

PARENTING BY THE BOOK
EMPOWERING THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ORDER TO OVERCOME SIN PATTERNS

1. REVIEW

A. **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 PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS TO BRING GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST/GOD).**

a. **John 10:27c** "I and the Father are **one**".

2. FREEDOM IS A ONE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE LIVES OF CHRISTIANS.

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]**.

C. **John 8:32 (NASB)** and you will **know the truth**, and **the truth** will make you **free.**"

1. **"LIBERTY" MEANS TO BE RELEASED FROM ANYTHING OR ANYONE THAT IS ILLEGITIMATELY HOLDING US HOSTAGE.**

a. **SO IF WE ARE BEING BOUND BY SOME SIN (A HABIT, CIRCUMSTANCE, ATTITUDE, THOUGHT, OR ACTION) ...**

b. **WE HAVE THE POTENTIAL OF THE HOLY SPIRIT INSIDE US TO RELEASE US.**

2. **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS THE RELEASE MECHANISM TO FREE US FROM THE SIN PATTERNS THAT BIND 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.**

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- 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.**
- D. THE ONLY WAY WE KNOW THAT WE ARE **GROWING** IN OUR CHRISTIAN LIFE (SANCTIFICATION) IS **IF WE ARE CHANGING!**
1. IF WE ARE **NOT CHANGING** IT MEANS THAT WE ARE **NOT GROWING!**
 - a. THE INFECTION OF SIN IS **CONTROLLING** US.
 2. **NOTE: THE PROGRESSION OF THE TRANSFORMATION:**
 3. **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.
 - a. "SPIRIT... SOUL... BODY"
 - b. WE ARE **TRANSFORMED** ("SANCTIFIED") FROM OUR **SPIRIT** TO OUR **SOUL** TO OUR **BODY.**
- E. **QUESTION FOR CONSIDERATION:**
1. DO **YOU HAVE** THE HOLY SPIRIT?
- F. **MORE IMPORTANT QUESTION:**

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1. DOES THE HOLY SPIRIT **HAVE YOU?**
2. DO YOU **WANT** THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HAVE **CONTROL** OF YOU?
3. **Amos 3:3 (NLT)** Can two people walk together without agreeing on the direction?
 - a. **ARE YOU SURE OF YOUR ANSWER... WHETHER IT IS YES OR NO?**
 - 1) **ARE YOU SURE THAT YOU WANT TO BE TAKEN OVER BY THE ONE WHO WILL EXPECT OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WRITTEN WORD?**
 - b. **DISCUSS:**
 - 1) **PROS**
 - 2) **CONS**

G. **1 Corinthians 3:10-15 (NASB)** According to the grace of God which was given to me, like a wise master builder I laid a foundation, and another is building on it. But each man must be careful how he builds on it. For no man can lay a foundation other than the one which is laid, **which is Jesus Christ**. Now if any man builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, (...) wood, hay, straw, each man's work will become evident; for the day will show it because it is *to be* revealed with fire, and the fire itself will test the quality of each man's work. If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; **but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.**

1. **THERE ARE TWO INTERPRETATIONS OF WHO THE SUBJECT OF 1 Corinthians chapter 3 IS:**
 - a. **THE CHURCH**
 - b. **AN INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN**
 - c. **FOR THIS LESSON WE ARE FOCUSING ON THE INDIVIDUAL CHRISTIAN = US... ME.**
2. "Now if any man builds on the foundation with **gold, silver, precious stones, (...) wood, hay, straw...**"

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3. A **SPIRITUAL** CHRISTIAN (LIVES LIFE MORE IN THE **SPIRIT**).

a. "... gold, silver, precious stones"

4. A **CARNAL** CHRISTIAN (LIVES LIFE MORE IN THE **FLESH**).

a. "... wood, hay, straw..."

H. "If any man's work which he has built on it remains, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; **but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire...**"

1. **SPIRITUAL CHRISTIAN**

a. "... he will receive a **reward**."

2. **CARNAL CHRISTIAN**

a. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss; **but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire...**"

b. "SAVED, BUT SINGED!"

3. **COMPARISON:**

a. Permanent Passing, temporary

b. Beautiful Ordinary, even ugly

c. Valuable..... Cheap

d. Hard to obtain.... Easy to obtain

I. **NOTE:** BOTH GROUPS ARE **SAVED**... JUSTIFIED BY FAITH.

1. **THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS MAY WELL BE THE ACTIVITY, OR LACK OF ACTIVITY, OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

a. **SPIRITUAL CHRISTIAN -vs- CARNAL CHRISTIAN**

2. **1 Corinthians 2:14-16 (NASB) But a natural man (Carnal Christian) does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually**

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appraised. **But he who is spiritual** appraises all things, yet he himself is appraised by no one. For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? But we have **the mind of Christ** (THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT).

J. **CONCEPTS (THINGS TO CONSIDER) PRIOR TO PREPARATION FOR CULTIVATING A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT SO HE CAN FREE US FROM THE SIN PATTERNS THAT HOLD US HOSTAGE:**

1. BEING **"FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT"** MEANS THAT WE MUST BE **EMPTY OF SELF.**

a. WE CAN NO MORE BE **FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT AND BE FILLED WITH SELF** THAN WE CAN HAVE **PURITY AND IMPURITY AT THE SAME MOMENT IN THE SAME PLACE.**

1) **Ephesians 5:17-18 (NASB)** So then **do not be foolish**, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine (AN EXCESS OF SELF), for that is dissipation (IN THIS CASE LOSS OF THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT), **but be filled with the Spirit,**

2) **1 Thessalonians 5:16-19 (NASB)** Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything **give thanks**; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. **Do not quench the Spirit** (... BY NOT REJOICING, NOT PRAYING, OR NOT GIVING THANKS)

b. **SELF-LOVE, SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS, SELF-ADMIRATION, AND SELF-PITY ARE NOT GODLY ATTRIBUTES.**

1) **THE HOLY SPIRIT CANNOT POSSESS THE SOUL** WHERE SELFISHNESS AND PRIDE RESIDE.

2. RECOGNIZE THAT THE HOLY SPIRIT IS A **LIVING PERSON.**

a. **THE HOLY SPIRIT IS HIMSELF A PERSON, WITH ALL THE QUALITIES AND POWERS OF PERSONALITY.**

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- 1) THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS WILL AND INTELLIGENCE AND FEELING AND KNOWLEDGE AND SYMPATHY AND THE ABILITY TO LOVE AND SEE AND THINK AND HEAR AND SPEAK AND DESIRE... THE SAME AS ANY PERSON HAS.
 - 2) THE HOLY SPIRIT IS GOD, EXISTING IN ANOTHER MODE OF BEING THAN YOU AND I.
 - i. HE EXISTS AS A SPIRIT AND NOT AS MATTER, BUT HE IS GOD... AND HE IS A PERSON.
 3. HONOR JESUS CHRIST BY TRUSTING HIM AND DOING THE THINGS JESUS TELLS US TO DO IN HIS WORD (WALKING IN RIGHTEOUSNESS).
 4. HAVE A CLEAN MIND AND WORK ON HAVING CLEAN THOUGHTS.
 5. START SPENDING TIME MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD.
 - a. NOT JUST READING IT... BUT, MEDITATING ON IT SO YOU CAN UNDERSTAND IT... SO YOU WILL DO IT.
 6. BEGIN THE PRACTICE OF RECOGNIZING THE PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT... EVERYWHERE.
 - a. IS IT LUCK... COINCIDENCE... KARMA... OR IS IT THE HOLY SPIRIT?
3. James 1:25 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.... AND, HE WILL BRING GLORY TO GOD!!
- A. THIS SCRIPTURE IS THE FIRST CLUE TO ONE OF THE WAYS WE EMPOWER THE HOLY SPIRIT TO HELP US OVERCOME SIN PATTERNS IN OUR LIVES!!!
1. "ABIDING" IS WHAT WE DO TO BE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT IN ORDER TO ACTIVATE HIS POWER TO HELP US OVERCOME SIN PATTERNS IN OUR LIVES... AND GLORIFY GOD.

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a. SO THAT **WE CAN HELP OUR CHILDREN OVERCOME THE SIN PATTERNS IN THEIR LIVES... AND GLORIFY GOD.**

1) **PARENTING 101: MORE IS CAUGHT THAN TAUGHT.**

2) **"DO AS I SAY, AND NOT AS I DO" IS A PARENTING OXYMORON.**

i. **OTHER EXAMPLES OF OXYMORONS:** LOVE-HATE, CLEARLY CONFUSED, DEAFENING SILENCE, PRETTY UGLY, ORIGINAL COPIES, MINOR CRISIS, SAME DIFFERENCE, ONLY CHOICE, OLD NEWS, AWFULLY GOOD, SMALL CROWD, PASSIVE AGGRESSIVE, BIG BABY, GROWING SMALLER, GOOD GRIEF, FRIENDLY FIRE, ZERO TOLERANCE, NO CHOICE,... AND MY FAVORITE UNBIASED OPINION!!

B. **John 15:1-11 (NASB)** "I am the true **vine**, and My Father is the **vinedresser**.

"Every **branch** in Me that does not bear **fruit**, He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit. "You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. "**Abide in Me**, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it **abides in the vine**, so neither can you unless you **abide in Me**. "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who **abides in Me** and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. "If anyone does not **abide in Me**, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. "If you **abide in Me**, and My words **abide in you**, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. "My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples. "Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; **abide in My love**. "If you keep My commandments, you will **abide in My love**; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and **abide in His love**. "These things I have spoken to you so that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full.

C. **ABIDING IS WHAT WE DO TO EMPOWER THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

1. **HOW WE ABIDE IS NEXT WEEK'S LESSON**

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a. NEXT WEEK'S LESSON IS THE CULMATION OF THE SERIES ABOUT
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1) "DON'T MISS IT... DON'T EVEN BE LATE!"