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(Scriptures from KJV)

1. From The Very Beginning

Genesis 1:1-3

¹ *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.* ² *And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.* ³ *And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.* (KJV)

- In these scriptures we see God demonstrating and using an important Bible Principle and that is the “Principle of the Inner Image” for the Imagination.
- In these verses we see God looking out and seeing darkness but **speaking out or calling for what he wanted – Light.**
- **He first had an inner image** of what He wanted and when the image was formed He spoke it out from Himself in and with His Faith and it became a reality in the natural.
- **The Holy Spirit was there waiting** for His faith filled words to empower them and make them happen.
- **Adam was also created after an “image” – Gen. 1:26-27**

Hebrews 11:1-3

¹ *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* ² *For by it the elders obtained a good report.* ³ *Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.* (KJV)

- **Faith is the spiritual force, law and substance** of the “Inner Image” and will give it **physical substance** in the natural realm when we follow God’s word in how to develop it and speak it out in Faith.

Genesis 1:26-28

²⁶ *And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth.* ²⁷ *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.* ²⁸ *And God blessed them, and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it: and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.* (KJV)

Eph. 5:1

¹ *Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;* (KJV)

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¹ *Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.* (NKJV)

- As born-again believers we are also to operate and imitate in how God operates by using the same principle of the “**Inner Image**”, this is how Jesus ministered on the earth with and in the Word of God.

2. What do We Use to Establish the Inner Image?

The Inner Image is established and formed in a person as they **confess, hear and meditate on the Word of God – the Word of God must be the basis** of that image.

- The Bible says that Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God. (Rom.10:17)
- The **Image is not establish** by way of “**positive thinking**” as **there is no substance** in positive thinking.
- The Bible also says that that the power of Life and Death are in the tongue. (Proverbs 18:21)

3. What do we if the Inner Image is Wrong?

A person may have an inner image of being a failure while trying to be successful or having an inner image of being overweight while trying to lose weight and be thin.

- These negative images are only **changed by using the Word of God.**



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- The word not only has and produces Faith, **but also produces images on the inside of a person** in the area of the **“Imagination”**, after your spirit this is the next most powerful part of a person being.
- For example if a parent speaks negative words of “You are a failure and you will always be a failure” over a child when it is young these **words will create an inner image** of failure in the imagination and it will grow up fulfilling the words due to the inner image created by negative words – **“a self-fulfilling prophecy”**.
- Words paint pictures on the **inside of a person of failure or success, defeat or victory** the same way a painter uses paint to paint a picture or image onto a canvass, so words do the same thing – an image!
- For example imagine a Dog, then a big dog, then black dog with white spots, then with a short tail, then with curly hair. **Each time something new is added the picture in the imagination changes. You do not see the words but the pictures**, this is how God made mankind.
- God intended people to take the Word of God and create inner images based on “Truth and Faith”.

Joshua 1:8 (God speaking to Joshua)

⁸ *This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but **you shalt meditate** therein day and night, **that you may observe** to do according to all that is written therein: for then you shalt make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success. (KJV)*

- This scripture shows how Joshua became successful, **he meditated on God’s word** and this created an inner image that he could see in his imagination – an image of success of how God saw him!
- It says **“that you may observe”** or in other words **“see”**.
- God knew that when Joshua meditated that an inner image would be **formed on the inside of him that would change what was happening on the outside**.

Isaiah 55:11

¹¹ *So shall my word be that goes forth out of my mouth: **it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.** (KJV)*

- God’s Word does not return to Him empty but is manifested or made real.
- The Word of God has within itself the power to make it happen.

John 1:1-4

¹ *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* ² *The same was in the beginning with God.* ³ *All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.* ⁴ *In him was life; and the life was the light of men.* ⁵ *And the light shines in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. (KJV)*

- We can say that everything was made by the Word of God.

4. Satan knows the Power of the Inner Image.

- Satan knows how important the inner image is in the life of a believer and the potential is has in bringing the promises of God into reality.

Mark 4:14-20

¹⁴ *The sower sows the word.* ¹⁵ *And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, **Satan cometh immediately, and takes away the word that was sown in their hearts.*** ¹⁶ *And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;* ¹⁷ *And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution arises for the word's sake, immediately they are offended.* ¹⁸ *And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,* ¹⁹ *And the cares of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.* ²⁰ *And these are they which are sown on good ground; such as hear the word, and receive it, and bring forth fruit, some thirtyfold, some sixty, and some an hundred. (KJV)*



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- Satan uses five things to **steal and stop the image forming** in a believer's spirit and they are: **1- Persecutions, 2- Afflictions, 3-Cares of this World, 4-Deceitfulness of Riches, 5-The Lusts of other things entering in.**
- His objective is to stop the image becoming rooted and grounded by keeping a person focused on natural things.
- Once the image is rooted and grounded in a believer and matches God's image in His word then it is only a short time before it comes from the spiritual realm comes into the natural realm to remove, change or add to situations in life.
- The **Inner Image must become more real and bigger on the inside of a person than the outside** circumstances.
- This is where a believer walks by Faith and not by sight and **calls those things that do not exist as though they already existed** by Faith and the inner image.
- The natural circumstances are subject to the spiritual or super natural realm and will change through the process of Seed, Time & Harvest.

2 Cor. 4:18

¹⁸ *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.*** (KJV)

- The spirit realm has authority over and can change the natural realm.

5. Scripture examples of wrong images and their Results.

Numbers 13:30-33 (Twelve Spies sent out into the Promised Land.)

³⁰ *And Caleb stilled the people before Moses, and said, Let us go up at once, and possess it; **for we are well able to overcome it.*** ³¹ *But the men that went up with him said, **We be not able to go up against the people;** for they are stronger than we.*

³² ***And they brought up an evil report** of the land which they had searched unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to search it, is a land that eats up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. ³³ And there we saw the giants, the sons of Anak, which come of the giants: and **we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.*** (KJV)

- Children of Israel **saw themselves** as grasshoppers in their own eyes – an inner image of defeat.
- Joshua and Caleb **saw a different picture** “we are well able to overcome it” – an inner image of victory.

Gen 6:5-8

⁵ *And 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.*** ⁶ *And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.* ⁷ *And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repents me that I have made them.* ⁸ *But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord.* (KJV)

- **God judged man because of the wickedness of every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.**

Gen 11:5 (Tower of Babel.)

⁵ *And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded.* ⁶ *And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: **and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.*** ⁷ *Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.* ⁸ *So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.* (KJV)

- **God saw that because they could now imagine things that nothing could be held or stop them.**



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6. How to remove the wrong images and thoughts.

Satan will also try to put negative thoughts and images into a person mind hoping that the person will meditate and produce the wrong image.

- God's answer is to **throw down and out of our minds the thoughts and images** by the weapons of our warfare which are mighty through God. (2 Cor. 10:3-6)
- And **then to replace** those thoughts and images. (Phil.4:8)

2 Cor. 10:3-6

³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: ⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) ⁵ **Casting down imaginations**, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; ⁶ And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. (KJV)

Phil. 4:8

⁸ 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**. (KJV)

Jesus said that he only said and did what His father did and said. (John 14:9-11)

John 8:38

³⁸ I tell the things **which I have seen** and learned at My Father's side, and your actions also reflect what you have heard and learned from your father. (AMPC)

³⁸ I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and you do that which you have seen with your father. (KJV)

- Jesus only said and did what He saw His father say and do – Jesus used the inner image in His ministry.

Hope is seeing something with your heart that you cannot see with your eyes.

- The imagination uses "hope" that cannot be seen yet, as a blue print or plan or picture.
- Your imagination is just the ability to see something (pictures) with your mind that you cannot see with your physical eyes.
- Architects use the imagination when designing a house or building to draw up the plans.
- An engineer must use the imagination to design machines, repair or to fault find them by seeing inside the physical machine with all the different processes that are working together.
- People in the world use the imagination to have goals that they want to achieve, they "see themselves" successful before it becomes a reality.

Rom. 8:24-25

²⁴ For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: **for what a man sees, why doth he yet hope for?** ²⁵ But if we **hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.** (KJV)

Develop the Inner Image by using the "Word of God" as the basis to create the true image that God will use to make it happen. Then add the "God kind of Faith" within you, to give that image substance, which God gave to you when you were saved. Then "speak that image out" in Faith through the words from your mouth "calling those things that do not exist yet as though they already existed." Then you become a co-labourer with God and His plans on the earth to build His Kingdom.

You will not be able see it on the "outside" until you first see it on the "inside"!

Jesus is Lord!