moses, when he became of age, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God than to enjoy the passing pleasures of sin." There is pleasure in sin for if there wasn't you wouldn't be tempted to do it. The devil offered Moses an alternate choice that would give him temporary pleasure. This shows how

deceptive the devil is for there is no such thing as a sinful wrong that brings everlasting pleasure. It only brings short term gratification and afterward there will be consequences to pay. Never forget that the wages of sin is death. It can bring an end to your marriage, the demise of your health, and it can cause you to die an early death. Sin is a decision you make to put action to the wrong desires you have. There may be things you're very passionate about, but if God says it's wrong, it's wrong. Be like Moses who made a right choice. Put your flesh down and follow what's in your heart. This is how you control your desires. You are well able to resist every temptation that comes your way, if you choose to.

God hates sin and so should you. The Father said to Jesus in Heb. 1:9 (NLT), "You love justice and hate evil. Therefore, O God, Your God has anointed You, pouring out the oil of joy on you more than on anyone else." Jesus loved what was right and hated what was wrong and, because of that, He was anointed with joy and gladness above everybody round about Him. The devil does not want you to know that the happiest people on the planet are the holiest people. The most satisfied are the most sanctified. Like Moses, they choose to follow after God instead of the alternate choices the devil puts before them. The pleasure of sinners is temporary but the joy of God followers is eternal. The devil will lie to you and say the opposite is true. He'll try to convince you that

the only way to have fun is to sin. Jesus never sinned and He was never depressed. No, He was filled with joy and gladness. He was the gladdest of the glad. There is no amount of temporary pleasure worth forfeiting your relationship with God for, or your family, your job, and even your life.

You have the responsibility to walk upright before God in what He has given you freely through the blood of Jesus. You need to be like Jesus who was holy, blameless, and unstained by sin. 1 John 2:6 says, "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked." That is a higher call that many are unwilling to believe is possible. They don't understand that God will not tell you to do something that was not possible for you to do. No person is righteous in and of themselves but, by faith, you believe that Jesus gave you His righteousness, and this is what makes you acceptable in the eyes of God. You need to be holy as He is holy. You need to walk in the light which is on the path of obedience. You need to do what you know you're supposed to do. Believe in your heart that you are separate from sin and that it's possible for you to go days, weeks, and even months without sinning. Don't listen to those who would tell you that it's human nature for a person to sin every day. That may be true for sinners but it's not true for a born again child of God.

If ever there was a reason not to sin, it would be to escape the condemnation that comes afterward. One of the most immediate results of sinning is the consequence of condemnation. It will strip you of your faith and will destroy your confidence to pray and to receive from God. It's the reason people are confused, in fear, and insecure. The word "condemn" means 'to be against; to judge against' and refers to a person being found guilty and sentenced to the punishment required for the wrong they did. If you are feeling condemned, then you are guilty of some wrong and believe you deserve to be punished. Fear is the result of knowing you're guilty and that punishment is coming. This is the reason Adam and Eve hid them when they ate of the forbidden fruit. Sin consciousness will cause you to run away from the presence of God. In Luke 5 Jesus performed a miracle for Peter and his fishing partners by providing for them an overflowing abundance of fish. Peter saw this and said, "Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord!" (vs. 8).

Condemnation will cause you to run away from God and push away the answer to all your problems. It causes you to draw back in fear and is the reason many people commit suicide. Peter felt unclean, dirty, and inferior standing next to Jesus. He was looking at a miracle and saw a manifestation of a holy God, yet he felt unworthy to be in the presence of Jesus. The devil is making people feel the same way today and he does it with condemnation. He is successful to a certain degree because righteousness is not

being taught in the church as it should be. Week after week preachers point their finger at the members of their church telling them what wretched sinners they are. The people then go out and commit the very sin the preacher was talking about. Before long they're feeling condemned and decide not to go to church for a while, if ever at all. What these preachers should be telling the people is that the blood of Jesus cleanses them of all their sin and makes them acceptable to God in spite of all their failures and mistakes.

Jesus died to set you free from the law of sin and death. Heb. 10:10 (NLT) says, "For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus, once for all time." Vs. 14 says, "For by that one offering He forever made perfect those who are being made holy." The Message Bible says, "It was a perfect sacrifice by a perfect Person to perfect some very imperfect people. By that single offering, He did everything that needed to be done for everyone who takes part in the purifying process." What Jesus did, He did for you and what He says in vs. 17 is probably the greatest blessing of all, "Their sins and lawless deeds I will remember no more." If that don't make you shout, then nothing will. 1 John 1:9 says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." If your sins are cleansed and washed away by the blood of the Lamb, there is

nothing to remember. When you're forgiven, you're forgiven. When you're clean, you're clean. Accept it and go on living a holy life.

Knowing you're forgiven takes away all guilt and shame and replaces it with holy boldness and confidence that rises up from inside of you. With this boldness you can enter into the Holy of Holies and fellowship with the Lord your God. Heb. 10:22 says, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." God has made you worthy to look directly into the eyes of Jesus which are like deep wells of living love. It takes faith to believe this and humility to yield to it. Forget about how you feel and all the mistakes you've made in the past. If God says you're righteous, and then believe you are righteous. If He says you've been made holy, then you've been made holy. It matters not how you feel but it does matter what you believe. Fears melt away when you meditate on all that God has done and boldly confess out loud that you've been made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.

There is no higher place to go than to stand before the throne of grace. You can go there boldly when you know that God has made you worthy to do so. Heb. 10:19, 20 (NLT) says, "And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus. By His death, Jesus opened a new and life-giving way through the curtain into the Most Holy Place."

Sin and guilt causes you to draw back in fear because you're conscious of all your past mistakes and the times you missed the mark. But when you're conscious of the blood of Jesus, you can boldly draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith. James 4:8 says, "Draw near to God and He will draw near to you." Heb. 4:16 says, "Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need." God responds when you draw near because it takes faith to do it. Faith pleases God and 1 John 3:22 (MSG) says, "We're able to stretch our hands out and receive what we asked for because we're doing what He said, doing what pleases Him."

There are things in this life that, if you participate in them, will contaminate and defile you both inside and out. This is why 2 Cor. 7:1 says you must cleanse yourself from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit. God is not going to make you avoid these bad things but He will give you the strength to resist them if you choose to. 1 John 5:18 says, "We know that whoever is born of God does not sin, but he who has been born of God keeps himself and the wicked one does not touch him." This does not mean that a believer cannot sin; it does mean "that God's children do not make a practice of sinning" (NLT). A born again believer who is in close fellowship with God does not keep on sinning as a way of life. A person who keeps yielding to sin is not as close to God as they should be. But if you will cleanse yourself and keep yourself, the enemy won't be

able to touch you. This is why you have to keep yourself in the love of God, the faith of God, and the eternal plan of God. You're in trouble if you don't.

Consider what a great life you would have if the devil can't touch your body, your marriage, or your finances. You'll fulfil your destiny, your family will follow in the footsteps of Jesus, and all your bills will be paid. This is what happens when you keep yourself out of sin. It is sin that allows the devil to gain access to your life. It's what opens the door to calamity and destruction. There is a reason some people are blessed more than others. It is not random nor is it by accident. At the same time, there is a reason people are cursed and struggle day in and day out. If there is destruction in your life, then you've been touched by the evil one. God's touch brings healing, restoration, life and liberty. You need to know that the devil can't touch you just because he wants to. You stop him by keeping yourself from all sin and by overcoming all temptations. The devil tempts you because he wants to touch you. If you don't yield to the temptation, he has no right to enter your life.

There is a reason why good things happen, and there is a reason bad things happen. Just because you don't know what the reasons are does not mean they're not there. Jesus once healed an impotent man and later said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worst thing comes upon you" (John 5:14).

It is not normal for a child of God to always be sick and never having enough to meet their needs. Many people have gotten used to being this way but this is not how God intended life to be. A believer should be victorious in every area and if they're not then they've been touched by the enemy. This happens when people don't walk in the light they have. A door gets opened and the devil comes in to steal, kill, and destroy. 1 Peter 5:8 says the devil roams around like a roaring lion seeking whom he can devour. This means he can't devour everybody. He can only devour those who open the door and let him in. You stop this from happening when you keep yourself from all sin.

God expects you to walk in the light you have. He never said to pray and ask Him to make the devil leave you alone. He told you to keep yourself from sin and this is what shuts the door on the enemy. When you walk in the light you have, you are in fact submitting to God. This is what allows you to resist the devil and he will flee from you (James 4:7). This verse doesn't say the devil will flee from God, it says he will flee from you. When you keep yourself you have the right to confront the devil and make him leave you alone. Storms may come but, when the wind stops blowing, you'll still be standing strong. The devil can't touch you if you keep yourself and walk in the light you have. If you want the perfect will of God in your life, then you have to do the perfect will of God. If you will keep yourself in the will of God and keep yourself

from all sin, you will walk in victory every time. The devil won't touch you but God will. He'll put a hedge of protection around you that will keep you safe from all harm.

It is your responsibility to keep yourself from all contamination and defilement. There are movies you should not watch and places you should not go. There are business opportunities and other endeavours that you should not be a part of because it can contaminate you both on the outside and on the inside. Be a doer of the Word and walk in the light you have. Paul said in Gal. 5:16, "Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh." The NLT says, "So I say, let the Holy Spirit guide your lives. Then you won't be doing what your sinful nature craves." You keep yourself from sinning by walking in the Spirit every day of your life. It's when you choose to yield to what you know is true on the inside of you. When temptation comes, the Holy Spirit will rise up on the inside of you and tell you not to give in to it. When you yield to what He says, you are walking in the Spirit and sin won't have dominion over you. You can't be full of God and full of sin at the same time.

Many people are trying hard not to sin but God never said to do that. He knows that if you think about sin all the time, you'll probably end up doing it. What God said to do is walk in the Spirit. Instead of watching those bad movies, go pray and read your Bible. Make it easy on yourself and live a separated life. Walk in the Spirit

so you won't fall into sin and spend the rest of your life paying the consequences for doing so. Listen to your heart for, when you do, you will not fulfil the lusts of the flesh. And don't wait an hour to do it. Respond immediately. If your heart tells you not to watch that television program, turn the channel right then and there. Don't wait until you see something you're not supposed to see. Listen to your heart and act accordingly for if you walk in the Spirit you won't carry out the desires of the flesh. This is how you conquer the sin problem. The Greater One is living inside of you and He's telling you what to do and what not to do. Whatever He says to you, do it.

Why do people override what's in their heart and go on and do what's wrong? 2 Tim. 3:1 says in the last days "men will be lovers of themselves" and vs. 4 says they are "lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God." Paul wrote in 2 Tim. 4:9, 10, "Be diligent to come to me quickly; for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world, and has parted for Thessalonica." The pleasures of sin are real and are the bait the devil uses to pull you into his snare. The attractions of the world with all its fleshly pleasures is amplified by the devil who is called the "ruler of this world" (John 12:31). You must continually walk in the Spirit and keep yourself from being pulled into the abyss of pleasurable sin. 1 John 2:15,16 (NLT) says, "Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in

you. For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions. These are not from the Father, but are from the world."

Why aren't churches filled to capacity every time the doors are open? Because people love something more. They love sleep more than spending time with God. They love golf more and love being lazy more. These people are not walking in the Spirit and are fulfilling the lusts of the flesh. There is a direct correlation between how much you walk in the Spirit and how much sin has a grip on your life. If you walk in the Spirit all the time, you'll sin none of the time. If you walk in the Spirit half the time, you'll sin half the time. And if, like these people, you walk in the Spirit none of the time, you'll sin all the time. It's not difficult to see how you can defeat sin in your life. All you have to do is follow what's in your heart and do what you know is right. When you do this, you are walking in the Spirit and won't give in to those evil temptations that come your way. You're more interested in pleasing God than in pleasing your own flesh. Your priorities are in order and this gives you the motivation to do what's right, those things that please God.

Everything in your life is centred on the choices you make. Even if something happens beyond your control, you still choose how you will react to it. Choices are made based on what you want more. If

you want to be fit and trim then you must choose not to eat two pieces of cheesecake at midnight. It's no mystery why people fall into sin. They love the pleasures of sin more than they love God, and this is the basis on which their choices are made. John 3:19, 20 say, "And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed." The Message Bible says, "They went for the darkness because they were not really interested in pleasing God." Whenever a decision has to be made, you will always choose what you love more. There is nothing in this universe that God loves more than you, and He is requiring you to love Him the same way. When you do, the problem of sin is forever defeated in your life.(this was re-written under

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DISCIPLINED DISCIPLES OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST:

MATTHEW 2:9- Here we see the leading of the Lord by way of a star, that the wise men followed and the leading of the Lord by an angel in a dream also Joseph later had an inner witness not to go back after fleeing into Egypt he did not go back to

Bethlehem he went to Nazareth to settle down there. So come the name Jesus of Nazareth, even though Jesus was not Nazarene.1 Timothy 3:5 the discipline we need

in the Lord starts from our own house hold, if we can't rule over our own house how do we rule a church? John 8:31-32 we have all heard many times the truth will set you free.

However when we really look into what the Lord Jesus was saying, He said if you continue in my word, and then are you my disciples indeed; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. We see by this that it is not truth that makes you free but it is the truth you know that will make you free. This knowing of truth only comes by if you continue in the word of God, and get to know the author of the book. Hence comes a true story from Carole Mayhall she came into precession of a book that she could not get interested in after the first couple of chapters, so she put the book away on the book shelf and left it there never did read it. Later she went on a cruise and on this cruise she met a man and falling in love with him, and contemplating marriage. She said to this man how strange I have a book on my book shelf and the author of the book is the same name, He answered and said my dear Carole that is not so strange, I am the Author of that book & THE FOUNDER OF

NAVIGATORS MINISTRY. Carole was so glad he did not ask what she thought of the book, as Carole did not read as yet!

Carole could not wait any longer as the cruise was over she quickly fled to her book shelf to get the book that had gathered dust by now and Carole read the book from cover to cover twice and found it to be the most interested book she had EVER read. Now what had changed why did Carole find the book more interesting now? The answer is obvious Carole is in love

with the Author. The Holy Bible should be the same way to us if we are in love with the Author of the Bible then it will be so

easy to digest and understand. JOHN 12: 26-if any man serves me, let him follow me; where I am there shall also my servant be: However the prerequisite for this is the understanding that we have to be like the germ of wheat that dies, before we shall

produce fruit. When we are willing and indeed die to our own selfish desires and worldly lust then and only then can we expect the rest of what Jesus said here. If any man serves me, him will my father honour.

We have to note what all these scriptures have in common with each other that there is a discipline, and conditions to follow before we can say the Spirit of God leads us. ROMANS 8:14. Hebrews 10:38 now the just shall live by faith: but if any man

draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

We see by these scriptures firstly that it is Faith that we are obedient to God, we are justified by faith, saved by faith, and will continue in the word of God by faith in the love of God for us. If we are in love with the one that loves us we shall continue, there

is so much we can say about this scripture, however the point that caught my interest was the soul the word says MY SOUL shall have no pleasure in him and [v 39.....Says the saving of the soul, meaning the purging of the conscience Romans 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestination to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. Moreover whom he did

predestination, them he also called: and whom he called them he also justified: and whom he justified them he also glorified.

There is Christian claiming to have sanctification, justified, and looking for glorification. This has happened to some that Jesus has already taken away, like Mosses and Ilesha when they appeared with Jesus on the mount transfiguration. We cannot have this Glorification until the love of God is perfected in us, ROMANS 8:28

And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. When we are really in love with Jesus and his word it starts to happen that we receive healing, Salvation, & deliverance all of which are a small part of Jesus glorification. It is part of our inheritance to receive this Glorification most of us stop at the Salvation, or being filled with the Spirit of God for the evidence of speaking of toughs. However this is just the down payment of Salvation, it is not the full salvation. We have to be disciplined

disciples to receive the full salvation, the bible says we are saved, we are being saved, and we shall be saved, meaning it is a progression that we have through a continued relationship through his word. John 4:24 & Rev 4:11 God is a Spirit: we can

never understand the deep things of God unless we are in the same spirit. They that worship must worship in spirit and in truth. God has created all things for his pleasure and that includes you and me. Now to develop self-discipline is to take

possession of your mind, and is to take emotional and instinctive thoughts out of our mind. For at least until our minds have been trained to be like Christ. ROM 12:1 &2

I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present you bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. PROV 4:2. I give you good doctrine forsake you not the law. Our life is shaped on our thoughts and the words control the thoughts, and thus control our deeds. James 1:13 –15 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither he tempteth he any man: but every man is tempted when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. So we see by this the thoughts, the words, and deeds.

Romans 6: 16 know you not; that to whom you yield yourselves servants to obey his servants you are to whom you obey; whether sin unto death, or obedience unto righteousness? So we see from this we are servants to whom ever we yield our members too. We must become more disciplined to yield our members unto God and his righteousness. 2.Peter: 1-10 be diligent to make your calling sure.1Peter 2: 11-21 talks about unstable souls meaning unstable minds, full of lust and all kinds of evil, this could be a preacher that has gone wrong. Very serious, these are the false

Prophets and teachers, while they promise liberty they themselves are servants of corruption: [verse 20] For it after they have escaped the pollution's of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had better for them not to have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, the dog is turned to his

own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire. This is not just for preachers and teachers this can happen to anyone. The apostle goes on here in [chapter 3] here goes on to warn us about having our minds pure at all times. That you be mindful of the words, which are spoken.

This is a true disciplined disciple of Our Lord Jesus Christ, one whom has his mind and words pure, I stir up you're your pure minds by way of remembrance.

Psalm 39:1-4 I SAID, I will take heed to my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will keep my mouth with a bridle, while the wicked is before me. The bridle the psalmist talks about is the word of God, just like Jesus he went like a lamb to the

slaughter [verse 4] Lord make me to know my end, the man here was not suicidal as some may suggest. He knew the pride of men and the measure of our days compared with all eternity. How silly we can be not to obey the Lord God through his word. No

this psalmist was saying, that I may know how frail I am. That if he was reminded how fail we are in comparison to the Lord, then it is easy to humble our self under the

mighty hand of the Lord. 1 Thessalonians 4:3-4 & 12 For this is the will of God, even your Sanctification, that you should abstain from fornication: That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in Sanctification and honour; [verse 12] That you may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that

you may have lack of nothing. So we see by these scriptures the Lord God wants us to like right and to be in full control not to give over to the

Iust that is in the world. So we see also there are rewards for obedience to the Lord [Verse 12] Lack of nothing. As

a counsellor I get to hear both side of the story saying I am not strong in Faith to do this, to live this way but the Lord has said [we lack nothing] we don't lack the strength to do this, we don't lack nothing. Could this mean nothing as in anything?

I have always seemed to lack some thing someone might say! Well whatever the lack you think you may have, when you walk this way in obedience to God's word you lack nothing. When we live a concentrated, sanctified life before God then we will lack

nothing, when it comes to the power of God we shall have it at the time of need. Mark 5: 2-16 Just like Jesus when he came to the man of Gad'arenes not only did the evil

spirits recognized him, but knew he had the power in himself to cast them out. You live a clean life, and the unclean spirits will know that you are clean and have power to cast them out. {THIS IS THE LIFE OF A DISCIPLINED DISCIPLE] PROVERBS 25:

28 He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls. Hosea chapter 4: 6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest onto me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of God, I will

also forget thy children. This needs no explanation; remember our subject being disciplined, disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ, through knowing his word.

REVELATIONS CHAPTER 3: 21 To him that overcomes will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and sat down with my

Father in his throne. He that hath an ear, let him ear what the spirit saith unto the churches.

And he is still speaking the same thing live a consecrated, sanctified life before God, many are called few are chosen. Meaning that if you live a consecrated, &

....sanctified life before God then he will choose you to do his bidding. He will choose you to be the man that walks down the street and just the shadow of the man can heal the sick, just like Peter he was weak, but the Lord made him so strong that when

he walks by the sick his shadow was enough to heal the sick.

I will close this chapter with what makes up the profile of a disciplined man, is a man that is determined to increase, that is an over comer, and looks not for the applause of men. A man that has his thoughts in heavenly places, whom has his feet firmly

planted on the ground he walks on, but at any given moment can speak heaven down to earth. “Thy Kingdom come thy will be done” these are the words Jesus gave to us! A disciplined disciple is one whom has studied to show him self approved unto

God. 2 Timothy 2:15 a workman that needeth not be ashamed.

Proverbs 18:21 Death and life are in the power of our tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. Notice this word is saying death and life, meaning death comes before live, just like the seed in the ground it has to die. We die to ourselves and made alive unto God. We have control over our tongue by the power of the Holy Spirit. The tongue can no man tame it is an unruly evil.....James chapter 3: 8 However when we living right and sanctified before God, then the Holy Spirit gives

us the power to control our tongue. So yes no man can tame the tongue: but God can, and will if he is sought after.

Thus being a disciplined disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Corinthians 2: 15-16 for we are unto God a sweet saviour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: to the one we are saviour of death unto death; and to other the savour of life unto life. And who is sufficient for these things? For we are not as many which corrupt the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, in the sight of God speak we in Christ.

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SPIRIT SOUL AND BODY:

We are a Spirit we have a Soul and live in a Body. [Roman 12: 1-2] we are to present our bodies to God as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to *the ways of this world: but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind, which you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. So we are to present our bodies to renew our minds. Now we have been taught that our mind is part of our soul, but I believe also the word of God tells me. The renewed mind, renewed by the word of God, becomes a spiritual mind.* [1 Corinthians 9-16] God has revealed things unto us by His Spirit: the Spirit searcheth all things, yes the deep things of God. Goes on to say we have the mind of Christ. [*But this is only when we are obedient to everything else that is said*] Especially presenting your body in the correct attitude.

I believe the word of God tells me; the renewed mind, renewed by the word of God not only becomes a spiritual mind, but becomes our eye of Faith into the Spiritual realm.

Our Soul consists of our mind, our will, and our intellect, and some of our physical senses. That is why some people with a very high intellect, has trouble getting out of the soulish realm into the Spiritual realm.

Some denominations teach that the soul is the spirit, or that we don't have a spirit until we are born again of the Spirit OF GOD. Well whichever way you believe we have to go to scripture to get our thinking right.

So in 1Thessalonians 5: 23 and the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This truth of scripture will be setting some people free right now, because the truth is unless you got total control over you mind, that's when you become totally free: The thought processes of our brain is complex indeed but as we understand that we receive all knowledge “Gnosis” into the left side of our brain this is our intellect! Then when the mind processed the information it

goes to the right side of the brain. It becomes “epignosis” this is revelation knowledge.

(Gnosis is Logos = epignosis is Rhema)

We can see from this scripture 1Thessalonians 5:23 that we are spirit, and soul and body.

We also see that the word spirit does not become a capital “S” until we are born again of the spirit of God, but the spirit is there before and after the new birth. [Romans] tells us that we become alive unto God when we buried the old man or old way of life.

SPIRIT= *in the Greek PNEUMA*

SOUL= *in the Greek PSUCHE*

BODY= *in the Greek SOMA ...Hebrews 4:12 for the word of God is Quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*

We notice through the [Hebrews 4:12] that the only thing that can separate the soul, and spirit, and is a discerner of the thoughts and the intents of the heart, This tells me how important it is to learn the word of God as a defences to our minds and our heart. Has not the Lord said guard your heart with all diligence? So we need to learn these things.

Hebrews 4:16 is one of my favourite scriptures, that says for us to come boldly to the throne of grace, this to is presenting the body also. The throne of grace is in the Spiritual realm that we need to learn how to enter in to the Spirit.

[Romans 8: 26] notice *in these scriptures the Spirit is always capital “S” because this is the person that is born again, or spiritually alive unto God.*

Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what to pray as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Notice the word *infirmities* here means weakness. It is a weakness not knowing how to pray some times we feel antiquate to know what to pray anymore in our own understanding, and we feel like groaning within ourselves. This when the Holy Spirit of God can take over, *[if we let him]*

If we learn to pray in the Spirit for long enough our mind and our heart will agree and we will know the mind of God. Our heart and our mind agree together and it is just as if it *become one.* [1Corinthians 2: 9-16

To understand the Bible we must be of the same Spirit of the one that wrote the book. Isaiah 28:9—21 this man they called a see'er was seeing into the Spirit and said “For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to his people. Isaiah 64: 4-6 this is almost like our Corinthians Scripture that we have already mentioned. And talks about a righteousness that is coming, well has it not already arrived to-day Verse [6] says that our righteousness is but filthy rags; However this is new Testament times meaning that the Testimony of Jesus is that He wants us to have His righteousness, not our own, and walk in His Righteousness 2Corinthians 5: 21 said we have become the righteousness of God in Him. So He wants us to walk in that righteousness. Romans 8:18 now this scripture says the Glory shall be revealed in us We were told in our old denominational churches that Glory of God would He not share with another? Yes but we are not another we are one *the same:*

we not talking about our righteousness, we are not talking about our Glory, it is always His, but we have it. Just like saying hello who's' coat are you wearing? You answer “O this belongs to Jesus.” He is letting me wear it. Amen...

We go now to the Gospel of John 17:20-22 and the Glory that you gave me I have give to them: that they may be one, even as we are one: [*talking About the Father and the son*]

Now go back to [Romans8: 18-28] this is a foundation scripture for some churches. And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to *his* purpose.

Now we know the scripture is right but not all things are working together for good in our lives all the time, even though our love for God has not change, so what has changed? Well you see we cannot take this one scripture out of context it means with the whole chapter when we pray this chapter is talking about HOW TO WALK IN THE SPIRIT by pray we can only apply verse 28 if we are obedient to the whole chapter and pray according to

the instructions given.

Now we cannot finish here without this warning. 1 John 2: 26-28 there are many spirits in the world. But the anointing of God will protect us, and teach us and guide us into all TRUTH.

Divine viewpoint is the thinking, the new value system, and problem-solving ability gleaned from this bible teaching, which is a new orientation to NEW LIFE itself based on the perspective of God. The main objective here is the recall of scripture comes to you by absorption or meditation on the scripture. This Logos transfers in the brain to become a Rhema and then you own it. The verses of Scripture become part of you, your recall becomes

clearer and now you are ready to teach others. 2 Timothy 2: 2 *the Lord calls you faithful & able to teach others. {Full of faith and power in the Holy Ghost}*

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Grace will cover us only for a little while longer. Its time now to repent and get your life right with God!

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There are many people that claim to be able to communicate in the spiritual realm. There Spiritual media's, clearvoyancy is fortune tellers or some other kind of Spiritual communicators, Spiritual Healing all coming to the same conclusion. Without the Spirit of God of our Lord Jesus Christ, a man will be

deluded; it is at best guess work or a work of a wrong spirit that will lead to deception. The Bible said there are many spirits in the world; 1 John 4: 1-4 tells us. *Beloved believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: and every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and that is the spirit of antichrist, where of ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world. Ye of God, little children and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in YOU, than he that is in the world.*

Now this of cause is talking to the born again Spirit filled Christian, how does one know he is filled with the correct Spirit is simple if we are obedient to Scripture. Romans 10: 9 & 10 say's *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus and shalt believe in thine heart that God has raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*

So this is the way unto Salvation, this is the way to receive the right, correct and true, Spirit of God to direct your steps and make the right decisions. Jesus said you must be born again (john 3: 3-5) unless a man is born again he cannot enter or even see the kingdom of God. So awake now unto righteousness before it's too late.

SAY THIS WITH ME NOW?

**HEAVENLY FATHER I BELIEVE YOU ARE REAL AND THAT
JESUS HAS PAID THE PRICE FOR ALL MY SIN THE ONE I DO
REMEMBER AND THE SIN I HAVE LONG FORGOTTEN ABOUT!
PLEASE FORGIVE ME AND COME INTO MY HEART LIKE A
BREATH OF FRESH AIR. I BELIEVE JESUS ROSE AGAIN
FROM THE DEATH AND OVERCOMING SIN AND DEATH FOR
ME! SO I ASK TO BE ACCEPTED NOW! AS YOUR CHILD OF
GOD, AS MANY OTHERS HAVE RECEIVED, I WANT TO BE IN
YOUR KINGDOM. I BELIEVE I RECEIVE WHEN I ASK, SO NOW
I WILL REJOICE BELIEVED I RECEIVED YOUR SPIRIT INTO
MY LIFE. I THANK YOU IN JESUS NAME AMEN. AND AMEN.**

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o Well I am a true Reverend some times I need to read things like this to tell me I am still a human, with all the faults and failures of other human beings. However the hardest lesson I have learned in life is to like yourself, and love what God has done, and did' not do in you and me? When we can learn to accept ourselves in whom we are and what God has allowed us to become. Then we are truly happy and content with the changes in life that always come and go.

Some of the greatest words in the Bible is “that it came to pass” We shall all pass away one day, and it's not what we have in this life that matters? It is what we have left behind that truly matters. If we know and believe our true destiny is to be like Jesus then we have achieved the best things in this life and the one yet to come.

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Have You Been Rejected Lately!

Well its All Part Of Being a Christian

LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT ADONIJAH (3 steps) 1 KINGS1:

1. We are seeing a rise of the Adonijah Ministries (false Prophets) evaluation by the world's standards this is how we know the difference. “*Jesus said seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things would be added on to you.*”[Matthew 6:33] And again “*what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul?*”[Matthew 16: 26]

2. I Kings 1:29- 49 as we read through this whole chapter we see the many similarities they were partying had not taken any care's, there was a certain arrogance about it all 1king1:33 is simular to Jesus came riding on a mule, this is humility, or lowly. However as we continue to read we see how Adonijah was not lowly at all, was in fact in a hurry to take control. ZADOK waited and he anointed Solomon, as he was the one that rode upon the mule,

just like Jesus did. EZKIEL 44: - THE WHOLE CHAPTER
this may give us an idea of the priesthood that was and
the requirements EZKIEL 36: - THE WHOLE CHAPTER
The Lord has said what he will do. Then said you remind
me of this? and indeed has done this. Then we read on to
EZKIEL 37: THE WHOLE CHAPTER where the hand of
the Lord shall tell us to prophesy over the dry bones. The
Lord shall give us special instructions when we have
special people praying for the City. EZKIEL 9:4 SET a
mark upon the foreheads of the people: the people that
the Lord God will show us, they shall be people that have
compassion for others. They shall be people that will cry
out to God for goodness, and mercy. They will be people
that tired of seeing the sin, and abominations that go on
in secret places. These people we now call
INTERCESSORS IN PRAYER the people that carry the
burdens of the new move of God, in Holiness, with
Meekness. The charge against the next move of God will
be legalistic and very manipulative, and witchcraft. The
new move of God will be very Prophetic in nature and the
true Apostles of God will be shown in force. We must be
able to minister out to people through our relationship to
the Lord Jesus Christ. Relationship first, then the people
second. Nehemiah 8:17-18 this is the feast of
Tabernacles, this represents the fullness to day we are
the Tabernacles to day. The fullness is the full
manifestation of the son's of God. 1 Chronicles 29:2

**read through the chapter and note what will happen next
verses 9 -[12]-[17]-19 we shall see the provision of the
Lord come in such a great way that will keep us so
humble before God. Duet 16: 14-15 The ten days of awe
prepare for the [*feast of trumpets and the feast of
tabernacles*] this shall be a message of the fullness that is
to come. Isaiah 4:6 there shall be a tabernacle for a
shadow in the day time from the heat, and for a place
of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.**

This is restoring man to minister in his home.

**Jeremiah 13:13-17-22. Chapter 14 chapter 15 we have to
pray we don't see this anger of the Lord upon our nation
like we see in these Scriptures. It is very possible that the
Lords Grace will cover us only for a little while longer.**

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I am at the mind of thinking every one has a story to tell?

**I met a couple the week-ends at Church last Sunday they have been
missionary around the world and seamed to come to the end of some thing
and the start of some thing new! They had ministry in India & Pakistan and
it come to and end that they don't talk too much about!□**

They said they were waiting on God to show them more directions.

**However I feel lots of times God is waiting on us to do some thing then
he comes to our aid and helps us to complete the task. The point is getting
out and does some thing! What I tell my people even a mistake is still
learning. How about Thomas Edison and his light bulb, how many times he
proved to himself and others the many way's it did not work, eventually he**

got it right and it worked and we have the lights today because of this. Someone asked him what kept you going on and on with the endurance, and he said I did not fail once at all, I just proved how many times you can do it wrong. Then there was Babe Ruth the baseball player he missed the ball more times than he ever hit it? Some one said to him Mr. Ruth don't you think that if you

took it easier you would be more accurate and hit more times.

He said No...No...Sir I just have to hit it once with full swing and I can knock right out of the ball park and I am the hero for the day! Then there was Abraham Lincoln he fails at almost everything he ever did in his life He had one big victory and that was to be the president of the United States of America?□

Was it all worth it? Yes it sure was he was the greatest president still in history of the United States of USA. So we are to ask ourselves are we a part of the problem or are we part of the answer? Are we a winner or a looser?□

WINNER OR LOSER□

□

The Winner is always a part of the answer;□

The loser is always a part of the problem.□

The Winner always has a program;□

The loser always has an excuse.□

The Winner says," Let me do it for you"

The loser says, "That's not my job."

The Winner sees an answer for every problem,

The loser sees a problem in every answer.

The Winner says, "It may be difficult, but it's possible,"

The loser says, “It may be possible but it’s too difficult.”

A Winner listens;

A loser just waits until it’s his turn to talk.

When a Winner makes a mistake, he says, “I was wrong.”

When a loser makes a mistake, he says, “It wasn’t my fault.”

A Winner says, “I’m good, but not as good as I could be.”

A loser says, “I’m not as bad as a lot of other people.”

A Winner feels responsible for more than his or her jobs;

A loser says, “Well I only work here.”

“If you think you can you can”

If you think you are beaten you are

If you think you dare not, you don’t

If you like to win but you think you can’t

It’s almost certain you wont.

If you think you’ll lose, you’re already lost

For out of this world we find □

□ _____ - □

It's all in the state of mind. □

□

If you think you are outclassed, you are □

You have got to think high to rise □

You've got to be sure of yourself before □

You can even win a prize. □

To the stronger or faster man or women, □

But sooner or later the person who wins □

Is the person who thinks they can? □

□

Proverbs: 23: 7for as a man thinketh in his heart so is he. □

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Ten Commandments of Honour and Respect Leadership

Psalms 119:6 admonishes us to respect our Lord and all of His commandments. James 3:9-10 tells us that we cannot bless God and curse man. Out of the same mouth should not proceed blessings and cursing. A person can have no more respect for his God than he has for you. Then how can a person respect himself if he is not conscientiously respecting his God and fellow man? Paul reiterated that truth in Romans 12:10: "Be kindly affection one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another."

1. Respect yourself. Respect for the personality, rights and differences of others grow out of self-respect and appreciation for your own individuality.

2. Emphatically listen and really hear what your family, friends, and associates are saying and feeling. Encourage others, especially your subordinates and children, to speak freely, openly, frequently, and with impunity.

3. Actively accept others, regardless of peculiarities, by giving adequate consideration to their ideas, suggestions, opinions, and feelings. Strive to be descriptive and non-judgmental.

Confirm that you are hearing by giving positive feedback.

4. Demonstrate a belief in the dignity of all labour however menial. Treat all your members with honour, deference, esteem, appreciation, and equality. Show the same basic respect for

the custodian who cleans your church restrooms as you would for a member of your advisory board. If both were absent for a week whom would you miss more?

5. Invest some time in the activities and interest of your closest relationships.

6. Refuse to manipulate anyone. Refuse to use people as objects and dispensable pawns.

7. Refuse to control or smother others close to you. Provide room for freedom, learning,

growth, and interdependence even with your spouse. Although you are close to each other, even as one body, you each have your own lives and individual goals. You are always together in your hearts, but not necessarily in all activities. A healthy relationship is based on mutual development, discovery, and freedom within the Spirit of Christ.

8. When criticism is necessary, address only the act or problem and never the personality.

9. Refuse to put others down. Refuse to put people in their place or give them their comeuppance. If negative reinforcement is necessary, make it a logical consequence of inappropriate action. Design all consequences to be rehabilitative and ameliorative rather than punitive and vindictive.

10. Give positive strokes whenever possible. Make others feel important. Recognize birthdays, anniversaries, and the smallest task well done. Stroking is simply a unit of recognition

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"BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT"

1. A DIVINE ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

1CORINTHIANS 12:13 " For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body,whether we be bond or free, and have been all made to drink into one Spirit."

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The main emphasis here is not 'a doctrine' but rather "unity of the body of Christ"

□ **We do receive individual and personal blessings through this experience, but God's supreme purpose is bigger than that---"the unity of the body of Christ" DERECK PRINCE COMMENTS. A minor tragedy has occurred**

in the translating and should read "For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body..... And we were all given to drink of one Spirit".

□ **Something happened in our experience at a certain given moment in the past-'we were baptized into....**

□ **Where the phrase 'baptized into' is used, the person baptized was already 'in' what he was baptized 'into'. [e.g.] Matthew 3:11 - "into repentance"**

The baptism by John was the outward evidence that he acknowledged that they had already repented. Check back to verses 7and 8. Acts 2:38—“into the remission of sins”. The baptism was the outward evidence that he acknowledged that they had already repented. The acknowledging of the condition in which they already was. Galatians 3:24-27—“into Christ”.

Notice they were already in Christ, and then they were baptized into Christ as acknowledgment that they were in Christ.

- The baptism in the Spirit acknowledged and made public and effectual our membership in the body, WHICH WE ALREADY HAD.**
- The baptism in the Holy Spirit is a supernatural seal given to each individual member by which Jesus Christ acknowledges that person as a member in His body; a supernatural seal that He alone can confer. This is His privilege!**

2. WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS REGARDING THIS EXPERIENCE.

□ BAPTISM

Baptism is immersion- a supranational coming down of the Spirit of God from above over the believer, enveloping him in heaven’s atmosphere and immersing him/her in the Shekinah Glory of God’s presence. [E.g.] acts 2:2, Acts 8:14-17 acts 10:44-45. And Acts 2:38.

- Drinking Jesus in referring to the gift of the Holy Spirit for the one who believes, likens the receiving to the act of drinking. See John 7:37-39. C.f. 1 Corinthians 12:13 “.....All.....given to drink of the one Spirit.” The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a supernatural infilling and a supernatural overflow.**

3. SOME WARNING HERE.

- The Holy Spirit is not a dictator; He does not walk over you or make you do things. Derek Prince comments ‘If a spirit comes into your life that**

makes you do things, it is not the Holy Spirit.' Rather, the Holy Spirit comforts, guides, and directs, controls, only in cooperation with and submission of our will.

- In The baptism the Holy Spirit is not a substitute for any other supernatural provision of God.**
 - The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is a Spiritual, supernatural, experience. It ushers in a new realm- often a realm of the spiritual conflict.**
- [e.g.] Life of**

Jesus in Mark 1:9–13 it is not a picnic, as some may think.

□ The Baptism in the Holy Spirit must be united with the Word of God. The sword of the Holy Spirit—is the word of God. See Ephesians 6:17 the spirit needs the Word, and the Word needs the Spirit.

THE DIVINE PURPOSES OF THE EXPERIENCE.

N.B.: - How much is accomplished depends on the believer.

□ The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is the gateway into the supernatural. We are to live and walk thereafter in the supernatural. The supernatural should become perfectly natural. See Hebrews 6; 4-6 “ ...partakers of the Holy Spirit Have tasted the powers of the world to come.”

□ For to Witness

The Baptism in the Holy Spirit is intended to endue us with supernatural power from above, to be ‘Witnesses’ unto a person, Jesus Christ.

FOR PRAYER

The Holy Spirit wants us to become an instrument, so that He can pray through us. [E.g.] the Tibetan priest when they say their prayers turn a prayer wheel and the wheel is doing the praying. When you are baptized in the Holy Spirit you become a kind of prayer wheel—the Holy Spirit turns you

around, and uses you to pray through. See Romans 8:26—27 and Ephesians 6:18.

□ For Teaching

□ The Holy Spirit is the great teacher of the Word of God—and the great reveller of Jesus Christ. See: John 16:13 let us not be so ‘fanatical’ not to realize that He uses human instruments. See Ephesians 4; 11-12-16.

□ To exalt Christ

The Holy Spirit ‘exalts’ or glorifies Jesus see John 16; 13-14

For Guidance

We are ushered into the councils of heaven when we are baptized in the Holy Spirit and we listen to His voice. See John 16:13

For Health According to 2 Corinthians 4: 10-11, the life of Jesus is to be made manifest in our mortal body. How is this possible? See Romans 8:10—11 For unity God’s purpose in baptizing believers in the Holy Spirit is to unite them. See 1 Corinthians 12:13. Man can make a union, but it is only the Holy Spirit that

can make unity.

EVIDENCE OF THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT.

It can be safely said that whenever a believer is baptized into the Holy Spirit, he will speak in one or more different tongues unknown to him. [Divers tongues].

Sometimes people hear their native language; let us consider the record given in the book of acts. Acts 2: 6 notice the bible says they heard their own native language. It does not say they spoken their own native language. So we see by this the supernatural was on their hearing as well as tongues.

□ THE UPPER ROOM

Acts 2:4 NAS “and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit was giving them utterance [ability to speak out].” **Samaria acts 8:14-17 NAS** “now when Peter and John who came down

and prayed for them..... Began laying their hands on them, and they were receiving the Holy Spirit” Here the Bible does not say they spoke with tongues, nor does it say they did not speak with tongues. But what happened, Simon recognized it as to as to what it was and wanted to buy the power to do the same thing. In keeping with the rest of the Acts record, we believe it to be the supernatural utterance as is in the Holy Scriptures

PAUL ACTS 9:17 nas “And Ananias.... Said.... The lord Jesus... has sent me so that you may.... Be filled with the Holy Spirit....”

1 Corinthians 14; 18 NAS “I thank God; I speak in tongues more than you all.”

This was Paul’s testimony. And you noticed God used him to write 2 thirds of the New Testament.

Cornelius and his Household Acts 10:44—47 NAS “.... The Holy Spirit fell upon all those who were listening.... For they were hearing them speaking with tongues and exalting God...”

EPHESUS

ACTS 19:6 NAS “And when Paul laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking with tongues, and prophesying.”

WHAT GOD BEGAN IN THE FIRST CENTURY CHURCH, HE IS STILL CONTINUES TO DO TO-DAY IN THE TWENTY FIRST CENTURY CHURCH. THIS IS WRITTEN WITH DUE ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO DR. DEREK PRINCE AND [REV] R. BRANDT AND [REV] BRIAN P. RICHARDS. FOR THOUGHTS GLEANED FROM THEIR MINISTRY.

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SPIRIT FILLED CHAMPIONS- JEPTHAH BOOK OF JUDGES.

MEMORY VERSE: Psalm 18:32, Zechariah 4:6

FOUNDATION TEXT: Judges Chapter 8 to 12

Gilead's son, Jephthah, was Illegitimate, rejected and thrown out by his brothers! What a sad picture!

PUT DOWN!

ACCUSED!

NO REAL IDENTITY!

ROOTLESS!

NO INHERITANCE!

The perfect set-up for severe personality damage because of his traumatic past!

He could have excepted failure as the norm for his life and said “well, my life isn’t worth anything anyway!”

[How many today because of the lack of self-worth, are destroying themselves and others?] Does this include you? You may have been put down too! Perhaps satan “the accuser of the brethren” [rev.12: 10] reminds you of the past! Maybe you don’t really know who you are!

Today, Jesus can give you a new life, a new birth-making you a new creature in Christ-giving you a whole new sheet on which to commence writing the story of your life [2 cor. 5:17].

- JESUS can give you a new life!**
- JESUS-can give us a new birth**
- JESUS-gives us real purpose in life!**

- JESUS-can heal and blot out the past**
- JESUS-can give us the security of belonging to his Family!**
- JESUS-gives us an inheritance![eph.1:1]**

Don't look upon yourself as a misfit or reject! GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR

LIFE JUST LIKE HE HAD FOR JEPHTHAN!

Luke 4:18 JESUS has provided our WHOLENESS! It is now possible for us, as born-again believers, to live and move and have our being in him!

[Acts 17:28]

We are COMPLETE IN HIM [COL.2: 10]

JEPHTHAH- ["A NOBODY"] BECOMES A JUDGE!

This is surely the story of "a poor boy makes good"! Jephthah was a daring young man and had proven his skill in leading men into battle. He now had a reputation for leadership [having become head of a band of social misfits, living like bandits!] and

when war broke out with the Ammonites, the Israelites sought for him as their Commander and Chief! [He had been forced to leave the land of promise and he went to his mother's country in Syria but through this situation, he was actually prepared

for the task of saving the very people who had thrust him out!]

THE OUTCAST is now WELCOMED back and made HEAD AND CAPTAIN over those who once accused, criticized and mocked him! [Notice he didn't let any past hang-up, pride or resentment block God's plan for his life!]

Proverbs 18:14]

God is able to "restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm... and ye shall eat in

plenty and be satisfied and praise the Name of the Lord your God, that hath dealt wondrously with you: AND MY PEOPLE SHALL NEVER BE ASHAMED!

[Joel 2:25-26] –when you make Him the Lord your God!

JEPHTHAH- A RESISTOR, AN OPPOSER!

In his discussions with the King of the children of Ammon, he was able to quote God's dealings with the children of Israel.

Although he had been surrounded by idolaters for at least 18 years, Jephthah put his faith in God – knew God was “THE LORD – THE JUDGE”! Who would have thought his name would have been included among the great heroes of faith in Hebrews 11!

In Judges 10:16 we read that “they put away the strange Gods from among them and served the Lord: and his soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.”

GOD LOOKS TODAY UPON HIS CHURCH! He is concerned for “the misery” upon His people!

[In Jephthah's dealings with the quarrelsome Ephraimites, we get an illustration of a spirit of strife, contention and jealousy causing war and division amongst brethren. Eph. 4: 1-6, cor.12: 13. DON'T LOSE THE SENSE OF THE

ONENESS OF THE BODY OF CHRIST.]

(Notice Jephthah's rash vow! OUR WORD IS OUR BOND! Psalm 15:4 better not to make a vow than break it!

Duet. 23:21-23 doesn't make rash vows like Jephthah!)

God wants His people to be A FREE PEOPLE! [John 8:31-32] THE WORD is now being given its rightful place of

authority and the anointing of the Holy Spirit is coming upon the Body of Christ ready for victory- bringing back the

KING OF KINGS and THE LORD OF LORDS!

Believers today must build their lives around THE WORD OF GOD
(Math.4: 4).

You must know your authority as a believer [Mark 16] and use THE NAME OF JESUS with power! YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO RESIST THE DEVIL WITHOUT THE WORD IN YOU [James 4:7. And 1 Peter 5:6-9 A vocal test was given to the Ephraimites ["Shibboleth or sibboleth"] to prove on whose side they

were! HOW WOULD YOU PASS SUCH A TEST? IS GOD'S WORD OR MAN'S WORD ON YOUR LIPS?

Don't kid your self that you are doing all right. If the word of God is not coming out of your mouth when under pressure. Don't allow the devil to steal from you!

BE A RESISTOR - AND AN OPPOSER TO THE DEVIL'S "STEALING, KILLING & DESTROYING"[JOHN 10:10] YOU CANT LIVE THIS WEEK ON LAST WEE'S WORD!

RISE ABOVE EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE!

RISE ABOVE EVERY TEST AND TRIAL!

Your attitude and reaction makes the difference! DEVELOP YOUR SPIRIT- BE WORD -CONTROLLED!

JEPHTHAH – THE ANOINTING MADE THE DIFFERENCE!

Just like Othniel, the Spirit of the Lord came upon Jephthah and He Won the Battle! THE HOLY SPIRIT EMPOWERS YOU! THE POWER OF GOD WILL TAKE YOU OUT OF YOUR PLANS AND PUT YOU INTO GOD'S PLAN!

So allow the word of God to deal with every area of your life so that you are completely enveloped with the Anointing of the Holy Spirit.

□ SPIRIT FILLED CHAMPIONS HAVE...

POWER TO WITNESS

POWER TO ACT

POWER TO LIVE AND POWER TO SHOW FORTH THE DIVINE

MANIFESTATION OF GOD WITHIN!

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MEMORY VERSES: Psalm 18:32, Zech. 4:6, Acts 2:17

Bible Reading: Judges 13 –16 [and 17-21 to complete the reading of the Book of Judges]

1. Question who was it that Samson's parents saw? [Judges 13: 3-17-18-22]

2. What was Samson from his birth? [Judges 13 : 4-5]

3. Who did he resemble in this way? [Luke 1:13-15]

4. Was Samson to be separated unto the Lord? [13:5]

5. Did Samson always remain separated unto the Lord? [Give Scrip.

6. What was the secret of Samson's strength?[13:25]

Give me a report on these questions of at least 500 words long.

1. Did Samson always walk according to spirit? [16:1-24]

2. How strong was Samson?

3. What was the cause of his fall? [13:5—16:19

4.Throughout the book of Judges, we see there was a “falling away” from God’s

standards in three realms of life. Name these realms:

1. _____ -

2. _____

3.

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BAPTISM OF FIRE:

MATH 3; 11 This scripture was fulfilled in the days of Pentecost, we by faith receive the same experience but not with an outward experience or a sign, like they had because the Holy Spirit has never left since that day. This outward sign was only for that time to tell the gentiles that Salvation was for them too. Just like the Jewish nation that because baptized in Jesus, the Gentiles can receive this experience also, so God gave confirmation that this was true statement. God provided an outward sign to non-Jewish people. Act 2:2- 4-8. And goes on to talk about the baptism of Fire, or the Fire of God, or the baptism of the Holy Spirit, *[all the same meaning]* is given by Jesus whom baptizes with the Holy Spirit and Fire.

MATH 3:11.

Now unless we allow the Holy Spirit fire to deal with us and burn up the dross, like sin and unfaithfulness, bitterness, hate, & strife and any other rubbish in our lives. [We would be wasting our time] to expect that god is going to pour out more of his spirit on our lives, to fill us to overflowing stages.

Just because we have had a Pentecostal experience does not mean that we are full of the fire of god and baptized with fire. The fire comes with his word; knowing it and doing it are two completely different things. If we keep his word by obedience to his word then we can expect the fullness of God to come. [Duet 28: 1-14] said we have blessings through obedience. When we become does and not just hears [James chapter 1:22] then we then we are blessed, the blessing we want here is the fire of God so we

cannot have this without obedience to his word. Malachi 3:1-3 said the fire would come like a refiner's fire and a fuller's soap: to purify and refine us, if we let Him He will not force His way on anyone.

[Fire comes with His word]

Jeremiah5: 14 Jeremiah 20:9 Jeremiah 23:29 Isaiah 30:27 Psalm 39:3 David relates the word of god like fire with-in him. Psalm 104:4 ministries of fire. Isaiah 10: 17 [we are spiritual Israel to-day.] In one single day God will turn out all thorns and thistles and briers. Heb 6:8-12 our words must become like God's words then those words will become *flesh*. The word of God living in us (is Jesus) is the same word which became flesh and dwelt among us John 1:14 exercise his power by speaking the word of God by faith Rom10: 8-9-10 the tong must be under control by the Holy Spirit.

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1 THESSALONIANS 5:12-13

COMMITMENT, SUMMISSION, FAITHFULNESS AND LOYALTY.

□ COMMITMENT -A committed person is someone who can be entrusted with confidence. As leaders, what is it that you are being entrusted with? What is it that you are being entrusted with? The vision that god has given the Leadership over you.

□ Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision the people perish" If you are to grow in numbers the leader is to know and understand the vision of her/his leader and the church. COMMITMENT-builds bridges over valleys and keeps you on the right track. If you are not committed, when things come against you, like people speak

against you, you will feel like a failure, and want to give up. The only things that will keep you going at this point are commitment to the vision.

Commitment to the vision gives you the goal, on the vision, instead of the circumstances.

SUMMISSION- One of the first and greatest lessons you can learn as a leader or Assistant Leader is that God will not put you in a position where others submit to you until you have learnt to submit to the authority over you.

While you agree with everything your leader does you are not operating in submission.

Submission is only in operation when you don't agree or fully understand but you submit anyway. Even if the only reason you submit is because you recognize the anointing of the mantle of the one that god has placed over you, or others of your equal.

There are two kinds of submission: **TOKEN SUBMISSION:** This kind of submission results in bondage to self and seeks self-promotion. Token submission- secretly seeks self-interest, inwardly resentful of authority, seeks to validate own opinions, seeks to be pleased, external compliance only, resists adjustments, serves others half heatedly,

and evades direction. **EFFECTIVE SUBMISSION:** Liberates and results in promotion from God. Effective Submission- Seeks other's best interests, acknowledges authority, promotes ideas of others, desires to please, internal and external compliance, receives and responds to correction, serves others wholeheartedly, looks for direction.

Before God will put you in a position where others submit to you, you must first learn to submit to authority.

FAITHFULNESS- other words for faithfulness are reliable, dependable and trustworthy. Try people in the lesser responsibilities.

LOYALTY- you can be committed to the vision and the Leadership.

You can submit to the vision and the Leadership.

You can be faithful to the vision and the Leadership.

You can do all those things but still not be loyal.

You can commit, submit and be faithful but still gossip, criticize or pull down the vision and/or the Leadership unless you operate in loyalty. Without loyalty the rest has little substance.

Loyalty is precious quality in Gods sight, even when we don't agree like David & King Saul. Loyalty is the seal on your commitment, your submission and your faithfulness. Loyalty means to honour, to cover, and to love.

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[VERSE 13 (AMP) "Hold the leadership in very high and most affectionate esteem for their works sake".

As Leadership, you get to quickly realize the weaknesses of the Leadership around you.

From then on loyalty must be in operation.

Out of loyalty, you will cover the leadership's weaknesses rather than expose (unless of course it is a sin that the body needs to know about). You will honour rather than pull down. And you will operate in unconditional love rather than failing to love because the person or persons have not lived up to your expectations.

AS LEADERSHIP YOU MUST HONOR THE MANTLE GOD HAS PLACED ON EACH OTHER. YOU MUST OPERATE OUT OF LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING TOWARD EACH OTHER AND YOU MUST COVER EACH OTHER IN WORDS, DEEDS AND PRAYER.

**COMMITMENT REQUIRES SUBMISSION & FAITHFULNESS WHICH ARE
SEALED BY LOYALTY.**

IN SUMMARY:

As the Senior Pastor of the “WORD OF FAITH MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL” I say to you my fellow Ministers that what we are as ministers & leader’s and as helps ministry, we will reproduce after our own kind. If you want to gather people around

you who will be committed and out of that submit and be faithful and seal it with their Loyalty. Then you need to sow those qualities towards this fellowship and those who will work over you and amongst you in your future Leadership.

I trust this exhortation has been just that an exhortation to you if any brother/sister does not take heed to this prophesy there future will be short in this fellowship anyway. I dare say if Leadership is what you are aiming for without taking heed to this

message you will not be a leader, not only in the “WORD OF FAITH FELLOWSHIP international” but anywhere in the body of Christ. No matter what organization, no matter what Church without this it will not be the Church of our Lord Jesus the

Christ. And the anointing that you seek, and the baptism of Fire will not be with you. ROM11: 1-11

I SAY then, hath God cast away his people? No. He loves, and loves, and keeps on loving us even when we don’t understand, and the through disobedience we don’t submit to Leadership ignore Gods Prophets and perish through lack of knowledge. God

own people stumbled and failed, their Salvation came to us gentiles and the anointing God puts on the obedient will provoke others to jealousy.2

TIMOTHY 2:2 These things that thou has heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

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'GLORY IN TRIBULATIONS'

You may think as I thought what a bold title, read on to find out why this could be the only title appropriate for this chapter. In the scriptures we liken Israel to be like the Christians today, Exodus chapter 1:verses7-10 and the children of Israel were

fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed mighty; and the land was filled with them. Now the there rose a new King over Egypt, which knew not Joseph and he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: (there was some fear attached)

The same way when the Christian people grow today there's always some unknown fear that what ever it is you have different is a threat to their lifestyle. Today we see that WE Christians are the Spiritual Israel, and the Egypt is the worldly person that is not Christian. There is always that fear to a non-Christian that they

will have to give up their lifestyle being surrounded by Christians. There is some fear also among Christians that think they have got it all together and when some one comes with greater information it is a threat because once again it means change,

and they want not to be changed again. [Like the world] This fear in not wanting to change courses attack, the person under threat usually attacks

first, then reciprocate comes from the unwise Christian. We are told from our Lord that when persecution comes, Matthew 5:12 *Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets*

which were before you. 2Timothy 3:10-12 but thou hast fully known my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, long suffering, charity, patience, persecutions, afflictions, which came unto me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: but out of them all the Lord delivered me. Yea and all that live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. It was because of his attitude and his excellent spirit, as he garded his heart from being hurt (Romans 5:3) the apostle Paul said I glory in Tribulations, this was his attitude and his godly faith. Acts 14:21-22 the apostle Paul exalting the faith in the new Christians saying continue in the faith, also giving them warning that through much tribulation enter into the Kingdom of God.

There are many Christians today that have the attitude that they can pray there way out of trouble, or out of the way of the fire, that are set to try them. It is true that the desire of the person is the strongest form of prayer, however some of the things they desire are not Godly at all. I here people praying like they are trying to twist God's arm to do things for them, like please delivering me from this persecution.

Rather we should be asking Lord give me the wisdom and the Grace to go though this fiery trial. Some Christians are taught that as soon as a tribulation comes it is the devil attacking them and they have to go into spiritual warfare. Yes maybe pray is needed at that point however having the correct way of thinking and our attitude is vital. 1 Peter 4:12 says think

it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: but rejoice, inasmuch as you are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when His glory shall be revealed, you may be glad also with exceeding joy.

This tells me that if we have the right attitude when the persecution comes then we will rejoice and “glory in tribulations” will be our attitude, and then, His glory shall be revealed in us, and we shall have the power to over come. The apostle Paul said don’t be moved by these afflictions: 1 Thessalonians 3:3

For you yourselves are appointed thereunto. Some people have not read this and never heard it preached; however this is a major part of our Christianity. The Lord God help Daniel to go through the trials, and the lions in the den Daniel did not escape the lions, the three Hebrew children in the fiery furnace was protected, but not delivered out. Most Christians are looking for a way of escapes the trials and afflictions, and persecutions. This is wrong they should be praying that the Lord would give them the power and the glory to be revealed in them at a time of trials. Paul talk about tribulations 2 Thessalonians 1:4 and again in 2Cor 11:24 &

2 Corinthians 12:7-10 Paul said lest I should be exalted without measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the message of satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

Some Christians believe that this thorn in the flesh was a literal thorn and given by God. Now matter how sincere the person is who believes this, but that is sincerely wrong. [V: 7] the scripture is clear to say this was a buffeting from Satan.

Notice as the Apostle Paul got the revelation of what to do about this, his attitude changed and he started to “glory in tribulations *most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities that the power of Christ may rest upon me. Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.* So dear reader “glory in tribulation” is a mighty key here in our Christian walks, this is how to overcome.

We will close this chapter with James chapter 1:verse 2 My Brethren, count it all joy when you fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

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The bank manger was impressed and said it was a great idea, also the two young men that I employed was known to all the town as being good

footballers but hopeless drunks most of the time. So once again without a contract I was spending money

that was all on face value. I could go on with this story but this was just to explain the honourable men of our gone yesterday's. We had honour amongst men, however we did not teach it to our next generation, because these are the days the Lord spoke about in Timothy 3:1 *THIS know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good. Traitor's heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.*

For us that are born again Christians trying to live right before our God in the mist of a crooked and perverse Nation can be very hard to keep the anointing of God flowing from our lives. Personal Discipline in our lives and acting upon our statement of faith, all the time, our confession must be right about ourselves and others to keep the anointing flowing. Now we may wonder what this has got to do with worshipping the Lord and seeing the anointing of God doing His work. Well it is everything we are the vessels God

**wants to use then this is the way we are to present our bodies to Him.
*ROMANS 12: 1-2***

WHO AMOUNG US? Would go to the cupboard and use a dirty plate and put food onto it and expect our guest to eat from the old used now dirty plate. The Lord will not put new wine in old wineskins, and will not repair the old with a new garment patch. [E.g.] So in preparation we must pray

that the Lord will cleanse us and then use us for His Glory, when we pray this way we then develop a hope, of victory and success that when we Worship the Lord with music, singing, and preaching His word, then sign and wonders of His miracle healing power, and Salvation will come. The Lord moves with us when we move this is what is meant when in the *book of acts* it says “in *Him we live, and in Him*

***we move, in Him we have our being*”. After this kind of prayer we can go expectantly, that the Holy Spirit will move when we**

move. Practice our prayers and Faith on each other, before we go into the presence of the congregation. We also should be dresses conservatively, let our clothing compliment what we are doing in the Lord, not bringing attention to ones self. PROVERBS 27:21 as a fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to

his praise. Bless means to speak good about you can bless others just with a good word in due season, out of a pure heart! Proverbs 17: 3 –4 *the fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the Lord trieth the hearts.* You see it is the Lord that judges your heart and rewards accordingly.

Luke 6:27-28-35 –36-38 But I say unto you whom hear, Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you. Bless them that curse you, pray for them that despitefully use you. This goes on to talk about having mercy this is under the anointing we will be wise

enough to be merciful, be merciful to others and also pray for merciful people to be all around you always. This is what is meant Give and it shall be given again unto you.

PROVERBS 16:19-21-23-24 ALL of this is the conduct we should have, to exalt and establish the Lordship of Jesus Christ in our lives, and into the meetings that we shall hold in the future.

1 chronicle 16: 1—4 —9 we should have a chosen few that are the ones chosen for that day to worship the Lord. Then appoint others to minister before the Lord to His people that He has gathered that day.

Make record and giving of thanks to the Lord on behalf of all the people in a way of celebration, “**REMEMBERENCE MEANS TO CELEBRATE BEFORE THE LORD”**

PSALM 145: [5] —15 THIS IS TO CELEBRATE, to speak of His wondrous works

JOSHUA 4:6 WHEN WE CELEBRATE IN THIS WAY AND TALK AND ESTABLISH IS

WONDEROUS WORKS WE ARE BUILDING A MEMORIAL THAT WILL LAST FOREVER.

And all those that are yet to come will know how to build the anointing and keep a record of the wonderful works the lord has done and to celebrate, the special times and things that God has done for the people that have known their Almighty God.

Like we started of by saying there are many ways the anointing of God is released, apart from the preparation. We now deal with the issue of releasing the anointing through the anointed leader, for example worship leader. Now a leader must have a free reign to lead this only makes sense, however it is surprising how many Pastors or leaders of other positions try to lead the worship from the back or middle row of chairs in the meetings.

For instance I have seen a talented singer and talented in gifts of the prophetic worship trying to influence the church to follow that person, from

the middle of the congregation. Whilst not being on duty that day, not being put into the place of leadership that day, but allowing their senses to rule, thus becoming sensuous.

I have also seen people of these nature prophecy things out of their own sensual desires, from the midst of the congregation.

Thus by doing this has taken the attention from of the Leadership that was on the platform or behind the pulpit, and the Leadership feeling threatened has cast out the prophecy because it was not given in the correct way and so the anointing was lost. The leadership must be allowed to make their own mistakes, God is bigger than any mistake we can make the main thing is to stay in the correct attitude of love at all times.

The Worshiper must lead the worship at all times, however just because a person has a talent and can play organ, play guitar or banjo or any musical instrument, this does not qualify them to be a worshiper, and a worship leader. I have seen people with no musical talents at all be a greatest worship leader ever. Worship and the anointing on the worship comes from the heart and if you are in love with Jesus, then His anointing will flow through you in all that you do. If you are appointed to lead in worship you will choose the right songs that flow together that will touch people's heart, when they want to reach the Lord in worship. [1 COR 14: 7 – 8 ALSO PLEASE READ IN FULL ROMANS 15:1—6 Both these

scriptures talk about making it easy for people to understand with-out any confusion if we prophecy there must be an interpreter or explanation of what is said. In worshipping and releasing the anointing we must always remember we are there for the people, not the people being there for us. We are not there to entertain people we are there to lead people to worship to release the anointing to others in whatever way the Lord may lead. We then

that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good edification, exhortation, and to comfort. For even Christ pleased not himself: but, as it is written, the reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.

You will see by these scriptures that the Lord is asking us to have the same attitude and mind as he has and to be in unity with each other's ministry. The word infirmities mentioned here does not mean sickness, it means weakness of there flesh, and burdens of spirit. Christ Jesus gave us an example here for us to follow so we too can meet the needs of the people through His anointing. With this in mind we can have confidence in giving and releasing the anointing to others in need. To be a great worshiper is to be a great giver like Jesus was the greatest giver of them all, after He taught them & us now how to live. Then He taught

them & us how to die. That's why the Apostle Paul said I die daily, and so must we, we die daily to carnal desires and ourselves, so Christ can live in us. To always be ready to give off we is to be a true Worshiper like Jesus was and still is.

We should have a responsible attitude in worship and releasing the anointing to others ***James 3:17 The Lord God gives us wisdom to be a good leader. Also Colossians 3:16 we have to be willing for God to use us in this way being a vessel for Him. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which we are called into one body. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms and Hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.***

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

ROMANS 15:6 THIS IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT WORD TO REMEMBER IN RELEASING THE ANOINTING TO ONE ANOTHER. THAT WE MAY WITH ONE MIND AND ONE MOUTH GLORIFY GOD, EVEN THE FATHER OF OUR Lord Jesus Christ.

There are no lone rangers when it comes to releasing the anointing it is a CO-operation between us all. Sometimes God will use one single person to do a lot of things but that is because that person is totally submitted to God.

The most experienced ministers that God can use all the time is because they know, that within them selves they can do nothing, but with Christ Jesus we can do all things. This is the truth of it all, that all things are possible to those that believe as leadership it is our Job to releasing the anointing to course people to believe.

So we have to pray it, speak it, and dream it, and then release it to others. Freely have we received, then now freely we must give?

The Lord has said the fields are white and ready, but the labourers are few, there is a price to be paid for the receiving the anointing. That price is laying down your life just as Jesus did. No man can show greater love than one that lies down his life for

his friends.

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FAITHFULLNESS:

Faithfulness that comes from being a discipline disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ,

Deuteronomy 7: 9-13 know therefore that Lord thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations.

There we go the first thing we notice is a fruit of the Spirit called faithfulness that works by love of God. If we love God we will keep his commandments. God sees that if we don't obey the commandments then we hate him. Faithfulness is the corner stone to any business but especially God's business this is what God looks for in his servants. Lamentations 3: 3—20—23 we should never loose sight that God is in control not us, this is Jeremiah in his own calamities.

However in [verse 20] we see Jeremiah humbled himself and said: my soul hath them still in remembrance, and is humbled in me. This I recall to my mind, therefore I have hope. It is the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassion's fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy

faithfulness. Luke 12; 37—42 Blessed is the servant whom he will find watching and praying. "Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make ruler over hid household, to give then their portion of meat in due season. Are you getting your portion of meat?

Nehemiah 9: 7 Thou art the Lord the God, who didst choose Abram, and brightest him forth out of Ur of the Chal-dees, and gave him the name of Abraham; and foundest his heart Faithful before thee,... are you called of God yes? Then you must be Faithful? Or why else would he call the one that is not faithful. God called Abraham Faithful and then said he is righteous because of Faithfulness. Galatians 3: 29 and if you were in Christ's then you

are Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise. Abraham had a blood covenant with God and because we believe on Christ then we have the same covenant that Abraham has, whatever you see is promised to Abraham is promised to us by Faith, if we are Faithful to his word. Roman 4:17[as it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,] before him whom he believed, even God, who quickened the dead, and called those things that be not as though they were. Have a look at what Abraham said about this, where the word said even God [means faith like God.] who quickened the dead [means to make alive] So we see Abraham holding on to a good confession here and having Faith like God who [quickened] or made alive the things Abraham said, When he called those things that be not as though they were already done.

Lots of people call this silly and telling lies, but God calls it Faith when you believe what God has said will come to pass, then you will say what God has said, and nothing else, this is called Faith like God.

Hebrews 3: 1 & 2 wherefore holy brethren partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus. Here we see that Jesus is the Faithful High Priest of our confession or profession as is, the same thing. As Jesus is the Apostle and the High Priest and Faithful, like so

many others we see that came before and after that God used to perfect his plan of redemption for us. Also we see here a man of Faith the Apostle Paul saying wherefore Holy brethren, now that takes faith, to say that about us.

Jesus had faith in us also Hebrew 2: 11 Jesus saying through the Apostle Paul writings here that he is perfected through sufferings and is not ashamed to call us brethren them that are sanctified, now that takes great

faith vision, and faithfulness to the course, that's our Jesus. Hebrew 3: 1.That is the apostle we are to consider being a partaker of his heavenly calling. These words consider means to [fix your mind upon].

Daniel 6: 3-4 then this Daniel was preferred above the presidents and princes, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the King sought to set him over the whole realm. Then the presidents and

princes sought to find occasion against Daniel concerning the Kingdom; but they could find none occasion nor fault; forasmuch as he was Faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. So we see by this was a man that was Faithful to his calling and there was nothing anyone could accuse him of that would hold water, this man Daniel was divinely protected by God because of his Faithfulness. Matthew 24: 42 & 45 watch therefore: for you know not what hour the Lord doth come.

[45] Who then is a Faithful and wise servant...? We see by these scriptures that the Lord God will use the Faithful disciplined disciples to be distributors of his blessings to all those that come in need. Jeremiah 23: 28-36. The prophet that hath a dream let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word let him speak the

word faithfully... What do we see that is the same in every detail with Daniel and Jeremiah and indeed all the great men of God is that they had Faithfulness? Yes like we said before Faithfulness is the corner stone to any business especially God's business, Without Faithfulness we don't have the foundation to build on.

[Behold I am against the prophets that speak falsely saith the Lord. However he does not want me to cover this subject in this book.

This whole subject is not covered in this book about false prophets this will be covered in another

book called “The Counsellor Isaiah 9:6”]

1 Corinthians 4: 2. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found FAITHFUL as we see from this is, it is the ministry he is talking about, and Paul goes on to say that he will be judged by the Lord not by man!

We need to develop good habits of being Faithful to that which God has trusted to us His word? Hebrews 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised ;)

This is our hope, we have hope by faith in his word, we have Faith in his word, because we love him, and we love him because we recognized that He first loved us. AMEN.Psalm31: 23 O love the Lord, all you his saints: for the Lord preserved the Faithful, and plentifully rewarded the proud doer. Proverbs 13:17 A wicketh messenger falleth into mischief: but a Faithful ambassador is health. Proverbs 28: 20 A Faithful man shall abound with blessings: but he that maketh hast to be rich shall not be innocent.

The only place where God will withhold a blessing is through disobedience and unfaithfulness. [1 chronicles 15: 13] The Lord made a breach between David and his people.

Revelation 17: 14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and Faithful.

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DEUTERONOMY 28:23 And the heaven that is over my head is as brass, and the earth that is under me shall be as iron. This is a person that has a lack of righteousness conscienteness. If this applies to you to day and you are a born again Christian then it is no other than the devil blinding your eyes of your understanding?

There should be nothing blinding your eyes of your understanding, or stopping you from getting into the presence of almighty God. Jesus died to put you into his presence

with the Father. Deuteronomy 28:45-48 These people were not worshipping God with

joyfulness in their hearts and gladness in their hearts, because it had became a ritual

and a religion that was a curse to them instead of a blessing. This is going on to day in

the churches that I see there is a smile on the face but in their hearts are dead mans

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Joy then, there is a lack of righteousness consciousness. You have lost the

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Take my yoke upon you and learn of me saith the Lord for my yoke is easy and my burden is light. If you can't or will not serve with a great joyfulness then the yoke of iron will be a burden that is unavoidable it is a burden of deception, and it will be a curse to many a soul that don't understand. Isaiah 56:6—8 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the Sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer:

Their burnt offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon mine altar; for my mine house shall be called a house of prayer for all people. The Lord who gathereth the outcast of Israel saith, yet will I gather others to him beside those that are gathered unto him. This is a hope a beautiful hope you see where there is

hope there is victory, where there is trust in the Lord thy God, there is also victory.

The Lord is calling us to pray, and pray more fervent than ever before because we are about to experience a great onslaught attack. WE have to

pray and stand forgiving those that appose us, having our thoughts in heavenly places and thoughts of victory.

Not the problem there will be a problem too big for the God that is with us, we must fill our thoughts with the answer not the problem. Thoughts of victory and Glorious hope of his appearing, hope of our future never to look at the problem. Isaiah 66:6—12

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The Lord is our refuge in a day of trouble; he will take revenge against the one that troubles us. **IF THE DEVIL CANT STEAL YOUR JOY THEN HE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO STEAL YOUR GOODS.** SO this is a mountain in the life of the believer So we have to look past the mountain and see the answer. Our thoughts are to be in heaven where the Lord God sits and says to us believe in my promises. In the word of God there is Victory. In worrying about the problem and looking at the mountain then there is failure. **ISAIAH 53:11-12 THIS IS MEANING THE PRICE HAS BEEN PAID FOR US TO WALK IN VICTORY.** **[COLOSSIANS 2:13-15** we are now dead to sin, and made alive onto God. Jesus blotting out all circumstances of our past [15] having spoiled principalities and powers, Jesus did it all, “Jesus fix our

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I understand what it means to sweareth to your own hurt, and changed not, not too many years ago here in Australia I experienced people that

would trust me on face value. I would come into the Town of Wingham NSW. And tell the bank manager that I was the chiefest of sinners like the Apostle Paul mentioned in his writings. The bank manager said what do you want from me? I said to him "I want a fair go.... I want you to give me a chance to prove myself to you that I can make money here and pay you back if you lend me some. I started with three thousand dollars no employment; the bank manager took me on face value.

I believed God would give me idea's to keep me employed; I was recovering from many years of drinking to the excess. So with the help of God and Alcoholics Anonymous, I started with an idea of pulling out the old wooden stumps from under houses, and replacing them with brick ones. I went back to my bank manager for more money to build me a house where I purchased land for the first three thousand. I told him that I have employed to young men to help me dig out the old stumps under houses and replace them with brick ones, this was to help people purchase and sell their houses easier.

The bank manger was impressed and said it was a great idea, also the two young men that I employed was known to all the town as being good footballers but hopeless drunks most of the time. So once again without a contract I was spending money

that was all on face value. I could go on with this story but this was just to explain the honourable men of our gone yesterday's. We had honour amongst men, however we did not teach it to our next generation, because these are the days the Lord spoke about in Timothy 3:1 ***THIS know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to***

parents, unthankful, unholy. Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good. Traitor's heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

For us that are born again Christians trying to live right before our God in the mist of a crooked and perverse Nation can be very hard to keep the anointing of God flowing from our lives. Personal Discipline in our lives and acting upon our statement of faith, all the time, our confession must be right about ourselves and others to keep the anointing flowing. Now we may wonder what has this got to do with worshipping the Lord and seeing the anointing of God doing His work? Well it is everything we are the vessels God wants to use then this is the way we are to present our bodies to Him. ROMANS 12: 1-2 WHO AMONG US? Would go to the cupboard and use a dirty plate and put food onto it and expect our guest to eat from the old used now dirty plate. The Lord will not put new wine in old wineskins, and will not repair the old with a new garment patch. [E.g.]

So in preparation we must pray that the Lord will cleanse us and then use us for His Glory, when we pray this way we then develop a hope, of victory and success that when we Worship the Lord with music, singing, and preaching His word, then sign and wonders of His miracle healing power, and Salvation will come. The Lord moves with us when we move this is what is meant when in the *book of acts* it says “in *Him we live, and in Him we move, in Him we have our being*”.

After this kind of prayer we can go expectantly, that the Holy Spirit will move when we move. Practice our prayers and Faith on each other, before we go into the presence of the congregation. We also should be dressed

conservatively, let our clothing compliment what we are doing in the Lord, not bringing attention to ones self. PROVERBS 27:21 as a fining pot for silver, and the furnace for gold; so is a man to his praise. Bless means to speak good about you can bless others just with a good word in due season, out of a pure heart! *Proverbs 17: 3 –4 the fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the Lord trieth the hearts.* You see it is the Lord that judges your heart and rewards accordingly. *Luke 6:27-28-35 –36-38* But I say unto you whom hear, love your enemies, do good to them that hate you. Bless them that curse you, pray for them that despitefully use you. This goes on to talk about having mercy this is under the anointing we will be wise enough to be merciful, be merciful to others and also pray for merciful people to be all around you always. This is what is meant Give and it shall be given again unto you.

PROVERBS 16:19-21-23-24 ALL of this is the conduct we should have, to exalt and establish the Lordship of Jesus Christ in our lives, and into the meetings that we shall hold in the future.

1 chronicle 16: 1—4 –9 we should have a chosen few that are the ones chosen for that day to worship the Lord. Then appoint others to minister before the Lord to His people that He has gathered that day.

Make record and giving of thanks to the Lord on behalf of all the people in a way of celebration, “REMEMBERENCE MEANS TO CELEBRATE BEFORE THE LORD”

PSALM 145: [5] –15 THIS IS TO CELEBRATE, to speak of His wondrous works

JOSHUA 4:6 WHEN WE CELEBRATE IN THIS WAY AND TALK AND ESTABLISH IS WONDEROUS WORKS WE ARE BUILDING A MEMORIAL THAT WILL LAST FOREVER.

And all those that are yet to come will know how to build the anointing and keep a record of the wonderful works the lord has done and to celebrate, the special times and things that God has done for the people that have known their Almighty God.

Like we started of by saying there are many ways the anointing of God is released, apart from the preparation. We now deal with the issue of releasing the anointing through the anointed leader, for example worship leader. Now a leader must have a free reign to lead this only makes sense, however it is surprising how many Pastors or leaders of other positions try to lead the worship from the back or middle row of chairs in the meetings.

For instance I have seen a talented singer and talented in gifts of the prophetic worship trying to influence the church to follow that person, from the middle of the congregation. Whilst not being on duty that day, not being put into the place of leadership

that day, but allowing their senses to rule, thus becoming sensuous. I have also seen people of these nature prophecy things out of their own sensual desires, from the midst of the congregation.

Thus by doing this has taken the attention from of the Leadership that was on the platform or behind the pulpit, and the Leadership feeling threatened has cast out the prophecy because it was not given in the correct way and so the anointing was lost. The leadership must be allowed to make their own mistakes, God is bigger than any mistake we can make the main thing is to stay in the correct attitude of love at all times.

The Worshiper must lead the worship at all times, however just because a person has a talent and can play organ, play guitar or banjo or any musical instrument, this does not qualify them to be a worshiper, and a

worship leader. I have seen people with no musical talents at all be a greatest worship leader ever. Worship and the anointing on the worship comes from the heart and if you are in love with Jesus, then His anointing will flow through

you in all that you do. If you are appointed to lead in worship you will choose the right songs that flow together that will touch people's heart, when they want to reach the Lord in worship.

[1 COR 14: 7 -8 ALSO PLEASE READ IN FULL ROMANS 15:1—6 Both these scriptures talk about making it easy for people to understand with-out any confusion if we prophecy there must be an interpreter or explanation of what is said. In worshipping and releasing the anointing we must always remember we are there for the people, not the people being there for us. We are not there to entertain people we are there to lead people to worship to release the anointing to others in whatever way the Lord may lead. *We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let every one of us please his neighbour for his good edification, exhortation, and to comfort. For even Christ pleased not himself: but, as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell on me.*

You will see by these scriptures that the Lord is asking us to have the same attitude and mind as he has and to be in unity with each other's ministry. The word infirmities mentioned here does not mean sickness, it means weakness of there flesh, and burdens of spirit. Christ Jesus gave us an example here for us to follow so we too can meet the needs of the people through His anointing. With this in mind we can have confidence in giving and releasing the anointing to others in need. To be a great worshiper is to be a great giver like Jesus was the greatest giver of them all, after He taught them & us now how to live. Then He taught

them & us how to die. That's why the Apostle Paul said I die daily, and so must we, we die daily to carnal desires and ourselves, so Christ can live in us. To always be ready to give off we is to be a true Worshiper like Jesus was and still is.

We should have a responsible attitude in worship and releasing the anointing to others *James 3:17 The Lord God gives us wisdom to be a good leader. Also Colossians 3:16 we have to be willing for God to use us in this way being a vessel for Him. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which we are called into one body. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in*

Psalms and Hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.

ROMANS 15:6 THIS IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT WORD TO REMEMBER IN RELEASING THE ANOINTING TO ONE ANOTHER. THAT WE MAY WITH ONE MIND AND ONE MOUTH GLORIFY GOD, EVEN THE FATHER OF OUR Lord Jesus Christ.

There are no lone rangers when it comes to releasing the anointing it is a Co-operation

between us all. Sometimes God will use one single person to do a lot of things but that is because that person is totally submitted to God.

The most experienced ministers that God can use all the time is because they know, that within them selves they can do nothing, but with Christ Jesus we can do all things. This is the truth of it all, that all things are possible to those that believe as leadership it is our Job to releasing the anointing to course people to believe.

So we have to pray it, speak it, and dream it, and then release it to others. Freely have we received, then now freely we must give?

The Lord has said the fields are white and ready, but the labourers are few, there is a price to be paid for the receiving the anointing. That price is laying down your life just as Jesus did. No man can show greater love than one that lies down his life for his friends.

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GREAT MEEKNESS BRINGS GREAT POWER.

But the fruit of the Spirit....

Meekness...

Galatians 5:22-23

Believers as well as non-believers have often misunderstood the Biblical definition of the word meekness. Everyone knows that Jesus was meek, and they usually associate meekness with His ability to suffer abuse without resorting to any form of retaliation. Meekness, however, has a three-part definition that includes much more than just this one aspect of non-retaliation. A person who is meek is 1] self-controlled or slow to give or takes offence, 2] humble in spirit and lowly in mind, and 3] teachable. All three of these attributes go to make up the fruit of meekness in the life of a believer.

The first function of the fruit of meekness is to enable believers to develop self-control, to be slow to give or take offence: For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully. For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? But if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. 1 Pet 2:19-20

Many believers today consider themselves meek if they do not take offence when they are reprimanded for their wrong actions. It is not an opportunity for exhibiting meekness, however, when a person who is at fault suffers the consequences of his own mistakes or misdeeds. Meekness is displayed when a person does not take offence when he suffers for being in the right. A truly meek person possesses the self-control not to react

negatively even when he is being falsely accused, slandered, afflicted or persecuted. The strength to exercise [self-control] while suffering injustice comes from cultivating the fruit of meekness. A good example of one whose life gave evidence of meekness was Moses:

And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the Ethiopian woman. And they said hath the Lord indeed spoken only by Moses? Hat he not spoken also by us? And the Lord heard it. (Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men who were upon the face of the earth.)

And the Lord spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Come out ye three unto the tabernacle of the congregation. And they three came out.

And the Lord came down in the pillar of the cloud, and stood in the door of the tabernacle, and called Aaron and Miriam: and they both came forth. And the Lord said, Hear now my words: If there be a Prophet among you, I the Lord will make myself known unto him in a vision, and will speak unto him in a dream.

My servant Moses is not so, who is faithful in all mine house.

With him will I speak mouth to mouth, even apparently, and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the Lord shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant Moses? And the anger of the Lord was kindled against them; and he departed. And the cloud departed from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became leprous, white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous.

And Aaron said unto Moses, Alas, my lord, I beseech thee, lay not sin upon us, wherein we have done foolishly, and wherein we have sinned. Let her not be as one dead, of whom the flesh is half consumed when he cometh out of his mother's womb.

And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, heal her now, O God, I beseech thee. Number 12:1-13

As a result of his marriage to an Ethiopian, (and because of their jealousy), Moses' own brother and sister levelled unjust and slanderous attacks against his character. In essence, they were questioning his fitness to fulfil the role of spiritual authority over the children of Israel. Because Moses was loath to defend himself, God came to his defence. Miriam became leprous. Although he had been hesitant to speak up in his own defence, Moses agreed to intercede with God for Miriam and Aaron, though their offence was much

against him as against the Lord.

It was significantly interjected in verse 3 of this passage that Moses was the meekest man of his day. The facts that he did not speak up until verse 13 –and then only on behalf of his accusers- are a characteristic sign of his meek nature. It was this meekness that enabled him to remain silent while the Lord rebuked his persecutors and vindicated him before their very eyes. If this incident were to take place today, how many believers would honestly be able to contain themselves from adding to the Lord's rebuke: "And, Lord that's not all. You should have seen what they did to me yesterday; that would really have made you mad!"?

Moses, however, possessed so God had punished much meekness that he did not utter a single word- until his accusers. Then and only then did he speak up, crying out to God, not to defend him against his persecutors, but rather to plead on their behalf? Meekness gave Moses the strength not to retaliate when falsely accused. It gave him the self-control to refrain from [self-defence] and to allow the Lord to vindicate him. It is God's desire that believers today not return evil for evil, but rather to turn occasions for offence into opportunities for intercession. This loving transformation can only be accomplished through a meek and controlled heart. In the book of Deuteronomy, we read these words from Moses himself addressed to the children of Israel:

So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount burned with fire: and the two tables of the covenant were in my two hands.

And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against the Lord your God, and had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way, which the Lord had commanded you.

And took the tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and

brake them before your eyes. And I fell down before the Lord, as at the first, forty days and forty nights: I did neither eat bread, nor drink water, because of all your sins which ye sinned, in doing wickedly in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.

For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith the Lord was wroth against you to destroy you. But the Lord hearkened unto me at that time also. Deuteronomy 9:15-19

Moses had spent forty days and forty nights in the mountain fellowshipping with God through fasting and prayer on behalf of the people. He came down from the mountain carrying the word, which God had revealed to him for the people and discovered that they were committing spiritual adultery with molten calf. Moses was so angry that instead of delivering the message, he broke the tablets by throwing them violently to the ground. Meekness, however, caused him to regain his self-control, fall back down on his face before the lord, and fast for forty more days and nights on behalf of the people.

By comparing this final response of Moses with the responses today of believers one to another in similar situation, one can easily detect that the body of Christ is definitely lacking meekness. Usually when believers today suffer even the slightest imposition, a rebuttal (usually under the pretence of righteous indignation or in the form of a “concerned” rebuke) is considered an acceptable response. God, however, wants to develop within His children such meek hearts that instead of responding with a rebuttal when they encounter unjust criticism, affliction, persecution, or ingratitude, they will posses the self control to do this can be obtained only by developing the fruit of meekness.

And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto

all men, apt to teach, patient, In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;

And that they recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who has taken captive by him at his will. 2 Timothy 2:24-26

According to verse 25, it will only be through meekness that believers, especially those in the position of teachers, will have the strength to possess the self-control to continue teaching the word to those who outwardly oppose the content of their message. The motive of their willingness to return time after time and teach the same message to the very people who continually oppose it is recorded in verses 25 and 26—that God peradventure will give them repentance...and that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil. The spiritual Welfare of the people is always the main concern of a teacher whose message is conceived in and delivered out of the Spirit of Meekness.

God wants every believer who shares the word to do so with meekness, whether he is a teacher or preacher delivering a carefully prepared lesson or sermon to a congregation, or layman witnessing one-on one to his neighbour. Meekness is essential because every believer who shares the word and lives a godly life will eventually encounter opposition and persecution; yea, and all that will live in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution

[2 Tim3: 12] If the word is shared with meekness, however, opposition will not prevent that word from going forth. Those receiving persecution for the word's sake will possess the self-control not to be offended at the opposition but will return and minister repeatedly to those who oppose them. Furthermore, meekness will couple the delivery of the word with

intercession so that it will take even deeper root in the hearts of the hearers and thereby be even more effective.

The main problem with believers who witness and minister the word today is that they are so easily offended. It is vital for them to realise that they are the salt of the earth [math. 5:13 and the light of the world [math.5; 14] Without their witness, how will the earth be salted and the light shine that men might hope to see/ Therefore, we believers have the awesome responsibility of overcoming being offended at opposition to the word; to do this, we must develop the fruit of meekness.

The second function of meekness is to enable believers to be humble in the spirit and lowly in mind. The noted Bible scholar W.E. Vine defines meekness as" the opposite to self –assertiveness and self interest; it is not occupied with self at all. Let nothing is done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than them. Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

Philippians 2:3-4 As the fruit of meekness is being developed in his life, a believer will come to develop the attitude that the welfare of others is more important than his own. Once this experience has taken place, the Christian will discover that a tremendous barrier has been broken down in his spiritual life.

For example, when he goes through a trial such as sickness, rather than praying only for himself and his situation, he will find himself praying for someone else who is also going through a similar trial. Only meekness can equip a believer with lowliness of mind necessary to put the welfare and happiness of others ahead of his own.

And it came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto the

people, yea have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the Lord; peradventure I shall make atonement for your sin. And Moses returned unto the Lord, and said, oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold.

Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin;- and if no. Blot me, I

pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. Exodus32:

30-32 Moses esteemed others so much more highly than

himself that he was willing to offer his own salvation on their behalf.

This is the ultimate manifestation of meekness: self -sacrifice. Salvation is an individual matter, of course; but there is a danger in the attitude, “ I don’t care what anyone else does; I’m going to make it.” There is a truth in the sense of “ even if no one else remains faithful, I purpose to go on with the lord”. Yet meekness will build within the believer an unselfish attitude that has the capability of reaching the point that the eternal salvation of others becomes more important to him than his own well being. We as believers still have a struggle, however, with the idea of laying down our lives for the brethren by praying and fasting for one another. The body of Christ is in great need of cultivating and developing the fruit of meekness. Many of believers have allowed this fruit to wither on the vine simply by their passiveness in the midst of this self-centred age in which we live. In Chapter 20 of the book of numbers, Moses was denied entrance into the Promised Land indirectly because of the rebelliousness of the people. Faced with a lack of water, the people had complained to Moses about their thirst.

God told Moses to speak to certain rock and that water would come forth from it at his command. However, in his frustration with the people’s constant complaints, Moses lost his patience and instead of speaking to the

rock, he struck it twice with his rod. This action angered the Lord; And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron, therefore ye shall not bring this congregation into the land which I have given them [Num.20: 12] So Moses was denied the privilege of accompanying the children of Israel into the Promised Land. Later on in Chapter 21 of Numbers, when the people were bitterly complaining, the Lord sent fiery serpents among them. Many of the people died after being bitten by the serpents. The same people who caused Moses not to be able to enter the Promised Land now came to him and desperately pleaded with him to intercede for them with the Lord.

Entering the Promised Land had been the one manifestation of the promises of God that Moses had longed for in his lifetime. Now, the very people who had caused him to sin so that he could not see his life-long desire fulfilled stood before him asking for his help. The responses of Moses to those people are recorded in verse7: And Moses prayed for the people. Under such circumstances, a man of meekness could only have made this response. The Apostle Paul exhorts us: Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted [Gal.6: 1] Every believer knows of at least one other person in the Body of Christ who has been “overtaken in a fault”. In Galatians 6:1, Paul specifies the attitude and the conduct God expects His children to display toward such people. We are to restore them in the spirit of meekness.

Vine tells us that the Greek word translated restore in this verse means “to mend, to furnish completely”. He goes on to say of his word; “The tense is the continuous present, suggesting the necessity for patience and perseverance in the process”.

Restoration [or mending] usually will not occur in just one or two

encounters. Most believers, however, are willing to continue ministering to someone only if they see some results after the first or second effort. Only a believer with meekness in his heart will continue ministering to someone even though a long period of time has elapsed and that person still shows no sign of responding. The reason there are many breaches in the body of Christ today is because believers are not willing to lay down their lives and allow a spirit of meekness to manifest itself in them so they may keep going and keep restoring one another. True meekness requires effort in continuous present tense.

The third function of the fruit of meekness is to enable believers to be teachable: Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls. James 1: 21

Getting the Word of God engrafted in the heart requires meekness. The “engrafted” Word is the thing which will result in the saving of the “Soul” that is the ability to endure unto the end, to overcome, and not be overtaken. This ability is attainable only through a teachable spirit. The greatest obstacle to a believer who is determined to develop a teachable spirit is the traditions of men. In Mark 7: 9-13 Jesus spoke to the scribes & Pharisees about this problem. And he said unto them, full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition...

Making the Word of God to none effect through your tradition, which ye have delivered; and many such like things do ye.

Most Charismatic believers are guilty of automatically handing down statements and beliefs as denominational believers, making it possible for there to be charismatic traditions. Most would agree that the body of Christ

is not yet perfect, so logically there must be some false teachings in both the Charismatic Movement and the Denominational churches.

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NOTICE OF ANOTHER BOOK COMING!

My Latest Book is still in print I used lulu publishing this time but I have a book I am still writing maybe I will try a different company not sure of that one. Yes my life has been a lot of anxiety and troubles with health and broken bones through a car

accident 1998. I was never expected to be the same again walking and talking and getting around o.k. I was with two fractures in my back 1998 and walked with a lot of assistance with aid of cradle, walking sticks, and some time reluctant to say a wheelchair. However today I feel stronger and I got married again, after my wife walked out the door, she had enough of our 35 years married and now I was disabled she could not see a future in that? So she left I was re-married again in 2003 and as

you can read in part of my book I was married in Philippines, in a registry office before I left the Philippines. Then returned after 2 years of my wife waiting for the Immigration to grant her a visa, this was a real test for both of us. I was not a tax payer being a Missionary and a preacher I was not required to pay tax. This made it hard for the Immigration to grant a visa for my wife to come to Australia. So after 2 years went by and we waited and prayed fervently to the Lord Jesus Christ. The question popped into my mind what if I was to go to Philippines for a visit, as surely as a chicken laid eggs Erlinet my wife would fall pregnant for sure being only 37years old

when I met her? Anyway to cut a very long story short this was the plan of God. I believe still this was the inspiration of God for me to go to Philippines and sure

enough Erlinet fell pregnant as I suspected and NOW the Australian Government allowed Erlinet to come to Australia on the basis that the child would be Australian after all. As soon as I came back from the Philippines 2005 I told the Parramatta office in Sydney, of the Australian Embassy, that my wife Erlinet is pregnant and as I thought they was to grant a visa right away! So this was the beginning of a new life for all of us, Erlinet came into a new life in Australia and had a baby boy named Joshua on the 28th July 2006. We are all doing well happy and healthy, and we are all wondering if the Lord is going to allow us to minister to others in an Evangelistic, prophecy motivated ministry. We all had a visit to Philippines using the baby bonus to go to Philippines on Joshua 2 yrs old to see grandfather and grandmother? We are praying that the Lord will allow us to visit the U.S.A. and Philippines in the same trip away from home. Our Faith is right out there and now it is up to the Lord God to bring it to pass. Psalm 37: 5-7 God gives us the desires of our heart as we commit them to Him. I would like some one to have a look at my latest book and give positive comment. I do have another one on the way," The Last Trumpet of the Remnant Church" (1) and (2) "Blow The Last Trumpet In The Remnant Church" (and an exert is:) ☺ We are called to blow the last trumpet, in the remnant church. Now to some people they would have to study the next ten years to know what that means even. However this means there is now, (or going to be) a certain people, to blow a certain sound, to the body of Christ.

The certain sound shall be from a small army of selected people, from the remnant church. This explanation it self is a separated teaching.

Anyway to be (quite plainly speaking} their special message of these certain people shall be both prophetic and with the manifestation.

The remnant Church of course is already certain called out people “ecclesia people” but out of these people shall be a people that are called to manifest Jesus. To manifest Jesus in a way that has never been seen before in our life time. However in the days of old when the Apostle Peter would minister to the people all it took was a shadow of Peter to heal the sick, Peter would be walking passed the sick person to get to some one else, and just the shadow passing the sick person was enough power in it to heal the sick and to cleansed the lepers.

These signs shall be happening again in a greater way, as God is preparing a people that are the “ecclesia” and are prepared to pay the price to see this happening in their lives. These people that God has called are prophecy motivated people that are prepared to be the voice of God in these last days. Notice He did not say the voice for His Church there has been prophets speaking to the Church, but these people shall be the voice of God. The body of Christ shall know them by their fruits of their Spirit and by the power of God that shall flow through them, the Glory of the Lord shall shine through them, and they shall be people that overcome in all areas of their lives. The voice of God that shall be coming through these “ecclesia” called out people, shall be giving a clear and précis message that not every one

shall like or even receive. So in short this message is the last message that is being given to the body of Christ and not all shall receive, because not all are ready to hear, it will be a message of manifestations of the son’s of God. Foundation scriptures (Roman 8:14 -19) acts chapter 2 -4 and Hebrews 6:5 with the example

of Luke 13:11 and Isaiah 60-61 (This exert or sample is out of the short book that is still being written)

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These are the hall marks of distinction when it comes to the perfected church now look at their threatening, (1) the Holy Boldness is the first sign that God has touched the people:

(2) They all become Prayer Warriors they have learned and have a confidence in their own Prayers, and prayer with authority and

Boldness. (3) The Saints are all of one accord, there is now an oneness of Spirit in agreement in works and deed, especially in prayers. (4) They have all come to learn how to trust good leadership. THIS IS THE 4 MAJOR SIGNES OF THE REMNANT CHURCH. This Church is here now and these are the signs how we will identify them. This Church shall be People of Power = A

Transformation People that hear from heaven.

As we study the scriptures we see that the 4 lepers sitting at the Gate = were the first people that were used, to bring about God's will be done. Hebrews 6:5 this can be talking about a present reality and a Rhema. A twice spoken word for to-day!

And Luke 13:11 can be taking about the church in the condition it is right now? All over the world there is a stereo type taking place in the Pentecostal Churches those that are truly Spirit filled must have noticed this all over the world. There is a praying for revival here and there and of course God is still working where he can, many are being saved and set

free from the sins of the past. This is wonderful and being delivered from many bondages of demonic spirits. This will never really come to a full stop by the grace of God this will continue, but we are called to manifest Jesus and do greater things than Jesus, because He said so. Jesus said you shall do greater things, because I go to the father, the greater things are Salvation because Jesus had to die first before we could have Salvation? Some people are happy with that! But no the scripture say that all creation groan's till now, for the manifestation of the son's of God. I will talk more about that with scriptures in another place in this book and

other books. I touched on this subject in my last book "Whom is a Disciplined Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ" However the point to be made here is that the present condition of the church is not one that is ready to rise and shine? The Church is just like the woman that had a spirit of infirmity and had been bowed over for eighteen years. Actually been preaching that way for years, until

I saw in scripture Luke 13 :11 that the woman was not just bowed over she was bowed together, meaning she was bowed together like her hands and feet were tied together with ropes. This is how the Church has been today been tied together, being bound hands and feet and not being able to straighten up for eighteen years. The woman could not see Jesus Coming unless she could out the sides of herself. This how the church is listening to Jesus being bowed together like doubled over and tied hands and feet, and not being able to lift herself to see straight ahead. The church has seen out the sides of being bowed together, in an obscurity has seen and heard Jesus. Has

been prophesying in part, and seeing in part, and only knowing in part. However but there is coming a time and now is that time. When Jesus will

call, and touch the church that is bowed together spiritually with an infirmity, and she will be able to lift

herself and see straight, and not be restricted any more. The church that is listening at this prophesy has already started rejoicing knowing this already, and just waiting for the time when Jesus will touch the church again. The laying of hands on infirmities has stopped in a lot of churches, and the prophecies had stopped also because so many now preach that this has stopped and we are too grown up for the childish things.

This is wrong teaching and it will be shown to be wrong teaching, even the church in its full age will still be imparting the anointing for miracles and supernatural knowledge by the laying on of hands. There will be people receiving 20 years of revelation knowledge through the anointing and the laying on of hands.

However beware the people still controlled by Satan shall have a simular anointing that will be imparted through the eyes, remember the eyes are the windows to the soul, and Satan will try to do things this way. Enough about that maybe I can talk

about that in some other time, with some other topics. The pattern I wanted to show here is the manifestation of the sons' of God and when we got that manifestation all devils will flee from us in terror anyway. O.K. here is the Patten.

Joshua in this instance signifier's the world's system the way we know to day. The walls of Jericho mentioned in Joshua chapter 2 are the representation of worldly gates of hell. These are the walls that will not prevail against us that the Lord Jesus spoke about. When he said to Peter "upon this rock, [the rock of revelation knowledge] no walls will prevail

against it. Meaning no walls will prevail against us, in the name of Jesus.
We all can, and some must experience the tabernacle experience, meaning
the manifestation of the son's of God. [It is a feast of Glory and His
appearance] Deut 16:16 however not all will have this experience this is,
because not all believe the same way. Obadiah 21 say's Saviours [plural]
shall come upon Mount Zion. Romans 8: 13-14- 18-19 talks about the
manifestation of the sons of God. 1391 strong's concordance and 6012 talks
about DOXA = means to bring to the senses Glory apparent' 1Corithians
10:11 (world here is meaning=Ages) this is the mystery of how Jesus was to
come, today is the same, how and when is Jesus to come again? **2Thes**
1:12 to be Glorified in the Saints. Romans 13:14 put ye on the Lord Jesus
Christ.

Unless we Jesus in the saints of God, the people of God, well know body
will see Jesus in the clouds into they see Him in the people of God, the
bible calls saints. Now Solomon married a lot of women, this symbolising
the church has married a lot of women too. Now a remnant is coming out of
the church right now! Just like in the dark ages of old it's happening again.
There is a remnant of people that are listening to God.

The Temple of Herod is a dead church. The Glory has departed the first
time and now the Church is still dead to the voice of the Spirit of God. 2
Thes 1:12 to be Glorified in the Saints. Romans 13:14 put ye on the Lord
Jesus Christ. Romans 8:14-21 talks about them that are led of the Spirit of
God are the son's of God, and they will manifest Jesus. This must happen
before any event of Jesus appearance in the clouds. Ezekiel 43:1 Appearing
of Glory of God. East represents where sun rises, and starts a new day. End
times are finished; it's all over. A NEW day dawns.

This is a NEW DAY MINISTRIES.

Psalm 102:13 Arise and Mercy, Build Zion in Glory. HAGGI 2:6 filling the house with GLORY. ISAIHA 60:1 Glory 1Pet 1:10 Glory that will follow Rev 21:11 City and Church are the same. The 7 Spirits of God, and the candlestick. 1 John 1:5 God is Light. Psalm 119:105 let the word of God be a Lamp onto you feet and

a LIGHT unto your path. Ephesians 1:18 understanding is being enlightened.

ISA 42:8 my Glory I will not give to another? [That's Old Testament] we are not another we are one of the same, we are with Him, He is now ready to be Glorified in us.

Colossians 3:1-3 the old augment is it's appointed unto man once to die.
Yes:-

BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP GOD FROM TRANSLATING =ENOCH

AND DIDN'T STOP GOD FROM TRANSLATING ELISA

AND ALSO MOSSES BODY WAS NEVER FOUND FOR BURIAL

So we are appointed once to die, in the waters of baptism? Don't we?

What were all them graves doing opened at the crucifixion? [What was that all about]? "He that believeth into me thou he was dead, he shall live, and never die.

James 5:7 tells us to be patience Hosea 6:2 and 2 Pet 1:16 all comes into play at this time. Matthew 17:1 talks about 6 days Number of 6 is significant. = 6 is the number of man. 6 days Jesus took Peter, James and John, up the mountain and shown them the two figures Like Mosses and Elijah as ghosts. PETER AND JAMES AND JOHN. Signifies

Passover, Pentecost, and tabernacles remember a day is a thousand years to the Lord?

(6) Being the number of days Joshua and his men marched around the walls of Jericho on the seventh day they all fell down. (6 days or 6 thousand years significance) 7th day the walls came down. In John 2: there was 6 earthen vessels that could hold 20

Firkin's (or Gallons) of water, each one. Meaning 120 Gallons = 120 Jubilee trumpets signifies (50 yrs) 119 Jubilees trumpets have been blown and they are gone, since Adam. 120th trumpet is getting ready to blow now. This is significant for the last trumpet of God, to voice the last message of God. Before he comes back in the clouds, as soon as them water pots are filled, they were changed into wine (God is saving the best till last) We are all being changed, we are all being caught up like the ram in a bush caught up in a bush for sacrifice, so he can manifest His Glory. People being caught up to a most Holy Place, Third day people being caught up to manifest Jesus.

JOB 38: talks about [Treasure's in the snow] whom is that treasure in the snow? Romans 12:1 &2 [Conformed] = Transformed = Transfigured = Mena-morfus.

The word [renewing] = Block out, Knockout, and to renovate. 2 Corinthians 3: 18 Changed = Transfigured into the same image or Glory to Glory. By the Spirit of the Lord.

NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO THEM THAT BELIEVE. AMEN AND AMEN.

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“Jesus and His Word are One”

THE DIVINE ORDER OF THE CHURCH

Submit to the leadership of the Church is divine order and it is expected of all of us to submit to those God has put over us.**1 John 4:20** your love and understanding of God, will depend on how much love and understanding of each other. It is easy to love the brothers and sisters in Christ. However we should love one another in the world also, and submit ourselves to one another in the Body of Christ. If we are to be like God our Father then, God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son Jesus the Christ. He really Gave of himself **2 Cor.5: 19** ...to wit God was in Christ...

Humble yourself under the mighty hand of God and he shall exalt you in due time.

Romans 13:1-7 love one another...**Luke 2:40-52** Jesus: even though Jesus was with much wisdom, He had perfect communication with the Father however He still submitted himself to his parents Joseph and Mary, and he did as he was told. [Verse 52] Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in the favor of God and man. **Ephesians 6: 2-3**

Ephesians 5:18-21-27 be not drunk with wine, but be ye filled with the Spirit [v 20] giving thanks onto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ [v21] submitting yourself to one another in the fear of God. [*This is the reverent fear of God*] **1 Peter 5:1-16** all these scriptures are saying the same thing that is to get rid of Pride, God gives grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, and He will exalt you in due season. [The proper time]. **Hebrews 13: 15** read through to the end. **Submission to our leaders is or Father God's plans.**

Our attitude should be God said it, and that settles it. That's if we have made up our minds that we are to be obedient to God. **The Love of God is everything.** **John 15: 10- 13-16** we should love one another to what extent? **John 5:19 –23** **John 12: 48—50**

We see from this scripture, that we are to receive the preacher as if it were Jesus. By this attitude we can receive from God. Luke 10:16 if we are to reject this man we are to reject the anointing of Jesus Christ which God is!!! Matthew 10:40—41 John 7:17—18 Give Glory to God always. Willingness always perceeedth, wisdom of God. Matthew 18:2-4 become like children [not childish, but childlike] the same is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven. Matthew 5: 1-5 blessed is the meek for they shall inherit the earth. Mica 6:8 Humble you Matthew 11:28-30Burden of God is light. I Corinthians 12:12—31 Loves are God, God is Love. Hebrews 5:7—9 Philippines 2:1—9 Jesus was always obedient I Peter 1: 13—23

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Josh 1: 17 We see hear the anointing that was on Moses is now upon Joshua as he took over the Job as leader, there is a special anointing for Leadership. 2 Chronicles 20:20—29 we see from these Scriptures that when our heart is right before the lord then He will destroy our enemies, and we shall divide the spoils. There was so much of abundance of jewels and prosperity it took them three days to collect what the Lord had provided for them.

There was not a blow given to their enemies that they contributed the Lord course their enemies to fight one another, the battle was of the Lord but victory was given to the children of God.

This tells us that we stay in faith and Obedience in all things then he will causes us to prosper. 1 Peter 2: 19—23 Obedience is better than sacrifice. Especially in our giving. Matthew 8:8 this soldier is saying here to Jesus that with due respect say the word and my servant will be healed. He was

saying he too, though a man of authority, is under authority and he knows that the word from the Authority will do the work that was faithfully given and in submission.

IF WE ARE FAITHFUL AND OBEDIENT TO THE LORD IN OUR GIVING THEN WE SHALL PROSPER AND HAVE GOOD SUCCESS.

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NOW I SEE THROUGH A GLASS DARKLY: 1 Corinthians 13: 13

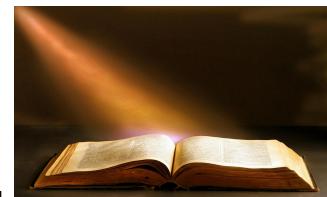
This style of preaching or story telling I call concept preaching, that is speaking from a conception or a conceived some thing that I believed came from God in the first place. This I call concept ministry whether I am right or wrong with this thinking it don't matter I am going with it anyway because this is the only way I can explain. Let me begin by telling you where I was and at what time of my life this was. I was at the Manila, Philippines Airport around December 20th 2003 I was hot and sticky after a long hard, and hot day. It was time for me to go back home to Australia and I was on my way!

I had said good bye to my new wife Erlinet (we were married December 10th) as she was not ready to travel with me because of a visa she was waiting for! So now it was decided that I was to travel home alone as my travel ticket was about to expire. I had lost completely my reading glasses a couple of days before this and I was having troubles seeing. I remember how I lost my reading glasses; I had left the reading glasses on top of a taxi cab as I was thumbing for change to pay the cab driver.

He drove off and I forgotten my glasses that I had placed them on top of his cab, just for the moment, but now I was without glasses because I had lost them this way. O.K. so here I was at the Manila Airport 5.p.m. just coming off the domestic flight to change to the International flight due to leave about 7.p.m. or so I was led to believe! This is what actually happened because I could not see too well I asked the travel agent on the domestic flights to put me on a flight to interchange with my International flight. However when I got to the Manila International Airport

after saying good bye to every body being, my new in-laws and my new wife Erlinet and all friends there in Dumaguete. I was now very much alone not being able to speak the language and in Manila International Airport, ready to go through the barrier I was told by the ticketing personal that my ticket was outdated by one day and I would not be allowed to fly on that ticket. I would be allowed to fly on that same flight if I was to purchase a new ticket. However that ticket I was in precession of was now not valid at all under any circumstances. I said to all the attendants there that there must be some mistake, as I could not see to well the ticket I had asked the domestic flight booking agents to connect me with the International flights in the booking. I trusted their judgements, as I could not see; my eye sight was getting more blurred the more I would try to see. As I was told this new concerning my ticket my heart then did sink at first then as the reality hit my despair went into panic and anger and rage and desperation, more panic, feeling of abandonment filled my body, soul, and spirit. I remember feeling for the first time in my whole life so much alone, so it seemed, very much alone, and desperate. I was alone many times in my life, but never until this day did I fell alone. I remember thinking and saying in my mind (my God, my God, why have you suddenly left me) I said out loud what am I

going to do? Lord Jesus Christ what am I going to do? You see this trip to Philippines had not been so filled with preaching or teaching the word of God like all the other times, because I got married. It was a sudden decision that I had made and now I was thinking maybe it was not with God's approval. But how can it not be I thought with all my knowledge of the Word of God, with all that I had gone through with God's



teachings over the many years of study.

My thoughts was that I have studied to show myself approved unto God a workman that needs not be ashamed at all. (2.timothy 2:15) How could it not be approved by God / he whom takes a wife, takes a good thing, and wins the favour of God? All these scriptures and so many others were flooding through my mind, as I thought to myself, is there some thing wrong? Why have I found myself in this dilemma, a predicament that I don't know what to do next? So I knew as I was walking through the International Airport in the direction of the door and the hot sunshine out side. I knew I was to find myself a cool shady spot and start praying and asking God what am I to do now? Did I do some thing wrong to find myself in this predicament? If so was there some kind of repentance needed for me to find the mercy and Grace of God. I put Hebrews 4: 16 into practice here? Then it suddenly dawned on me? I was in

not only a real test of faith, but a real challenge? Yes this was a challenge just like Job had gone through. I was feeling just like Job, for in Job chapter one we see that Job had not done anything wrong to be in this fight with the devil. It was a fight that Satan had picked a fight with God, and using Job Satan had said lets see if Job would stay in Faith or curse

god and forsake his belief in God. You may not have Heard the story of Job that way but truly this is what it was all about! And still is today.

Yes that is Old Testament? Yes times have changed since then, we are in the new testament now/ but the test of Faith and the challenge of Satan, the test of the flesh or the spirit is still the same. Satan uses the flesh thinking to challenge the Faith thinking. All of us don't matter how long you have been a Christian, or how long you have walked by Faith, don't matter how much miracle signs and wonders you have seen in God. You will still be challenged by the devil to go to the flesh thinking. When the times get tough and things seemed to be going wrong the thinking is the most important thing now. So now I am at the International Airport and been told that I would have to purchase another travel ticket to go to Australia,



I did not have any money at all I only had the airport departure tax in my wallet. I had no money what so ever, I had no friends that I could call on to help me. I called two people in Australia and was rejected by both as being joking; I was stranded completely, because I knew the family I married into was a poor family also. I did remember however that I had a brother -in-law Edward that I had never met, I was only told about him and maybe I spoken to him one time over the phone. We did not know each other, but he was told of my dilemma and my bad circumstances, and being stranded without a ticket. He said to me on the

phone Brian have a sleep on the benches



outside the Airport and I

will try to get to see you tomorrow. So this is what I did, not knowing what I was to do next. I found a bench in the crowded airport and prayed that the Lord could restore my mind, as I rested. Yes it was crowded as people were not allowed into the airport too early for their flight, and if you did not have a flight ticket at all, then you were not allowed to be in the airport at all. So here I was in the crowded airport with people talking all around me, but I was able to switch off by Faith and go to sleep. I had experience in doing this, but not under these circumstances, but by the Grace of God I was able to do this. I believed that God was going to tell me what to do, and where I was to go now. To my surprise the night came in just like someone switching off the electric lights. I woke up suddenly it was 6 a.m. next morning, people was talking about Christmas I heard them and they was, had been a breakthrough I felt it in my spirit so now I had accepted an invitation from my brother-in-law's wife Luzvie said to come and clean up, at their home. I was only going into the supervisor's office to tell him that I would be away for a couple of hours to clean up? As I told him that he said NO NO Sir don't do that you will miss your chance here! So I said o.k. I will be here in time don't worry. I went to Brother Edwin's and Sister Luzvie humble house it was a very small house but I felt the love. The hospitality hit me in the face and they insisted that I was to have

a short sleep in their home. Well maybe you can guess what happens now, they told me the traffic is so bad there is no way to get back to the International Airport until early morning so have a night sleep and then go back. So I did that I felt in my spirit it was the right thing to do, so I stayed the night we had wine and song and a good night sleep. The next day Brother Edwin had gone already to work, Luzvie was talking me to the International Airport in this Open Jeep it was great fun in the traffic. We got

there I thought in good time I knew the Supervisor office did not open until 8a.m. But to my surprise it was open all night and

the supervisor had been waiting for me, as soon as he saw me he said quickly give me your old ticket! I thought what is he going to do now tear it up maybe? NO-NO of course not I had already seen it in the Spirit Brian; this was going through my mind. YES what I saw in the Spirit happened exactly the way I had seen where the

ticket said “NOT VALID” was made “VALID NOW” one flight only. The supervisor said there is a flight in a couple of hours get going now and don’t miss it? This story is a true story and happened just as I have described. I call it faith in a teaching “NOW I see through a glass darkly” What do you see, how do you pray? Lord teaches us how to pray? Pray thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, how many times has this happened since then! Well



believe me this was a breakthrough and everything I receive from God I receive the same way, and this has become my method of prayer now. I hope this has been informative and will be life changing, and bring a discipline into our thinking; hence this is another form of discipline of the mind. Little did I know at the time that this would become a theme song in a book I am writing now! “Who is a Disciplined Disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ?” and book (2) “Blow The Last Trumpet In The Remnant Church” I did not know at the time that I would have to wait 2 years for the immigration department to allow my wife Erlinet to come to Australia because I was penalized because I was not a tax payer. I was a missionary to Philippines and did not have

any taxable income and was not required to pay any tax on the income that I did receive. Therefore I was not a litigable assurance of support for my wife to be able

to come to Australia. (So what happened then?) (Read the new article on re- "shaping the Brain"

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Untold hours in meditation may rewrite neural connections in the brain — and how you see the world.

May 20, 2009 Scientists are making the first attempts to understand spiritual experience —and what [happens in the brains](#) and bodies of people who believe they connect with the divine.

The field is called "neurotheology," and although it is new, it's drawing prominent researchers in the U.S. and Canada. Scientists have found that the brains of people who spend untold hours in prayer and meditation are different.

I met Scott McDermott five years ago, while covering a Pentecostal revival meeting in Toronto. It was pandemonium. People were speaking in tongues and barking like dogs. I thought, "What is a United Methodist minister, with a Ph.D. in New Testament theology, doing here?"

Explore Research Into The Science Of Spiritual Encounters

Then McDermott told me about a vision he had had years earlier.

"I saw fire dancing on my eyelids," he recalled, staring into the middle distance. "I felt God say to me, 'You be the oil, and I'll be the flame.' Then [I] began to feel waves of the Spirit flow through my body."

I never forgot McDermott. When I heard that scientists were studying the brains of people who spent countless hours in prayer and meditation, I thought, "I've got to see what's going on in Scott McDermott's head."

Focusing Affects Reality

A few years later, Andrew Newberg made that possible. [Newberg](#) is a neuroscientist at the University of Pennsylvania and author of several books, including *How God Changes Your Brain*. He has been scanning the brains of religious people like McDermott for more than a decade.

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On a spring day in Newberg's laboratory, the neuroscientist settles McDermott in a darkened examination room and asks the pastor to pray for someone else

— that is, intercessory prayer. A few minutes later, at the moment Newberg believes McDermott has reached the peak of his prayer, the researcher injects the minister with a dye that shows the blood flow in his brain. Twenty minutes later, McDermott emerges beaming. He has enjoyed intense spiritual moments like this ever since he was in his 20s.

"The first thing that got me was I could hear God's voice," the pastor said. "And it so enamored me — I mean, it changed me dramatically. I couldn't wait to pray!"

McDermott has prayed at least two hours a day for the past 25 years. I ask Newberg what kind of impact that would have on the pastor's brain. "The more you focus on something — whether that's math or auto racing or football or God — the more that becomes your reality, the more it becomes written into the neural connections of your brain," Newberg says.

'I Think We're Wired For The Supernatural'

Now it's time for Newberg to take a peek at McDermott's neural connections, sliding him into a SPECT scanner, which will create an image of which parts of McDermott's brain lit up and which went dark while he prayed.

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He notes some areas of increased activity in the frontal lobes, which handle focused attention — precisely what Newberg would expect from a person praying intently. But he adds that this needs further analysis — and he'll need to find more volunteers to do this kind of interpersonal prayer before he can come to any conclusions. Afterward, I ask McDermott if any of this challenges his beliefs. Not at all, he says.

"I think we're wired for the supernatural," he says. "I think we're meant to sense a world beyond our five senses. Come on! Taste and see that God really is good." Newberg says he can't prove that McDermott or anyone else is communing with God, but he can look for circumstantial evidence.

"What we need to do is study those moments where people feel that they're getting beyond their brain, and understanding what's happening in the brain from a scientific perspective, what's happening in the brain from their spiritual perspective," he says.

Then he'll compare the mystical feelings with the brain physiology.

Read An Excerpt From 'Fingerprints Of God'

What Turns People Into Spiritual Virtuosos?

A Sense Of Oneness With The Universe

Newberg did that with Michael Baime. Baime is a doctor at the University of Pennsylvania and a Tibetan Buddhist who has meditated at least an hour a day for the past 40 years. During a peak meditative experience, Baime says, he feels oneness with the universe, and time slips away.

"It's as if the present moment expands to fill all of eternity," he explains, "that there has never been anything but this eternal now." When Baime meditated in Newberg's brain scanner, his brain mirrored those feelings. As expected, his frontal lobes lit up on the screen: Meditation is sheer

concentration, after all. But what fascinated Newberg was that Baime's parietal lobes went dark. More In This Series

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"This is an area that normally takes our sensory information, tries to create for us a sense of ourselves and orient that self in the world," he explains. "When people lose their sense of self, feel a sense of oneness, a blurring of the boundary between self and other, we have found decreases in activity in that area."

Newberg found that result not only with Baime, but also with other monks he scanned. It was the same when he imaged the brains of Franciscan nuns praying and Sikhs chanting. They all felt the same oneness with the universe.

When it comes to the brain, Newberg says, spiritual experience is spiritual experience.

"There is no Christian, there is no Jewish, there is no Muslim, it's just all one," Newberg says. A little theological dynamite there — but, remember, the research is just beginning.

'You Can Sculpt Your Brain' So far, scientists have focused on people who pray or meditate for one, two or more hours a day. They think that studying spiritual virtuosos will offer clues to

the brain workings of more typical believers. But now Newberg and others are turning their attention to people who want to enrich their spiritual lives, but don't have that kind of time.

And there's hope for people with jobs and kids. Neuroscientist Richard Davidson says you can change your brain with experience and training. "You can sculpt your brain just as you'd sculpt your muscles if you went to the gym," he says. "Our brains are continuously being sculpted, whether you like it or not, wittingly or unwittingly." It's called neuroplasticity. For years Davidson, who is at the University of Wisconsin, has scanned the brains of Buddhist monks who have logged years of meditation. When it comes to things like attention and compassion, their brains are as finely tuned as a late-model Porsche. Davidson wondered: Could ordinary people achieve the same kind of connection with the spiritual that the monks do — without so much effort? I wondered that, too. And when I heard his lab was launching a study lasting two weeks, I said, "Sign me up."

It turned out I was too old for the study. But they let me see what it was about. For 30 minutes every morning, I settled into my chair to the soothing tones of a meditation CD. The voice of a University of Wisconsin graduate student urged me to shower compassion on a loved one, a stranger, myself.

The trouble came when I was asked to visualize someone I had difficulty with in life. I became surly, as I reflected on the minor tragedies in my life and the people who caused them. When I saw Richard Davidson, I didn't mention how ill-tempered I had grown.

"Is there a capacity to change my brain if I continue with this?" I asked. "Absolutely," he responded enthusiastically. "I would say the likelihood is that you are already changing your brain."

I hope not. Others, however, were far more successful in cultivating a spiritual mind-set. Davidson couldn't tell me about the results of my study, which have yet to be published. But he could say there were detectable

changes in the subjects' brains within two weeks. Another similar study, where employees at

a high-tech firm meditated a few minutes a day over a few weeks, produced more dramatic results.

"Just two months' practice among rank amateurs led to a



system in more positive directions," he said.

For example, they developed more antibodies to a flu virus than did their colleagues who did not meditate.

Today's Scripture

"The words of the mouth are deep waters..."

(Proverbs 18:4, NIV)

Life-Giving Water

All over the world, there are people who are lonely and hurting.

They've been through disappointments; they've suffered heartache and pain.

As believers, God has given us something to offer them.

We have life-giving, refreshing water in us.

With our words, we can bring healing. With our words, we can lift them out of depression.

With our words, we can tell them, “You’re beautiful. You’re amazing.

You’re talented. God has a bright future in front of you.”

Those life-giving words will break the chains of depression.

They will break the chains of low self-esteem.

You can help set people free from the strongholds that are keeping them back.

You may not know all that is happening, but God can take one compliment,

one encouraging word, and use that to begin the healing process and set that person on a brand new course.

And when you help break the chains off of others, any chains that you might have will be broken off, too!

Today, choose to speak encouragement. Choose to speak life.

Tell others what they can become, give compliments, and live life as a healer.

Pour out that life-giving water with your words and watch it come back to you in abundance!

A Prayer for Today

“ Heavenly Father, thank You for allowing Your healing waters to flow through me.

I choose to pour out life onto others and refresh them with life-giving words.

Direct my words, order my steps, and let everything I do glorify You in Jesus' name. Amen."

"I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

(Psalm 34:1, KJV)

that word Continually put in your mind

When you wake up in the morning, do you expect the goodness of God in your life? Do you set the tone of the day for success, favor and blessing with your words? Scripture tells us that death and life are in the power of the tongue.

That's why it's so important to declare praises to God all throughout the day.

Things may be bad all around you, people may be negative, complaining and discouraged, but don't let that spirit rub off on you. The worse it gets, the brighter you're going to shine. The good news is that no matter how you feel, no matter what's going on around you, you can choose your positive words.

There is nothing that can stop you from constantly speaking God's Word!

Today, be determined to set the tone for your day, week, month and year by continually praising God and speaking words of faith over your future. Remember, when you put God first, He promises to honour you. He will pour out His favor on you and lead you into the path of life, health, strength and blessings all the days of your life!

My Prayer for You Today

“Heavenly Father, I choose to bless You at all times. I choose to set the tone to receive Your favour, grace and mercy. Thank You for Your faithfulness at all times in Jesus’ name. Amen!”

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LET US PRAY TO FINISH OFF WITH

“...I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead.”
(Philippians 3:13, NLT)

This One Thing!

Are you focused on forgetting the past? Many people don't fully understand what that means. They wonder, "How can I forget something that's happened to me?" But one definition of the word forget is to "disregard intentionally or to overlook." What this verse is saying is that you have to choose to disregard your past so that it doesn't keep you from moving forward. That means the good and the bad. Even our past victories can sometimes keep us from rising higher. If we don't let go of the old, we'll never be able to embrace the new.

It doesn't matter what's happened in your history, it's time to forget what lies behind. Make the choice today to look forward. Trust that God has a better future in store for you. Trust that He's working behind the scenes on your behalf. As you forget what lies behind and press forward, you will see the abundant life the Lord has in store for you!

