

PARENTING BY THE BOOK
THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

1. REVIEW

A. WE HAVE BEEN DISCUSSING **THE HOLY SPIRIT** IN THE CONTEXT OF **STOPPING SIN PATTERNS IN OUR LIVES...**

1. AND... **IN THE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN.**

a. THIS IS A **PARENTING CLASS**

B. **John 16:13-15 (NASB)** "But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth; for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. "**He will glorify Me**, for He will take of Mine and will disclose it to you. "All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that He takes of Mine and will disclose it to you.

1. THE **PRIMARY WORK** OF **THE HOLY SPIRIT** IS TO **BRING GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST (GOD).**

a. **John 10:27c** "I AND THE FATHER ARE ONE".

2. **SPEAKING IN TONGUES (WITHOUT AN INTREPRETER), HOLY LAUGHTER, DANCING IN THE SPIRIT, AND PROPHESYING IN THE FLESH (ALL MISLABELED AS THE "MANIFESTATIONS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT") ARE ABOUT BRINGING ATTENTION, AND THEREFORE GLORY, TO THE INDIVIDUAL... NOT TO GOD.**

C. **HOW THE "ANNOINTING" OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FLOWS:**

1. THE **HOLY SPIRIT ("THE ANNOINTING")** ENTERS OUR **HUMAN SPIRIT** AT OUR **SALVATION.**

2. THE **HOLY SPIRIT** RECEIVES DATA FROM **JESUS/GOD**

a. **John 10:30 (NASB)** "I and the Father are **one.**"

3. OUR **HUMAN SPIRIT** WHICH IS NOW **ANNOINTED** BY THE **HOLY SPIRIT** SENDS **DATA** TO OUR **SOUL** WHICH IS COMPRISED OF OUR **MIND, WILL, AND EMOTIONS.**

4. OUR **SOUL** SENDS THAT DATA TO OUR **BODY** TELLING OUR **MIND** WHAT TO **THINK**, OUR **EYES** WHAT TO **SEE**, OUR **EARS** WHAT TO **HEAR**, AND OUR **FEET** WHERE TO **GO.**

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- a. **SPIRIT TO SOUL TO BODY...** IN THAT ORDER.
- D. **THE PROBLEM:**
 1. WE HAVE **INFECTION** IN OUR **SOUL** BECAUSE OUR **HUMAN SPIRIT** WAS **INFECTED BY SIN** AT OUR **PHYSICAL BIRTH**.
- E. **THE SOLUTION:**
 1. **CHRISTIANS HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT... AND THE HOLY SPIRIT:**
 - a. **ANNOINTS** THE **HUMAN SPIRIT** MAKING THE **HUMAN SPIRIT ALIVE TO GOD**.
 - b. OUR **HUMAN SPIRIT** **ANNOINTED** BE THE **HOLY SPIRIT** GIVES OUR **SOUL** **NEW DATA FROM GOD**.
 - c. OUR **SOUL** GIVES THAT **NEW DATA** TO OUR **BODY**.
 - d. OUR **BODY** NOW **FUNCTIONS DIFFERENTLY** BECAUSE IT HAS **NEW DATA**.
 2. **THE HOLY SPIRIT AND OUR SIN PROBLEM**
 - A. **PHYSICAL DNA**
 1. WHEN WE WERE **BORN** WE **INHERITED PHYSICAL DNA** FROM OUR **PARENTS**.
 - B. **SIN NATURE**
 1. WE ALSO **INHERITED** A **NATURE** THAT IS PRONE TO **REBEL AGAINST THE STANDARD OF GOD**.
 - a. THAT **SIN NATURE** WAS **TRANSFERRED** INTO OUR **HUMAN SPIRITS** AT **BIRTH**.
 - 1) OUR **HUMAN SPIRIT** **INFECTS** OUR **SOUL** WITH **SIN**.
 - 2) AND OUR **INFECTED SOUL** **DIRECTS** OUR **BODY** TO **ACT OUT THAT SIN**.
 - C. **QUESTION: HOW** DO WE **ADDRESS THIS INFECTION (SIN)**?
 1. **OFTEN** WE TRY TO **REFORM EXTERNALLY**, BUT NOT **INTERNALLY**.
 2. MOST OF THE TIME WE TRY TO **MANAGE THE INFECTION OF SIN** BY **CAMOUFLAGING**:

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- a. THE WAY WE LOOK
 - b. WHERE WE LIVE
 - c. WHAT WE WEAR
 - d. WHAT WE DRIVE
 - e. WHAT WE THINK
 - f. ... WE TRY THO HIDE THE FACT THAT WE HAVE BEEN INFECTED.
3. BUT... THE INFECTIONS OF SIN KEEP SHOWING UP:
- a. IN THE ANGER WE CANNOT HIDE.
 - b. IN THE FEAR WE TRY TO HIDE.
 - c. IN THE LANGUAGE WE SHOULDN'T BE USING.
 - d. IN ADDICTIONS THAT WE KEEP HIDDEN.
 - e. IN JUDGEMENTAL AND CRITICAL SPEECH... OFTEN REGARDING OTHER CHRISTIANS (GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE).
 - f. IN GOSSIPING ABOUT OTHERS... OFTEN REGARDING OTHER CHRISTIANS (GOD'S CHOSEN PEOPLE).
 - g. IN THE SMALLNESS OF OUR FAITH.
 - h. IN DISCOURAGEMENTS AND FAILURES THAT RULE OUR LIVES.
 - i. ... THE INFECTION OF SIN SHOWS UP IN ALL KINDS OF SINFUL CONFIGUTATIONS.
3. THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
- A. 2 Corinthians 3:17 (NASB) Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (FREEDOM).
 - B. 2 Corinthians 3:17 (AMP) Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty [emancipation from bondage, true freedom].

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- C. **John 8:32 (NASB)** and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free."
- D. **"LIBERTY" MEANS TO BE RELEASED FROM ANYTHING OR ANYONE THAT IS ILLEGITIMATELY HOLDING US HOSTAGE.**
1. **SO IF WE ARE BEING BOUND BY SOME SIN (HABIT, CIRCUMSTANCE, ATTITUDE, THOUGHT, OR ACTION) ...**
 - a. **WE HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT INSIDE US TO RELEASE US.**
 2. **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE RELEASE MECHANISM TO FREE US FROM THE SIN PATTERNS THAT HAVE BOUND US.**
 - a. **2 Corinthians 3:17 (NASB)** Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty (FREEDOM).
 3. **HOW?... THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US**
 - a. **2 Corinthians 3:18 (NASB)** But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit (the HOLY SPIRIT).
 - b. **Romans 12:1-2 (NASB)** Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, *which is your spiritual service of worship*. And **do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind**, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.
 - c. **GOD'S GOAL IS TRANSFORMATION... NOT SIN MANAGEMENT...
1) ... BUT SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION.**
 - d. **NOTE: TRANSFORMATION IS A PROCESS.**
 4. **THE ONLY WAY WE KNOW THAT WE ARE GROWING IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE (SANCTIFICATION) IS IF WE ARE CHANGING!**
 - a. **IF WE ARE NOT CHANGING IT MEANS THAT WE ARE NOT GROWING!**

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1) **THE INFECTION OF SIN IS CONTROLLING US.**

b. **NOTE: THE PROGRESSION OF TRANSFORMATION:**

c. **1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NASB)** Now may the God of peace Himself **sanctify you entirely**; and may your **spirit** and **soul** and **body** be **preserved complete** (SANCTIFIED), without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1) **“SPIRIT... SOUL... BODY”**

2) **WE ARE TRANSFORMED (“SANCTIFIED”) FROM OUR SPIRIT TO OUR SOUL TO OUR BODY.**

4. **REVIEW**

A. **THE ANNOINTING PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLS OUR HUMAN SPIRIT (AT SALVATION). OUR HUMAN SPIRIT IS IN OUR SOUL. OUR HUMAN SPIRIT, ANNOINTED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT, PENETRATES OUR SOUL WHICH HAS BEN INFECTED BY SIN. OUR SOUL GIVES THE NEW DATA TO OUR BODY WHICH RESPONDS IN NEW WAYS.**

1. **THE RESULT: WE ARE TRANSFORMED FROM THE INSIDE (OUR SOUL) WHICH AFFECTS HOW WE BEHAVE ON THE OUTSIDE (OUR BODY).**

2. **IN ORDER TO BE FREE FROM SIN WE MUST CHANGE FROM THE INSIDE IN ORDER TO CHANGE FROM TO THE OUTSIDE.**

a. **NOT... FROM THE OUTSIDE TO THE INSIDE.**

5. **James 1:19-25 (NASB)** *This* you know, my **beloved brethren**. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak *and* slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and *all* that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word **implanted**, which is able to **save your souls**. But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his **natural face** in a **mirror**; for **once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately**

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forgotten what kind of person he was. But one who looks intently at the perfect law (GOD'S WORD), the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

- A. "MY BELOVED BRETHEREN" ... JAMES IS TALKING TO CHRISTIANS.
- B. "QUICK TO HEAR" ... WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS.
- C. "SLOW TO SPEAK" ... WHAT OUR POINT OF VIEW IS.
- D. "SLOW TO ANGER" ... WHEN OUR POINT OF VIEW DOES NOT AGREE WITH GOD'S WORD.
- E. "IMPLANTEDED" - "ED" ... WE ALREADY HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT AND HE IS READY TO RECEIVE GOD'S THOUGHTS EXPRESSED IN HIS "WORD".
- F. "ABLE TO SAVE YOUR SOULS" ... OUR "SPIRIT" WAS SAVED AT SALVATION...
 - 1. ... HOWEVER, OUR "SOUL" IS SAVED OVER A PERIOD OF TIME.
- G. "MIRROR" ... GOD'S WORD.
- H. "LIKE A MAN WHO LOOKS AT HIS NATURAL FACE IN A MIRROR" ... BUT DON'T COME TO GOD'S WORD LIKE A MAN LOOKING IN A MIRROR.
 - 1. THE GREEK WORD IS THE WORD FOR MALE.
 - 2. PUT ANOTHER WAY IF YOU WANT TO BE TRANSFORMED BY GOD'S WORD COME LIKE A FEMALE, NOT LIKE A MALE.
 - a. A MALE WILL LOOK IN THE MIRROR, SEE... AND TURN AWAY.
 - 1) FEMALES HANG OUT/STAY IN THE MIRROR, UNTIL THEY FIGURE OUT WHAT TO DO!!
 - 3. IF OUR SOUL IS GOING TO BE TRANSFORMED WE MUST STAY IN THE MIRROR OF GOD'S WORD UNTIL WE SEE OURSELVES IN IT.
 - a. MANY PEOPLE READ GOD'S WORD... BUT DO NOT SEE THEMSELVES IN IT.

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- 1) JAMES SAYS **"ABIDE"** IN GOD'S WORD **UNTIL YOU SEE YOU IN IT!**
- b. NONE OF US CAN SEE OUR FACE WITHOUT A MIRROR.
 - 1) THE MIRROR OF GOD'S WORD **REVEALS THE REALITY OF THE INFECTION OF SIN IN OUR SOUL.**
- I. **"NOT HAVING BECOME A FORGETFUL HEARER BUT AN EFFECTUAL DOER".**
 1. JAMES SAYS, NOW THAT I HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO GOD'S WORD... I HAVE TWO CHOICES:
 - a. **FORGET ABOUT WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS AND DO NOTHING.**
 - b. **DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY AND BE EFFECTIVE ("EFFECTUAL").**
 - 1) **TRANSFORMED.**
 2. IF WE ARE EXPOSED TO GOD'S WORD AND **TAKE NO ACTION... GOD'S WORD WILL NOT BENEFIT US.**
 - a. **NOTE: THE MIRROR/GOD'S WORD TELLS US THE TRUTH!**
- J. **"THAT MAN (THE EFFECTUAL DOER) WILL BE BLESSED IN WHAT HE DOES"**
 1. HE WILL BE **TRANSFORMED**... FROM **SINFULNESS** TO THE IMAGE OF THE LORD = **GODLINESS**.
 - a. **SANCTIFICATION.**
 2. **NO CHANGE = NO TRANSFORMATION**... **GOD LEAVES IT UP TO US**
 - a. **FREE WILL**
- K. **2 Corinthians 3:18 (NASB) But we all, with unveiled face, **beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord**, are being **transformed** into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, **the Spirit**.**

 1. **PAUL SAYS THE TRANSFORMATION THAT JAMES TALKS ABOUT TAKES US FROM ONE LEVEL OF SPIRITUALITY TO ANOTHER... "FROM GLORY TO GLORY".**

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6. NEXT WEEK... THE **KEY** TO ENERGIZING THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES =
"ABIDING".

A. JOHN 15