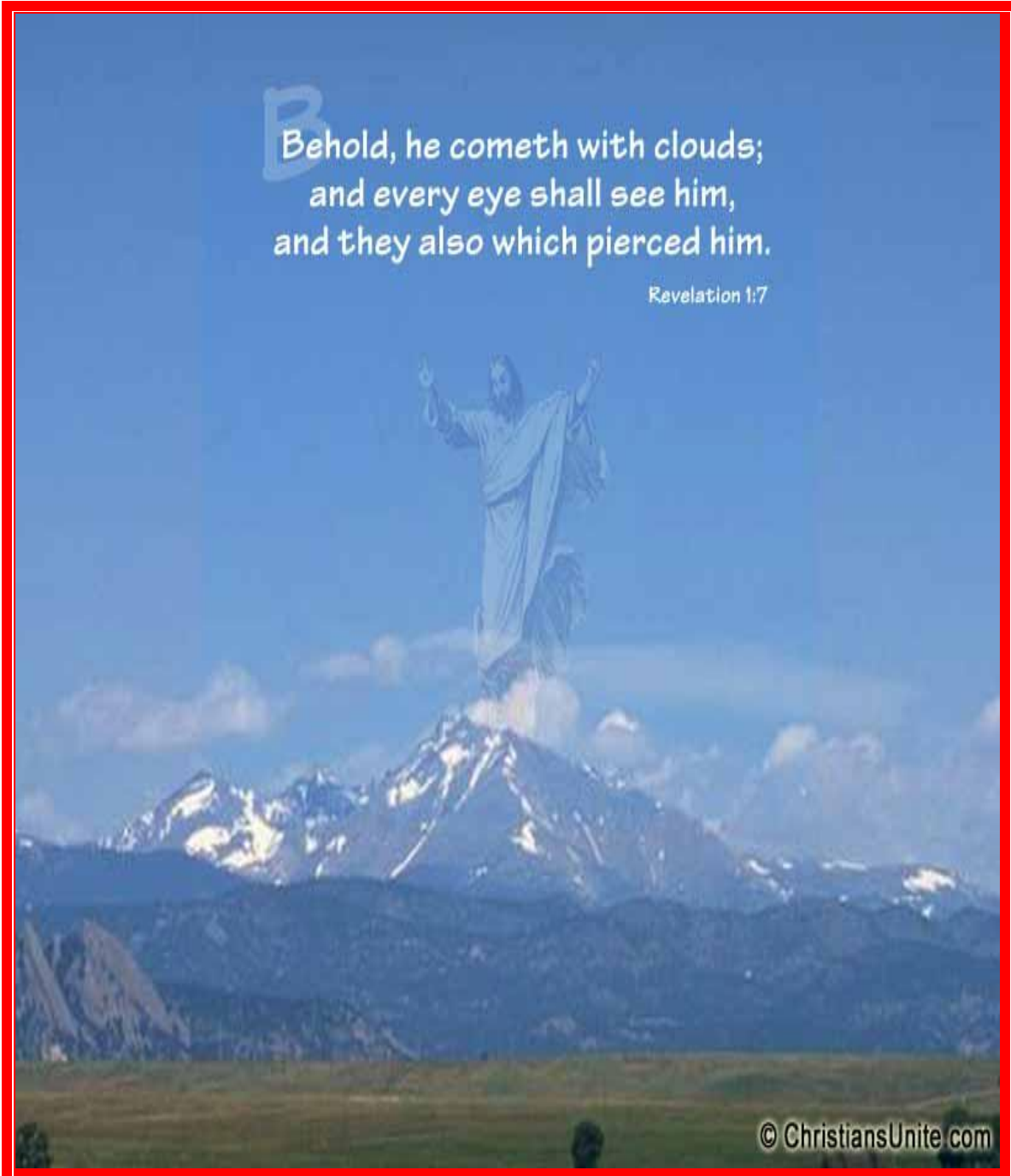


Third Day Passion

Behold, he cometh with clouds;
and every eye shall see him,
and they also which pierced him.

Revelation 1:7



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Chapter One: The Art of Relationships

Introduction: If the Body of Christ is going to move forward in these last days; we must start walking in true God given relationships with each other. Relationships can not be based off of theological thinking. It goes beyond theological knowledge and straight into the heart of man. When we realize that relationship with God and with each other is a mandate from God; we can move forward in greater things for Him! The word art means a superior skill that you can learn by study and practice and observation. Relationships with God and with each other are built from studying God's word for guidance, through much practice, and through much observation.

Lesson # 1 session A.....Living By Design

- We are God's craftsmanship. He has made us according to His image. The image must worship the image maker.
- One truth about building relationship with the Father is walking in His design.

1. Psalm 102:18

This shall be written for the generation to come: and the people which shall be created shall praise the Lord.

Psalm 148:5

Let them praise the name of the Lord: for he commanded, and they were created.

Isaiah 45:18

For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, and he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.

Ephes. 2:10

For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Col. 3:10

And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

1. God created nothing to be in vain. We are the workmanship of His glorious hands. God has designed us to be worshippers of Him. We must walk

according to the Divine design placed upon us. All creation must fall back under this heavenly design for our lives. Jesus came to bring us back.

- As leaders it is of great importance that we are living in the design of the Father. Our fellowship with others must be a reflection of our fellowship with the Father.
- Part of God's design is invoking the greatest commandment given to us by Christ.

1. Matthew 22:34-40

34. *Hearing that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, the Pharisees got together.*

35. *One of them, an expert in the law, tested him with this question:*

36. *"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"*

37. *Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."*

38. *This is the first and greatest commandment.*

39. *And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself."*


40. *All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

2. Where is our love for the Father? As leaders our passion and our love for God must be evident within us. Can you imagine that everything Moses did for God hung on the balance of these two commandments? Every prophecy the prophets declared could have never taken place without their individual passions for God.

- 1 Cor. 8:3

But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

1. The word known comes from the Greek word **ginosko**, Greek **1097**, Strong's

ginosko,  *ghin-oc'e'-ko*; a prolonged form of a primary verb; to "know" (absolute), in a great variety of applications and with many implications (as follow, with others not thus clearly expressed) :- allow, be aware (of), feel, (have) know (-ledge), perceive, be resolved, can speak, be sure, understand.

2. You can not know God without loving Him first.

Session # 1 Session A Questions:

1. We are God's what?
2. Why are we created in God's image?
3. What is God's design for our relationship with Him?
4. As leaders, why should we walk in God's design for our lives?

Lesson # 1 session B.....The David Factor

- The David Factor is just a term to describe a similar relationship we should have with the Father. David had a passion to follow God. He desired the Lord with all that was within him. He would ask God for all kinds of decisions that he had to make on a normal basis. God is looking for that type of trust within us. He is searching for leaders who totally depend on Him. Our passion as leaders should always be directed to the Father. Our decisions and our normal living should be based and directed by our relationship with the Heavenly Father.
- The David Factor
 - As a leader for God, we are marked for His purpose. This marking of God should allow our relationship with Him to grow and expand. It should increase our passion for His purpose. (**The Marking Process**)
 1. 1 Samuel 16:11-13

And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, there remained yet the youngest, and, behold, he kept the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. [12] And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him: for this is he. [13] Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of the Lord came upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.
 - When we walk with the Father and build relationship with Him. Our relationship and our dependence on Him will be challenged. Sometimes Goliaths will be allowed to come in our lives. Will we rely on the Father and our relationship with Him or will we fall? These challenges can cause us to draw closer to the Father. They are used to build our relationship with Him. We cannot build with the Father if there are not any resources to build with. Challenges are sometimes the building materials in our relationship with the Father. (**The Challenging Process**)
 1. I Samuel 17: 1- 58
 2. Romans 5:3

And not only so, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worked patience;
 - 2 Thes. 1:4

So that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and tribulations that ye endure:
 - Romans 12:12

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

2 Cor. 1:4

Who comforted us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.

- David walked in a heart of quick repentance and continual humility. Last Days leaders must walk in these qualities more than ever in this hour. Many ministers around the world have fallen because of their unreceptive hearts and lack of humility. They have turned their head away from their sinful acts and declared them alright. Instead of walking in humility, they walk in pride and arrogance. We must not walk in this direction any longer as Last Days Leaders. When David sinned against the Father, he would quickly recognize the sinful act and ask for forgiveness. Repentance is a pillar within the building process with the Father. Humility is the doorway into the Heart of the Father. Humility is God's measuring cup for issuing more of His presence upon our lives. Only the humbled can truly be considered apart of God's heart. He gives to the humble and extracts from the prideful. The humble fully demonstrate the heart of the Father to the world. Repentance and Humility must both be present in our lives. (**Repentance and Humility Process**)

1. Psalm 51:1-19

To the chief Musician, A Psalm of David, when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bathsheba.
Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving kindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. [2] Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. [3] For I acknowledge my transgressions: and my sin is ever before me. [4] Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightiest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest. [5] Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. [6] Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts: and in the hidden part thou shalt make me to know wisdom. [7] Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. [8] Make me to hear joy and gladness; that the bones which thou hast broken may rejoice. [9] Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities. [10] Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. [11] Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. [12] Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. [13] Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee. [14] Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,

thou God of my salvation: and my tongue shall sing aloud of thy righteousness. [15] O Lord, open thou my lips; and my mouth shall shew forth thy praise. [16] For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering. [17] The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. [18] Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion: build thou the walls of Jerusalem. [19] Then shalt thou be pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with burnt offering and whole burnt offering: then shall they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

2. Matthew 3:8

Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:

1 Peter 5:5

Likewise, ye younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea, all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble.

- David has a desire to build a temple for the Father. He wanted a temple for God to dwell in. We can only become the temples for God when we allow Him to rest and reign within our lives. As leaders, do we want the Lord to fully dwell within us? Do we fully want His intimate presence to overshadow our lives? David's passion to build a temple carried on to the next generation of believers. Solomon carried on the passion of his father to build the temple for the Lord. Our passion to build with the Father must be so strong that it is transplanted into the hearts of the next generation. We must be able, as leaders, to steer the Body of Christ in the direction of temple building with the Father. We must spend more time in building worthy temples than building our own empires. His glory desires to rest within us. (**The Temple Process**)

1. 2 Samuel 7:1-17

And it came to pass, when the king sat in his house, and the Lord had given him rest round about from all his enemies; [2] That the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in an house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. [3] And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thine heart; for the Lord is with thee.

[4] And it came to pass that night, that the word of the Lord came unto Nathan, saying, [5] Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith the Lord, Shalt thou build me an house for me to dwell in? [6] Whereas I have not dwelt in any house since the time that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. [7] In all the places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel spake I a word with any

of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to feed my people Israel, saying, Why build ye not me an house of cedar? [8] Now therefore so shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, I took thee from the sheepecote, from following the sheep, to be ruler over my people, over Israel: [9] And I was with thee whithersoever thou wentest, and have cut off all thine enemies out of thy sight, and have made thee a great name, like unto the name of the great men that are in the earth. [10] Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime, [11] And as since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel, and have caused thee to rest from all thine enemies. Also the Lord telleth thee that he will make thee an house.

[12] And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom. [13] He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever. [14] I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: [15] But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. [16] And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. [17] According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

2. Luke 6:48-49

He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock. [49] But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

1 Peter 2:5

Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.

Zech. 8:9

Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words by the mouth of the prophets, which were in the day that the foundation of the house of the Lord of hosts was laid, that the temple might be built.

1 Cor. 3:16-17

Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? [17] If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

1 Cor. 6:19

What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?

Lesson # 1 session B's Questions:

1. What is God looking for in Leaders in this hour?
2. What four things consist in the David Factor?
3. How important is Humility and Repentance among leaders within the Body?
4. What is the importance of building a relationship with the Father?

Lesson # 2 session A.....Building with each other


- When we start building relationships with each other; each person can become very vulnerable. True relationship building means at some point there is going to be the sharing of each others closest and deepest thoughts. God has a passion to see His people building the Spirit led relationships. We can not build closely with everyone, but we are called to relationships.
- Jesus stressed the need to build relationship with each other and stay in relationship with each other until His return. Everything we do in ministry and in life stems from the depth of our relationship with God and man.

❖ John 13:30-35 [Transmitting God's Love]


[30] He then having received the sop went immediately out: and it was night. [31] Therefore, when he was gone out, Jesus said, Now is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him. [32] If God be glorified in him, God shall also glorify him in himself, and shall straightway glorify him. [33] Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you. [34] A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. [35] By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

1. Jesus was about to face His passion on the cross. He wanted to leave His disciples with a truth about relationships. That truth was to love each other no matter what. We were commissioned to get to know one another.

2. Jesus used a strong word called love. This word in the Greek was **agapao**, **Greek 25, Strong's**

agapao,  *ag-ap-ah'-o*; perhaps from **agan** (*much*) [or compare Hebrew 5689 (*'agab*); to *love* (in a social or moral sense) :- (be-) love (-ed). Compare Greek 5368 (*phileo*).

This word was used when expressing God's love to us and Jesus wanted us to take God's love and express it to each other. He wanted us to walk in genuine relationships with each other. The other Greek word used for love is **phileo**, **Greek 5368, Strong's**

phileo,  *fil-eh'-o*; from Greek 5384 (*philos*); to *be a friend to* (*fond of* [an individual or an object]), i.e. *have affection* for (denoting *personal* attachment, as a matter of sentiment or feeling; while Greek 25 (*agapao*) is wider, embracing especially the judgment and the *deliberate* assent of the will as a matter of principle, duty and propriety: the two thus stand related very much as Greek 2309 (*thelo*) and Greek 1014 (*boulomai*), or as Greek 2372 (*thumos*) and Greek 3563 (*nous*) respectively; the former being chiefly of the *heart* and the latter of the *head*); specially to *kiss* (as a mark of tenderness) :- kiss, love.

Phileo speaks of friends or acquaintances. Jesus was stressing a greater relationship to be maintained among the Disciples. He knew that if the Disciples could maintain a higher level of relationship beyond friends the Gospel message could have a fighting chance to survive in this cruel world.

❖ John 15:9-19 [Altruism]

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love. [10] If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. [11] These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. [12] This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you. [13] Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. [14] Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. [15] Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you. [16] Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. [17] These things I command you, that ye love one another. [18] If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. [19] If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.

1. Jesus stressed the importance of relationship building by giving up our lives for each other. Altruism means the quality of unselfish concern for the welfare of others. When you enter into relationships with others do you enter in without any strings attached? Jesus was willing to lay down His life for us, and He desired for us to be willing to do the same.

❖ 1 John 4:6-15 [Becoming God's habitation]

We are of God: he that knoweth God heareth us; he that is not of God heareth not us. Hereby know we the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. [7] Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God. [8] He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love. [9] In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him. [10] Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. [11] Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another. [12] No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. [13] Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. [14] And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. [15] Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God.


1. Through the relationships we build with each other we guarantee God's habitation within our lives. If we don't build with others with true love; God can not dwell within us.

❖ I Samuel 18:1-4 (Building David and Jonathan relationships)

1 Samuel 18:1-4 (KJV)

And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit with the soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. [2] And Saul took him that day, and would let him go no more home to his father's house. [3] Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul. [4] And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle.

1. David and Jonathan had a close relationship. They had made a covenant with each other. Jonathan loved David so much that he was willing to give up his right to the throne of Israel.
2. We need to have relationships with each other which become knitted together.
 - a. The word knit (**qashar**, Hebrew 7194, Strong's

qashar,  *kaw-shar'*; a primitive root; to *tie*, physical (*gird, confine, compact*) or mentally (*in love, league*) :- bind (up), (make a) conspire (-acy, -ator), join together, knit, stronger, work [treason].

The relationships we build must have a depth of equal surrender. Each person needs to have willing hearts which desire to be knit together. The closer our hearts become with those we lead; the greater outcome of ministry will be produced. Even greater than ministry, our personal and corporate relationships with God is enhanced. God's desire for His people is furlled up by the relationships we have with each other.

Lesson # 2 session A.....Questions

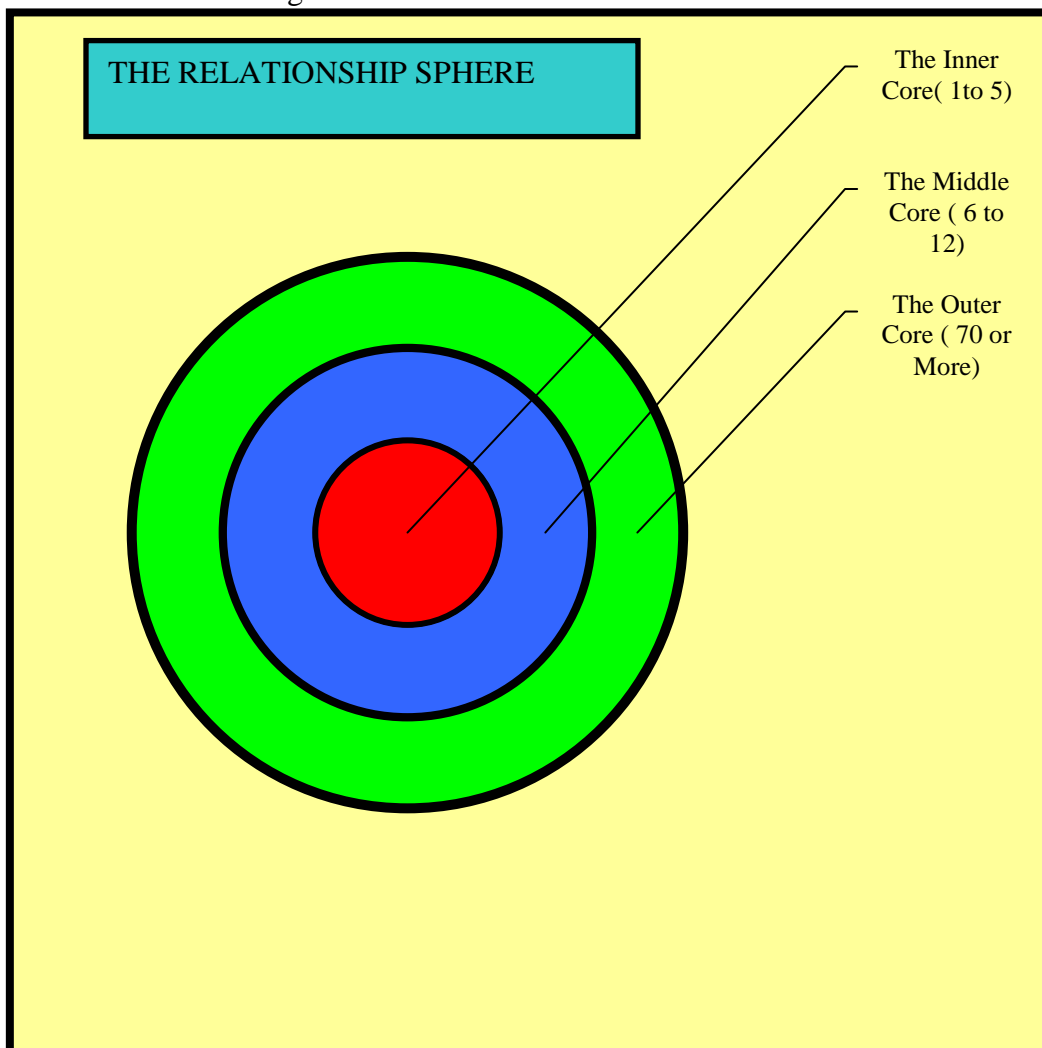
1. Why does God want His people building lasting relationships?
2. Everything we do in ministry stems from what?
3. What do we guarantee when we build relationships with each other?
4. Should our relationships be knitted together?

Lesson # 2 Session B.....Types of Relationships

- When building relationships, we must realize that we will never be close to everyone. There are different types of relationships that we will build within our life times.
- As leaders it is very important that we surround ourselves with the different types of relationships. It is important that we also know our limits.

Three Types of Relationships for leaders.

- It is best to explain the three types like a circle within a circle within a circle. See the Diagram below.



The Inner Core:

1. We all know that Jesus had an inner core of leaders surrounding Him. He had closeness to three of the twelve disciples. He did not love them more or thought of them as the greatest leaders out of the twelve. However, He did have a special bond with the three. These three disciples seem to have known Jesus the most. They were aware of a great deal more than the other disciples. Perhaps they were much older than the other disciples as well. Whatever the case, Jesus knew to surround himself with these three.

2. The Three

a. *Mark 5:36-39 (KJV)*

As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. [37] And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. [38] And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. [39] And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth.

1. Jesus asked only the three disciples to come with Him into the house of Jarius. Why did Jesus pick these three so often? What can you learn from Jesus decisions of picking inner core leaders? To answer these questions we must look at the Three as individuals.

b. Peter

1. Peter was first introduced to Jesus by his brother Andrew. In fact the Bible shows that Andrew and John were probably two of the first disciples of Jesus. (Read John 1:35-42)When Andrew introduce Peter to Jesus; Jesus immediately changed Peter's previous name (Simon) to Cephas (Peter). The name Simon means hearing, but the name Cephas means Stone or Rock.

2. Perhaps Jesus felt led to choose Peter as one of His three because Peter was called to be a man of great foundation. This is maybe why Jesus changed his name for "hearing" to the "Rock".


3. Peter had certain attributes which probably helped Jesus pick Peter to be one of His three.

- a. Extreme Faith (Matthew 14:28-29)
- b. Wise (Matthew 16:16)
- c. Repentful and humbling (Luke 5:8)
- d. Dependable (Luke 22:8)
- e. Lover of Chris (John 21: 7,11)
- f. Spirit Led (Acts 4:8)

c. James

1. James was one of the first chosen apostles by Jesus. It is believed that James, along with his brother John, was possibly cousins of Jesus. No matter the case Jesus had His reasons for choosing James as one of his three. James was chosen by Jesus while coming in from fishing trip. (Matthew 4:21) Jesus had a new name for James and his brother John. Jesus would call them Sons of Thunder. (Mark 3:17)

2. The Greek word for thunder is **bronte**, Greek 1027, Strong's

bronte,  *bron-tay'*; akin to **bremo** (to roar); *thunder* :- thunder (-ing). Maybe the James was a powerful speaker. Maybe John and he were bold and forward spoken when dealing with others.

3. Attributes of James

- a. Trustworthy [Matthew 17:1-9]
- b. Faithful [Luke 8:51-52]
- c. Courageous [Acts 12:2-3]

d. John

1. John was one of Jesus' first disciples. He was possibly a disciple of John the Baptist.

a. John 1:35-41

2. John had a passion to always try and do things rightly. He did not want anything to come against the truth that Jesus was teaching. He loved Jesus so much he wanted to make sure that nothing would hurt or hinder his Savior.

a. Mark 9:38 (KJV)

And John answered him, saying, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name, and he followeth not us: and we forbid him, because he followeth not us.

3. Attributes of John

- a. Yielding [Mark 1:19-20]
- b. Committed [Acts 3:1]
- c. Bold [Acts 4:13-19]
- d. Seer [Revelation 21: 2; 22: 8]
- e. Building the inner core

1. As senior leaders, you and I need to be about building the inner core. If the inner core is not strong or built then there can not be a strong furtherance of the ministry. The inner core will also be those that carry on the work when you and I are gone.

2. Inner core building list:

1. Pray for the right leaders to be in your church or ministry
2. Seek out those that have the above characteristics
3. Building strong relationships with them.
4. Let them minister with you the most.
5. Let them capture your heart
6. Declare them as senior leaders within your ministry when the time is right.
7. Have faith in them and honor them
8. Share different information with them that you don't share with anyone else.
9. Show them things of the Spirit as God reveals it to you.
10. Insist on the connection of hearts. They should be hearing from heaven right when you are hearing from heaven.

The Middle Core.

1. Jesus was also close to the middle core of disciples that he had surrounding Him. Their relationships with Jesus were unique but different than what Peter, James, and John had with Christ.

2. It is also interesting to note that the inner core also existed within the middle core. The reason the inner core must exist within the middle core is because the inner core can express the heart of the Head leader to those within the middle core.

a. **Acts 1:15 (KJV)**

And in those days Peter stood up in the midst of the disciples, and said, (the number of names together were about an hundred and twenty,)

3. The middle core can consist of 4 to 12 people. Each one is unique and gifted by the Lord. We need to be about building these kind of relationships with those who are around us. We need to have those faithful 12 who are on fire for the things of God.

4. Characteristics of the Twelve

- a. They walked in the power of the Lord (Matthew 10:1)
- b. They walked in the sent anointing. (Matthew 10:5)
- c. They were dependable. (Matthew 11:1)
- d. They were ordained for the Purpose of the Lord (Mark 3:14)
- e. They were close to Christ's heart (Mark 11:11)
- f. They were laborers of the Gospel (Matthew 9: 37)
- g. They showed their humanity (Mark 8: 27-33)
- h. They were the first to hear the words of Christ and understand them.
- i. They had a close relationship with Jesus. They all saw him walk on water.

5. You and the inner core should be responsible in forming the middle core of leadership. It is important that the inner core bears the responsibility of choosing leaders. There are several passages of Scripture which aid in forming a leadership team within the local, city, national, and international church of the Living God.

a. Acts 6: 1-7

1. They had to have three things. (Honest Report, Full of the Holy Ghost, Wisdom)

2. Because of this type of leadership choosing the word of God increase mightily in the city church of Jerusalem. Even priest, who devote their lives to the temple , came to know Christ as Lord and Savior.

b. I Timothy 3: 1- 13; Titus 1: 5-9

The Outer Core

1. The Gospels record the truth that Jesus had 70 disciples outside from the 12 and from the 3. Jesus had a different relationship with the 70 but he still knew them. He knew them enough that He trusted them to be sent out and do the work of the ministry. Each member of the outer core had a relationship with Jesus and each one had the faith to accomplish the commission given to them.
2. Through the 70 Jesus could extend his arm of reach to more people who wanted to become one of His disciples. Consider the story of the believer who preached Jesus during the same time Christ walked the earth. The Twelve did not know who this man was, so they wanted to stop him because he was not apart of the Relationship Sphere. This man was probably not apart of the inner, middle, or the outer core, but he was a believer in Jesus. He preached and demonstrated the name of Jesus. I guarantee that one of the disciples, who was apart of the seventy, knew who this individual was. This is how relationship building works.

a. Luke 9:49-50 (KJV)

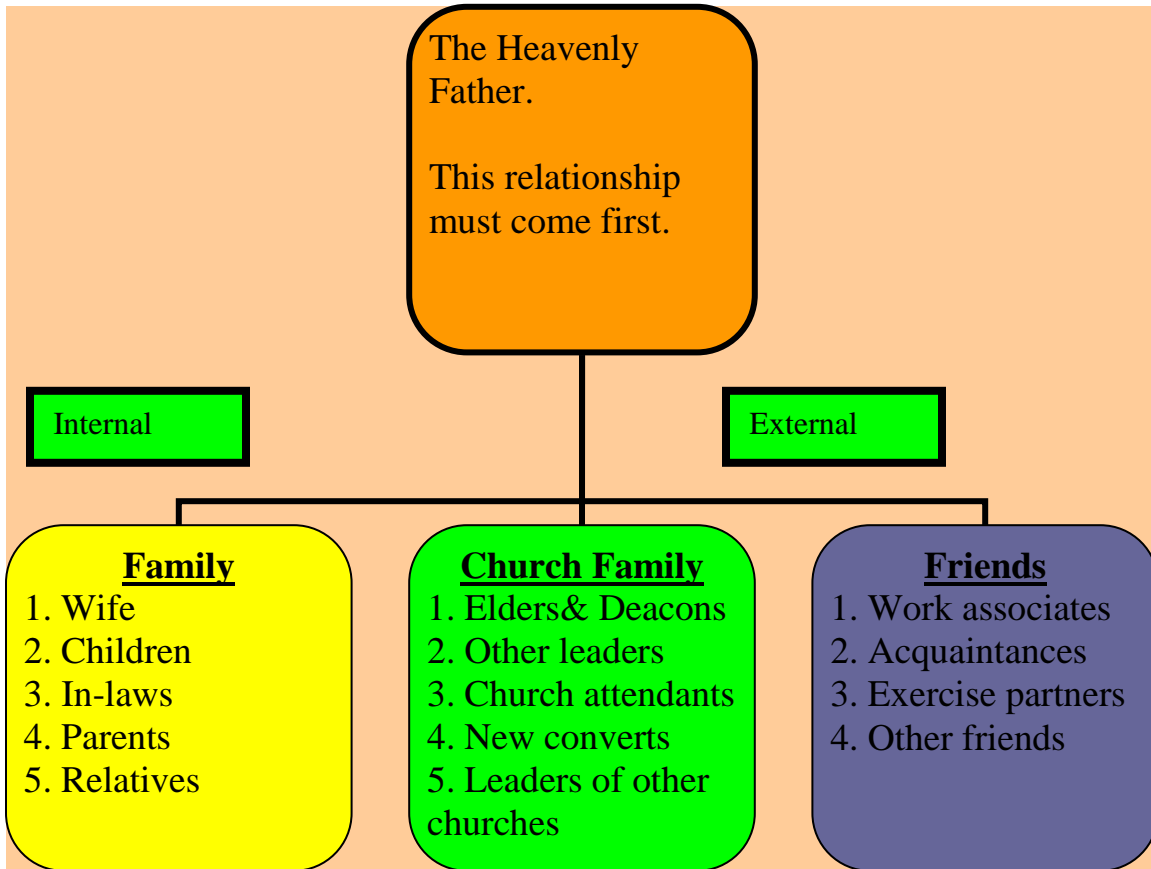
And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out devils in thy name; and we forbad him, because he followeth not with us. [50] And Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against us is for us.

3. Let's take a look at the works of the Seventy.
 - a. They were appointed by Jesus to do the work of the ministry. (Luke 10:1)
 - b. They became laborers for the Gospel. (Luke 10:2)
 - c. They were commissioned to walk by Faith (Luke 10: 3-8)
 - d. They healed the sick and demonstrated the Kingdom of God to the world. (Luke 10: 9)
 - e. They walked in an overwhelming Joy of the Lord. (Luke 10: 17)
 - f. They walked in the miracle power of the Lord. (Luke 10:17)
 - g. They walked in the authority of the Lord and casted out devils. (Luke 10: 17)
4. The Seventy were Jesus' extended hand . They covered more ground than what Jesus could do while He walked the earth. They became carriers of Jesus' heart.
5. One of the seventy becomes apart of the Twelve.(Acts 1:13-26)
6. The inner and middle core of leadership is responsible in recruiting those that make up the outer core. They help maintain the needed relationships. We must also understand that we will only be real close to about 50 people in our lifetime. This is how Jesus built relationships. I believe that He would desire for us to do the same.

1. What are the three types of relationships?
2. Why is it important for us to surround ourselves with the different levels of relationship?
3. List some characteristics of those that make up the inner core of the Relationship sphere.
4. List the characteristics of those that make up the middle core of the Relationship sphere.
5. Who helps build the leadership team?
6. How many people in your life time will you really know as close friends?
7. List the characteristics of those that make up the outer core of the Relationship Sphere.

Lesson 3The Balancing of Relationships

- ☒ Sometimes the hardest thing to do is to balance the relationships that God has given us as individuals. We have so many different forms of relationships
- ☒ Different forms of Relationships



☒ We are blessed with so many relationships. It is important that we handle each relationship with balance and understanding. As ministers, we tend to focus more on the external relationships. External relationships are the ones that are outside of our immediate family. The internal relationships are the ones within our family sphere. It is easy to ignore the internal relationships because we easily assume that they will always be there. Let's look at the fault of not paying attention to the internal relationships.

1. 1 Samuel 3:11-14 (KJV)

And the Lord said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. [12] In that day I will perform against Eli

all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. [13] For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile, and he restrained them not. [14] And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering for ever.

2. Eli was the head priest during Samuel's day. He devoted himself to the temple work before the Lord. Even Eli's sons took on the family practice; however, there was one problem. His sons did not take their service to the Lord seriously. They corrupted the temple and made a mockery of the Living God. God was going to bring judgement to the House of Eli because Eli refused to bring correction to his sons. Eli put more of his life into the ministry than he did his family. His sons died a horrible death. We must keep a balance with our internal and external relationships.

Our duties to the internal relationships.

1. We have certain duties that God has called us to when it comes to our family. Each culture has their different standards when it comes to the family relationships. However, God's word must be allowed to supersede the culture of the Land.

a. Our relationship to our spouses.

1. The Duty of the wife.

a. Truly that whoever finds a wife finds a great thing. If you are a male leader within the Body of Christ, you soon find out how wonderful it is to have a wife. My wife increases my reach to the Body of Christ. She truly is a blessing.

1. *Proverbs 18:22 (KJV)*

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, and obtaineth favour of the Lord.

b. The duties of the wife.

1. To Reflect the church.

a. *Ephes. 5:22-24 (KJV)*

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord. [23] For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body. [24] Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.


b. Can you believe that everything that we do naturally should reflect what is spiritually? Also if the church is going to bring respect and honor to Christ, wives must first do it to their husbands within the home. God wants to revive the home.

2. To live obediently

a. 1 Peter 3:1 (KJV)

Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

1. Subjection means **hupotasso**, Greek 5293, Strong's

hupotasso,  *hoop-ot-as'-so*; from Greek 5259 (hupo) and Greek 5021 (tasso); to subordinate; reflexive to obey :- be under obedience (obedient), put under, subdue unto, (be, make) subject (to, unto), be (put) in subjection (to, under), submit self unto.

2. When the wife shows subjection to her mate, it can melt the heart of her spouse. God honors selfless obedience. He is looking for an obedient heart.

3. To surrender whole self

a. 1 Cor. 7:4 (KJV)

The wife hath not power of her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not power of his own body, but the wife.

1. The wife is to surrender her whole self to her husband. The phrase “ Not now honey, I have a headache.” should never be used as a reason not to surrender yourself to your spouse. When two people marry their whole life is to God and to each other. God designed marriage to be this way.

4. Be a mother to the children.

a. God created the unique bond between mother and child. God made almost every creature on the earth this same way. The wife is called to be a mother to the children. She is the caregiver and emotional equipper to the child. The mother’s anointing brings security and confidence to the child. It is important that the mother spends a lot of time with their children. In today’s world, the mother has left the home and entered into the work place. Today we have a society of messed up people. I am not blaming this totally on the woman. However, when the wholesomeness of the Mother figure is taken out society then that society develops many strongholds.

1. 2 Tim. 1:5 (KJV)

When I call to remembrance the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and I am persuaded that in thee also.

a. Lois and Eunice instilled a lot of faith and confidence in their grandson/son named Timothy. Timothy became an apostle of his day. His confidence and hope was instilled into him by his mother and grandmother.

5. Be a wise woman

a. Read Proverbs 31

1. Virtuous
2. Faithful
3. Hard Worker
4. Constitent
5. Selfless giver
6. Justly
7. Strong and honorable
8. Wise
9. Leader
10. Fears the Lord
11. Fruitful in all things

2. Duties of the Husband

a. The Husband has been ordained by Christ to be the leader over the household. This leadership is not a dictatorship or a lordship. It is a leadership of divine order or government.

b. Husbands should have the following characteristics.

1. Represent Christ to the whole family.

a. Ephes. 5:25 (KJV)

Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

a. Husbands are to be the examples of Christ to their spouses and children. It is important that Christ is lifted up in our homes. It starts with the Husband or the Father. We must strive to be like Christ more and more.

2. Husbands should be forgiving and show mercy.

a. *Col. 3:18-19 (KJV)*

Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as it is fit in the Lord. [19] Husbands, love your wives, and are not bitter against them.

1. It is easy to fall into a selfish mode with our spouses. We start to only see the faults of our wives. We forget to show mercy, and we end up with bitterness in our hearts. God has called the Husband to be a keeper of mercy. We are to be more understand and supportive of our wives. This does not mean that we are to allow our wives to live by their emotions, but we are to be more understanding and merciful with them.

3. Husbands are to bring honor to their wives.

4. Husbands are to bring protection to their wives (Knight in Shining Armor)

a. *1 Peter 3:7 (KJV)*

Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honor unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

1. If we don't bring honor to our spouses and protect them righteously, then the bible says that our prayers will be hindered.

3. Responsibility of Children

a. Jesus said that in the last days that the children will turn against their parents. In today's world the children are becoming less respectful to their parents. Many parents are raising spoiled and inconsiderate children. These children grow up and become sinful in their lifestyles.

1. *Matthew 10:21 (KJV)*

And the brother shall deliver up the brother to death, and the father the child: and the children shall rise up against their parents, and cause them to be put to death.

b. We need to have revival and reform in our households first before we see it in our local assemblies.

c. Raising our children

1. Don't excuse them from spiritual matters.

a. *Matthew 19:14 (KJV)*

But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.

1. Sometimes in our gatherings as the saints our children take the back seat. Our children should be apart of our gatherings together as the saints. They need to feel like they have a purpose for God even at their young age. Who better to reach children with the gospel than children themselves. We need to be training our children to be able ministers for the gospel of Jesus Christ. Don't over look the children!!!

2. Provide for them in every area.

a. 2 Cor. 12:14 (KJV)

Behold, the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be burdensome to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children.

3. Teach your children the heart of obedience and honor

a. Ephes. 6:1 (KJV)

Children, obey your parents in the Lord: for this is right.

4. Don't provoke your children to anger but encourage them to rise up in the Lord.

a. Ephes. 6:4 (KJV)

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

b. Col. 3:20-21 (KJV)

Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. [21] Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged.

5. Love your children through the Love of Christ.

a. Titus 2:4 (KJV)

That they may teach the young women to be sober, to love their husbands, to love their children,

Our purpose and responsibility to External Relationships

1. We have a responsibility to External relationships as well. The bible is clear that we are all apart of the Family of God. Let's look at our responsibility to the Believers first.

2. The Relationship to the Believers.

a. The Brother and Sister in Christ.

1. We are first and foremost Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

a. 1 Cor. 1:1 (KJV)

Paul, called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,

1. Paul declares Sosthenes as his brother in the Lord.

b. 2 Cor. 1:1 (KJV)

Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints which are in all Achaia:

1. Paul even declares Timothy to be his Brother in the Lord. We all know that Paul and Timothy had a much greater relationship. However, they were still brothers in the Lord. We are of the Family of God.

c. Galatians 3:26 (KJV)

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

1. We are the Children of God which means we are in His family. We are joint –heirs through Jesus. Brother and Sisters in Christ!!!!

d. 1 John 3:9-10 (KJV)

Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remained in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. [10] In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

1. If we are true Children of God, then we will love our brothers through the love of the Lord. We must build relationships with each other that are pure through the Love of Christ. We must be willing to lay down our lives for each other.

a. 1 John 3:16 (KJV)

Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

e. Our relationships with the brethren should be genuine and real. We should truly show love and concern for each other. We must allow our hearts to be open to each other and build true relationships among the brethren. Our love for each other should surpass denominational lines, racial differences, and personal differences.

3. Relationships with the Leaders of the Body.

a. It is clear that we need to obey and submit to those that God has given to us as leaders. We need to be humble and God fearing when looking to our godly leadership.

1. Hebrews 13:17-19 (KJV)


Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.

[18] Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly. [19] But I beseech you the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

b. We are to obey them that have rule over us.


1. Obey means to agree with, have confidence towards, or make friends with.

a. **peitho**, Greek 3982, Strong's

peitho,  *pi'-tho*; a primary verb; to *convince* (by argument, true or false); by analogy to *pacify* or *conciliate* (by other fair means); reflexive or passive to *assent* (to evidence or authority), to *rely* (by inward certainty) :- agree, assure, believe, have confidence, be (wax) confident, make friend, obey, persuade, trust, yield.

2. Rule means to lead, govern, or judge.

a. **hegeomai**, Greek 2233, Strong's

hegeomai,  *hayg-eh'-om-ahēe*; middle of a (presumed) strengthened form of Greek 71 (ago); to *lead*, i.e. *command* (with official authority); figurative to *deem*, i.e. *consider* :- account, (be) chief, count, esteem, governor, judge, have the rule over, suppose, think.

c. When respect is given respect should be returned. We need to make sure that we are building healthy relationships with those that lead us. Those relationships need to be two way relationships. Many times in relationships one person dominates the relationship. It should not be that way among the brethren.

4. Relationships in the secular world.

a. The Masters or the Bosses

1. Our relationship to those that are over us at our secular job sites should imitate the love of Christ. The Bible tells us to work unto the Lord. Bosses should also be fair and show the love of Christ to his or hers employees.

a. Ephes. 6:5-9 (KJV)

Servants, be obedient to them that are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; [6] Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; [7] With good will doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men: [8] Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether he be bond or free. [9] And, ye masters, do the same things unto them, forbearing threatening: knowing that your Master also is in heaven; neither is there respect of persons with him.

b. Friends, that are lost.

1. I know that in America many believers have friends that are lost. Many believers are compromising their faith. This can not and should not happen. We are called to witness to our lost friends, but we are not suppose to compromise.

a. 2 Cor. 6:14-18 (KJV)

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? [15] And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? [16] And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [17] Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, [18] And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

2. We are to come out from among the ones who have not given their heart to Christ. We can witness to them and spend some time with them, but we are not to compromise our faith based on our friendships.

Conclusion: We are called to build relationships with each other. Those relationships must be real and from the heart of the Father. We need not to compromise our faith. We need to reflect the love of Christ to each other.

Lesson 3Questions

1. Why is it hard to balance relationships?

2. List the Different forms of Relationships.

3. What is the responsibility of the family as whole? (List the role of the Husband, Wife, and Child(ren).

4. Describe how our relationships should be with our brothers and sisters in Christ.

5. How should bosses treat their employees?

6. How should employees treat their bosses and their jobs?

7. How should our relationships be with friends that don't know Christ? (explain with the Word of God)

Chapter Two: The Battle of Mankind

Introduction: Leaders and believers in Christ face many different temptations each day. Many of God's people are bound to past pains and unwanted desires. We must learn to discover what unwanted Baggage is with in. Then we must allow Holy Spirit to extract those things from us. If leaders can not walk in the freedom of the Lord, then how can the Body of Christ walk in freedom? In this chapter, we will deal with deep issues of the heart. Hopefully by the end of the chapter you will find the true inner healing from the Lord.

Lesson # 1The body,soul, and spirit

- Our heart or soul contains the character and emotions of our individual selves. Before we can discover the unwanted baggage; we must first understand God's design of the human soul.
- The pattern of the Human being
 1. We are all patterned after something Greater than ourselves. We were modeled after the first human beings which were modeled after God. The Godhead consists of Father, Son , and Spirit. We know them all as God instead of three distinct and separate gods. Our human make-up is the same. Body, soul, and spirit is the pattern after Father God.

a. **Genesis 1:26 (KJV)**

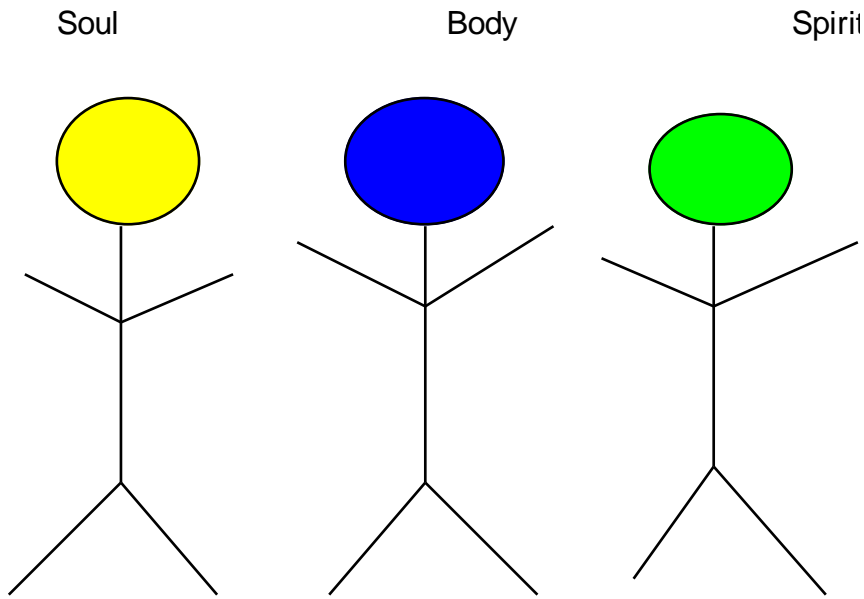
And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

1. The Hebrew word for **us** is 1.God (Hebrew: 'Elohiym (HSN-430) which means the Gods. It is an indication of the tri-union of the living God. We are spiritually and genetically created the same way. We are after God's image.

2. Paul the Apostle makes a reference of our divine design.

a. **1 Thes. 5:23 (KJV)**

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.



➤ The Human Body explained:

1. Our Flesh or Physical Body.

a. Our Flesh is the physical shell that we all see with the natural eye. It is the tangible existence of our human character.

1. **Genesis 2:21 (KJV)**

And the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon Adam and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof;

a. **basar, Hebrew 1320, Strong's**

basar, *baw-sawr'*; from Hebrew 1319 (basar); *flesh* (from its *freshness*); by extension *body, person*; also (by euphemism) the *pudenda* of a man :- body, [fat, lean] flesh [-ed], kin, [man-] kind, + nakedness, self, skin.

b. The bible refers to the flesh as an entity which is against God's nature.

Our human nature is contrary to God's.

1. **Romans 8:5 (KJV)**

For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

a. The Greek word for flesh in this context is **sarx, Greek 4561,**

Strong's

sarx, *sarx*; probably from the base of Greek 4563 (saroo); *flesh* (as *stripped* of the skin), i.e. (strictly) the *meat* of an animal (as food), or (by extension) the *body* (as opposed to the soul [or spirit], or as the symbol of what is external, or as the means of kindred), or (by implication) *human nature* (with its frailties [physical or moral] and passions), or (special) a *human being* (as such) :- carnal (-ly, + -ly minded), flesh ([-ly]).

b. The Flesh is simply our human nature. Now the Flesh or the Body cannot survive without the soul and spirit. It can not exist in life without human conscience and heart.

c. Our flesh wars against the things of the spirit. It is the opposite of the Spirit.

1. *Galatians 5:16-17 (KJV)*

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. [17] For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

d. Our flesh can never bring glory to God in its present state because of sin.

1. *1 Cor. 1:29 (KJV)*

That no flesh should glory in his presence.

2. The Soul

a. Our soul consists of the feelings and the emotions of each individual human being. It contains the intellect of each human being as well.

1. Characteristics of the Soul

a. The soul harbors the feelings of mankind. God gave us a soul to make choices of how we want to act. It is the soul which we should try to bring under submission to God's spirit.

1. *Psalms 13:2 (KJV)*

How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? how long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

b. The soul needs to harbor the right knowledge in order to walk in the righteousness of God.

1. *Proverbs 19:2 (KJV)*

Also, that the soul be without knowledge, it is not good; and he that hasteth with his feet sinneth.

c. The soul is the target of weakness. If you want to destroy a man, destroy his soul.

1. *1 Peter 2:11 (KJV)*

Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul;

2 Peter 2:8 (KJV)

(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

d. Conversion must take place in the soul.


1. *Psalms 19:7 (KJV)*

The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.


3. The Spirit.

a. The Spirit of man consists of the very essence of who God is in us. The spirit of man is the connector to the spiritual things of God. The spirit of man longs for the heart of God. It is the spirit of man that is filled by the Spirit of God.

1. Greek word for spirit is **pneuma**, Greek 4151, Strong's

pneuma,  *pn̄yoo'-mah*; from Greek 4154 (pneo); a *current* of air, i.e. *breath* (*blast*) or a *breeze*; by analogy or figurative a *spirit*, i.e. (human) the rational *soul*, (by implication) *vital principle*, mental *disposition*, etc., or (superhuman) an *angel*, *daemon*, or (divine) *God*, Christ's *spirit*, the *Holy Spirit* :- ghost, life, spirit (-ual, -ually), mind. Compare Greek 5590 (psuche).

2. The Hebrew word for spirit is **ruwach**, Hebrew 7307, Strong's

ruwach,  *roo'-akh*; from Hebrew 7306 (ruwach); *wind*; by resemblance *breath*, i.e. a sensible (or even violent) exhalation; figurative *life*, *anger*, *unsubstantiality*; by extensive a *region* of the sky; by resemblance *spirit*, but only of a rational being (including its expression and functions) :- air, anger, blast, breath, × cool, courage, mind, × quarter, × side, spirit ([-ual]), tempest, × vain, ([whirl-]) wind (-y).

b. Characteristics of the Spirit of man.

1. It can be overwhelmed by matters of life.

a. **Psalm 77:3 (KJV)**

I remembered God, and was troubled: I complained, and my spirit was overwhelmed. Selah.

2. It can mourn for the things of God to be true in the land.

a. **Mark 8:12 (KJV)**

And he sighed deeply in his spirit, and saith, Why doth this generation seek after a sign? verily I say unto you, There shall no sign be given unto this generation.

3. It can grow stronger in the things of God once given the chance to do so.

a. **Luke 2:40 (KJV)**

And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him.

4. It can know and understand the ways of God.

a. **1 Cor. 14:14-16 (KJV)**

For if I pray in an unknown tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. [15] What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. [16] Else when thou shalt bless with the spirit, how shall he that occupieth the room of the unlearned say Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he understandeth not what thou sayest?

5. It can be refreshed and renewed.

a. **1 Cor. 16:18 (KJV)**

For they have refreshed my spirit and yours: therefore acknowledge ye them that are such.

b. **Ephes. 4:23 (KJV)**

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;

6. It can be unclean.

a. **2 Cor. 7:1 (KJV)**

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

7. It can be imparted in a spiritual sense.

a. **Col. 2:5 (KJV)**

For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.

1. When we impart to someone, we impart a part of ourselves. We instill into certain individuals our individuality. Hopefully it is the good part. Impartation is a vital part to leaders and to the body of Christ as a whole.

a. **Romans 1:11 (KJV)**

For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established;

Conclusion:

The Body , soul , and spirit interact with each other as one ascendant being. It was designed this way by the Living God. It is important to know the divine make-up of ourselves in order to understand the attacks that the enemy will bring against us. The next lesson will discuss the methods of attack from the enemy.

Lesson # 1Questions

1. What does our heart or soul contain?

2. What is the Hebrew word for “ Us”?

3. Is God made up of Body, soul, and Spirit?

4. What does the flesh contain?

5. What does the spirit contain?

6. Explain how the Body, Soul, and Spirit operate together.

Lesson # 2The Battlefield of the Spirit world

Introduction: This session deals with the workings of heart. The enemy knows where and when to attack the Body of Christ. He knows that the heart of man can sometimes be very fickle. The mind of mankind contains an array of battling thoughts. It is the battlefield of the spirit world. We must understand how fiery darts are thrown against us. Then we can understand how to overcome the enemy.

➤ The Enemy

1. We must understand that we have a real and present foe. He and his legions of demons hate the Body of Christ with a passion.

a. **Ephes. 6:12 (KJV)**

For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

2. The enemy comes to seduce us into evil form.

a. **1 Tim. 4:1 (KJV)**

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

3. The Enemy will try to get you from being consistent in the things of God.

a. **1 Cor. 7:5 (KJV)**

Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency.

4. The enemy desires to bring us down at no matter the cost.

a. **Ephes. 6:16 (KJV)**

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

1. The enemy will throw all kinds of temptations our way. We must choose to overcome regardless.

5. The enemy will come upon us like a lion searching for food

a. **1 Peter 5:8 (KJV)**

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

6. The Enemy's origin tells of his desire to destroy us.

a. **Isaiah 14:12-15 (KJV)**

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! [13] For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the

congregation, in the sides of the north: [14] I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. [15] Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.

1. Lucifer once held a place of honor in the Presence of God. His pride and arrogance led him down a path of no return. His fall from grace took nations with him. He sought and seeks to weaken and turn the hearts of mankind from their God.

7. The Enemy will distort the word of God in order to get someone to fall into sin.

a. Genesis 3, Matthew 4: 1- 11

➤ **The Main Battlefield of the Enemy (The Human Mind)**

1. In order for the enemy to overcome you and I , he must first enter into the house of our hearts and bind up the strong man.

a. **Matthew 12:28-29 (KJV)**

But if I cast out devils by the Spirit of God, then the kingdom of God is come unto you. [29] Or else how can one enter into a strong man's house, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house.

1. Satan will try to spoil or rob the house or heart from the joy or presence of God.

2. Many believers come bound by the enemy within their minds or souls. Their souls are of need of deliverance but they forget about their deliverer.

a. In their book “ *Thought Warfare, The War For Your Will*” authors **Richard and Cindi Rhorer** write “ *The heart that is spoken of in the Word most of the time is referring to your soul, which is your mind, will, and emotions. Picture a pipe with a valve at the end. In the pipe is the Holy Spirit, the glory of God, healings, gifts, and our relationships with Him. You can have all the Holy Ghost in the world, but if your pipe valve has been shut none of the Holy Spirit is going to be released. Deliverance is the process of unscrewing the valve.*”

b. Only the power of the Holy Spirit exercised within our hearts can we see deliverance from the enemy’s attacks on our minds.

3. The enemy will send his legions of demons out to the Body and try to get many to fall from the faith. Many believers leave the faith because their minds are loaded down with the cares of the world.

a. **Matthew 13:18-23 (KJV)**

Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower. [19] When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side. [20] But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it; [21] Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while: for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended. [22] He also that received seed among the thorns is he that heareth the word; and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. [23] But he that received seed into the good

ground is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; which also beareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some an hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

1. Jesus gave us a perfect story which discusses the work of the enemy on the human mind.

4. The enemy works under the power of deception. Many believers are deceived by the enemy. The enemy will even deceive believers, so they become of no effect to his kingdom.

a. Jesus warned us not to be deceived by the enemy and those that the enemy uses in the last days.

1. Luke 21:8 (KJV)

And he said, Take heed that ye are not deceived: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: go ye not therefore after them.

b. In the last days, the word of God declares the mass deception upon those that allow their hearts to be lost to the tactics of the enemy.

1. 2 Tim. 3:13 (KJV)

But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived.

c. The Price of being deceived can be costly. Think about the story of the unknown prophet, who was deceived. He was killed by a lion for not obeying God. He was deceived by an old prophet who wanted to be in the lime light again. We must be careful not to fall into the enemy's circle of deception. (Read I Kings 13)

5. The enemy will tempt us in three major ways.

a. Matthew 4:1-11 (KJV)

Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. [2] And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he was afterward an hungred. [3] And when the tempter came to him, he said, If thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. [4] But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. [5] Then the devil taketh him up into the holy city, and setteth him on a pinnacle of the temple, [6] And saith unto him, If thou be the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and in their hands they shall bear thee up, lest at any time thou dash thy foot against a stone. [7] Jesus said unto him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. [8] Again, the devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; [9] And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. [10] Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. [11] Then the devil leaveth him, and, behold, angels came and ministered unto him.

1. Tempted the Physical part of man (Satan tempted Jesus with food)

2. Tempted the Soulful realm of man (Satan tempted Jesus' soulful realm by appealing to the emotion of pride and arrogance.)

3. Tempted the Spiritual part of man (Satan tried to pervert Jesus heart of worship. This is an attack on the spirit man.)

b. Jesus uses the word of God each time to defeat the works of the enemy. Satan could not withstand the power of God's word. Satan left Jesus for a season. Satan used others to try to tempt Jesus when Jesus left the wilderness scene.

➤ Satan's complete attack upon the human race.

1. Look at the story of Job. Satan went before the Lord and declared that Job was not a righteous person before the Lord. When Satan received permission to deal with Job, Satan attack Job in several ways.

a. The attack upon Job.

1. He attacked his livelihood. (Job 1: 13-17)

2. He attacked his family. (Job 1: 18-.22)

a. The Bible says that Job rent his clothes and fell down worshipping the Lord. Even through his ordeal of great loss, he still managed to worship God. Satan had lost the first battle. There are many battles that a servant of God must go through. Some we loose , but most we should win.

3. He attacked his physical body (Job 2: 7-8)

a. During this attack of his body, Job's wife began to blame Job for their source of bad luck. She assumed that he must have sin in his life. Not everything that happens means that there is sin in someone's life. It rains on the just and the unjust.

1. **Matthew 5:45 (KJV)**

That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

4. He used others to attack his heart. (Job 2: 11-13)

a. These friends came first to comfort him then the turn on him and started to accuse him of terrible.

b. Satan even used Job's wife as a point of distraction.

2. Look at what Satan did when he fell from God's presences

a. **Isaiah 14:12-17 (KJV)**

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! [13] For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: [14] I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. [15] Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. [16] They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; [17] That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

1. Satan deceives many to rise up against the living God when he did. All were defeated and Satan was thrown down to second heaven.

3. Satan will convince the world to hate us more and more because of his hate for Christ.

a. **Matthew 10:22 (KJV)**

And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved.

Matthew 24:9 (KJV)

Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.

Mark 13:13 (KJV)

And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

Luke 19:14 (KJV)

But his citizens hated him, and sent a message after him, saying, We will not have this man to reign over us.

Luke 21:17 (KJV)

And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake.

John 15:18 (KJV)

If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.

John 15:24-25 (KJV)

If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. [25] But this cometh to pass, that the word might be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause.

John 17:14 (KJV)

I have given them thy word; and the world hath hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

4. Satan will strike those that are weak in their faith and those that don't believe in Christ.

a. **1 Peter 5:8 (KJV)**

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

1. We must be cautious for the enemy comes to destroy us. He is waiting for us to slip up or become lazy in our faith.

b. Look what happen to Peter when Jesus walked with him.

1. **Matthew 16:23 (KJV)**

But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.

5. Satan will even use religious people to stop the move of God's spirit and bring attack upon the true believers in Christ. Remember that Christ was brought to Pontius Polite by the religious order.

a. **Matthew 12:34 (KJV)**

O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

Matthew 23:33 (KJV)

Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?

b. Jesus even declared the religious mindful as the synagogue of Satan.

1. **Rev. 2:9 (KJV)**

I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.

Rev. 3:9 (KJV)

Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee.

6. Satan and his demonic army will bind people to all manner of sicknesses.

a. **Luke 13:16 (KJV)**

And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?

b. **When Jesus walked the earth, he casted out devils and healed many sicknesses that were demonically enhanced.**

1. **Matthew 4:23-24 (KJV)**

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. [24] And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were possessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy; and he healed them.

a. Notice that mental diseases and other sickness were caused by demonic influence.

Conclusion:

It does not take much common sense to see that the true enemy of mankind is Satan and his demons. Please remember that I don't want to lift the devil up in anyway; however, it is important we understand who we are fighting. We have the victory over every tactic of the enemy. We have the power to overcome him and his demonic army.

Lesson # 2Questions

1. Who is the enemy of the Body of Christ?
2. Why does Satan hate us so much? (Use a scripture verse to prove your answer)
3. Where did Satan come from? (Use scripture to prove your point)
4. Where does the enemy attack the most?
5. Why does Satan attack the mind?
6. Who does Satan strike the most within the Body?

Lesson # 3Our weapons against the Enemy

Introduction: It is true that Christ defeated Satan while on the Cross. However, we are called to fight. We are called to be over comers of the enemy's tactics. We have the power to win against the attacks of the enemy. Satan has been beaten with the Cross of Jesus. This defeat does not stop him from trying to cripple the Body of Christ. This is why we must remind Satan and his legion of demons about their demise.

The power to overcome

1. **1 Cor. 15:57 (KJV)**

But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

1 John 5:4 (KJV)

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

a. Christ gave us victory through his death and resurrection. Satan has not any power over us. The only power he gets is when we give it to him.

The Defeat of Satan on the Cross and through the resurrection.

1. Jesus made an open show of the enemy when Jesus died on the cross and rose again. Satan ran away with his head tucked between his legs.

a. **Col. 2:14-15 (KJV)**

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross; [15] And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

2. Jesus made a way for everyone to come to the Father. Satan has tried for centuries to cause mankind to find God on their own strength. He knows that the search in the human spirit will be a long one. Jesus came to reconcile us back to the Father. We do not have to do religious ceremonies to get to God. We can go through Jesus. Jesus destroyed and shattered the lie of the enemy through the cross and the resurrection.

a, **Ephes. 2:16 (KJV)**

And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby:

Col. 1:20-22 (KJV)

And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. [21] And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled: [22] In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight:

3. The church still fights Satan today because Satan is not yet received his eternal punishment. He is still seeking whom he may devour. Yes, Jesus defeated him on the cross, but until Satan is taken out of this world. You and I will have to fight the enemy with the weapons of our warfare. We are literally in a war for our souls. Satan knows he has lost, but he wants to take more with him to the Lake of Fire.

a. **2 Cor. 4:4 (KJV)**

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

1. Satan is temporarily ruling the world of the lost, but he does not power over us.

a. **Ephes. 2:2 (KJV)**

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

2. We must constantly be on our guard unless we become like the children of disobedience.

3. Henceforth, we are fighting Satan's realm of deception in the world today. We are called to reveal this deception.

a. **2 Cor. 10:5 (KJV)**

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

 The weapons of our warfare.

1. When one is fighting deception, he or she can not use man made weapons. We must use weapons that are out of this world. We must use weapons which exist only in the realm of God's Spirit.

a. **2 Cor. 10:4 (KJV)**

(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

2. The Armor of God

a. **Ephes. 6:10-20 (KJV)**

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. [11] Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12] For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. [13] Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. [14] Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; [15] And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; [16]

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. [17] And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: [18] Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; [19] And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, [20] For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

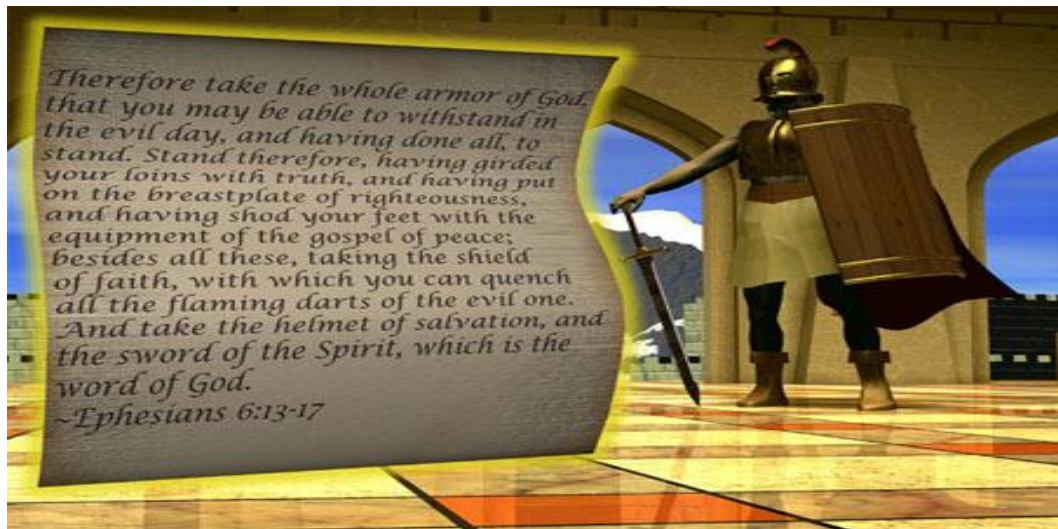
1. Jesus wore this armor and has called us to wear it now.

a. **Isaiah 11:5 (KJV)**

And righteousness shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the girdle of his reins.

Isaiah 59:17 (KJV)

For he put on righteousness as a breastplate, and an helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance for clothing, and was clad with zeal as a cloke.



b. The whole armor must be taken up and placed upon us. We must constantly wear it and polish it. It is important that we not forget the weapons that the living God has given us.

c. The Weapons described.

1. Standing The word stand means to abide. One of our weapons is the ability to abide in the presence of God. What an awesome weapon!!!!

2. Belt fasten around your waste with truth.

a. **John 3:21 (KJV)**

But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.

John 4:23 (KJV)

But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him.

John 8:32 (KJV)

And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

b. When you are wearing the belt of truth, you are a follower and doer of the word of God. You are a true seeker of God's heart, and you worship Him with all that is within you. When the belt of truth is around you; you are set free from the darkness of Satan's lies. You are free!!!

3. Breastplate of Righteousness----- Allow the righteousness of God cover your heart.

a. **Matthew 5:6 (KJV)**

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Matthew 5:20 (KJV)

For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 6:33 (KJV)

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

b. Righteousness declares or shows our Christianity to God and the world. Right living can only happen through knowing Christ and Christ alone.

4. Shoes of Peace-----God's unwavering peace upon our lives. When we enter a room, home, workplace, or any other area; we should leave a realm of peace. His peace is upon us.

a. It is a good thing for the people of God to walk in the peace of the Gospel.

1. **Romans 10:15 (KJV)**

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

2. **Romans 5:1 (KJV)**

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Romans 14:17 (KJV)

For the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Romans 14:19 (KJV)

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

a. We are called to follow things of peace which edify each other.

5. The Shield of Faith

a. Our faith, given to us by God, is a powerful shield which blocks the fiery darts of Satan's attempts. Satan's darts, which are being thrown at us, are things like lusts, personal passions, temptations of various kinds, and evil thoughts. He will throw anything at us to make us fall.

b. Our faith is best described in the book of Hebrews.

1. **Hebrews 11:1-2 (KJV)**

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. [2] For by it the elders obtained a good report.

6. The Helmet of Salvation

a. With the Helmet of Salvation, comes the hope of our salvation over our souls.

1. **1 Thes. 5:8 (KJV)**

But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation.

b. There is an overwhelming peace which encompasses us when we patiently wait for our eternal salvation. We possess salvation now but we wait to fully inhabit it. The helmet is placed over the head to protect the head. The Helmet of Salvation covers the mind; it brings peace and relief when we are in the midst of a battle. Our hope and desires are in our salvation through Christ Jesus.

1. **Romans 8:20-25 (KJV)**

For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, [21] Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. [22] For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. [23] And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body. [24] For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? [25] But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

7. The Sword of the Spirit

a. The word of God is the most powerful weapon known to the believer for today. The Word of the Lord can cut into pieces the attacks of the enemy. Remember the trial of Jesus in the wilderness; he used the word of God to combat Satan. (Read Matthew 4: 1-11)

b. Scriptures about the word of God

1. **Psalm 119:28 (KJV)**

My soul melteth for heaviness: strengthen thou me according unto thy word.

Psalm 119:41-42 (KJV)

Let thy mercies come also unto me, O Lord, even thy salvation, according to thy word. [42] So shall I have wherewith to answer him that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word.

Psalm 119:50 (KJV)

This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me.

Psalm 119:67 (KJV)

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word.

Psalm 119:89 (KJV)

For ever, O Lord, thy word is settled in heaven.

Psalm 119:105 (KJV)

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.

Psalm 119:133 (KJV)

Order my steps in thy word: and let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

Psalm 119:140 (KJV)

Thy word is very pure: therefore thy servant loveth it.

Psalm 119:154 (KJV)

Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

Psalm 119:160 (KJV)

Thy word is true from the beginning: and every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.

Jeremiah 15:16 (KJV)

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts.

8. This last piece of the armor is what I call the Cloak of Christian living. Our assurance of victory against the enemy comes through being more like Christ. We need to make sure that we are putting on Christ. Christ must be in us and through us.

a. **Col. 3:12-14 (KJV)**

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering; [13] Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye. [14] And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Conclusion:

At the writing of this manual, I have discovered the great need for having the armor of God in my life. This armor is given to us to help us be more successful in our walk with the Lord. As a leader or member of the Body Christ, everyone needs to constantly strengthen their armor given to them by Jesus Christ. The war for the souls of man is not over until Satan is casted into the Lake of Fire. Until that wonderful day comes, we must all prepare ourselves for battles against the fallen one. We must allow our armor to go through the battles , or we will not conquer the enemy.

Lesson # 3Questions

1. Do we have the power to overcome the enemy?

2. Do you think that we still have to fight the enemy today? If so explain through scripture. If not explain through scripture.

3. What does it mean to cast down any imagination which exalts itself against the knowledge of Christ?

4. List all of the pieces of the Armor of God and explain what each one means.

Chapter Three:

Basic Applications of Life

Introduction: In this chapter, we will discuss the basic applications of life which are taken from the Word of God. Every believer regardless of culture, origin of birth, environment, or monetary freedom must extract from the word of God the basic applications of life. The question to ask yourself is: “What governs me?” Every one of us needs governance and guidance. This chapter discusses the biblical account of how we should live.

Lesson #1:.....The Way of Life

❖ Culture verses the Bible’s Culture

1. According to the Webster’s Dictionary “ culture” means the following a) development, improvement, or refinement of the intellect, emotions, interests, manners, and taste b) the result of this; refined ways of thinking, talking, and acting
 - a. God has blessed me to travel to many countries and minister his wonderful word. I am deeply honored and overwhelmed. During my travels I have come across many cultures and ideas of thought. Many countries around the world have developed their on cultures. Their ideals have often times been similar to mine but there were times where their culture differentiates their way of thinking from mine. During my travels I have also discovered how many Westernized Missionaries have force our culture on other societies. It saddens my heart to see the younger generation affected the most by this cultural shock.

I believe in preserving individual cultures unless they go against the truths found in God’s word. Jesus was very sensitive to others and their different cultures. There were times where he challenged individual’s culture because it was hindering them to walk in the Lord.

b. Read John 4: 1-39

1. The Samartian woman had a cultural understanding that Jews did not converse with Samaritans. She asked Jesus why he was talking to her. (verse 9)
2. The Samartian woman declares her cultural roots of worship places. She stereotypes Jesus by stating the poplar overtone given by religious Jews and their worship place. (Verse 20)

3. Jesus makes a bold statement and declares the future for all cultures and humanistic ideas. (verse 23) He breaks the cultural thought within the woman. He does it in two ways.
 - a. He steps out of his cultural understanding and meets with her on her level.
 - b. He addresses the wrong cultural thought and replaces it with the truth of God.
2. As believers and leaders of the Body of Christ, we must know when to speak against cultural bondages which plague our different societies. For instance, in many western Spanish speaking societies many people follow the Catholic churches teachings. However, a lot of the teachings are mixed with black magic. The belief system is called Santeria. This cultural phenomenon has plagued many in different societies. How can you follow God and Satan at the same time? I have lived in the Southern States of the United States and I have seen many similar things. The southern Christians go to their churches but they still follow superstitious ways. For example: if there is a crow in your yard someone is doing to die. Or don't walk underneath a ladder, or throw salt over your back for good luck. These ideas and cultural pass me downs are still practiced by a large group of believers today. Many pastors don't speak out against them because they don't realize that they are wrong. They too are victims of cultural pass me downs. While in the South , I spoke often against such practices even to the point of calling the superstitions witchcraft. Obviously I was not well taken because of the deep rooted thought found in many in the South. It is important for us to not turn our heads to such evil cultural thoughts. These things must be addressed in order for the church to move forward for God. Let's look at what the Apostles did when it came to addressing cultural thoughts.

a. **Acts 16:16-24 (KJV)**

And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: [17] The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. [18] And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

[19] And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, [20] And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, [21] And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. [22] And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. [23] And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailer to keep them safely: [24] Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.

1. Notice what one citizen said, “ ... These men....teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive neither to observe...” This was a cultural statement. Paul

and Silas addressed an issue in this city's culture and were beaten for it. Sometimes the price of addressing cultural issues is painful and a long process. However, this should never stop us from addressing such processes. The living God must be represented fully in such matters.

3. When dealing with cultural differences we must be willing to address those that are deeply hindering the people. We must also explain to the people that there is something greater which awaits them. Look at the story of Abraham.

a. **Genesis 12:1 (KJV)**

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

1. Abraham's family was idol makers. He grew up in a cultural where everyone worshipped something. His family was rich because they made these "Johnny on the Spot" idols for everyone. Abraham probably had a good life until he had an experience with God. God called Abraham out from his cultural bondage and brought him to something better. Abraham had to choose which one he wanted more; the making of idols which never talked back or the serving of the one true God who talked back and gave promises. He chose the later. We must draw the line in the sand as easily as well to those bound by cultural understandings.
2. God did allow Abraham to keep some cultural ideas which did not fully go against the commands of God.

a. **Genesis 24:1-7 (KJV)**

And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. [2] And Abraham said unto his eldest servant of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: [3] And I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son of the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell: [4] But thou shalt go unto my country, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my son Isaac. [5] And the servant said unto him, Peradventure the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this land: must I needs bring thy son again unto the land from whence thou camest? [6] And Abraham said unto him, Beware thou that thou bring not my son thither again.

[7] The Lord God of heaven, which took me from my father's house, and from the land of my kindred, and which spake unto me, and that sware unto me, saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land; he shall send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife unto my son from thence.

1. It was the cultural thought of the Bridegroom's parents to find their son a mate. Abraham was allowed to do this for his son. It turned out to be a God thing anyway. Which proves a valuable point, our cultural thoughts must all be submitted under the banner of God's word. What is wrong must be sifted out. What is good must become good through the blood of Jesus. It is just that simple.

❖ Living the Greatest two commandments

1. If we are going to live the gospel then we must be the gospel. The gospel must be a part of our everyday lives. There are two commandments which every word in the Bible generates from. These are the words that Christ spoke to the religious minded.

a. **Matthew 22:34-40 (KJV)**

But when the Pharisees had heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, they were gathered together. [35] Then one of them, which was a lawyer, asked him a question, tempting him, and saying, [36] Master, which is the great commandment in the law? [37] Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. [38] This is the first and great commandment. [39] And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. [40] On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

1. Jesus said that the law and the words of the prophets hang on these two commandments. When Moses brought the law down from Mount Sinai, he administrated it through his passion for the Father and through his love for his people. Moses loved others greater than himself. He could have stayed in Egypt and stayed a rich boy. He chose to love his people beyond his own desires. When Jeremiah would prophesy, he would weep enormously because of his passion for God and his love for his people. He wanted to see his people repent and turn to God.

2. Jesus quoted this verse from the Old Testament.

a. **Deut. 6:5 (KJV)**

And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.

Deut. 10:12 (KJV)

And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

Deut. 30:6 (KJV)

And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

Leviticus 19:18 (KJV)


Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself: I am the Lord.

2. Explaining the two commandments.

a. Love the Lord our God with three things.


1. Heart---Loving God with our deepest affections.

a. **kardia**, Greek 2588, Strong's

kardia,  *kar-dee'-ah*; prolonged from a primary **kar** (Latin *cor*, "heart"); the *heart*, i.e. (figurative) the *thoughts* or *feelings* (*mind*); also (by analogy) the *middle* :- (+ broken-) heart (-ed).


2. Soul-----Loving God through the basic form of our lives. Loving Him with our very lives.

a. **psuche**, Greek 5590, Strong's

psuche,  *psoo-khay'*; from Greek 5594 (*psucho*); *breath*, i.e. (by implication) *spirit*,

3. Mind---- Loving God through our deepest thought. Allowing him to be the center of our thoughts, He must be constantly within our thoughts. Everything we do must come through our communication with Him.

a. **dianoia**, Greek 1271, Strong's

dianoia,  *dee-an'-oy-ah*; from Greek 1223 (*dia*) and Greek 3563 (*nous*); *deep thought*, properly the faculty (*mind* or its *disposition*), by implication its exercise :- imagination, mind, understanding.

b. Loving your neighbor as you love yourself.

1. The first question that comes to mind is "Who is my neighbor?"
What did Jesus say about this issue?

a. **Luke 10:25-37 (KJV)**

And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted him, saying, Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? [26] He said unto him, What is written in the law? how readest thou? [27] And he answering said, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbour as thyself. [28] And he said unto him, Thou hast answered right: this do, and thou shalt live. [29] But he, willing to justify himself, said unto Jesus, And who is my neighbour? [30] And Jesus answering said, A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, which stripped him of his raiment, and wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. [31] And by chance there came down a certain priest that way: and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. [32] And likewise a Levite, when he was at the place, came and looked on him, and passed by on the other side. [33] But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where

he was: and when he saw him, he had compassion on him, [34] And went to him, and bound up his wounds, pouring in oil and wine, and set him on his own beast, and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. [35] And on the morrow when he departed, he took out two pence, and gave them to the host, and said unto him, Take care of him; and whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee. [36] Which now of these three, thinkest thou, was neighbour unto him that fell among the thieves? [37] And he said, He that shewed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise.

b. Our neighbor is anyone in which our passion for Christ can be demonstrated too.


2. The second question which comes to mind would be “How do you love someone as I love myself?”

a. No one under normal conditions would purposely cause harm to themselves. No one under normal conditions would mistreat themselves. Now I say under normal conditions, because today so many believers today are under a cloak of feeling worthless. The enemy has implanted a negative spirit within the Body. Many people hate themselves which stops them from loving others. When we dislike ourselves, we stop the flow of God’s love to others. When we dislike ourselves, we walk in the realm of pride and arrogance. We must start seeing ourselves as God sees us then the second commandment can be completely fulfilled with us and through us.


❖ Living in Holiness

1. Living in holiness can be one of the hardest things to do if our hearts are not set right before the Lord. Some people equate holiness to things that we do or not do. This is the wrong definition or meaning of holiness.

a. **qodesh, Hebrew 6944, Strong’s**

qodesh,  *ko'-desh*; from Hebrew 6942 (qadash); a *sacred* place or thing; rarely abstract *sanctity* :- consecrated (thing), dedicated (thing), hallowed (thing), holiness, (× most) holy (× day, portion, thing), saint, sanctuary.

b. **hagiosune, Greek 42, Strong’s**

hagiosune,  *hag-ee-o-soo'-nay*; from Greek 40 (hagios); *sacredness* (i.e. properly the quality) :- holiness.

2. Holiness of God can’t be performed through some mathematical equation. It must be something we endure and work towards. It must be something which is Spirit led.

3. Holiness of God.

a. God sits upon the throne of His holiness. Holiness is His seating place. If we are to come before Him then we must be holy in everyway as well.

1. **Psalm 47:8 (KJV)**

God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

b. God speaks wisdom through His holiness.

1. **Psalm 108:7 (KJV)**

God hath spoken in his holiness; I will rejoice, I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Succoth.

c. God's holiness can be defiled.

1. **Malachi 2:11 (KJV)**

Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of the Lord which he loved, and hath married the daughter of a strange god.

a. This was spoken because the men of Judah were sleeping with the prostitutes of the false temples.

4. Walking in Holiness

a. When we reach a point in our walk with the Lord and sin has no more dominion over us. Then the fruit of our labor before the Lord will be that of holiness. Holiness is a by-product of righteous living. It is a by-product of a sinless life.

1. **Romans 6:22 (KJV)**

But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

b. Holiness is a process that we must work towards. We are the ones called upon to clean ourselves from all filthiness of flesh and spirit. Our flesh and spirit needs to be clean from all ungodliness.

1. **2 Cor. 7:1 (KJV)**

Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2. **1 Thes. 4:7 (KJV)**

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness.

c. We are called to put on holiness because it declares our life with Christ and our passion for Him.

1. **Ephes. 4:24 (KJV)**

And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness.

d. We must allow ourselves to be established in the holiness of our God.

1. **1 Thes. 3:13 (KJV)**

To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

e. **If we do not obtain holiness before the Lord, we** will never stand before Him. Holiness is vital to the believer.

1. Hebrews 12:14 (KJV)
Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which
no man shall see the Lord:

❖ Walking in integrity

1. Integrity is doing things right even when no one is looking. It means having an honest report before all men regardless. Paul the apostle said that we need to strive to have peace with all men.

a. **Romans 14:19 (KJV)**

Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another.

2. We are to live honest lives which represent the embodiment of Christ. If we are without integrity, then Christ becomes less effective to those we are trying to reach.

a. **1 Tim. 2:1-4 (KJV)**

I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; [2] For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. [3] For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; [4] Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

3. As leaders we should never show more favor to someone over another. There are always going to be people in your church that try to get under your skin. We must make sure that we minister to them on their level until the Holy Spirit says otherwise.

a. **1 Tim. 5:21 (KJV)**

I charge thee before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, and the elect angels, that thou observe these things without preferring one before another, doing nothing by partiality.

❖ Having Christ's compassion

1. Without true, godly, compassion, we cease to minister effectively. Jesus often ministered through compassion. He would have overwhelming compassion for the broken-hearted, the sick, and anyone who was afflicted. This compassion was fueled through wisdom and spirit leading. Compassion means showing sympathy and empathy. Empathy means vicarious emotion, insight, understanding, compassion; Compassion is a deep hearted emotion towards someone or something else. It is something that comes deep from within us.

a. **Matthew 9:36 (KJV)**

But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.

Matthew 14:14 (KJV)

And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick.

Matthew 15:32 (KJV)

Then Jesus called his disciples unto him, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.

2. The greatest example of true, godly compassion is found in the parable given by Jesus about the Good Samaritan. (Read Luke 10: 25-37) The Samaritan gave of himself to help another regardless of that person's cultural or racial background. This Samaritan went way beyond his every day life duties to help another. When the church loses compassion, we become self-centered and the world is of no consequence to us. May the Living God help us to regain the fire of compassion for others.

a. **1 John 3:17 (KJV)**

But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?

❖ Developing Christ's character within us

1. Christ is supposed to be living through us. When the world sees us they should see Jesus. That is what happened to the believers in Acts 11.

a. **Acts 11:26 (KJV)**

And when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that a whole year they assembled themselves with the church, and taught much people. And the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

1. This is the highest name that could ever be given to us while here on planet Earth. Yet we abuse it and Christ's character does not flow through us.

2. There are steps or actions we can take to be more like our God.


a. Discover His character then act upon it.

1. Galatians 5:22-26 (KJV)


But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, [23] Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. [24] And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. [25] If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. [26] Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another.

a. The Spirit helps us discover each aspect of God's divine nature.


1. Love-----**agape**, Greek 26, Strong's

agape,  *ag-ah'-pay*; from Greek 25 (agapao); *love*, i.e. *affection* or *benevolence*; specially (plural) a *love-feast* :- (feast of) *charity* ([-ably]), *dear*, *love*.


2. Joy-----**chara**, Greek 5479, Strong's

chara,  *khar-ah'*; from Greek 5463 (chairō); *cheerfulness*, i.e. *calm delight* :- *gladness*, × *greatly*, (× *be exceeding*) *joy* (-ful, -fully, -fulness, -ous).

3. Peace-----**eirene**, Greek 1515, Strong's


eirene,  *i-ray'-nay*; probably from a primary verb **eiro** (to *join*); *peace* (literal or figurative); by implication *prosperity* :- *one*, *peace*, *quietness*, *rest*, + *set at one again*.

4. Longsuffering-----**makrothumia**, Greek 3115, Strong's


makrothumia,  *mak-roth-oo-mee'-ah*; from the same as Greek 3116 (makrothumos); *longanimity*, i.e. (objective) *forbearance* or (subjective) *fortitude* :- *longsuffering*, *patience*.

a. Longsuffering means *tolerant*, *uncomplaining*, *forgiving*, *easygoing*, *clement*, *forbearing*, *resigned*, *lax*, *lenient*, *indulgent*;


5. Gentleness-----**chrestotes**, Greek 5544, Strong's

chrestotes,  *kh-ray-stot'-ace*; from Greek 5543 (chrestos); *usefulness*, i.e. *moral excellence* (in character or demeanor) :- *gentleness*, *good* (-ness), *kindness*.


6. Goodness-----**agathosune**, Greek 19, Strong's

agathosune,  *ag-ath-o-soo'-nay*; from Greek 18 (agathos); *goodness*, i.e. *virtue* or *beneficence* :- *goodness*.


7. Faith-----**pistis**, Greek 4102, Strong's

pistis,  *pis'-tis*; from Greek 3982 (peitho); *persuasion*, i.e. *credence*; *moral conviction* (of *religious truth*, or the *truthfulness of God* or a *religious teacher*), especially *reliance upon Christ for salvation*; abstract *constancy* in such profession; by extensive the system of religious (Gospel) *truth* itself :- *assurance*, *belief*, *believe*, *faith*, *fidelity*.

8. Meekness-----**praiotes**, Greek 4236, Strong's

praiotes,  *prah-ot'-ace*; from Greek 4235 (praios); *gentleness*; by implication *humility* :- *meekness*.

9. Temperance-----**egkrateia**, Greek 1466, Strong's

egkrateia,  *eng-krat'-i-ah*; from Greek 1468 (egkrates); *self-control* (especially *continence*) :- *temperance*.

b. Only through the Spirit of God leading your life can you and I walk in the Character of Christ. Only through the Spirit of God can we have the power to develop the character of Christ.

c. We must wear or put on the Character of God and be renewed daily in His presence in order to see his attributes within us.

1. **Col. 3:10 (KJV)**

And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him:

Col. 3:12 (KJV)

Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

Col. 3:14 (KJV)

And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

d. We must develop the mind of Christ within us through the aid of the Spirit of God.

1. **1 Cor. 2:16 (KJV)**

For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

e. We must continually crucify the flesh.

1. **Luke 9:23 (KJV)**

And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.

2. **Romans 8:12-13 (KJV)**

Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh. [13] For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

Lesson #1:.....Questions

1. Should we do away with all cultural preferences? Why? or why not?

2. What are the greatest two commandments? Why does everything in the Word of God hang on these two commandments?

3. Why is it important to live in holiness? Can we stand before God without being holy?

4. Why is it important for leaders within the Body to have integrity? Should leaders show favoritism?

5. Why is godly compassion so important for the furtherance of the Gospel?

6. Where do you lack at in your Godly character? Circle the ones that apply below.
 - a. Love
 - b. Joy
 - c. Compassion
 - d. Longsuffering
 - e. Temperance
 - f. Faith
 - g. Holiness
 - h. Peace
 - i. Gentleness
 - j. Meekness
 - k. Integrity

Lesson # 2:.....Applying the Word

❖ Hearing the Word versus doing the Word

1. Many believers spend more time pretending to be Christians than actually being Christians. The word of God can not be performed in our lives like actors performing a comedic drama. We must not only be hearers of the word , but also doers. Pretending to perform the word does not give us personal gain within the Kingdom of God. In fact, it is a good indication that we are not a part of God's kingdom.

a. **Romans 2:13 (KJV)**

(For not the hearers of the law are just before God, but the doers of the law shall be justified.

James 1:22 (KJV)

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

1. If believers simply just listen to Word and do not put feet with what they have heard, then scripture says that we are not justified. To be justified before the Lord means to have His seal of approval upon our lives.

2. Scripture also says that if we are not doers of the Word then we have been deceived within our own lusts.

2. Words are power but an action with words speaks volumes.

a. **James 2:14-26 (KJV)**

What doth it profit, my brethren, though a man say he hath faith, and have not works? can faith save him? [15] If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, [16] And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? [17] Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. [18] Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. [19] Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble. [20] But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead? [21] Was not Abraham our father justified by works, when he had offered Isaac his son upon the altar? [22] Seest thou how faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith made perfect? [23] And the scripture was fulfilled which saith, Abraham believed God, and it was imputed unto him for righteousness: and he was called the Friend of God. [24] Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only. [25] Likewise also was not Rahab the harlot justified by works, when she had received the messengers, and had sent them out another way? [26] For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.

1. Faith is an action word. It has legs. It is not just a statement. Abraham would have never experience the blessing of God if he stayed in his home land. Faith is something that you step out unto and just believe God for. It means unwavering trust in something higher than yourself.

3. Jesus told the disciples to do the word. He promised us that he would confirm His words with signs and wonders following.

a. **Mark 16:14-20 (KJV)**

Afterward he appeared unto the eleven as they sat at meat, and upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them which had seen him after he was risen. [15] And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. [16] He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. [17] And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; [18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.

[19] So then after the Lord had spoken unto them, he was received up into heaven, and sat on the right hand of God. [20] And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

❖ Handling different life situations

1. We all go through different situations in our lives. How do we respond to them all? How much of Jesus shines through us when we handle our different circumstances? These are key questions that we must always ask ourselves. Every situation must be handled through the Spirit of God working through us. We are called to a life of living in the Spirit.

a. **Romans 8:9 (KJV)**

But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his.

b. **Galatians 5:16-18 (KJV)**

This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. [17] For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. [18] But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

2. Handling the situations that occur.

a. Always stay in constant communication with the Lord. Paul the apostle said Pray without ceasing. I call it P.E.M.A. (Pray Everyone Moment Available)

b. Approach each situation with a full faith in God. Trust in the Lord even when you can not physically see Him working.

c. Don't be a wavering rod. (Stay focused on God and don't let your faith be a wavering rod. For if you are a wavering rod one day you will snap.

1. **James 1:8 (KJV)**

A double minded man is unstable in all his ways.

d. Walk out the situation regardless of how hard it is.

e. Fight the good fight of faith, don't forget about the Armor of God.

1. **1 Tim. 6:12 (KJV)**

Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

f. Be Spirit led because each situation in life is sometimes different from the last.

g. Find a place of rest in God. (When the disciples were on the ship with Jesus and a storm came upon them, they began to panic. Jesus was asleep. They had to awaken Him in order to find rest. They should have found rest in Christ before their faith ran out.

Conclusion: One thing is of truth; we will all have to deal with situations within our lives. From deaths, lack of finances, depressions, and other life circumstances, we must handle them all with the purpose of God within our hearts. Who do we trust mostly in? Who do we surrender our lives to? One thing is for sure, God is always there. He will give us the strength to endure the hard times and the easy times.

Lesson # 2:.....Questions

1. Is it ok to just be a hearer of the word instead of being a doer?
2. What does scripture say we do to ourselves if we do not become doers of the Word?
3. What does faith have to do with this lesson?
4. If we become doers of the word, what does Jesus promise that He will do for us?
5. Give the list of how we can handle life's situations. Give three more truths to this list.

Chapter 4 Spiritual Parenting

Lesson # 1:.....The Call of Spiritual Parenting

➤ The Call

1. I would imagine that most would think of this section contributed to just leaders within the Body of Christ. Well there is some truth to that but not just limited to those that lead God's people. Spiritual parenting is just a term used to describe a greater level of discipleship. It is a calling by God. Paul the Apostle, tells us in I Corinthians that we don't need more teachers but more fathers.

a. **1 Cor. 4:15 (KJV)**

For though ye have ten thousand instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers: for in Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel.

1. Paul was telling the Corinthians that there are many who desired to instruct them, but Paul went a step further and considered them children in the faith. This was a strong statement given by Paul. For the Corinthians to be like spiritual children to him meant Paul had a deeper sense of devotion and duty towards them. Who among us would not give up our lives for our children?

2. We are called to disciple and minister at a deeper level. Spiritual parenting brings the discipleship process to that deeper level. As a natural parent, I know I will do anything for my children. If someone had a need and my children had a need first, I would always fulfill my children's needs first. As a spiritual parent of the faith, you do everything you can for those that God has give you.

a. We must see the church not just as a group of people coming together, but as a family. We are one big family regardless where go in the world, if I meet other believers. He or she is a part of the family of God, and I treat them as such.

1. **Acts 10:23 (KJV)**

Then called he them in, and lodged them. And on the morrow Peter went away with them, and certain brethren from Joppa accompanied him.

Acts 11:1 (KJV)

And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God.

Romans 15:30 (KJV)

Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me;

1 Cor. 1:26 (KJV)

For ye see your calling, brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:

a. Each passage present is calling the group of believers the Brethren or brothers in the family. We can take it a step further and call it the Family of God. We are in the family of God and like any family there must be some type of parental guidance. As leaders, we are called to lead the brethren into deeper waves of God's spirit.

3. God calls us his sons and daughters if we separate ourselves from the worldly things and seek only Him.

a. 2 Cor. 6:17-18 (KJV)

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, [18] And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

4. There is a prophetic call for spiritual parenting or fathering.

a. Malachi 4:1-6 (KJV)

For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

[2] But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. [3] And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts.

[4] Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

[5] Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: [6] And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.

1. This is a prophecy for the distant future but it parallels with our world. Future prophecy is unique in the fact that we can perform some of the things that it declares for future events. The reason we can do this is because of the Spirit who is behind the prophecy. We should not have to wait for the return of Elijah to see our families united as one. The Spirit in that prophecy is within us.

➤ The Examples

1. Moses and Joshua

a. Moses was a strong spiritual father to Joshua. He helped steer and father Joshua to be the next leader over Israel.


1. Exodus 24:9-14 (KJV)

Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: [10] And they saw the God of Israel: and there was under his feet as it were a paved work of a sapphire stone, and as it were the body of heaven in his clearness. [11] And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: also they saw God, and did eat and drink.

[12] And the Lord said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee tables of stone, and a law, and commandments which I have written; that thou mayest teach them. [13] And Moses rose up, and his minister Joshua: and Moses went up into the mount of God. [14] And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you: if any man have any matters to do, let him come unto them.

a. Moses, Aaron, Nadab, Abihu and the Seventy of the elders of Israel all saw God and sat down and ate with the Lord. Now the presence of the Lord was in the form much like when God visited Abraham. The full glory of the Lord was contained. Now God calls Moses up higher to come and receive the Ten Commandments. Notice who Moses takes, he takes his son in the Faith Joshua.

1. It says that Moses rose up and his MINISTER, which was Joshua. The word minister in the Hebrew is **sharath**, Hebrew 8334, Strong's

sharath,  *shaw-rath'*; a primitive root; to *attend* as a menial or worshipper; figurative to *contribute* to: - minister (unto), (do) serve (-ant, -ice, -itor), wait on.

a. Joshua at this point was more of a servant to Moses. Moses was probably just being to pour into Joshua's life. Their relationship was just starting to build to a father and son in the faith relationship. Notice that Joshua got to touch the mountain and the others could not.

b. The people of Israel had sinned against God by worshipping an image of God. Moses moved the Tabernacle of the Lord outside of the camp of Israel. The people had to come out from the camp in order to worship God. Moses entered into the camp and the glory of the Lord met Moses there. Notice what happens when Moses left the Tabernacle of the Congregation.

1. Exodus 33:4-11 (KJV)

And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments. [5] For the Lord had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiffnecked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee. [6] And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments by the mount Horeb. [7] And Moses took the tabernacle, and pitched it without the camp, afar off from the camp, and called it the Tabernacle of the congregation. And it came to pass, that every one which sought the Lord went out unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was without the camp. [8] And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto the tabernacle, that all the people rose up, and stood every man at his tent door, and looked after Moses, until he was gone into the tabernacle. [9] And it came to pass, as Moses entered into the tabernacle, the cloudy pillar descended, and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the Lord talked with Moses. [10] And all the people saw the cloudy pillar stand at the tabernacle door: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man in his tent

door. [11] And the Lord spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his servant Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the tabernacle.

a. Joshua stayed behind; he wanted all of God he could get. Moses had taught him well.

c. Moses declares Joshua as the next great leader over Israel. In order for Joshua to exceed, Moses had to give Joshua a part of his honor. This means that Joshua became apart of Moses' family. This demonstrates the strength of the of the spiritual bond between Moses and Joshua.

1. Numbers 27:18-23 (KJV)

And the Lord said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay thine hand upon him; [19] And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and give him a charge in their sight. [20] And thou shalt put some of thine honour upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. [21] And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him after the judgment of Urim before the Lord: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation. [22] And Moses did as the Lord commanded him: and he took Joshua, and set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation: [23] And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge, as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses.

d. God approves Joshua of the next leader over Israel

1. Deut. 31:14-15 (KJV)

And the Lord said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and present yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that I may give him a charge. And Moses and Joshua went, and presented themselves in the tabernacle of the congregation. [15] And the Lord appeared in the tabernacle in a pillar of a cloud: and the pillar of the cloud stood over the door of the tabernacle.

2. Elijah and Elisha

a. Elijah and Elisha had a father and son type of relationship as well. Elisha constantly sought from Elijah a godly inheritance.

1. Elijah and Elisha meet together again and take their relationship to a new level.

1 Kings 19:16-21 (KJV)

And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. [17] And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. [18] Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

[19] So he departed thence, and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen before him, and he with the twelfth: and Elijah passed by him, and cast his mantle upon him. [20] And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss my father and my mother, and then I

will follow thee. And he said unto him, Go back again: for what have I done to thee? [21] And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of oxen, and slew them, and boiled their flesh with the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

2. Elisha seeks the father's inheritance.
 - a. II Kings 2:1-19

Lesson 1'sQuestions

1. What is the first scripture that we use at the beginning of this lesson? What does this verse mean to you?

2. We are called to disciple. Is spiritual parenting like a type of discipleship? Please explain answers.

3. What must we see the church as? (a) group of gathering people, (b) a family, or (c) tithe payers.

4. What must we do in order to be called God's children?

5. Why did Moses move the Tabernacle outside of the camp?

6. List more biblical examples of spiritual parenting?

Lesson # 2:.....The Nuts and Bolts of Spiritual Parenting.

➤ The Process

There is a process of spiritual parenting that God has design for us. Is it not amazing to know that Father God has a plan and a purpose for everything?

There is a process in which we all must undergo in order to become spiritual parents to the few whom God gives us.

1. Separate terminology from biblical functioning.
 - a. This simple means **“don’t get caught up in the term”** Spiritual parenting is not another title we can call ourselves. It is just a term which is being used to describe a biblical function. That is it nothing more and nothing less.
2. Understand it is a process.
 - a. Spiritual parenting does not happen over night. It takes time and patience. It also takes maturity. A young believer could never fully father a group of believers. It takes years of experience. Here is the process.
 1. First become a believer in Christ. Only through the entrance into God’s kingdom can one become apart of the family.
 2. Become a disciple of Christ
 3. Become a Son
 4. Become a mature believer
 3. Live a life of complete influence. (Realize that some one is always watching you whether you like it or not. My natural children watch me constantly; they have even picked up on some of my good habits. Unfortunately they have also developed some of my bad habits. We must be careful to what we pass on to the next generation.)
 4. Understand Generational purposes.
 - a. **Psalm 24:6 (KJV)**
This is the generation of them that seek him, that seek thy face, O Jacob. Selah.

Psalm 71:18 (KJV)

Now also when I am old and greyheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

Psalm 78:6 (KJV)

That the generation to come might know them, even the children which should be born; who should arise and declare them to their children:

5. Don’t be afraid to let go. (Many natural parents have trouble letting their children grow up. We can not make the same mistakes in the spiritual sense. We must be willing to release those sons and daughters in the faith when the time is right. Now don’t get me wrong some will be called to stay by your side but there will be some who are called to go and pioneer. You must know the difference.)

a. Paul understood the purpose of sending those whom he was called to raise up in the Faith.

1. [Philip. 2:19 \(KJV\)](#)

[But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state.](#)

[Philip. 2:25 \(KJV\)](#)

[Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellow soldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants.](#)

[Titus 3:12 \(KJV\)](#)

[When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, be diligent to come unto me to Nicopolis: for I have determined there to winter.](#)

6. Leave behind a legacy which makes a difference.

a. Let's face it we are not going to live forever. What legacy will be leave behind for others to follow? Is the ministry built around ourselves or is it built upon Jesus?

1. Scripture tells us to make sure that we have erected the right land marks for others to see.

a. [Proverbs 22:28 \(KJV\)](#)

[Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.](#)

[Proverbs 23:10 \(KJV\)](#)

[Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless:](#)

b. Joshua and the people of Israel made a heap of stones at the river Jordan as a testimony for what God has done. Joshua commanded them to pass on this heritage to their children.

1. [Joshua 4:6-9 \(KJV\)](#)

[That this may be a sign among you, that when your children ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? \[7\] Then ye shall answer them, That the waters of Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it passed over Jordan, the waters of Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever. \[8\] And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of Jordan, as the Lord spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel, and carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. \[9\] And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests which bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day.](#)

[Joshua 4:20-21 \(KJV\)](#)

[And those twelve stones, which they took out of Jordan, did Joshua pitch in Gilgal. \[21\] And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones?](#)

Lesson 2.....Questions

1. Why is it important to separate terminology from biblical functioning?
2. What is the process that you must undergo first in order to become a spiritual parent?
3. What does it mean to influence someone?
4. Do a complete study on the purpose for generations.
5. Why must we let go those that God has given us?
6. What does it mean to leave behind a legacy?

Chapter 5

Prophetic Edic


Lesson # 1:.....The Third Day watch

- The Third Day
 1. What does it mean when we say third day?
 - a. Flagship scripture.
 1. [Hosea 6:1-3 \(KJV\)](#)

[Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. \[2\] After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight. \[3\] Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.](#)

a. In the Third Day the Lord will raise us up, in other words God will come and save us. We shall be with Him. The Third Day terminology is another way of saying the last days. God is preparing our hearts for the third day. Let's break down the scripture above.

1. Come and let us return unto the Lord
 - a. God is waiting passionately for his people to fully come and return unto His heart. He desires us more than we could ever know.
2. God has torn.
 - a. **taraph**, Hebrew 2963, Strong's

taraph,  *taw-raf'*; a primitive root; to *pluck* off or *pull* to pieces; causative to *supply* with food (as in morsels) :- catch, × without doubt, feed, ravin, rend in pieces, × surely, tear (in pieces).

1. God is plucking off and pull into pieces the things that are against us and Him. Then he will supply our needs according to His infinite will.
3. He will heal us.
 - a. The Hebrew word for heal in this passage is the word Rapha. Rapha means to cure. Oh Lord come and cure us!!!!
4. He has smitten.
 - a. Smitten means to strike or to kill. God will kill sin and death in the Third Day. We must be prepared. Our hearts must learn to operate under His authority now.
5. He will bind us up
 - a. To bind means to wrap like wrapping a turban around one's head. It means to rule and govern over. God will truly govern over us physically in the third day.
6. After two days he will revive us.

a. God desires to awaken the Body of Christ to his fullest purpose. God's call must be heard.

7. In the third day he will do the following

- a. Raise us up
- b. Live in his sight
- c. Then shall we know the fullness of our God
- d. He is preparing for us.
- e. He shall come unto us like the former and latter rain.

1. God desires to make a complete harvest for those who belong to Him.

2. Jesus was the example of the coming Third Day.

a. [Luke 9:22 \(KJV\)](#)

[Saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be slain, and be raised the third day.](#)

[Luke 18:33 \(KJV\)](#)

[And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again.](#)

1. Jesus arose on the Third Day. His coming will be in the Third Day. His wedding feast will be performed in the Third Day power.

3. The Wedding of the Third Day.

a. [John 2:1-11 \(KJV\)](#)

[And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: \[2\] And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. \[3\] And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. \[4\] Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. \[5\] His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. \[6\] And there were set there six waterpots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. \[7\] Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. \[8\] And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bare it. \[9\] When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: \(but the servants which drew the water knew;\) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, \[10\] And saith unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. \[11\] This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.](#)

1. On the Third Day after Jesus started His ministry there was a wedding feast that He attended. Jesus gave something to this wedding feast. He gave the wedding feast new wine. Wine that no one has ever tasted before. Jesus is waiting patiently for the Third Day to come. He desires to give us His riches in glory. We must be prepared for what awaits us.

3. Deeper meaning of the Third Day.

a. The truth is that the Lord is returning!!!. The Third Day encompasses this truth.

b. In the Third Day the Lord shall set up His glorious earthly kingdom.

1. Isaiah 2:2 (KJV)

And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

Micah 4:1 (KJV)

But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

Acts 2:17 (KJV)

And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

c. Third Day passion means having the passion to be transformed by the spirit of God on this side of His glory. Our passion is to see church performed not as usual. Our passion is to see the Lord returning in the Third Day. We are hungry and thirsty for Him.

We desire change in the following areas. These changes must come because we are being prepared for something greater. We are also called to have the John the Baptist type ministry. We are called to prepare the way of the Lord.

1. Traditional church thought
2. Holiness
3. Faith
4. Godly power
5. God's will
6. The Kingdom concept.
7. Church government
8. Worldly perception

■ The Watchers

A. We are called to be the Watchers of the Faith. We are called to wait patiently for the coming of the Lord. We must pray and fast until the coming of the Third Day.

1. Paul the apostle tells us to pray and watch with all perseverance and supplication for the saints.

a. Ephes. 6:18 (KJV)

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints;

1. When you and I are praying and giving supplication in the Spirit, it means we are petitioning before the living God. The scriptures say that we should pray with all perseverance. Perseverance means have a heart of persistence before the Lord. We must be persistent in our prayer lives until the answer is before us. We must make sure that we are praying the will of the Father.

B. We are called to stand at the Watch tower and declare the coming of the Lord and to warn the Body of the coming attacks of the enemy.

1. Isaiah 21:4-10 (KJV)

My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me: the night of my pleasure hath he turned into fear unto me. [5] Prepare the table, watch in the watchtower, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, and anoint the shield. [6] For thus hath the Lord said unto me, Go, set a watchman, let him declare what he seeth. [7] And he saw a chariot with a couple of horsemen, a chariot of asses, and a chariot of camels; and he hearkened diligently with much heed: [8] And he cried, A lion: My lord, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and I am set in my ward whole nights: [9] And, behold, here cometh a chariot of men, with a couple of horsemen. And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground. [10] O my threshing, and the corn of my floor: that which I have heard of the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you.

a. As the watchers of the faith, we must stand continually before the Lord and be ready for any situation. Much of the Body of Christ has become numb to the attacks of the enemy. Many don't realize what is going on. Many have fallen to laziness and self righteousness. We need to rise up in a greater way.

b. It is important that we keep our shield anointed and ready to be used.

1. The shields were made from leather stretched over a metal carcass. It was important to keep the shield oiled up and ready to use. The oil stopped the leather from cracking and it helped the metal from rusting. The watchers are ready for the coming Third Day and they will herald out the coming the world.

C. Jesus gave us prophetic warning and a commandment to follow in this hour. He told us to watch and see what will happen next. He told us to be prepared for the coming day.

1. Matthew 24:42-43 (KJV)

Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. [43] But know this, that if the goodman of the house had known in what watch the thief would come, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken up.

a. If we keep a constant watch the enemy can not come and over take us.

D. While in the garden Jesus was trying to teach the disciples about staying focused and waiting for the coming move of God.

1. Matthew 26:40-41 (KJV)

And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? [41] Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

a. If we stay in watch mode then we can not be overwhelmed with Satan's temptations.

E. We better keep watching for the Lord's return it could be any moment.

a. Mark 13:33-35 (KJV)

Take ye heed, watch and pray: for ye know not when the time is. [34] For the Son of man is as a man taking a far journey, who left his house, and gave authority to his

servants, and to every man his work, and commanded the porter to watch. [35] Watch ye therefore: for ye know not when the master of the house cometh, at even, or at midnight, or at the cockcrowing, or in the morning:

F. The Words of Paul to the church is to watch and be the watchers who are always aware of the coming move of God.

1. [1 Thes. 5:6 \(KJV\)](#)

Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober.

[2 Tim. 4:5 \(KJV\)](#)

But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

[1 Peter 4:7 \(KJV\)](#)

But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer.

Lesson # 1:.....Questions

1. What does the flagship scripture mean?
2. What does the Third Day mean?
3. What did Jesus say about the Third Day?
4. What does it mean to be a watcher?
5. What prophetic position did Jesus give us?
6. What lesson was Jesus trying to teach His disciples while in the Garden?
7. What are the words of Paul to the church about being watchers?

Lesson # 2:.....Increasing the Voice

- The Soaking Process

When I was in the army, I had KP (Kitchen Duty) duty many times. Now the dishes in the Army were nothing like we see at home. We had to wash pots and pans that could contain whole cities. One could get lost in the bottom and struggle for days to get out. We had to use scolding hot water to spray and wash the dishes. The water was so hot that we had to wear rubber gloves. I remember scrubbing and scrubbing the pots to get them clean. Sometimes the dishes were so dirty; we had to let them soak in the hot water for about 20 minutes or more. The soaking of the pots and pans seemed to do the trick for those hard cases. The soaking would allow the time for the grit and food particles to slowly peel away from the inside surface.

As believers we need the soaking process from the Lord. God wants to get those hard to reach places. We need to allow ourselves time just to soak. As we soak in the Lord, the excess food particles and grit would begin to peel away.


The Soaking process is not easy, because it takes up time and effort. It means allowing yourself the time to just sit at the feet of Jesus. I know I personally have struggles with just sitting still and soaking in the Lord. There are times when I am trying to pray or just sit in the presence of the Lord; my mind wonders about family, work, ministry ideas, my wife, and other earthly things. I sometimes have to fight to get into the presence of the Lord, but the fight is worth it. I must make myself stop and just relax in His presence.

Think about the story of Mary and Martha. Martha was caught up in taking care of Jesus. Martha wanted to make him the finest meal. She wanted her house to be immaculate and perfect for the arrival of Jesus. She wanted her ministry for Christ to be the best in the world.

[Luke 10:38-42 \(KJV\)](#)

Now it came to pass, as they went, that he entered into a certain village: and a certain woman named Martha received him into her house. [39] And she had a sister called Mary, which also sat at Jesus' feet, and heard his word. [40] But Martha was cumbered about much serving, and came to him, and said, Lord, dost thou not care that my sister hath left me to serve alone? bid her therefore that she help me. [41] And Jesus answered and said unto her, Martha, Martha, thou art careful and troubled about many things: [42] But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her.

The scripture says that Martha was cumbered about with the serving of practical things. The word cumbered in the Greek is **perispao**, **Greek 4049**, **Strong's**

perispao,  *per-ee-spah'-o*; from Greek 4012 (peri) and Greek 4685 (spao); to *drag* all around, i.e. (figurative) to *distract* (with care) :- cumber.

Martha was carrying a burden which she did not have to carry. The meaning of the word says she dragged it all around. She became distracted by the practical things of ministry. She meant well but her heart was not in the right place. She had forgotten what made her heart pitter patter. She forgot about the one who changed her life and caused her to look at herself again. For one brief moment in her spiritual sanity, she lost her way to the source of her well being. His name was unmistakably Jesus Christ. She had lost her true center.

The Buddhist teach that the center of man lies within his belly. If you have a strong stomach and stomach muscles then you can have peace in life. They teach that everything comes from the center. All moment is done from the center of the human anatomy. Obviously, they are way off, but there is something in their false teaching that we can make an analogy to. Our center is Jesus Christ. From him comes all moment and purpose in life. It can not lie within man and his solely. Nothing of man can ever draw us closer to the true center of mankind. (Jesus Christ). We must fully come to Him.

Finding a soaking place:

When I was a teenager, my parents bought their first house. Our house had a big back yard that we loved as kids. We had a jungle of bamboo growing in the open field. My brothers and I would play commando in the brushes of the bamboo forest. I loved the outdoors. It was my most favorite place to be. Beyond the thickets of the bamboo forest resided a small wooden area. I could go a long distance in the woods and find privacy. I made a secret place that no one knew about. I gathered huge rocks and stacked them into an altar before the Lord. I would go there often to kneel and pray before the Lord. The Living God visited many times at that altar in the woods. It was my secret place with God. Only He and I knew where it was at.

We need secret places to soak in the Lord without interruption. Now that I am older, I sometimes go to the local park and walk the wooden path to find solace with the Lord. The point is that you find a secret place in the Lord.

Everyone needs their own Gethsemane. Jesus had a secret place that he would go to often to pray. Many only think of Gethsemane when Jesus prayed before going to the cross, but Gethsemane was a favorite place of Christ's. He resided there often to pray and meditate on the things of God.

[John 18:1-2 \(KJV\)](#)

[When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the brook Cedron, where was a garden, into which he entered, and his disciples. \[2\] And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples.](#)

The word "Gethsemane" means oil press. This was the place where Christ could find renewal and refreshing from the Spirit of God. This is why he took the disciples here. He

wanted to teach them how to soak in the presence of the living God. It is amazing to note that adjacent to this garden was the family tomb of Joseph Arimathaea. This was the very tomb that Jesus was placed in after His death upon the cross. The Soaking place for you and I should be the place where you go to die, rise again, and become renewed in the presence of the Holy God! Jesus understood this principle well and demonstrated it to us some 2,000 years ago. Wow! What a demonstration!

I have showed you the importance of having a secret place in God. Now let's look at an example when you are in the wrong place and God has to meet you there.

Elijah had just had an awesome church service. Many were touched by the fire of God (Fire from heaven came down and swallowed up the prophets of Jezebel.) Many also turn their hearts back unto the Lord. He was on cloud 9 or maybe even 10. His ministry was finally starting to boom. His tape of the month club was growing. His ministry partners started to grow as well. His ministry was starting to show God's sign of blessing. (Not really but many ministers seem to think so today.) Then a spiritual monkey wrench was thrown into the mix. Jezebel sent out a decree to kill Pastor Elijah. Brother Eli got scared and started to do what every red blooded, Spirit filled, minister of the gospel would do RUN! He ran for his life to a place that God did not tell him to run to.

1 Kings 19:1-18 (KJV)

And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. [2] Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time. [3] And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

[4] But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree: and he requested for himself that he might die; and said, It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life; for I am not better than my fathers. [5] And as he lay and slept under a juniper tree, behold, then an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. [6] And he looked, and, behold, there was a cake baken on the coals, and a cruse of water at his head. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. [7] And the angel of the Lord came again the second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat; because the journey is too great for thee. [8] And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

[9] And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? [10] And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. [11] And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord. And, behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the Lord; but the Lord was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the Lord was not in the earthquake: [12] And after the earthquake a

fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. [13] And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah? [14] And he said, I have been very jealous for the Lord God of hosts: because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away. [15] And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus: and when thou comest, anoint Hazael to be king over Syria: [16] And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel: and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy room. [17] And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Hazael shall Jehu slay: and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. [18] Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

Elijah went 300 miles far away from where God wanted him to be. He ended up losing 80 days of wasted travel. God could have used him mightily in those 80 days but Elijah missed the will of God. We must be in the right place at the right time in order to fully soak in the presence of God. We must allow ourselves to be totally submerged in the will of the Father. His will determines our moment of growth in the Lord. We can not allow self pity to hinder our relationship with God. There will always be circumstances in our lives which will place temporary hardship upon our daily routines. We can not afford to allow these circumstances to hinder our soaking time with the Father. Many believers have fallen prey to what I call “The Elijah complex” They wrap themselves up in the blanket of pity and no one can enter in to bring words of comfort. Elijah went 300 miles and missed the full impact of the Father’s presence. What about us? How many miles are we out?

I must admit that I have been under the spell of “The Elijah Complex”. When I got out of Basic Training, I moved back to Ocala, Florida with my Mom. My mom and dad had been divorced for four years at this time. While I was away doing the Army thing, my parents were talking about getting back together. I returned to Ocala ready to start a new life. I was ready to see what God had in store for me. My parents decided to remarry which meant that my mother and I would have to move back to Laurens, SC where my dad and siblings resided. I was not upset about their reunion, but I was upset that I had to leave Ocala. I remember crying out to God one night about the whole ordeal. I stayed up the whole night arguing with God until He won. He told me to go to South Carolina for He had a purpose for me there. I went but not without complaint. For a whole month, I rebelled against God. I sat in my room having self pity for myself. I could not see God’s plan for my life here in South Carolina. Finally the Lord visited me and told me to snap out of it. His presence was real that night and the fear of the Lord took on a whole new meaning to me! A month after that experience my wife came into my life. We started dating and 7 months later were married. God knew all along and my self pity stopped me from hearing his voice. It pays to be in the right place with the Lord.

The Benefits of Soaking in the Presence of God:

There are benefits when you and I just stop what we are doing and sit in the presence of the Living God. Below are listed some of the benefits of soaking in the presence of the Living God.

---Perfect love---

When consumed in God's presence a discovery of terrific magnitude takes place. It is the discovery of His perfect love. His love penetrates our tough spots and grabs a hold of our hearts.

1 John 4:12-18 (KJV)

No man hath seen God at any time. If we love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us. [13] Hereby know we that we dwell in him, and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. [14] And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. [15] Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God dwelleth in him, and he in God. [16] And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him. [17] Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. [18] There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love.

His perfect love draws us closer to Him and to each other. His perfect love cast out fear and restores confidence. His perfect love looks beyond our weakness. It brings renewal and hope. There is nothing like being in the realm of God's perfect love.

---Heavenly protection---

When I was a child my dad bought some chickens. He built a pen for them, and it was our responsibility to feed them. We also had the task of cleaning out the pen. Trust me that was not a high point in my life. I remember one of our hens having her chicks following her around. One day our family dog got loose and started to the chicken pen. The chickens ran for their lives. The mother hen quickly tucked each chick under her wings. She was protecting them with everything she had. The dog would have to eat her first before getting the chicks. Fortunately, the dog never got into the pen but the mother hen gives us a lesson about our walk with God.

God is like that mother hen. When we soak in His presence an overwhelming sense of comfort and heavenly protection consumes you. When I am with Him, I know that everything is going to be alright. There is nothing like being under the wings of our Heavenly Father.

Psalm 17:8 (KJV)

Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

Psalm 36:7 (KJV)

How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.

Psalm 61:4 (KJV)

I will abide in thy tabernacle for ever: I will trust in the covert of thy wings. Selah.

---Desperation for Him---

It might not seem like a benefit to some but it is to me. When I just sit in His anointing and build relationship with Him. My desperation for Him increases. He becomes all I want and all that I need. This desire is very important in this day and age. We are surrounded with so many distractions. Mankind has built his or hers own detour signs and calls it self enlightenment. Much of the Body of Christ has lost their desperation for the living God. Their life with God has become just an ideal instead of a needed reality. The people of God have grown cold and distant. The only way to regain the desperation for the Living God is to come and soak in His presence. We need to lay down our fancy houses, nice cars, our past due credit card bills, our material possessions and come to the Lord with desperation.

Look at the story of the Prodigal son; many think this a story for sinners. Jesus told this story as an analogy to believers. This Prodigal Son use to be apart of the household, but decided life in general demanded his full attention. He went out and consumes himself with everything the world had to offer. Finally, he found himself eating pig slop and missing the comfort of his Father's house. He missed being in the presence of his Father. He decided to come back home and become a servant to his Father. His Father sees him in a distance and goes running to His side. The Father embraces the son and welcomes him back into the family not as a servant but as a son. The son learns a valuable lesson you must be willing to become a servant in order to be a son to the Father. This son also learns the art of desperation for the Fathers heart. Oh that the Body of Christ could learn the same lesson.

The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:11-32 (KJV)

And he said, A certain man had two sons: [12] And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. [13] And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. [14] And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. [15] And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. [16] And he would fain have

filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. [17] And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! [18] I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, [19] And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. [20] And he arose, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. [21] And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son. [22] But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: [23] And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: [24] For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. [25] Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard musick and dancing. [26] And he called one of the servants, and asked what these things meant. [27] And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. [28] And he was angry, and would not go in: therefore came his father out, and intreated him. [29] And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: [30] But as soon as this thy son was come, which hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou hast killed for him the fatted calf. [31] And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine. [32] It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

There are many more benefits that we could mention, but I think that these give us a little light into subject.

Conclusion:

In my years of knowing God, I have been blessed to do many things. I have been a leader of some sort in many churches. I have had the opportunity to minister in several different countries, but none of these things could ever compare to His presence. I would gladly give it all up just to be in His presence. I am desperate for Him. I have not always been fully desperate for the Lord and those times were not always great. I have done things that I am not proud of. I have made mistakes that I wish I could take back, but I can't. However, His presence takes all of that away. Being with Him makes me feel worthy and holy. Soaking in his presence gives me a newness for His heart and for His desires. Everything that I have seems to melt before Him. There can not be a substitute for God. We must come to realize His importance in our lives. We must allow Him to be first and everything else will fall into place. I am at the place where I am not satisfied in knowing God but I want to be known by God.

1 Cor. 8:3 (KJV)

But if any man love God, the same is known of him.

1 Cor. 13:12 (KJV)

For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.

Galatians 4:9 (KJV)

But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage?

The scripture says that if we love Him then we are known of Him. Wow! What a powerful message for the church today. The next scripture above says that one day we will fully know God as we are known by Him. Being known by Him must happen here on this rugged planet first. Then we can fully know Him throughout eternity. The last verse states that after we have become known of God. How can we return back to our sinful bondages? The point that is being made; stay in the presence of the Lord at no matter the cost. Our God is a consuming fire and desires us to be a part of it. I pray that this message has blessed you like it has me. I challenge all who read it to simply soak in the presence of the Lord.

▪ Creating the Environment to hear His Voice

1. There is not a formula per say on how to hear God's voice, but the environment we stay in does have a lot to do with it. Where you heart is determines the clarity of God's voice. I also believe that the art of hearing God comes from spending more time with the Lord and years of development. His voice is like the tuning of a radio station on an AM frequency. You simply keep turning the dial until the clarity of His voice is heard.

2. What do we mean by creating the environment to hear God? It simply means being in the right place or attitude to hear Him. Think about Moses when he entered into the Tabernacle and came into the Holy of Holies. This is where God spoke to him at.

a. **Numbers 7:89 (KJV)**

And when Moses was gone into the tabernacle of the congregation to speak with him, then he heard the voice of one speaking unto him from off the mercy seat that was upon the ark of testimony, from between the two cherubims: and he spake unto him.

1. Moses was in the right environment to hear from God. He had just made a sacrifice to the Lord and then entered the Holy of Holies. From the mercy seat, he hears the voice of God. It is all about the environment. You can hear from God if you are not in the right place to hear from Him.

3. How can we ensure the right environment for each individual to hear from the voice of God.

a. First and foremost you and I have to have a relationship with the Lord. When you have a true relationship with the Lord, He will speak with you at any moment. Ananias was an average believer who knew God. Ananias was a sleep and heard from the Lord.

1. **Acts 9:10-17 (KJV)**

And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. [11] And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and enquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, [12] And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. [13] Then Ananias answered, Lord, I have heard by many of this man, how much evil he hath done to thy saints at Jerusalem: [14] And here he hath authority from the chief priests to bind all that call on thy name. [15] But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel: [16] For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. [17] And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.

b. You and I to get into those secret places with the Lord. Jesus would go to the mountains or the gardens. We must get into the place at times where there not any distractions.

c. We must create a place for God to inhabit. God inhabits the praises of His people. It is in the midst of that habitation God will speak.

1. **Isaiah 57:15 (KJV)**

For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.

d. We need to ensure that sin is not abound within us or within the church as a whole. I have been to churches before where the voice of God was not present. The reason being was because of the deep rooted sin which abound within their walls. Think about the story of the people of Israel who were given a famine without God's voice.

1. **Amos 8:11 (KJV)**

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord:

e. We need to stop and just listen. The older I get in the Lord. It seems the less talking I do to Him. He speaks to me more and more. He is suppose to. How will you or I know His will unless He tells us?

Lesson #2.....Questions

1. What is the soaking process?
2. Where is your soaking place in the Lord?
3. What are the benefits of the soaking process?
4. What did Elijah do wrong?
5. How do we create an environment to hear God's voice?
6. What is the importance of creating an environment to hear God's voice?

Lesson # 3:.....Bringing Order To the Church

Introduction: It is very important that the church obtains order within its midst. Much of the church is distant and disorganized. There is a holy order the church must arise too. Without the order of God the church will continue to be weak and ineffective. We need the direction of God's Spirit once again to run rapid in our church structures and in our lives.

▪ Divine Government

1. I have had the privilege of teaching and preaching on God's divine government for quite some time now. It is so important for us to understand His way of doing things. I have written a whole manual on the subject of Divine Government. I would suggest that you the reader get a copy and learn more about the Government of God.
2. God's Divine Government can not be ignored. The next few pages will explain a little bit about His Government.

I. The Order of God

A. Ephesians 1:1-23

1. We see the order of God working together as a team and as one unit.

a. Verse 3. ***Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.***

1. The Father God has blessed us in heavenly realms through Christ. It is the Father, who operates the whole divine order.

b. Verse 7. ***In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace***

1. It is through Jesus; we have redemption and can have an open relationship with the Father. The Godhead operates in a Divine Order. Each part of the Godhead knows its function and role.

c. Verse 13. ***And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit,***

1. The Holy Spirit has sealed us and marked us. He has set us aside for the Father. He empowers us to operate in the realm of Heaven.

2. Verses 20. ***Which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,***

21. Far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.

22. And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,

23. which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

a. We see God setting in place the rightful government over the church. Jesus Christ is and will always be the head of the Church.

b. God set His government through Jesus in Five ways

1. Rule ---- Strong's Ref. # 746

Romanies Arche

Pronounced Ar._Kay'

From GSN0756; (properly abstract) a commencement, or (concretely) chief (in various applications of order, time, place, or rank):

KEV__beginning, corner, (at the, the) first (estate), magistrate, power, principality, principle, rule.

a. He set Jesus in the rightful rank and place over the church. Church government cannot be without Christ.

2. Authority----Strong's Ref. # 1849

Romanies Aizoaceae

Pronounced ex_OO_see'_ah

From GSN1832 (in the sense of ability); privilege, i.e. (subjectively) force, capacity, competency, freedom, or (objectively) mastery (concretely, magistrate, superhuman, potentate, token of control), delegated influence:

KEV__authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength.

a. God has given Jesus the authority over the church. Jesus, from now on, gives delegated influence to the Church. Jesus does not want to control the church in the sense monarchy. He wants to delegate certain points of HIS AUTHORITY to the church. This delegated authority is the government of the church until the coming of Christ.

3. Power---Strong's Ref. # 1411

Romanies dynamize

Pronounced do'_Nam_is

From GSN1410; force (literally or figuratively); specially, miraculous power (usually by implication, a miracle itself):

KEV__ability, abundance, meaning, might (_icy, _y, _y deed), (worker of) miracle (_s), power, strength, violence, mighty (wonderful) work.

a. Jesus has been given the headship over the church. He has the absolute power over the church. He has an abundance of complete divine power poured upon the church through which the Holy Spirit wills.

4. Lordship---Strong's Ref. # 2963

Romanies kuriotes

Pronounced koo_ree'_ot'_ace

From GSN2962; mastery, i.e. (concretely and collectively) rulers:

KEV__dominion, government.

a. Lordship is His dominion and His government over the church. We try to make our own government. Then we trample on the dominion and government of Christ.

5. Name---- Strong's Ref. # 3686

Romanies onoma

Pronounced on'_om_ah

From a presumed derivative of the base of GSN1097 (compare GSN3685); a "name" (literally or figuratively) [authority, character]:

KEV__called, (+ sur_) name (_d).

a. The name of Christ is set before us for all to see. It is His name that declares all things into being. Within His name lies all character and authority; we cannot operate as the church without His name. We would be a useless and powerless force without His name.

3. God's Order exposed through His gifts

a. I Corinthians 12: **4. *There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit.***

5. *There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord.*

6. *There are different kinds of working, but the same God works all of them in all men.*

7. *Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

1. The order of God is shown through the distributing of the gifts to the Body.

a. Holy Spirit — Power and give the gifts

1. Strong's Ref. # 5486

Romanies charisma

Pronounced khar'_is_mah

From GSN5483; a (divine) gratuity, i.e. deliverance (from danger or passion); (specifically) a (spiritual) endowment, i.e. (subjectively) religious qualification, or (objectively) miraculous faculty:

KEV__ (free) gift.

b. Jesus----- The giver and director of the ministry gifts and callings

1. Strong's Ref. # 1248

Romanies diakonia

Pronounced dee_ak_on_ee'_ah

From GSN1249; attendance (as a servant, etc.); figuratively (eleemosynary) aid, (official) service (especially of the Christian teacher, or techn. of the diaconate):

KEV__ (ad_) minister (_ing, _tration, _try), office, relief, service (_ing).

C. God----- The Producer of all things and workings within the Body.

1. Strong's Ref. # 1755

Romanies energema

Pronounced en_erg'_ay_mah

From GSN1754; an effect:

KEV__operation, working.

B. His Order in Creation (Genesis 1: 1-31)

1. He created light first and separated it from Darkness. He needs the light separated from the darkness in order for the light to bring heat to the earth.

2. He separated the waters and made the sky. If He had separated the land and the water first. Where would the sky be?

3. He created land next. Land was going to be the container of human life.

4. God created the stars, Milky Ways, galaxies, and other celestial bodies. These would be used to declare seasons and changes upon the earth. He made the sun and the moon that also govern the seasons of the earth.

5. He created fish and sea dwelling creatures and He created air dwelling creatures.

6. He created all land dwelling creatures. Then He created male and female of the human species. He created us last. He created man last but gave him ruler ship or dominion over the garden.

A. **Genesis 1: 28. *God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and over every living creature that moves on the ground."***

1. God used man to bring order to His newly created world.

A. Subdue it-----Strong's Ref. # 3533

Romanies kabash

Pronounced kaw_bash'

A primitive root; to tread down; hence, negatively, to disregard; positively, to conquer, subjugate, violate:

KEV__bring into bondage, force, keep under, subdue, and bring into subjection.

B. Rule----Strong's Ref. # 7287

Romanies radah

Pronounced raw_daw'

A primitive root; to tread down, i.e. subjugate; specifically, to crumble off:

KEV__ (come to, make to) have dominion, prevail against, reign, (bear, make to) rule, (_r, over), take.

C. His order in Heaven

1. God has an order even in heaven. Each heavenly creature has a place in God's kingdom.

2. God has given authority and position to heavenly being. (Jude 6)

A. God's order in Heaven

1. Cherubim- seem to be guarded angels

A. Genesis 3: 23. *So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.*

24. *After he drove the man out, he placed on the East Side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.*

B. The cherubim seemed to be used as designed over the Ark of the Covenant. They may be the guardians of God's presence.

1. Exodus 25: 18. *And make two cherubim out of hammered gold at the ends of the cover.*

19. *Make one cherub on one end and the second cherub on the other; make the cherubim of one piece with the cover, at the two ends.*

20. *The cherubim are to have their wings spread upward, overshadowing the cover with them. The cherubim are to face each other, looking toward the cover.*

21. *Place the cover on top of the ark and put in the ark the Testimony, which I will give you.*

22. *There, above the cover between the two cherubim that are over the ark of the Testimony, I will meet with you and give you all my commands for the Israelites.*

C. The Cherubim is used by God to ride on.

1. II Samuel 22: 7. *In my distress I called to the LORD; I called out to my God. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came to his ears.*

8. *"The earth trembled and quaked, the foundations of the heavens shook; they trembled because he was angry.*

9. *Smoke rose from his nostrils; consuming fire came from his mouth, burning coals blazed out of it.*

10. *He parted the heavens and came down; dark clouds were under his feet.*

11. *He mounted the cherubim and flew; he soared on the wings of the wind.*

12. *He made darkness his canopy around him__ the dark rain clouds of the sky.*

13. *Out of the brightness of his presence bolts of lightning blazed forth.*

14. *The LORD thundered from heaven; the voice of the Most High resounded.*

15. *He shot arrows and scattered [the enemies], bolts of lightning and routed them.*

16. *The valleys of the sea were exposed and the foundations of the earth laid bare at the rebuke of the LORD, at the blast of breath from his nostrils.*

2. Seraphim's-- seem to declare God's holiness through fire.

A. Seraphim means fiery

B. Isaiah 6:1. *In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord seated on a throne, high and exalted, and the train of his robe filled the temple.*

2. *Above him were seraphs, each with six wings: With two wings they covered their faces, with two they covered their feet, and with two they were flying.*

3. *And they were calling to one another: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD Almighty; the whole earth is full of his glory."*

4. *At the sound of their voices the doorposts and thresholds shook and the temple was filled with smoke.*

5. *"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the LORD Almighty."*

6. *Then one of the seraphs flew to me with a live coal in his hand, which he had taken*

with tongs from the altar.

7. With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

3. Arch Angels

A. Jude 9

4. Messenger angels

A. There seemed to be angels in the bible that God used to bring messages.

1. Genesis 19:1, Genesis 32:1-2, John 20:12, Luke 1:19

5. Warring Angels

A. Psalm 78: **49.** *He unleashed against them his hot anger, his wrath, indignation and hostility__ a band of destroying angels.*

B. II Thessalonians 1:7

6. Farmer angels

A. Matthew 13: **34.** *Jesus spoke all these things to the crowd in parables; he did not say anything to them without using a parable.*

35. So was fulfilled what was spoken through the prophet: "I will open my mouth in parables, I will utter things hidden since the creation of the world."

36. Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field."

37. He answered, "The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.

38. The field is the world and the good seed stands for the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one,

39. And the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

40. "As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.

41. The Son of Man will send out his angels and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.

42. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

43. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He, who has ears, let him hear.

B. Angels with trumpets

1. Matthew 24:31, Revelation 8-9

7. Personal angels

A. Matthew 18: **10.** *"See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of my Father in heaven.*

8. Ministering Angels

A. Mark 1: 13. *And he was in the desert forty days, being tempted by Satan. He was with the wild animals, and angels attended him.*

B. Hebrews 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?

9. Four Beasts and 24 elders

A. Revelation 4:1-11

D. The Dispensation of God.

1. Dispensation means the ordering of events under divine authority.

2. The dispensation of God shows how our God is a God of order. He has arranged certain events for certain times according to his great knowledge and wisdom.

3. Before the Dispensation of Divine Government there were four dispensations that were in effect.

A. The dispensations of

1. Innocence in the garden
2. Human corruption
3. Human order
4. Godly promise

3. This dispensation simply shows the order of things before us.

A. Three dispensations of Divine Government.

1. Dispensation of the Law

A. I Corinthians 10: 1-4

1. The law served its purpose with God toward man. God had placed it in the right order for all of mankind.

2. The bible says that the law was the schoolmaster for us.

A. Galatians **3:24. Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.**

25. But after that faith is come, we are no longer under a schoolmaster.

26. For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

2. Dispensation of the gospel

A. I Corinthians **9:16. For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!**

17. For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me.

18. What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.

1. Paul was declaring he was under the stewardship or administration of the gospel. If he did not preach it what reward would he have? If he charged for the gospel, then he would abuse the power behind the gospel. The gospel has been paid for. We are under its dispensation. How much will we be rewarded, if we preach the gospel beyond the call or office assigned to us?

B. The dispensation of the gospel is also the dispensation of grace.

1. Ephesians 3:1-4

3. The Dispensation of the Fullness of Times

A. Ephesians **1:9. Having made known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he hath purposed in himself:**

10. That in the dispensation of the fullness of times he might gather together in one all things in Christ, both which are in heaven, and which are on earth; even in him:

11. In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worked all things after the counsel of his own will:

12. That we should be to the praise of his glory, who first trusted in Christ.

B. The dispensation of the fullness of times is where God gathers all things together. It is the end of all ages. He is the ruler over all and is all and all.

E. The Divine Order within the Body.

1. God has an order that must take place within the Body. Following this order in this hour is vital for us. When God's order is in position, the church or the Body of Christ is a powerful force not to reckon with.

2. Order in the Church

A. We all have gifts. We must not be like the world in their corrupt leadership and allow politics to flow in the church.

1. Romans 12: **2. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is his good, pleasing and perfect will.**

3. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.

4. Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function,

5. So in Christ we who are many form one body and each member belongs to all the others.

6. We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying, let him use it in proportion to his faith.

7. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach;

8. if it is encouraging, let him encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully.

9. Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

2. Even as leaders of a church, the Bible warns us not to be more highly than we ought. God's divine order in the church comes through the right kind of leadership.

3. The Five ministry gifts

A. Ephesians 4: 7-19

1. Paul makes a plea again for us too not to be like the world. The politics of the world leave people following their own selfish desires. It gives people a false hope. It allows them to stay in their sin. This is what happens when we do not have the right government in our churches. God is calling us to come back to what He has formed and ordained.

4. The Different members of the Body.

A. I Corinthians 12: 4-31

Lesson # 3:.....Questions

1. What does Divine Government mean?
2. Why is godly order so important in today's world?
3. How does heaven declare or support the truth about Divine order?
4. Did Jesus set up a Divine Government amount the apostles?
5. What gifts did Jesus leave for us and what are their functions?
6. Does everyone in the Body of Christ have a purpose and destiny with God?

Lesson # 4:.....The Final Destination

- Becoming apart of the Bride

1. In order to become a part of the Bride one must understand who the Bride is.

- a. We must understand that we are the Bride of Christ and Christ is the Bridegroom.

1. John 3:

26. And they came unto John, and said unto him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond Jordan, to whom thou barest witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him.

27. John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

28. Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but that I am sent before him.

29. He that hath the bride is the bridegroom: but the friend of the bridegroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridegroom's voice: this my joy therefore is fulfilled.

30. He must increase, but I must decrease.

31. He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and speaketh of the earth: he that cometh from heaven is above all.

- b. The Bride of Christ is not the western church. The Bride of Christ is a city reprised of many different individuals.



1. Rev. 21:2 (KJV)

- And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

- c. The Bride of Christ is the wife of Christ which means we have honorable rights to perform here on earth until the Lord returns.



1. Rev. 21:9 (KJV)

And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

d. The Bride of Christ is suppose to be in unison with the Spirit.

1. Rev. 22:17 (KJV)

And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

e. Bride of Christ Consists of Four groups of Believers.

1. Old Testament Saints (Hebrews 11: 10-16)

2. All New Testament Saints and those of us living today. (John 14: 1-3)

3. The 144,000 Jews (Revelation 14: 1-5)

4. Every believer who suffers and dies in the Great Tribulation (Revelation

7:9)

2. Becoming apart of the Bride of Christ simply means turning your heart over to the Lord and living for Him forever.

a. Coming to Christ means surrendering or denying one's self.

1. **Matthew 16:24 (KJV)**

Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

b. It means living a life of Holiness separate from the world's lustful desires.

1. 2 Cor. 6:14-18 (KJV)

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? [15] And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? [16] And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. [17] Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, [18] And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

c. It means preparing the way of the Lord.

d. It means waiting patiently for His return.

e. It means being ready to take your place in the Millennial reign of Christ.

▪ **Waiting for the Bride Groom**

1. We are an impatient people by nature. We want everything to come quickly and we want it to be perfect. Well the waiting for Christ is a patient one. It is a task within it's self. Many believers have given up on the Lord's return and have turn back to their old wicked ways. The scripture tells us that in the last days many will turn from the Faith.

a. **2 Tim. 4:1-5 (KJV)**

I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; [2] Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. [3] For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; [4] And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. [5] But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry.

1. Paul told Timothy to stay true to the word of God for many will turn away from the Faith. It makes you wonder what their faith was about in the first place. This passage of Scripture tells us what we should be doing while we wait for our Bridegroom.

a. Preach the Word

b. Be instant in season and out of season.

c. Reprove (means to bring conviction)

d. Rebuke (means to find fault with)

e. Exhort with longsuffering and doctrine (bring correction and encouragement through longsuffering and the word of God.)

f. Watch out for evil attacks and tricks from the enemy

g. Endure afflictions

h. Do the work of an evangelist (Preach the gospel to everyone you can)

i. Make full proof of your ministry. (Make sure that you are being faithful to what God has put within you hands.)

2. We are called to wait for the Lord's return.

a. **Galatians 5:5 (KJV)**

For we through the Spirit wait for the hope of righteousness by faith.

1 Thes. 1:10 (KJV)

And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

b. We are called to wait for His glorious return. We are to walk in His holiness until He returns and stands before us.

c. There is much confusion about the Return of Christ. There are many different beliefs about the Coming of Christ. I have listed them below.

1. Posttribulational (means that the believers will be on the earth throughout the tribulation until Christ returns.)
2. Midtribulational view (means the rapture will occur at the mid point of the 7 years of the Great Tribulation.)
3. Pre-wrath view (means that the rapture takes place at three quarters of the way through the tribulation period.)
4. Pre tribulation Rapture (means the church will be raptured before the Great Tribulation)
5. Preterism (means that most of the Revelation was fulfilled in the First Century. We are waiting for the Return after the Tribulation.)
6. Historism (means a progressive and continuous flow of prophecy.)
7. Premillennial (means most all of the prophecies about Christ has not been fulfilled yet. They believe Christ second coming does not occur until after the 1,000 year reign of the Saints.)
8. Amillennialism (means that this is not a literal thousand year reign of Christ and that Christians are to simply live their lives righteously before God and man.)

3. The Physical Return of Christ.

a. I am not going to get into much debate of which of these before mention are the right choices of belief for the believer. However, I will declare that there is a Physical Return of Christ and the church better be ready!

1. Christ is returning to restore Israel and prepare it for His reign.

a. **Acts 15:16-19 (KJV)**

After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up: [17] That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles, upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. [18] Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. [19] Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles are turned to God:

b. **Amos 9:11-15 (KJV)**

In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: [12] That they may possess the remnant of Edom, and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the Lord that doeth this. [13] Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. [14] And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. [15] And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the Lord thy God.

2. Christ is coming to physically reign on this earth and those of us that are in His will come with Him. At some point there will be a resurrection of all saints.

a. **1 Thes. 3:12-13 (KJV)**

And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you: [13] To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints.

b. There will a resurrection for all saints. Those that are in spirit with the Lord now will be reunited with their new glorified bodies. Those that are present day believers will be changed through the power of God. (I Corinthians 15, John 5:28-29,)

1. There will be a second coming of Christ and we will be changed with Him.

a. (1 Cor. 15:23,51-54; John 14:1-3; Luke 21:34-36; 2 Cor. 5:1-8; Ephes. 5:27; Phil. 3:11,20-21; 1 Thes. 2:19; 1 Thes. 3:13; 1 Thes. 4:13-17; 1 Thes. 5:9,23; *2 Thes. 2:1,7, Col. 3:4; James 5:7-8; 1 John 2:28; 1 John 3:2; 1 Peter 5:4)

3. Christ will conquer the enemies army on the Day of the Lord's return.

a. **Joel 3:2 (KJV)**

I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

Joel 3:12 (KJV)

Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.

Zech. 12:11 (KJV)

In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

b. Jesus, the saints, and the angels will come destroy the power of the enemy.

a. **Jude 1:14-15 (KJV)**

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, [15] To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

c. The Armies of the World will try to overcome the Lord and his armies.

1. **Rev. 16:13-14 (KJV)**

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. [14] For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

4. Christ and His armies will conquer of the demonic influences and Christ will through Satan into the pit for 1000 years. For 1000 Years, there will be

an effort to see the whole world convert to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (Zecariah 14)

- Life in the Millennium and throughout Eternity.

1. What will life be like in the Millennial Reign of Christ?

- A. There will be nations which proceed into the Millennial reign of Christ. They will have the choice to follow Christ or not. They will have the right to sin or not, but if sin occurs there will quick punishment.

1. **Isaiah 65:20 (KJV)**

There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

2. **Isaiah 65:22 (KJV)**

They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

- B. Satan will be bound for 1,000 years. This is important because Satan is the tempter of mankind. The sinful nature man will still exists but they will not have the combating thoughts of temptation coming at them. They will truly have free choice without alien influence.

1. **Rev. 20:1-10 (KJV)**

And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. [2] And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, [3] And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season. [4] And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. [5] But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. [6] Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years. [7] And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, [8] And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. [9] And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. [10] And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and

brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

C. Christ will reign and rule. He will set up a Theocracy for all mankind.

1. Hebrews 2: 7-8; Matthew 25: 31-46

D. The Saints will rule and reign with Christ during the Millennial reign. We will be ambassadors of the government of Christ.

1. Rev. 20: 4-6

2. **1 Cor. 6:2-4 (KJV)**

Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? [3] Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? [4] If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least esteemed in the church.

3. **2 Tim. 2:12 (KJV)**

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us:

Hebrews 12:28 (KJV)

Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

Rev. 1:6 (KJV)

And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

E. Everything will be for the preparation for God almighty.

1. Christ will turn over everything to the Father after the thousand years, but first Satan will be loosed again to weaken the nations.

a. **Rev. 20:7-10 (KJV)**

And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, [8] And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. [9] And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. [10] And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

2. What will life be in Eternity with the Lord?

a. New heaven and New earth will appear.

1. Revelation 21-22: 1-3; II Peter 3:10-13

b. All will be turned unto the Father.

1. **1 Cor. 15:28 (KJV)**

And when all things shall be subdued unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all things under him, that God may be all in all.

c. There will be a blanket of God's knowledge which fills the earth.

1. Isaiah 11:9; Zechariah 8:22-23
d. The Saints will live eternally with the Lord. (Revelation 21-22)
e. Satan will be forever conquered.
f. All saints that are apart of the Ressurrection will be apart of the priestly and kingly counsel of God. We will ensure the theocratic work of the Lord throughout eternity.

1. Rev. 1:5-6 (KJV)

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, [6] And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Rev. 5:10 (KJV)

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Rev. 22:4-5 (KJV)

And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads. [5] And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

2. We will follow in the footsteps of our Lord and Savior.

a. Hebrews 3:1 (KJV)

Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus;

Hebrews 4:14 (KJV)

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

Hebrews 10:23 (KJV)

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;)

Conclusion: There is so much more that the Bible declares for us on this side of glory. We are in preparation for what is to come. If we don't learn now then we will not be ready for the coming reign of Christ. There is a Third Day passion which our Lord declares to all who will listen. His passion must be felt within us all. Can you feel it? Can you since the strength of the Lord passionately beating within your heart? May we all be prepared for the Third Day passion of our Lord.

Lesson # 4:.....Questions

1. Who is apart of the Body of Christ?
2. How do we become apart of the Body of Christ?
3. What should we be doing while we wait for the Bridegroom?
4. Is there a physical Second Coming of Christ?
5. What will life be like in the Millennial reign of Christ?
6. What will life be like in Eternity with the Lord?

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