

# Intuitive Revelation

## LESSON 1 – OUTLINE

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1. The *Gospel* is more than just “good news”; it’s “nearly-too-good-to-be-true news.”

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.

ROMANS 1:16-17

- A. Christ’s message and the way He loved people unconditionally were both nearly too good to be true! (John 4:10, 8:10-11; and Luke 9:54-56)
  - B. God’s goodness—not the fear of hell—is what leads people to repentance (Rom. 2:4).
  - C. Through Christ’s atonement, everything you need for abundant life—both in heaven to come and on earth here and now—has already been provided.
  - D. All you must do is believe and receive.
2. “But what about the wrath of God?”

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath [past tense] shewed it unto them.

ROMANS 1:18-19, BRACKETS MINE

- A. The reason why you don’t have to preach the wrath of God is because people already know in their hearts that they aren’t in right standing with Him.
  - B. There is a homing device—an intuitive revelation of the existence of God—on the inside of every human being who has ever breathed on this earth.
3. No one will ever stand before God and say, “But I never heard. I never knew You existed!”

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen [not obscurely or vaguely, but clearly seen], being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.

ROMANS 1:20, BRACKETS MINE

A. Even if they haven't heard a preacher preach to them, they've had this inner witness on the inside—and they'll be accountable according to the revelation they have.

B. This is true of every person.

4. When you get still, you can hear this homing device.

Be still, and know that I am God.

PSALM 46:10

A. Prior to salvation, people don't like to be still.

B. Although they use many different terms to describe it—being “bored,” “lonely,” or something similar—this homing device in their hearts is what's speaking to them.

C. What does it say?

i. “You know this isn't right.”

ii. “You shouldn't be living this way.”

iii. “There has to be more to life than this.”

iv. “Where did I come from?”

v. “Where am I going?”

vi. “Who created me?”

D. They must constantly keep themselves busy with something, or this homing device will talk to them and convict them regarding their lifestyles.

5. These four keys in Romans 1:21 describe the steps you take both to walk away from and to draw near to God.

Because that, when they knew God, [1] they glorified him not as God, [2] neither were thankful; but [3] became vain in their imaginations, and [4] their foolish heart was darkened.

ROMANS 1:21, BRACKETS MINE

A. These same four keys expressed positively are:

i. Glorify God.

ii. Be thankful.

iii. Recognize the power of your imagination.

iv. Have a good heart.

B. Depending on how you walk out these four progressive steps in your everyday life, you decide whether or not you'll stay full of God!

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## LESSON 1 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS



1. In Romans 1:16-17, what are we not to be ashamed of?
2. It is the power of God unto \_\_\_\_\_ to everyone who believes.
3. What is revealed in it from faith to faith?
4. What shall the just live by?
  - A. Hope.
  - B. Faith.
  - C. Fear.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
5. Did Jesus show mercy or judgment in John 8:10-11?
6. In Luke 9:54-56, what did the disciples ask Jesus if they could do?
7. Which Old Testament prophet's example were they trying to follow?
  - A. Moses.
  - B. Elijah.
  - C. Elisha.
  - D. Daniel.
8. How did Jesus respond to their idea?
  - A. He rebuked them.
  - B. He commended them.
  - C. He ignored them.
  - D. He agreed.
9. While speaking to the immoral woman in John 4:10, what did Jesus say He would have given her?
10. According to Romans 2:4, what leads us to repentance?
  - A. God's wrath.
  - B. God's justice.
  - C. God's power.
  - D. God's goodness.
11. What does Romans 1:18-19 say about the wrath of God?

12. That which may be known of God is what?
13. What has God done?
14. According to Romans 1:20, how are the invisible things of Him from the creation of the world seen?
  - A. Through a glass darkly.
  - B. Clearly.
  - C. Barely.
  - D. Not at all.
15. How does that leave them?
16. What does Psalm 46:10 command us to do?
17. Put the following four keys to staying full of God, expressed negatively as in Romans 1:21, in their biblical order.
  - A. "Became vain in their imaginations."
  - B. "Neither were thankful."
  - C. "Their foolish heart was darkened."
  - D. "They glorified him not as God."
18. Put the following four keys to staying full of God, expressed positively, in their proper order.
  - A. Have a good heart.
  - B. Recognize the power of your imagination.
  - C. Glorify God.
  - D. Be thankful.

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## LESSON 1 – SCRIPTURES

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ROMANS 1:16-17

When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

JOHN 8:10-11

And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did? But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them. And they went to another village.

LUKE 9:54-56

Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water.

JOHN 4:10

Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?

ROMANS 2:4

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.

ROMANS 1:18-20

Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.


PSALM 46:10

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

ROMANS 1:21

# The Place of Importance

## LESSON 2 – OUTLINE



1. When God touches your life, Satan immediately comes to steal that touch away (Mark 4:15).
  - A. The Enemy does this by trying to get you to quit glorifying God as God.
  - B. If you stop glorifying God as God—and glorifying what He’s done in your life—then you’ll lose the manifestation of that revelation, blessing, healing, or whatever.
  - C. But if you don’t quit glorifying God and what He’s done in your life, you’ll never lose it—and it’ll increase.
2. The Greek word used in Romans 1:21 for *glorify* means “to render or esteem glorious.”
  - A. *Esteem* means “to value, prize, or reverence.”
  - B. When God does something in your life, you place a value upon it, but then Satan immediately comes against that value and competes for it.
  - C. He tries to steal from you the worth and value you’ve placed on the things of God.
  - D. The same thing will happen with this teaching.

When ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:13

3. You place a value on everything that comes into your life.
  - A. The devil comes immediately to attack the value you place on God, His Word, and the manifestation of what He’s done and is doing in your life.
  - B. If you value what God says, then you have to devalue what others say (like a seesaw).
  - C. When criticism and opposition come, will you hold on to what God has said and done, or will you start honoring, prizing, and valuing the acceptance of those people equal to or above God?
  - D. Nobody else can dictate the worth you place on something in your life—it’s your choice.
4. Your love for even your immediate family ought to pale in comparison to your love for Jesus.



If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple...He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

LUKE 14:26 AND MATTHEW 10:37

- A. The contrast between the worth and value you place on God and others should be as different as love and hate.
  - B. In comparison to God and what He's done in your life, you ought to place such a value and worth upon Him that nothing and no one ever competes.
  - C. Compared to how you esteem God, you should disesteem—decrease the worth and value on—everything and everyone else.
5. You cannot truly glorify God and everything else at the same time.
- A. You must esteem one and disesteem everything else.
  - B. Jesus disesteemed the shame associated with His crucifixion.

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising [disesteeming] the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:1-2, BRACKETS MINE

- C. Jesus viewed everything else as worthless compared to what God had said and done—even His own life (Phil. 2:5-8).
6. Paul did the same.

But what things were gain to me, those I [despised, disesteemed] counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-8, BRACKETS MINE

- A. Paul had a different value system.
- B. He actually struggled with whether to stay here or go to heaven.

For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain...For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.

PHILIPPIANS 1:21 AND 23-24

7. The reason you begin to lose the revelation, blessing, and benefit of what God has said and done is because you've placed value on so many other things instead of Him.
  - A. These other things that are important to you are sapping your time, energy, and attention.
  - B. Due to this, what the Lord has done in your life has diminished over time.
  - C. God hasn't changed His attitude toward you and quit giving—you've let something else occupy the place of importance in your life that was meant for God alone.

# The Place of Importance

## LESSON 2 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS



1. According to Mark 4:15, who comes immediately to steal?
2. What does he try to steal?
3. What is the first step away from the knowledge of God, as revealed in Romans 1:21?
  - A. “Neither were thankful.”
  - B. “Became vain in their imaginations.”
  - C. “They glorified him not as God.”
  - D. “Their foolish heart was darkened.”
4. According to 1 Thessalonians 2:13, is it possible to receive the Word of God that you have heard as the word of men?
5. In what kind of person does the Word of God work effectually?
6. According to Matthew 10:37 and Luke 14:26, a true disciple must love Jesus much more than whom?
  - A. Spouse and parents.
  - B. Children and siblings.
  - C. Extended family and friends.
  - D. Their own life.
  - E. All of the above.
  - F. None of the above.
7. Hebrews 12:1-2 reveals that we are surrounded by what?
8. In light of this truth, what should we do?
  - A. Lay aside every weight.
  - B. Lay aside the sin, which so easily besets us.
  - C. Run with patience the race that is set before us.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
9. Who should we keep our eyes focused on?
10. How was Jesus able to endure the cross?
11. What three words best describe the Lord in Philippians 2:5-8?
  - A. Jesus humbled Himself.
  - B. Jesus exalted Himself.
  - C. Jesus considered Himself.
  - D. Jesus served Himself.

12. In Philippians 3:7-8, what did Paul count as loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus his Lord?
13. How did he count them—that he may win Christ?
14. In Philippians 1:21, Paul said, “To live is \_\_\_\_\_, and to die is \_\_\_\_\_.”
15. In Philippians 1:23-24, what did Paul desire?
16. However, what was more needful for the Philippians?

# The Place of Importance

## LESSON 2 – SCRIPTURES

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And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts.

MARK 4:15

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

ROMANS 1:21

For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe.

1 THESSALONIANS 2:13

If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

LUKE 14:26

He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me.

MATTHEW 10:37

Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:1-2

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

PHILIPPIANS 2:5-8

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PHILIPPIANS 1:21 AND 23-24

# “God Loves Me!”

## LESSON 3 – OUTLINE

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1. God supernaturally revealed His love to me in a Saturday night prayer meeting.
  - A. It was March 23, 1968, and I was eighteen years old.
  - B. God’s unconditional love was no longer an abstract concept to me—it was real!
  - C. For the next four-and-a-half months, I literally experienced God’s supernatural love transforming my life.
2. Satan tried to get me to value man’s opinion more than what God had revealed to me.
  - A. If I had begun placing value on that, then my value, worth, and reverence for what God had said would have started coming down, and I would have begun losing the revelation of it.
  - B. When these people—whom I respected, had tried to please, and had tried to gain their acceptance—started ragging on me, I just turned away.
  - C. I maintained the same relative worth and value on the things of God, and because of this, God’s supernatural, unconditional love that He had given me didn’t diminish.
3. Your love for God ought to make your love for your parents, spouse, children, and friends look like hate in comparison (Luke 14:26).
  - A. You should love them, but your love and intimacy with the Lord should far surpass it.
  - B. You’ll run into problems when your relative worth for these things, such as relationships, the recognition of others, and your career is too close to your worth for God.
  - C. These things are okay in their proper place, but what if loving, following, and speaking for God costs you relationships, career, or acceptance?
  - D. Would you do whatever the Lord asked you, or would your relative worth be too close?
4. At one time or another, the Lord has touched you in a significant way.
  - A. Then Satan came at you in a myriad of ways in order to get you to place value on something other than God.

- B. He attacked that Word and the worth you placed on it in an attempt to get your identity off of what God said.
  - C. If you've lost the manifestation of your joy, peace, healing, or revelation, it's because somewhere along the way you quit glorifying God.
5. I've had terrible things happen in my life, but they've just been momentary flashes.
- A. Any discouragement or depression I've felt has never lasted more than an hour or so.
  - B. Since 1968, there hasn't been a full day that I haven't had peace and joy.
  - C. I place value and worth on the fact that God loves me.
  - D. I've spent a huge amount of time glorifying—esteeming, placing value and worth on—what God has done in my life, and because of that, it's only grown stronger and gotten better.
6. The reason you're a leaky vessel is because you aren't valuing what God has done in your life above all else.
- A. You're esteeming other things equal to, close to, or greater than the Lord and His opinion of you.
  - B. You need to intentionally glorify God and disesteem everything else.  
  
For the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame.  
HEBREWS 12:2
- C. You are the one who determines the value of everything in your life.
  - D. You're the one who determines that you can't live with or without all these things—but you can always change your determination!



# "God Loves Me!"


## LESSON 3 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS



1. According to Luke 14:26, what should your love for God make your love for your parents, spouse, children, and friends look like in comparison?
2. Which of these people compete with your love for God the most?
  - A. Parents.
  - B. Spouse.
  - C. Children.
  - D. Friends.
3. In this Lesson, Andrew shared how the devil tried to use certain people in his life to steal away the Word. Describe a time in your life when you experienced this too. What did you do? How did things turn out?
4. What did Jesus set before Himself in Hebrews 12:2?
5. What did this enable Him to do?
6. How did Jesus handle the shame?
7. What is it that you need to despise (disesteem) today?
8. What joy should you set before yourself today?

# “God Loves Me!”

## LESSON 3 – SCRIPTURES



And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit.

EPHESIANS 5:18

If any man come to me, and hate not his father, and mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple.

LUKE 14:26

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:2

# What Do You Value?

## LESSON 4 – OUTLINE

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1. The Greek word rendered “magnify” in Romans 11:13 is the same one translated “glorified” in Romans 1:21.

For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office.

ROMANS 11:13

- A. Therefore, *magnify* and *glorify* can be used interchangeably.
- B. To glorify God is to magnify Him.
2. *Magnify* means “to make bigger.”
  - A. Technically speaking, you can’t affect God’s actual size and greatness.
  - B. However, as far as your perception and experience of Him goes, you can make God bigger or smaller in your life.
  - C. It all depends on how you think.
3. Depending on the choices you make and the things you focus on, you can either magnify God and diminish your problems—or vice versa.
  - A. The sad truth is that most of us have become masters at making the smallest, most insignificant things bigger while minimizing God and His Word.
  - B. What’s bothering you today?
  - C. Even if the Lord doesn’t intervene and fix this situation you’re so upset about, in twelve months you’ll forget it.
  - D. The reason so many people are so messed up emotionally today is because they have misplaced values.
  - E. You’re the one who magnifies or minimizes everything that comes into your life.
4. The way you magnify the Lord and make Him bigger is by glorifying, praising, and thanking Him.
  - A. Find someone in the Word who had a similar situation and overcame it.

- B. Meditate on it and make these things more real to you than what your bank account, relatives, friends, or even what your own mind says.
  - C. You need to get to a place where God's Word is true, and the Lord is far bigger than the situation (2 Chr. 20:20-22).
5. All Satan has to do after the Lord moves in your life is to put you in a situation where you compromise in some way or another.
- A. You have all these other things that are so important to you that you have to maintain, so you walk away from the revelation of God.
  - B. God's love, joy, peace, healing, anointing, presence—or anything else—is there for you now the same as the moment you experienced Him.
  - C. You can go back and refresh those things in your life by glorifying God.
  - D. God never stopped releasing (transmitting), but you quit receiving (Rom. 11:29).
6. Receive by faith what the Lord has already provided by grace.

- A. In the midst of David's darkest moment, he magnified God.

David encouraged himself in the LORD his God

1 SAMUEL 30:6

- B. You can choose to get down, bawl and squall, gripe and complain—or you can choose to magnify and glorify God.
  - C. Sometimes I have to literally shut out what's going on in my life and force myself to focus on God.
7. The reason some of us don't operate in more faith is because we haven't spent any time magnifying God and verbally acknowledging that He's bigger than our problems.
- A. Abraham was...

Strong in faith, [How?] giving glory to God.

ROMANS 4:20, BRACKETS MINE

- B. When you magnify and glorify Him, your faith rises and anything is possible.

All things are possible to him that believeth.

MARK 9:23

8. Your relationship with the Lord is really the only thing that matters in your life.
  - A. As you consistently place the appropriate value and worth upon it, you'll stay full of healing, joy, peace, deliverance, anointing, power—whatever you need.
  - B. You are the one who determines how full you are; God isn't the one who decides.
  - C. True revival is simply you becoming so full of God that you overflow onto someone else.

# What Do You Value?

## LESSON 4 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS



1. According to Romans 11:13, what was Paul's office?
2. What did he do with this office?
3. Which word in Romans 1:21 is translated from the same Greek word as "magnify" in Romans 11:13?
4. In 2 Chronicles 20:20-22, what did Jehoshaphat admonish the people to do?
5. If they did, what did he say would happen?
6. What did the appointed singers do?
7. What did the Lord do when His people began to sing and praise?
8. What did the Lord have against His people in Revelation 2:4?
9. According to Romans 11:29, what are without repentance?
  - A. The wrath of God.
  - B. The gifts of God.
  - C. The judgment of God.
  - D. The calling of God.
10. In light of this truth, will God ever change His mind and take away from you something He's given?
11. According to 1 Samuel 30:6, who encouraged David in the darkest moment of his life?
12. According to Romans 4:20, how was Abraham strong in faith?
13. In Mark 9:23, what is possible?
14. To whom?

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## LESSON 4 – SCRIPTURES

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For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office.

ROMANS 11:13

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

ROMANS 1:21

As they went forth, Jehoshaphat stood and said...Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever. And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten.

2 CHRONICLES 20:20-22

Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

REVELATION 2:4

For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

ROMANS 11:29

And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake of stoning him, because the soul of all the people was grieved, every man for his sons and for his daughters: but David encouraged himself in the LORD his God.

1 SAMUEL 30:6

He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God.

ROMANS 4:20

Jesus said unto him, If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.

MARK 9:23

# Set Joy Before You

## LESSON 5 – OUTLINE

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1. Most people don't value the things of God properly.
  - A. When we begin valuing the opinions and experiences of others more than what God says in His Word and what He's done in our lives, we turn insensitive.
  - B. The blessing, benefit, and joy from what God has done in our lives starts wearing off when we quit placing the proper value on it.
2. Not only do you need to put a positive value on what God has said and done in your life, but you also need to devalue anything else that comes against you.
  - A. It's a two-edged sword.
  - B. Just like Jesus despised the shame of the cross and kept joy in front of Himself, you need to disesteem your situation and keep joy in front of yourself.
3. If you ever do anything that amounts to anything, if you ever touch someone else's life, if you ever succeed in any endeavor, there will be problems between you and that success.
  - A. The person who succeeds is the one who can look past those problems, hurts, and pains and actually glorify, magnify, and esteem the solution.
  - B. They can see beyond the cost and value the answer above it.
4. Your thoughts either magnify or shrink everything.
  - A. It's not what happens to you that's important, but how you perceive and process it.
  - B. When you magnify negative things, they become insurmountable.
  - C. But you can also take huge things and disesteem or shrink them.
  - D. If Jesus could take the cross and the shame associated with it and disesteem it, then you can despise and reduce anything that comes against you to nothing (Heb. 12:2).
5. If you put the proper value and worth on God and spiritual things, nothing in this life can compare.

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

PSALM 34:1



- A. You can disesteem and devalue anything in this life so that nothing can bother you or steal your joy.
  - B. Most of what we worry about is so insignificant.
  - C. The reason things are so big to us is because God is so small.
  - D. If you would exalt, magnify, and value the Lord properly, He would become so big to you that all this other stuff wouldn't even matter.
  - E. Once you get that attitude, you'll find that everything else in the natural will work better for you.
6. Jesus set this joy before Himself, and that allowed Him to endure the cross.
- A. If you aren't enduring, it's probably because you don't have any joy set before you that you're focusing on.
  - B. You can get so close to your problem that you can't see anything else, and you think the whole world is falling apart because of it.
  - C. You need to focus on something other than what's going on right now.
  - D. Lift up your eyes and look somewhere other than just down at your feet and what's going on.
  - E. Jesus overlooked His problem, which is what enabled Him to endure it.
  - F. He disesteemed the shame and focused on the joy—and you can too!

# Set Joy Before You

## LESSON 5 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS



1. According to Romans 1:21, put the four progressive steps in their biblical order of how people walk away from a revelation of God's existence, His hatred for sin, and how we're accountable to Him:
  - A. "Became vain in their imaginations."
  - B. "They glorified him not as God."
  - C. "Their foolish heart was darkened."
  - D. "Neither were thankful."
2. According to Hebrews 12:2, what did Jesus focus His attention on?
3. What did He despise?
4. Where is He now?
5. According to Psalm 34:1, when should we bless the Lord?
6. When should His praise be in our mouths?
7. Is there any situation, scenario, or circumstance where we can't praise and bless the Lord?

# Set Joy Before You

## LESSON 5 – SCRIPTURES



Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

ROMANS 1:21

Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

HEBREWS 12:2

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

PSALM 34:1

# It's Always Better to Choose God!

## LESSON 6 – OUTLINE

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1. Moses esteemed suffering, rejection, and persecution as being more valuable than all the treasures of Egypt.

By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures in Egypt: for he had respect unto the recompence of the reward.

HEBREWS 11:24-26

- A. Moses was second in command of the world superpower of his day.
  - B. He was a general who held a great position of authority, but he esteemed God's will above all this wealth and power.
2. The reason you sometimes struggle to do God's will is because of the value you place on other things.
    - A. You will do what you value, prize, and respect the most.
    - B. Therefore, the problem isn't knowing the right thing to do.
    - C. Our values are so skewed that we can't make the right decisions, because we feel we're losing so much.
  3. *Respect* means "to look away from everything but."
    - A. Moses looked away from everything but his reward.
    - B. He refused to sit down, count, and dwell on all the different things he was giving up.
    - C. He turned away from everything and became single minded on what God had promised him.
  4. Choosing God will always, always, always work out to your best interests!
    - A. When you choose God's way, it'll always work out better for you in the end.
    - B. But if you say "Lord, if I do what You're asking me to do, I'll have to give up this and that!" that's the problem.
    - C. You just need to change your value system and disesteem everything else.

5. Paul considered everything he had—all of his education, degrees, and accomplishments—as worthless compared to knowing God.

But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ.

PHILIPPIANS 3:7-8

- A. The Greek word for “count” is used in Hebrews 11:26 where the Bible says that Moses esteemed the persecution that came with serving God as greater riches than all of Egypt’s treasures.
- B. Paul valued God and disesteemed everything else.
- C. The worth he placed on all of his education and accomplishments was equal to dung.
6. Every person in the Bible who ever did anything important glorified God.
- A. They put more value and worth on what God said and His plan for their life than anything else.
- B. They simply loved God more than they loved themselves.
- C. You need to get to the place where you value the things of God more than you value your things.
- D. When the Lord is worth more to you than even your own life, the Christian life becomes easy.
7. Most people believe that God will make them do something they don’t want to do.
- A. That’s not how He works at all!
- B. God will put His desires in your heart.

Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

PSALM 37:4

- C. When you’re delighting yourself in the Lord—valuing and esteeming Him more than anything else—you can do what you want to do because your desires will change.
- D. If the Lord wants to send you to the uttermost parts of the earth—and you’ve been delighting yourself in Him—you won’t be happy anywhere else but the uttermost parts of the earth.

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## LESSON 6 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS



1. According to Hebrews 11:24-26, what did Moses refuse?
2. What did he choose instead?
3. What did he give up?
4. What did Moses esteem as greater riches than the treasures in Egypt?
5. Why?
6. How did Moses do all of this?
7. According to Philippians 3:7-8, what did Paul count as loss for Christ?
8. For what did he count all things but loss?
9. He counted them as dung that he might what?
10. What does Psalm 37:4 command us to do?
11. As we do, what does God promise?

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# Thankfulness Glorifies God

## LESSON 7 – OUTLINE

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1. The second key to staying full of God is to be thankful.

Neither were thankful.

ROMANS 1:21

- A. Glorifying, magnifying, and thanking God are all interrelated and intertwined.

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

PSALM 69:30

- B. In order to glorify God, you need to be thankful.
- C. As you are thanking Him, you're reminding yourself of what He has said and done, which magnifies Him.
- D. As you think on the Lord this way, He becomes bigger and more powerful in your life.

2. Un-thankfulness is one of the blights of our generation.

In the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy...lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God.

2 TIMOTHY 3:1-2 AND 4

- A. Being unthankful is listed right there next to being unholy.
- B. They simply don't remember or acknowledge the goodness of God.

3. Being thankful involves memory and humility.

- A. You can't be thankful without remembering the good things that have been done for you.

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

PSALM 103:2

- B. God commanded you not to forget, because He knows that you will if you don't make a decision to remember.



4. Your memory is one of the most powerful faculties you have.
  - A. If you couldn't remember, just think what it would do to your life.
  - B. What would it do to your marriage, children, work, and church situation?
  - C. You can't function without memory, and yet, very few people remember the goodness of God.
  
5. In order to maintain the things that God does in your life, you're going to have to be a thankful person.
  - A. You need to constantly go back and rehearse your victories and the encounters you've had with Him.
  - B. I stir myself up to remember when God touched my life, and I've never forgotten it.
  - C. At the same time that you're looking at the Lord and seeing your position in Him, you must also remember the pit you crawled out of.

Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD:  
look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are  
dugged.

ISAIAH 51:1

- D. Are you glorifying, remembering, and being thankful for what God has already done in your life?
- E. There's something powerful about going back, rehearsing your victories, and being thankful!

# Thankfulness Glorifies God


## LESSON 7 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS



1. How does Romans 1:21 express the second key to staying full of God?
2. How does Psalm 69:30 say we should praise the name of God?
3. How should we magnify Him?
4. How is this second key to staying full of God expressed negatively in 2 Timothy 3:1-2?
5. In these last days, what kind of times shall come?
  - A. Peaceful.
  - B. Perilous.
  - C. Pleasant.
  - D. Easy.
6. Psalm 103:2 admonishes us to bless the Lord with what part of our being?
  - A. Spirit.
  - B. Soul.
  - C. Body.
7. What are we not to forget?
8. Who is God talking to in Isaiah 51:1?
  - A. Those who follow after righteousness.
  - B. Those who sin.
  - C. Those who seek the Lord.
  - D. Those who serve themselves.
9. What are they to look to and remember?
  - A. The tree from which they are picked.
  - B. The rock whence they are hewn.
  - C. The vine from which they are plucked.
  - D. The hole of the pit whence they are digged.

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# Stirred Up by Memory

## LESSON 8 – OUTLINE

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1. Memory is such a powerful force, Peter referred to it three times in his second letter.

Wherefore I will not be negligent *to put you always in remembrance of these things*, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth. Yea, I think it meet, as long as I am in this tabernacle, *to stir you up by putting you in remembrance*.

2 PETER 1:12-13, EMPHASIS MINE

Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease *to have these things always in remembrance*.

2 PETER 1:15, EMPHASIS MINE

This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I *stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance*.

2 PETER 3:1, EMPHASIS MINE

- A. If you don't stir yourself up, you'll settle to the bottom.
  - B. If you would just sit down and spend some time thinking about how the Lord has been good to you, your entire outlook would change for the better.
2. Just think about the awesome things the Lord has done for you.

The LORD preserveth the simple: I was brought low, and he helped me.

PSALM 116:6

- A. I bet God has saved your life many times, but you have forgotten.

He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord belong the issues [escapes] from death.

PSALM 68:20, BRACKETS MINE

- B. If you would just rehearse those victories and think about God's goodness, you wouldn't get halfway through them before someone would have to scrape you off the ceiling.
3. If you're depressed, you haven't been thinking about what God has done for you.
    - A. You can't be depressed without first getting your eyes off Jesus and what He's done, forgetting His goodness in the past, and forgetting the goodness of the future He's promised you.

- B. If you want to be depressed, there are plenty of depressing things you can think on.
- C. But if you look at things properly, are thankful, and choose to remember, you have no reason to be discouraged.
- D. You'll get an attitude that says, "It doesn't matter what's happening on the outside, God in me is bigger and stronger!"

4. The temptations you face are common to everyone.

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man.

1 CORINTHIANS 10:13

- A. It may be packaged in a different wrapper, but it's the same contents.
- B. The moment you say "I'm the only one," you've fallen for a lie and exempted yourself from the answer.

5. You don't have any pressure that's beyond God's ability.

- A. Even if you think your situation is so bad that you need to gripe and complain, enter into His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

PSALM 100:4-5

- B. No one has a right to gripe and complain.
- C. Maintain your faith and enthusiasm, and be a good receiver!

6. Paul spoke of his afflictions as being "light."

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16-17

- A. Let's take a look at some of Paul's "light" afflictions.

In labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft. Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep; In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false

brethren; In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness. Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

2 CORINTHIANS 11:23-28

- B. When the Jews stoned someone, they didn't stop until they were sure the person was dead.

And there came thither certain Jews from Antioch and Iconium, who persuaded the people, and, having stoned Paul, drew him out of the city, supposing he had been dead. Howbeit, as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and came into the city: and the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe.

ACTS 14:19-20

- C. Therefore, it's very likely Paul was raised from the dead.
- D. Paul's afflictions were much more in quantity and intensity than anything you've experienced.
- E. If he could say, "My afflictions were light," then you don't have any right to gripe or complain.
7. After Hebrews 12:2 reveals that Jesus despised—disesteemed—the cross' shame, God's Word continues, saying:

Consider him that endured...lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds. Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

HEBREWS 12:3-4

- A. If you're alive, you ought to be praising God!

Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD.

PSALM 150:6

- B. God's supply is far bigger than your need.
- C. Your affliction is light because it's temporary.

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2 CORINTHIANS 4:17

- D. You need the proper perspective.
- E. Stir yourself up to remember what God has done.

# Stirred Up by Memory

## LESSON 8 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

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1. According to 2 Peter 1:12-13, what did Peter not want to be negligent to do?
2. Do we already know them?
3. What are we to be established in?
4. How long did he purpose to do this?
5. How are we stirred up?
6. According to 2 Peter 1:15, what was Peter's endeavor?
7. According to 2 Peter 3:1, what was Peter's purpose in writing this letter?
8. Who does Psalm 116:6 say preserves the simple?
9. What does God want to do when we're brought low?
10. According to Psalm 68:20, our God is \_\_\_\_\_?
11. What belongs to Him?
12. According to 1 Corinthians 10:13, is there any uncommon temptation?
13. When we are tempted, God is \_\_\_\_\_?
  - A. Angry.
  - B. Sleeping.
  - C. Faithful.
  - D. Indifferent.
14. Will God allow us to be tempted beyond what we can bear?
15. With the temptation, what does He do?
16. According to Psalm 100:4-5, how should we come into God's presence?
17. Why?
  - A. Because the Lord is good.
  - B. Because His mercy is everlasting.
  - C. Because His truth endures to all generations.
  - D. All of the above.

18. According to 2 Corinthians 4:16-17, what part of us is perishing?
19. What part of us is being renewed day by day?
20. How long does our light affliction last?
  - A. But for a moment.
  - B. But for a day.
  - C. But for a month.
  - D. But for a year.
21. What is it working for us?
22. Read 2 Corinthians 11:23-28 and Acts 14:19-20. Are any of your problems heavier than Paul's light afflictions?
23. According to Hebrews 12:3-4, whom should we consider?
24. Why?
25. Psalm 150:6 instructs everything that has breath to do what?



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# Remember His Goodness

## LESSON 9 – OUTLINE

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1. When you look at your circumstances in light of eternity, it changes your perspective.

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:18

- A. If you're depressed, discouraged, and losing your joy, you aren't looking at the Lord and His Word.
  - B. If the things of God aren't fresh in your life, then you aren't esteeming eternal reality.
  - C. You're placing a higher value on the natural realm and magnifying physical things instead.
2. Your emotions affect your body.

For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

ROMANS 8:6

- A. If you aren't experiencing life and peace, it's because of your carnal mind.  

[The Lord] wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

ISAIAH 26:3, BRACKETS MINE
  - B. Your emotions are related to your thoughts, not your hormones.
  - C. If you keep your mind fixed on the goodness of God, you can't fail (Ps. 106:7, 13, and 21).
3. You can't react differently than your dominant thoughts.
    - A. You are what you think, and if you're thinking of all these other things, it'll draw you in that direction.
    - B. You have to go out of your way to guard your heart and mind.

4. Memory will help you keep your feet on the ground.
  - A. It'll prevent you from reading your own press releases or fainting in the middle of the fight.
  - B. If you're born again, you have no reason to gripe or complain.
  - C. If nothing ever worked out for you again in this life, the truth that God redeemed you from hell and that you're heaven bound is more than enough reason to praise Him.
  - D. Turn your thoughts away from the negative things of this world and put them on the goodness of God.
  - E. The Lord has been good to you!
5. I've been through things, but I've done what I'm sharing with you.
  - A. Even through gritted teeth at times, I just kept saying, "Lord, Your Word says..." (1 Pet. 2:24 and Ps. 118:17).
  - B. Because of it, I'm still happy in Jesus, walking in victory, and seeing people healed today.
6. Regardless of what your problems, pressures, and pains are, you can believe God.
  - A. Place value and worth on what He's said and done.
  - B. Magnify Him, be thankful, and remember His goodness.
  - C. That's how you stay full of God!

# Remember His Goodness

## LESSON 9 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS



1. According to 2 Corinthians 4:18, we look not at what?
2. What do we look at?
3. What things are temporal?
4. What things are eternal?
5. According to Romans 8:6, carnal-mindedness produces what?
6. But what does spiritual-mindedness produce?
7. According to Isaiah 26:3, when our minds are stayed on God, how will He keep us?
8. What does Psalm 106; verses 7, 13, and 21; all have in common?
9. According to 1 Peter 2:24, who bore our sins in His body on the tree?
10. Now that we are dead to sins, how should we live?
11. What did the stripes Jesus endured produce for us?
12. By whose stripes, ye \_\_\_\_\_ healed.
  - A. Will be (future tense).
  - B. Are (present tense).
  - C. Were (past tense).
13. According to Psalm 118:17, I shall not \_\_\_\_\_ but live.
14. What shall we declare?

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ISAIAH 26:3

Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked him at the sea, even at the Red sea...They soon forgat his works; they waited not for his counsel...They forgat God their saviour, which had done great things in Egypt.

PSALM 106:7, 13, AND 21

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

1 PETER 2:24

I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

PSALM 118:17

# The Power of Imagination

## LESSON 10 – OUTLINE

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1. Everything Jesus Christ lived, died, and resurrected to provide for us has been constantly available since He sat down at the right hand of the Father (Rom. 11:29).
  - A. Just like a television station constantly transmits its signal, God is always transmitting.
  - B. However, whether we perceive that signal or not depends on our receivers—are they plugged in, turned on, and tuned in?
  - C. You just need to learn how to receive.
  - D. But after you receive, you must also maintain it.
  - E. In order to maintain consistency and keep the things of God fresh and alive in your heart, you must first glorify God.

2. The second key is to be thankful.

- A. The praise and thanksgiving of the redeemed—like sacrifices in the Old Testament—produce a spiritual aroma that blesses God.

For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life.

2 CORINTHIANS 2:15-16

- B. However, just like the smell of manure attracts flies, griping and complaining attract demons.
- C. Praise forces you to focus on the things of God (Phil. 4:4-8).

3. The third key comes from this phrase in Romans 1:21:

[They] became vain in their imaginations.

BRACKETS MINE

- A. Not glorifying God and not being thankful cause your imagination to become “vain.”
- B. *Vain* means “idle or non-productive.”
- C. It’s not that your imagination isn’t functioning; it’s just not benefiting you.

4. Your imagination is important!
  - A. It's functioning all the time.
  - B. You don't have a choice as to whether your imagination works or not; you just get to choose whether it's working for or against you.
  - C. If you quit glorifying, magnifying, praising, and thanking God, your imagination will automatically gravitate toward negative things.
  - D. Your imagination is a byproduct of your focus.
  - E. If you are really valuing the things of God—praising and thanking Him—your imagination will begin to see things happening properly in your life.
5. Your imagination is the part of you where you conceive things.
  - A. The word *imaginations* in the Old Testament literally means “a form” and figuratively means “conception.”
  - B. Before you can act anything out, you have to conceive it first in your imagination.
  - C. If you can't see it with your imagination, you can't do it.
  - D. Human beings think in pictures.
6. One of the New Testament qualifications of an elder is to be “sober” (1 Tim. 3:2 and Titus 1:8; it's the same for a deacon's wife – 1 Tim. 3:11).
  - A. *Sober* literally means “void of speculative imagination.”

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

MATTHEW 7:1-5

- B. Wrong judging would say to someone “What you said is wrong because...” and then you speculate about why they said what they did.
- C. You don't know why people do what they do!



# The Power of Imagination

## LESSON 10 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS



1. According to Romans 11:29, \_\_\_\_\_ of God are without repentance.
2. Second Corinthians 2:15-16 says that we are what?
3. To the saved, we are the savor of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Death unto death.
  - B. Life unto life.
4. To the perishing, we are the savor of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. Death unto death.
  - B. Life unto life.
5. According to Philippians 4:4-8, when should we rejoice in the Lord?
6. We should be full of care for what?
7. How should we make our prayer requests known to God?
8. What passes all understanding?
9. What does it keep?
10. What should we think on?
  - A. Things that are true.
  - B. Things that are honest.
  - C. Things that are just.
  - D. Things that are pure.
  - E. Things that are lovely.
  - F. Things that are of good report.
  - G. Virtuous things.
  - H. Praiseworthy things.
  - I. All of the above.
  - J. None of the above.
11. How does Romans 1:21 negatively express the third key to staying full of God?
12. What characteristic do 1 Timothy 3:2, Titus 1:8, and 1 Timothy 3:11 all have in common?
13. According to Matthew 7:1-5, how will we be judged?
14. What should we do before pointing to the speck in someone else's eye?

# The Power of Imagination

## LESSON 10 – SCRIPTURES

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For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

ROMANS 11:29

For we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ, in them that are saved, and in them that perish: To the one we are the savour of death unto death; and to the other the savour of life unto life.

2 CORINTHIANS 2:15-16

Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-8

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

ROMANS 1:21

A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behaviour, given to hospitality, apt to teach.

1 TIMOTHY 3:2

But a lover of hospitality, a lover of good men, sober, just, holy, temperate.

TITUS 1:8

Even so must their wives be grave, not slanderers, sober, faithful in all things.

1 TIMOTHY 3:11

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and, behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote out of thy brother's eye.

MATTHEW 7:1-5

# Inner Images

## LESSON 11 – OUTLINE



1. Your imagination is a powerful force.

A. You cannot consistently function contrary to the image you have on the inside of you.

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he.

PROVERBS 23:7

B. We need to take God’s Word like a paintbrush and change that inner image to agree with what the Word says about us.

C. You can change who you are.

2. If you glorify and thank God, your imagination will start conceiving things differently.

A. If you are grateful and place value on what the Lord has said and done in your life, you’ll have faith for your future.

B. Instead of being fearful and seeing negative things come to pass, you’ll be hopeful and start seeing positive things come to pass.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

ISAIAH 26:3

C. The Hebrew word rendered “mind” here is the exact same word translated “imagination” in other parts of the Old Testament.

D. Therefore, when your imagination is stayed on the Lord, He’ll keep you in perfect peace.

3. I use my imagination when I meditate the Word.

A. Reading the Bible is entering the data into your computer.

B. However, after I’ve read the Word, I meditate on it; I take the raw data and begin to process it.

C. This is where the real revelation and power are released in Scripture.

D. If you allow the Word of God to control your thoughts and start thinking about the scriptures you just read, you’ll start seeing things in the Word—processing the data—that you can’t see with your physical eyes.

E. You must see it on the inside with your imagination.

4. This is how I first saw people raised from the dead.

A. I took the Word of God and meditated on it.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

JOHN 14:12

B. I took all of the scriptures where people were raised from the dead—nine if you include Jesus—and meditated on them.

C. I saw—imagined—myself doing all those things Jesus did.

D. Then I started actually seeing—experiencing—people rise from the dead.

E. If you'll meditate on it, you can conceive it, begin seeing it, and it will change things.

5. God sees all the imaginations of the heart.

A. Even though many of us have had an encounter with the Lord, been born again and baptized in the Holy Spirit, the truth is that the vast majority of our imaginations are evil.

GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

GENESIS 6:5

B. We see negative things—things contrary to God's Word.

C. We see ourselves in ways that are contrary to what God's Word says, and most of us just allow our imagination to run rampant.

D. Before he died, David gave instructions to his son, Solomon, before he became king.

And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind: for the LORD searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever.

1 CHRONICLES 28:9

6. We cause ourselves a tremendous amount of problems because of the way we allow our imagination to think.

A. Very few people feel any responsibility over their imagination.

B. They just allow their thoughts to run rampant, and they think on negative things (Example of Elijah – 1 Kin. 19; 18:3-4, 7, and 13).

7. There are things that come against me that I refuse to think.

- A. I refuse to think things contrary to what God's Word says.
- B. Therefore, I don't conceive them, and I'm not tempted with them.
- C. You may say "Surely, you can't live this way," but I say, "Yes, you can!"

# Inner Images

## LESSON 11 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS



1. According to Proverbs 23:7, we are as we \_\_\_\_\_ in our hearts.
2. Philippians 4:13 reveals that we can do \_\_\_\_\_ things.
3. How?
4. How does Isaiah 26:3 say that we are kept in perfect peace?
5. Who was speaking in John 14:12?
6. Whom was He speaking to?
7. Who is it that will do the works He did?
8. What else will they do?
9. Why?
10. In Genesis 6:5, what did God see that was great in the earth?
11. What was only evil continually?
12. What did David advise Solomon to do in 1 Chronicles 28:9?
13. What does the Lord search?
14. What does He understand?
15. According to Luke 6:29, what should you do when someone smites you on one cheek?
16. What should you do when someone takes away your cloak?

# Inner Images

## LESSON 11 – SCRIPTURES

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For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

PROVERBS 23:7

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

ISAIAH 26:3

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

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1 CHRONICLES 28:9

And unto him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and him that taketh away thy cloak forbid not to take thy coat also.

LUKE 6:29

And Ahab called Obadiah, which was the governor of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly: For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.)...And as Obdariah was in the way, behold, Elijah met him: and he knew him, and fell on his face, and said, Art thou that my lord Elijah?... Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

1 KINGS 18:3-4, 7, AND 13

# Prepare Your Heart

## LESSON 12 – OUTLINE

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### 1. David was prosperous!

- A. When he gave, the people were so blessed that they started giving spontaneously, too—to the amount of \$3.5 billion.

Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.

1 CHRONICLES 29:9

- B. David started thanking God for the blessing, remembering where he came from, glorifying and thanking Him.

O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, ***keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people***, and prepare their heart unto thee.

1 CHRONICLES 29:18, EMPHASIS MINE

- C. David was saying, “Lord, help us remember!”

### 2. Memory is powerful!

- A. Your imagination is the part of you that remembers.

- B. Preparing your heart is vital—and remembering is one of the most important things you can do to prepare your heart.

[Rehoboam] did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.

2 CHRONICLES 12:14, BRACKETS MINE

- C. Memory makes a huge difference.

- D. You can't live with someone if you don't remember anything good about them.

- E. Your memory is a very important force.

### 3. You can actually forget what Jesus has done for you.

But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

2 PETER 1:9



- A. God has done some awesome things for each and every one of us.
- B. Your memory needs to be stirred up so you can remember things over and over and over again.

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things.

2 PETER 1:12

Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

2 PETER 1:15

This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.

2 PETER 3:1

- C. A memory can stir you powerfully!
4. It takes effort to remember.
    - A. You have to be still, turn off the television, shut off the radio, and spend time reflecting.
    - B. You ought to spend some quiet time each and every day just remembering.
    - C. If you did, it would transform your life.
  5. You need to rehearse your victories!
    - A. When the Lord rebuked David for his sin with Bathsheba, He referred him back to memory (2 Sam. 12:7-8).
    - B. In order for you to do some of the stuff you do, you have to forget the goodness and faithfulness of God.
    - C. Remembering the goodness of God will ruin sin in your life.
  6. All of the keys to staying full of God are interrelated.
    - A. Glorify God, be thankful, and remember.
    - B. If you were doing these things on a consistent basis, it would create such an atmosphere of God's goodness and faithfulness in your life.
    - C. It would prevent you from doing some of the things that you do.

- D. Your imagination would start focusing on positive things.
- E. Instead of seeing yourself fail, you'd see God's goodness and your circumstances working out.

# Prepare Your Heart

## LESSON 12 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS



1. According to 1 Chronicles 29:9, what did the people do as they gave their offering willingly?
2. With what kind of heart did they willingly give this offering to the Lord?
3. What did King David do?
4. In 1 Chronicles 29:18, what did David ask?
5. According to 2 Chronicles 12:14, why did Rehoboam do evil?
6. What does 2 Peter 1:9 say about the person who lacks these things?
7. What have they forgotten?
8. What is the common theme across 2 Peter 1:12, 15; and 3:1?
9. How do we stir up our pure minds?
10. When David sinned, what did the Lord remind him of in 2 Samuel 12:7-8?
  - A. I anointed you king over Israel.
  - B. I delivered you out of the hand of Saul.
  - C. I gave you your master's house and your master's wives into your bosom.
  - D. I gave you the house of Israel and of Judah.
  - E. All of the above.
  - F. None of the above.

# Prepare Your Heart

## LESSON 12 – SCRIPTURES

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Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart they offered willingly to the LORD: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy. Wherefore David blessed the LORD before all the congregation: and David said, Blessed be thou, LORD God of Israel our father, for ever and ever.

1 CHRONICLES 29:9-10

O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee.

1 CHRONICLES 29:18

And he did evil, because he prepared not his heart to seek the LORD.

2 CHRONICLES 12:14

But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

2 PETER 1:9

Wherefore I will not be negligent to put you always in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and be established in the present truth.

2 PETER 1:12

Moreover I will endeavour that ye may be able after my decease to have these things always in remembrance.

2 PETER 1:15

This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance.

2 PETER 3:1

And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things.

2 SAMUEL 12:7-8

# What Do You See?

## LESSON 13 – OUTLINE

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1. The disciples saw the need, but they didn't see themselves as having the ability to meet it.

And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed: Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat. He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat.

MARK 6:35-37

- A. The disciples wanted to send them all somewhere else.
  - B. They looked at their natural resources instead of their spiritual resources.
2. When Jesus looked up to heaven, He did more than just lift His head.

He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties. And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, **he looked up to heaven**, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

MARK 6:38-41, EMPHASIS MINE

- A. Jesus literally saw twice, or saw again.
  - B. This same word is translated “receive sight” fourteen times in the Bible.
  - C. He saw in the spirit realm instead of seeing with His physical eyes.
  - D. He wasn't limited to what He physically saw with His eyes; He could see whatever God's Word said.
3. He fed over ten thousand people with five loaves and two fish, and the fragments left over after everyone's seconds and thirds added up to much more than what they started with.
- A. Jesus, in effect, blessed this food and gave it to His disciples.
  - B. They had to have a lot of faith to walk toward each group of fifty hungry people with just this little bit of food and pass it out.
  - C. That one little loaf and that one little fish was more than enough for thousands of people when it was blessed—but they had to see it spiritually.

4. Whatever you have is more than enough if you renew your imagination so you don't see with your physical eyes.
  - A. Take God's Word and let it paint a picture on the inside of you.
  - B. You just need to look up, receive sight, and see what you already have.
  - C. If you would do that, you could go to the masses and see people saved, healed, and delivered.
  - D. God has already given us everything, but we just haven't seen it.
  
5. Your imagination is important!
  - A. You don't get to choose whether or not it functions; you just get to choose which direction it goes—for you or against you.
  - B. If your imagination is vain, then your foolish heart will be darkened (Rom. 1:21).
  - C. You cannot function contrary to your heart.
  
6. If you would consistently glorify God, be thankful, and use your imagination in a positive way, it would be impossible for you to fail.
  - A. Problems will come, but you'll succeed.
  - B. The inner pressure of God in your life would overcome the outward pressure of the world, circumstances, and the devil.
  - C. Are you going to be a doer of the Word or not?

# What Do You See?

## LESSON 13 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS



1. Read Mark 6:35-37. What time of day was it?
2. What kind of environment were they in?
3. What did the disciples suggest Jesus do?
4. How did Jesus answer them?
5. Read Mark 6:38-41. How much food did they start out with?
6. What did Jesus command the people to do?
7. After Jesus took the five loaves and two fish, what did He do?
  - A. He looked up into heaven and blessed.
  - B. He broke the loaves and divided the fish.
  - C. He gave them to the disciples to distribute.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
8. What happened, according to Mark 6:42?
9. What did Jesus do to the blind man in Mark 8:25?
10. What was the result?
11. According to Romans 1:21, what happens when our imagination is vain?

# What Do You See?

## LESSON 13 – SCRIPTURES

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And when the day was now far spent, his disciples came unto him, and said, This is a desert place, and now the time is far passed: Send them away, that they may go into the country round about, and into the villages, and buy themselves bread: for they have nothing to eat. He answered and said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they say unto him, Shall we go and buy two hundred pennyworth of bread, and give them to eat? He saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. And he commanded them to make all sit down by companies upon the green grass. And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties. And when he had taken the five loaves and the two fishes, he looked up to heaven, and blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave them to his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all.

MARK 6:35-41

After that he put his hands again upon his eyes, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly.

MARK 8:25

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

ROMANS 1:21



# Warfare and the Heart

## LESSON 14 – OUTLINE

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1. Some people have trouble mixing grace and faith together—they tend to lean toward one or the other.

But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; ***but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.***

1 CORINTHIANS 15:10, EMPHASIS MINE

- A. There are things you can do to release what God has done in the spirit realm and make it manifest in the natural.
  - B. You can either experience the eternal life of God that resides within your born-again spirit or just keep it dammed up in there.
  - C. There is a balance between grace and faith!
2. Faith is your positive response to what God has already given you by grace.
    - A. Since God's transmitter is always transmitting, we need to check our receivers to see whether or not we're receiving.
    - B. We need to work on ourselves and on our receiving.
  3. Romans 1:21 reveals four progressive things we do to block the flow of God in our lives.
    - A. But if we turn them around and use them positively instead, they become four keys to staying full of God.
    - B. The first key to maintaining the flow of God in your life is to glorify Him.
    - C. The second key is to be thankful.
    - D. The third key is to understand the power of your imagination.
    - E. The final key is that our heart will become sensitive to God.
  4. In case you haven't figured it out yet, there is warfare in the Christian life.

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 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.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5

- A. It takes effort to walk in victory.
  - B. These weapons bring all these thoughts into the captivity and obedience of Christ.
  - C. Most of what we hear about “spiritual warfare” floating around the body of Christ today is absolutely wrong.
  - D. Scripture says the true battle is in your thoughts and imagination (2 Cor. 10:3-5).
  - E. Most people don’t recognize the positive side of imagination—dreams, hopes, goals, and aspirations.
5. Romans 1:21 reveals the link between glorifying God, being thankful, and your imagination working properly.
- A. If you’ll place the proper value on the Lord and begin expressing your gratefulness to Him for all He’s said and done, your imagination will start functioning in a positive way.
  - B. But if you don’t glorify God, aren’t thankful, and your imagination becomes vain, then the last step is your foolish heart becomes darkened (Rom. 1:21).
6. Your heart controls what you say and do—it’s the essence of who you are.

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

MATTHEW 12:34

As he thinketh in his heart, so is he.

PROVERBS 23:7

- A. Most people are trying to change their actions without changing their hearts.
  - i. They don’t realize that their value system is what caused them to act that way in the first place.
  - ii. They try to change their actions without changing their hearts (tearing themselves apart).
  - iii. God’s Word calls this “hypocrisy.”
- B. People in the church—to a large degree—put all of the emphasis on actions.
- C. It doesn’t matter what you do, God’s Word plainly reveals that your heart attitude is more important than your actions.

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity [God's kind of love], it profiteth me nothing.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:3, BRACKETS MINE

7. The Lord is more concerned about your heart than your actions.

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. Thou blind Pharisee, ***cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.*** Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchers, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

MATTHEW 23:25-27, EMPHASIS MINE

Man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

1 SAMUEL 16:7

- A. If your heart is right, your actions will be too.
- B. If you give your heart to God, your actions will eventually change.
- C. God is into changing your heart.

# Warfare and the Heart

## LESSON 14 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS



1. According to 1 Corinthians 15:10, how did Paul become what he was?
2. Why was the grace of God that was bestowed upon Paul not in vain?
3. What are the four progressive things we do to block the flow of God in our lives, according to Romans 1:21?
4. Expressed positively, what are these four keys to staying full of God?
5. According to 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, do we war after the flesh?
6. Since the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, what are they?
  - A. Weak through God to the pulling down of strongholds.
  - B. Mighty through God to the reinforcing of strongholds.
  - C. Mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
7. What do these weapons do to imaginations and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God?
8. What is brought into captivity to the obedience of Christ?
9. According to this passage, where does the battle—spiritual warfare—take place?
  - A. In the heavenlies.
  - B. Over cities and nations.
  - C. In our minds—thoughts and imagination.
10. According to John 13:26-27, Jesus dipped the piece of bread and gave it to whom?
11. What happened next?
12. What, then, did Jesus say?
13. According to Matthew 12:34, can an evil person speak good things?
14. Why?
15. According to Proverbs 23:7, as we think in our hearts, so \_\_\_\_\_ we.

16. According to 1 Corinthians 13:3, is it possible to give all of our goods to feed the poor, even our bodies to be burned, and it profit us nothing?
17. Why?
18. In Matthew 23:25-27, what did Jesus call the scribes and Pharisees?
19. What did He compare them to?
20. First Samuel 16:7 reveals that man looks on what?
21. What does the Lord look upon?

# Warfare and the Heart

## LESSON 14 – SCRIPTURES

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:10

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

ROMANS 1:21

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy.

2 TIMOTHY 3:2

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) 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.

2 CORINTHIANS 10:3-5

Jesus answered, He it is, to whom I shall give a sop, when I have dipped it. And when he had dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon. And after the sop Satan entered into him. Then said Jesus unto him, That thou doest, do quickly.

JOHN 13:26-27

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

MATTHEW 12:34

For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

PROVERBS 23:7

And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:3

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.

Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

MATTHEW 23:25-27

But the LORD said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the LORD seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

1 SAMUEL 16:7

# Live from Your Heart

## LESSON 15 – OUTLINE

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1. Most religious people are so focused on getting others to act right that it causes hypocrisy.
  - A. We just catch the fish—it's the Lord's job to clean them.
  - B. Be tolerant and loving—and let God work on their hearts.
  - C. God wants to change your heart, and then your actions will change as a byproduct.
    - i. Right actions are a byproduct of an intimate relationship with God.
    - ii. You must do things from a pure heart of love.

2. When Romans 1:21 speaks of your heart becoming “darkened,” it's talking about becoming insensitive to God.

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the *understanding* darkened.

EPHESIANS 4:17-18, EMPHASIS MINE

- A. “Understanding” is the same Greek word as “imagination.”
- B. It's your imagination that enables you to understand.

Being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of *the blindness of their heart*.

EPHESIANS 4:18, EMPHASIS MINE

- C. The phrase “their foolish heart was darkened” in Romans 1:21 is the same thing as having your heart blinded that's talked about in Ephesians 4:18.
  - D. It's talking about your heart not being able to see, perceive, listen, and hear from God.
3. God didn't originally create us to live the way the vast majority of us do.
    - A. Most of us live from our mental, emotional, and physical parts (soul and body).
    - B. Mankind was originally created in fellowship with God.
      - i. He spoke to us in our spirits because our hearts—spirits—were in constant communion with Him.



- ii. Our hearts dictated what we thought, felt, and did.
  - iii. When man sinned against God, that communion was broken and our spirits died.
- C. When the Word talks about us being dead in trespasses and sin, we're still functioning—but we're separated from God (Eph. 2:1).
- D. As born-again believers, we have the ability once again to let our hearts dictate and dominate our lives instead of our carnal minds and external circumstances (2 Cor. 5:7).
4. Jesus told us that when the Holy Spirit has come, He'll teach us all things, lead us into all truth, bring all things to our remembrance, and show us things to come (John 14:26 and 16:13).
- A. We simply haven't drawn on our spiritual man's potential like we can.
  - B. If you can't hear the Lord speak to you in small matters, you won't hear Him in the bigger things.
  - C. Most of us wait until something external tells us, but God wants to speak to our hearts.
5. You have a natural mind and a spirit mind.

That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

EPHESIANS 4:22-23

- A. Your spirit mind is the mind of Christ in your born-again spirit (1 Cor. 2:16).
- B. The reason the Bible tells you not to be double minded is because you have two minds (James 4:8).
- C. You need to be spiritually minded—where your spirit mind is the master control, and it just uses your natural mind as a processor.
  - i. You can take natural information in, but let your spiritual mind—your heart—make the decisions.
  - ii. Your heart has the ability to see, hear, think, and make decisions.
- D. You should be living from your heart—not your head!

# Live from Your Heart

## LESSON 15 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS



1. According to 1 Corinthians 13:3, what is necessary for our actions to profit us?
2. What word does Romans 1:21 use to speak of our hearts becoming hardened and insensitive to God?
3. According to Ephesians 4:17-18, believers should not walk as whom?
4. How is it that they walk?
5. Because of the ignorance that is in them and the blindness of their hearts, they are alienated from what?
6. According to Ephesians 2:1, what were we before we were quickened?
7. How does 2 Corinthians 5:7 reveal that believers should walk?
8. Who does John 14:26 reveal is the Comforter?
9. What does He do?
  - A. Teach us all things.
  - B. Condemn us over our sin.
  - C. Bring to our remembrance everything Jesus has told us.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
10. How does Jesus describe the Holy Spirit in John 16:13?
11. What does He do?
  - A. Guide us into all truth.
  - B. Listens and speaks to us what Jesus says.
  - C. Shows us things to come.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
12. What should we put off, according to Ephesians 4:22-23?
13. What should be renewed?
14. What does 1 Corinthians 2:16 reveal that we have?

15. According to James 4:8, what does God do when we draw nigh to Him?
16. What does this verse instruct sinners to do?
17. What does this verse tell double-minded people to do?

# Live from Your Heart

## LESSON 15 – SCRIPTURES

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EPHESIANS 4:17-18

Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

ROMANS 1:21

And you hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins.

EPHESIANS 2:1

For we walk by faith, not by sight.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

JOHN 14:26

Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.

JOHN 16:13

That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind.

EPHESIANS 4:22-23

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

1 CORINTHIANS 2:16

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

JAMES 4:8

# Sensitive to God

## LESSON 16 – OUTLINE

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1. You should be directed by your heart—not your brain.

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind.

EPHESIANS 4:17

- A. “Gentile” here is talking about someone who was a non-Jew, someone outside of God’s covenants—like any person today who has yet to commit their life to the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - B. It’s out of your heart that the issues of life flow (Prov. 4:23).
  - C. Most Christians are living like people who don’t know God and wonder why they’re getting the same results.
    - i. If you think like a lost person, you’ll get lost-person results (Prov. 23:7).
    - ii. If you start thinking like a new creation in Christ, you’ll get spiritual results (Rom. 8:6 and 12:1-2).
    - iii. But if you do walk in the vanity of your mind, it darkens your understanding/ imagination (Eph. 4:18).
  - D. If you are living from your natural mind—what you can see, taste, hear, smell, and feel—and how you process that information in your little peanut brain in your head, you’re going to severely limit what God can do!
2. When your heart becomes hardened—cold, insensitive, unfeeling, and unyielding to God—it still functions, but it automatically becomes sensitive toward physical, natural, flesh-oriented types of things.
    - A. Worry, fear, unbelief, and anger all come out of the heart.

For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, Thefts, false witness, blasphemies.

MATTHEW 15:19

For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness.

MARK 7:21-22

- B. God is transmitting and speaking to you, but you don't hear, because your heart is insensitive.
3. Your heart becomes sensitive to whatever you focus your attention on, and your heart becomes hardened to whatever you neglect.
- A. If you glorify and thank God, your imagination will start seeing godly things instead of the negative.
  - B. If you don't want something birthed in you, don't think it.
  - C. You can't allow your imagination to follow a train of thought that is contrary to God's Word.
  - D. If you'll do these things, you'll find it will sensitize your heart toward the Lord.
4. I value peace highly.

Let the peace of God rule in your hearts.

COLOSSIANS 3:15

- A. If anything starts making me anxious and upset, I change whatever is going on in my life in a hurry.
  - B. If you don't know how to walk in peace, you'll be stressed out no matter what the situation is.
  - C. If you truly are in a bad situation that's stealing your peace, you need to change that situation.
5. As a born-again believer, you "have the mind of Christ" (1 Cor. 2:16).

Put on the new man [your spirit man], which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him.

COLOSSIANS 3:10, BRACKETS MINE

- A. It's your spirit—not your brain—that knows all things.

But ye have an unction from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

1 JOHN 2:20

- B. We have this tremendous presence of God in our hearts, but most of us aren't listening.
6. If you don't get to the place where you honestly trust your heart more than your head, you're never going to become a successful Christian.

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart.

PROVERBS 4:20-21

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

PSALM 119:11

For they [God's words] are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh. Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

PROVERBS 4:22-23, BRACKETS MINE

- A. Life comes from your heart—not your mind or external things.
- B. It takes time to meditate and give all diligence to your heart.

Be still, and know that I am God.

PSALM 46:10

- C. You have to start spending time in God's presence listening to your heart and paying attention to the Lord speaking to you.
- D. There's just no shortcut to it!

# Sensitive to God

## LESSON 16 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

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1. According to Ephesians 4:17, how do other Gentiles—unbelievers—walk?
2. Should believers in Christ walk this way?
3. Proverbs 4:23 says that life issues come from what?
4. In light of this truth, what should we do?
5. Proverbs 23:7 reveals that we are as we \_\_\_\_\_.
6. According to Romans 8:6, what does carnal-mindedness bring?
7. What does spiritual-mindedness bring?
8. According to Romans 12:1-2, what is our reasonable service?
9. What should we not be conformed to?
10. How are we transformed?
11. When that happens, what will we prove—make manifest to our physical senses?
12. When believers do walk in the vanity of their natural, un-renewed minds, what does Ephesians 4:18 say this does to their understanding/imagination?
13. According to Matthew 15:19 and Mark 7:21-22, what proceeds from the heart of man?
  - A. Evil thoughts and murders.
  - B. Adulteries and fornications.
  - C. Thefts, covetousness, and wickedness.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
14. What does Colossians 3:15 say should rule our hearts?
15. According to 1 Corinthians 2:16, what do born-again believers have?
16. According to Colossians 3:10, what should we do?
17. Our spirit man is renewed in knowledge after the image of whom?
18. First John 2:20 reveals that we have an unction from whom?



19. In our born-again spirits, what do we know?
20. According to Proverbs 4:20-23, where should we keep God's Word?
  - A. In our ears.
  - B. In our eyes.
  - C. In our hearts.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
21. What are God's words to those who find them?
22. What should we keep with all diligence?
23. Why?
24. According to Psalm 119:11, what is an important reason for hiding God's Word in our hearts?
25. What does Psalm 46:10 reveal as the first step to knowing God?

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PROVERBS 23:7

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

ROMANS 8:6

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

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And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to the which also ye are called in one body; and be ye thankful.

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PSALM 119:11

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PSALM 46:10

# Meditate the Word

## LESSON 17 – OUTLINE

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1. God's Word tells us how to get understanding and train our hearts so they can listen and see.

I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation.

PSALM 119:99

- A. Meditation is reading the Word, then closing your physical eyes to think about what you've read until you can see it with the spiritual eyes of your heart—your imagination.
- B. John 14:12 is a powerful verse, but you need to see it in your heart before you can experience it for yourself.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

JOHN 14:12

- C. Until you see it on the inside, you can't see it on the outside.
2. Very few believers meditate on the Word day and night like Joshua 1:8 tells us to do.
    - A. You can meditate on the things of God and still work at your job.
    - B. You don't have to be a minister to meditate on the Word day and night.
    - C. God wouldn't have commanded you to meditate on the Word day and night if you couldn't do it—you can do it!

3. God's Word gives you understanding and opens up your heart.

Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.

PSALM 119:104

- A. God's Word touches your heart—it's written to your heart.
  - i. If you'll read it with your heart, you'll have understanding.
  - ii. If you just try to pick it apart with your brain, you'll mess up and miss things.
- B. If you'll listen, the entrance of His Word will give you light.

The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.

PSALM 119:130

4. The book of Proverbs was written to give you God's wisdom and understanding.

To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; To receive instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity; To give subtilty to the simple, to the young man knowledge and discretion. A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels: To understand a proverb, and the interpretation; the words of the wise, and their dark sayings.

PROVERBS 1:2-6

My son, if thou wilt receive my words, and hide my commandments with thee; So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding...Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee.

PROVERBS 2:1-6 AND 11

Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

PROVERBS 4:7

But whoso commiteth adultery with a woman lacketh understanding: he that doeth it destroyeth his own soul.

PROVERBS 6:32

Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.

PSALM 32:9

5. The four keys I've shared in this study are progressive steps that lead to an established heart.
- A. First, we value God and what He has said and done in our lives.
  - B. Second, we are thankful, which involves remembering.
  - C. Third, we use our imagination in a positive way.
  - D. If we've done all of these things, our hearts will naturally become sensitive to God.
6. You can't change your heart for the good without glorifying God, being thankful, and using your imagination in a positive way.

- A. This is how you access your heart.
- B. This is how you begin to change.
- C. These are the four keys to staying full of God!

# Meditate the Word

## LESSON 17 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS



1. According to Psalm 119:99, how do we gain more understanding than all of our teachers?
2. What did the Lord promise in John 14:12?
3. According to Joshua 1:8, when should we meditate God's Word?
4. What would be the result of this?
  - A. We would observe to do according to all that is written.
  - B. We would make our way prosperous.
  - C. We would have good success.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
5. What does Psalm 119:104 say we get from God's Word?
6. What does this produce?
7. According to Psalm 119:130, what does the entrance of God's Word give?
8. To whom does it give understanding?
9. According to Proverbs 1:2-6, what is the purpose of the book of Proverbs?
  - A. To give knowledge and discretion to young people.
  - B. To perceive words of understanding and receive instruction of wisdom.
  - C. To give subtlety to the simple.
  - D. All of the above.
  - E. None of the above.
10. Read Proverbs 2:1-6. What does the Lord give?
11. Out of His mouth come what?
12. According to Proverbs 2:11, what do discretion and understanding do?
13. What does Proverbs 4:7 reveal as the principal thing?
14. In all our getting, what should we get?
15. According to Proverbs 6:32, what does an adulterer lack?
16. What do those who commit adultery destroy?

17. Psalm 32:9 exhorts us to not be like what?
18. Why?
19. How are their mouths held in?
20. What scripture reveals the four keys to staying full of God?
21. What are the four keys?



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