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## **2.00 - LION OF JUDAH ON LINE - Introduction**

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### **INTRODUCTION – Training & Equipping Ministry**

#### **Raising up, Training and Equipping a New Generation of Believers!**

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We live in a new period of time that is very challenging as well as exciting. More and more biblical end-time prophecies are being currently fulfilled before our eyes. The second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ is closer than ever and he is coming for a triumphant, glorious bride without spot or wrinkle.

God longs for a deep intimate relationship with his sons and daughters. It is his will that they get to know Him and be grounded deep in his love, so that His living waters can flow through them out into the world. He first wants to minister to them and then through them, to the people of this world.

God is doing something new and it is important at this time to trust Him and accept His changes, even if much of what we encounter is unknown and somehow strange for us. If we keep up with God, we will stay effective and be strengthened as Christians, and be prepared for what is to come in the future.

It is the mission and the heart of “Lion of Judah Ministries International” to build up, through the fivefold ministry, a “new” generation of believers that will live in intimacy with God. A generation of sons and daughters of God that can hear and receive from God. They will be trained, equipped, encouraged in their gifts and callings and shown how to know their God-given authority and how exercise it. A generation of believers that will live authentic Christianity, living in the supernatural - naturally and ready to do the will of God.

In the successive courses, participants will be consolidated in the basics of the Christian faith and will be led towards an authentic supernatural lifestyle in Christ and into the fullness that God has provided for us. Jesus said that we will do the same works that He has done and more.

***It is the time for the “Triumphant Church” to rise up in glory; the beloved bride that the Lord Jesus Christ is longing for.***

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### INTRODUCTION - Courses & Subjects

1. This "Training & Equipping" ministry has been developed for any "believer" whether they are just "born again" or have been "born again" for many years. The spiritual growth of that person is determined by that person themselves, as to how fast or how slow they progress through the subjects and courses. The person can go over a subject as many times as is necessary before moving onto the next subject.
2. The courses and subjects have been designed and put into an order to take a "believer" from being "born again" right through into a spiritual maturity to do the work of the ministry and to build up the "Body of Christ" and to expand the "Kingdom of God" here on the earth.
3. The courses are free of cost and can be downloaded through our internet site of [www.lowevonjudah.org](http://www.lowevonjudah.org) together with the corresponding notes in PDF format for each subject, which can then be printed out in any quantity. The videos are in different formats (Mobile SD / SD / HD) and can be used directly or can be saved for another time for personal or group meetings. Just click on the black icon with the white lion, "LION OF JUDAH ON LINE" to be led to the next step for direct viewing or the download process.
4. These different courses are intended to give you a solid foundation on which you are to build further, through personal study, and develop your spiritual maturity and grow in ministry.
5. The "Training & Equipping" ministry has also been put into the English language as this language is widely used throughout the world in many countries even as a second language.
6. The best way to understand the system used during the "Training & Equipping", is to imagine a staircase. Each subject represents the individual stair that eventually leads up to the next floor or next level. Each "level" then will lead to a greater "position" of maturity in spiritual growth, for the "Believer". Each subject has been designed to build onto the next subject.
7. It is recommended that if the country in which these courses are being used is not English speaking, that the believer or group should find a local native speaking person of that country that can also translate and speak a good or fluent English. This way the courses can be used in any country around the world.
8. Lion of Judah Min. Int. does not take any responsibility for any misunderstanding that can be happen through the translation process. It is the responsibility of each person to check back with the original English notes to have a full, clear and proper understanding of what is meant in the notes.
9. What I will be sharing, teaching and explaining, is from my own personal spiritual growth, first-hand practical experience in life and ministry, personal study and revelation from the "Word of God", from the time that I became "Born Again" in the year 1989. Some of the things that I will be teaching or explaining, might be a challenge to what you already know, believe or have been taught over the years. Please do not reject this new information immediately, but go to God and His Word and ask him for more understanding and confirmation and then if you are not satisfied with the information, you can then dismiss it.
10. It is also important to understand that I do not know all there is to know about God and His Word – no minister of the Gospel does, but are also to draw upon other ministers that have more understanding in different areas of the Word of God and ministry experience.
11. The word of God says that we are to prove everything that we receive and this can be done by using scriptures that are within the "Word of God" as well as receiving an "inner witness or inner confirmation" in our spirit man from God. "Religion and Traditions" of men will distort the meaning and interruption of the BODY OF CHRIST (THE CHURCH) WORLDWIDE!



## 2.01 - The Forming of Godly Character

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### God Creates Heavens and The Earth.

(Scriptures from KJV)

Why is Character or Character forming important?

- It shapes your future and opportunities.
- It will limit you in life.
- It will limit the level to which you can rise to.
- It will determine the level that you can be trusted.
- It will determine the level of your responsibility.
- ***You are a sum total of decisions that you have made or not made, in your life.***

***God is very interested in character of people: - you have 2 choices -***

1. You can allow yourself and family to be formed ***by the world*** – and this could bring you into situations against the law.
2. You can allow yourself and family to be formed ***by the Word of God*** and the Holy Spirit.

***The forming of your character is the 1<sup>st</sup> step that will lead you into your destination in life (or away from you destination)***

Examples of men of character in the bible – reaching their destination;

1. Moses – 40 years in the desert before starting ministry.
2. Joseph – 13 years in an Egyptian jail preparing for leadership in Egypt.
3. Daniel – made ruler over the whole province of Babylon. Dan. 2:48
4. Shadrach, Meshach & Abed-Nego – Set in charge over the affairs of the province of Babylon. Dan.2:49

***People who would not compromise the truth or doing what is right by Gods standard and not the world's standard.***

**TIME TO SEE GODLY CHARACTER ONCE AGAIN IN THE BODY OF CHRIST!**

### 8 Steps to the process of developing Character

1. The Word of God – whatever you start with the Word of God.
2. The Word of God Produces Your Thinking!
3. Your thinking produces Feelings or Emotions.
4. Your Emotions Produce Your Decisions.
5. Your Decisions Shape Your Actions.
6. Your Actions will determine your habits.
7. The type of habits that you have will determine the type of character that you will have.
8. The type of character that you have will determine the destination that you will end up in.

### Step 1: The Word of God – whatever you start, start with the Word of God.

**1 Peter 1:23; Heb.11:3**

God's Word is seed for life – everything should start from the Word, the origin.



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- Whatever you start, it should start with the word.
- The word is incorruptible seed – that will produce every time, will not fail.
- The seed must be planted in us, we are the ground.
- Whatever you want – plant the seed for the harvest.
- Be selective who you let preach to you – they sow seed in you!
- ***The word of God is the origin for all prosperity in your life.***
- It is the Word seed, not money seed that determines increase.
- God`s Word is our covenant platform for and to prosperity.

### Step 2: The Word of God Produces Your Thinking!

#### 3 John 1:2

**You prosper as your Soul (mind, will and emotions) prospers.**

- The environment that you live in - can produce your thinking.
- The words spoken over you in your life - can produce your thinking.
- Your own words will determine your destination.

#### Prov.23:7

As a Man Thinks in his heart, so is he... (NKJV)

- The way you think will give you failure or success.
- Words will frame your thinking.
- Ask yourself why am I thinking this way – does it line up with God and His Word!

### Step 3: Your thinking produces Feelings or Emotions.

**(Emotions are feelings on the inside – caused by pain or pleasure are *designed to move you in a direction to or from your destination – by God or Satan!*)**

- How you handle your emotions will determine if you experience the Blessing or Curse in your life.
- Take charge over your emotions before they take charge over you and bring you into trouble.
- Do not be ruled by your emotions! - example. Depression etc.

#### Heb.4:15

- Jesus did not let his emotions and feelings rule him, he ruled them.

#### Mark 14:32-34

- Jesus went forward and did what God said to do, and kept on praying.

#### **Depression for example:**

Is a result of external pressure getting inside our heart and weighting it down, the feelings of depression come from thinking thoughts that weight you down! You have to change the way you think in order to change the way you feel.

Rom.8:5-8 & Col.3:2





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### How to get out!

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|--|---------------|
| 1. Guard your heart, be not troubled- believe what God says!     | Prov. 4:20-23 |
| 2. Speak to your problem (mountain), and not about your problem. | Mark 11:22-26 |
| 3. If something is missing in your life, ask for it.             | Mark 11:22-26 |
| 4. Receive what you ask for, by faith and joy will come!         | Mark 11:22-26 |

### Step 4: Your Emotions Produce Your Decisions.

- Your life is the sum total of your decisions.
- A decision is the open door to reality.

#### Mark 5:1-28

- Jesus ministry is controlled by people that make a quality decision.
- The daughter of Jairus - v21.
- The woman who had an issue of Blood – v 25.

#### Isaiah 45:11

- Making quality decisions commissions Jesus to follow in our lives – Jesus takes over.

### Step 5: Your Decisions Shape Your Actions.

- Your actions cause the increase (or decrease) to take place.

#### James 1:22-25

- Obey the Word – do it!

#### 1Sam.2:3

- **Actions are weighed in (or honored) with God – a love action!**

#### Luke 6:27-31

- Your actions are seeds, what you do to others will come back to you.

#### Rom.12:18-19

- Your love action is what guarantees God's action.

#### Eph.3:14-20

- The root of the issue is love – the power of God is working in me!

### Step 6: Your Actions will determine Your Habits.

***We 1<sup>st</sup> make our habits and then our habits make us.***

#### Rom.7:19-22

- What am I practicing in my life (in my soul – thinking), good deeds or bad deeds, that will form a habit.

#### Rom.8:1-2

- Paul has the answer for this problem – walk in the laws of the Spirit and this will control the laws operating in the flesh.

#### Rom.12:1-2

- **To change your habits you will have to change your thoughts or the way you think – your mind set needs to be changed.**

#### Rom.8:5-8 & Col.3:2

- Set your mind on things that are above and not below – set your mind on the word of God.

#### 2 Cor.10:3-6, Phil.4:8



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### Step 7: The type of habits that you have will determine the type of character that you will have.

#### **Definition of Character:**

Character is doing what is right, because it is right, then doing it right.

- Doing what is right comes from the Word of God and then doing what the word says to do, and not the word of the world says to do!
- Doing what is right will prosper other people.
- ***You will never rise above the limitations (issues) of your character.***
- ***God will only give you the anointing that matches your character.***
- ***Your character level will determine your anointing level, prosperity level, supernatural level – your character limits you in life.***

The character of Jesus must be formed in us.

Rom.8:29

- Wherever there is a character flaw in us that becomes an open door for Satan to have access into our lives.
- We create character with every choice we have in life.

#### **Dan.2:48**

1. He would only do what was right for his body (how can we conquer life or our enemies if we can not conquer a food or a piece of sugar).
2. He gave God the glory for God would do in what happened in his life.
3. He showed character in his honesty – he spoke the truth to authorities regardless of the unpopularity.
4. He showed character in his discipline – he continued to pray daily even though it might cost him his life.
5. He showed character in his integrity

### Step 8: The type of character that you have will determine the destination (destiny) that you will end up in.

#### **To discover the destiny you must renew your mind in these 4 areas:**

1. We must believe that God has a plan and destiny for our lives. Jer.29:11
2. We must believe what is on the inside of us controls us, not our circumstances on the outside – for whatever we allow to get on the inside of us will control our lives!
3. We must believe when we give the best we will receive the best – you will reap what you sow. Gal.6:7
4. We must order our lives in a balanced way and we must keep our priorities in line with Gods will or word.

#### **Jer.1:5**

- **God knew us before we were formed in the womb and put a destiny in our lives (or a plan).**

#### **Heb.12:1**

- We have a **set race** that he has **set** for us.
- It is our responsibility to find that **set race** or **destiny**.

#### **Ecl.3:1**

- There is a **time and a purpose** appointed for everything.
- We need to seek God for the correct season to do what He has called and anointed us to do – note also that our anointing is not for us but for others.

**JESUS IS LORD!**



## 2.02 - Kingdom Thinking – Not Single Thinking!

(2.02 - Kingdom Thinking - Not Single Thinking)

### 1. What is meant by Kingdom Thinking – Not Single Thinking.

(Scriptures – KJV)

#### Introduction:

**Kingdom** = The domain of the King!

**Kingdom Thinking** = How to establish and build the Kingdom of God – His Plan in the earth.

**Single Thinking** = How to build and establish **MY** kingdom – organization/ministry/church in the earth.

- Usually when a person comes into the Kingdom of God by being “born-again” there is a strong heart’s desire to serve God, establish and build His Kingdom in the earth.
- As time progresses many Christians grow in ministry positions and can forget the original desire of their heart and forget building His Kingdom and start to build their own kingdom – organization/ministry/church.
- The bible warns us that we are not to forget where and who made us successful and prosperous – The Lord!

#### **Deu.8:18-19**

<sup>18</sup> But you shall remember the Lord thy God: for it is he that gives you power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he swore unto thy fathers, as it is this day. <sup>19</sup> And it shall be, if you do at all forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that you shall surely perish. (KJV)

Why does this happen? When a person comes to know the Lord they are humble and very thankful but as time goes by pride starts to come into their lives and ministry.

- As God raises up a person to new levels of success and prosperity, slowly the glory that belongs to God, the recognition of men, starts to influence them and they become “Man Pleasers” rather than “God Pleasers” – a very dangerous position!

As Jesus was raised up by the Father His mind or thinking was always “**Kingdom Thinking**” and not “**Single Thinking**” – He was not thinking about His own ministry becoming successful and large but about His Fathers Kingdom becoming successful, large and covering the whole earth.

#### **Jn.6:38**

<sup>38</sup> For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. (KJV)

### 2. Roman Empire Colonized Other Conquered Lands .

#### **Matt.28:18-19**

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. <sup>19</sup> Go you therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (KJV)

- When the Romans conquered a land they established their empire (Kingdom) by sending 300 people from Rome to build up their domain in that part of the world.



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- They developed the Roman Empire culture in the foreign lands to the satisfaction of Rome and the Roman Emperor (or King) – they were **Single Thinking – Not Kingdom thinking** all the time!
- Jesus has also give us a command to do exactly the same but in his Name for His Father in heaven to all people and nations in the earth.
- Should we be anything less than the worldly way of thinking – as believers we also should be constantly thinking about expanding God’s Kingdom from heaven to and upon the earth!
- The Kingdom of God is far, far greater than any earthly kingdom or empire that has and will ever exist for in encompasses the natural and supernatural realms as well as all creation including the heavens and the earth.

### 3. Having a Mind Set of always Thinking - Kingdom.

#### 1. The Wooden Table – A vision given to me some years ago by the Lord!

The Lord will at times give a vision into our spirit to explain a situation more clearly of what He is wanting us to understand about spiritual things (Peter’s vision – Acts10:9-16). This vision was given to further my understanding.

In the vision I saw a rectangular room and in the middle of the room was a large rough long wooden table, the sought that you might find in a pub in old England. The table was rough and not pleasant to the eyes but very strong and solid. In the middle of the table was a large silver platter (plate) covered with lots of food and at one end of the table it was covered in darkness with the rest of the table being fully lit. Around the table walked many men who represented Leaders/Ministers/Pastors of all Christian denominations, all looking at the table and also at the food, but no one would sit down to eat. Finally a small man dressed in poor clothing sat down to eat. As he sat down a silver plate full of food appeared in front of him together with a cup of wine. He had the impression to look down towards the end that was in darkness only to see the darkness go and to see Jesus sitting there quietly smiling at him but saying nothing.

Slowly one by one the men sat down to eat from the table and the same thing happened to them, the plate of food, the cup of wine, Jesus appearing and smiling at them. Finally there was only a man left still walking around the table while all the other men were now seated. He was very well dressed in fine expensive clothes that indicated his very high position in a major religious denomination. Eventually he also sat down and had the same experiences as the rest of the men. When he sat down the darkness was completely removed from the end of the table and Jesus was could be fully seen by everyone and then Jesus said “now I will tell you what I want!”

#### **The Revelation:**

The Holy Spirit gave me the understanding as follows;

- The table was the “Table of Humility” and was prepared by the Lord for the men that were there.
- Jesus sat at one end of the table hidden to the eyes of man until they had sat down of their own free will at which time he then revealed Himself to them, the others were not able to see Him as yet.
- As each person humbled themselves to accept the condition of the table, their pride was broken.



## 2.02 - Kingdom Thinking – Not Single Thinking!

- The last person to sit down at the table was the leader in fine expensive clothes who thought that the table was far beneath his dignity and office (position in God) to sit down at, he required a very fine made table that would reflect his importance.
- When all had sat down at the table then Jesus finally revealed himself to everybody now that He had their full attention and Jesus said “now I will tell you what I want”.
- Everyone on the men were leaders in the “Body of Christ” doing their own thing and not listening to what the Lord wanted them to do for Him. Only when they humbled themselves could Jesus fully reveal Himself to the point where they were ready to listen.
- **They were “Single Thinking” but Not “Kingdom Thinking!”**

### 4. The Ministry of John The Baptist.

#### John the Baptist and his Prophecy

##### **Lk.1:76 (67-80 Zacharias`Prophecy)**

<sup>76</sup> *And you, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for you shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; (KJV)*

- From the very beginning John’s entire life and ministry on the earth, from his birth until his death was to serve God and His Kingdom, to prepare the way for Jesus who would establish His Fathers Kingdom in the hearts of men as well as on the earth.

#### John the Baptist Prepares the Way

##### **Matt.3:1-3, 13-14**

<sup>1</sup> *In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea,* <sup>2</sup> *And saying, Repent you: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.* <sup>3</sup> *For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare you the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.* <sup>13</sup> *Then cometh Jesus from Galilee to Jordan unto John, to be baptized of him.* <sup>14</sup> *But John forbad him, saying, I have need to be baptized of you, and comes you to me? (KJV)*

- John knew what his ministry on the earth was and his part in the plan of God and then he fulfilled it.

#### **Lk.7:28 (Jesus speaking)**

<sup>28</sup> *For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he. (KJV)*

### 5. The Ministry Of Jesus.

#### **Jn.6:38**

<sup>38</sup> *For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. (KJV)*

#### **Jn.5:30**

<sup>30</sup> *I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me. (KJV)*

- Jesus ministry was based **purely on what His Father wanted** from the very beginning of His life to the very end of His life here on the earth.



## 2.02 - Kingdom Thinking – Not Single Thinking!

- Jesus **knew that He had to fulfil His part of God's plan** to establish the Kingdom of Heaven so His thinking was always Kingdom!
- **Where ever He went** He did the will of God and got the results empowered by His Father.

### Acts 10:38

<sup>38</sup> How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. (KJV)

## 6. Not Of This World.

### Jn.18:36

<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: **but now is my kingdom not from hence.** (KJV)

### Jesus Prays for His Disciples

#### Jn.17:16

<sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (KJV)

- Because we are in Jesus and He is in us we also are not of this world so our thinking must not be like the people of this world but on a higher level, that of the Kingdom, while still living in this world!
- If you are truly born-again by the Spirit of God, **you have a new citizenship** while still living on the earth and this is the truth. 1<sup>st</sup> citizenship – heaven, 2<sup>nd</sup> citizenship – the country on the earth where you were born.

## 7. A Kingdom Divided will fall.

### Lk.11:18 (Jesus speaking)

<sup>18</sup> If Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because you say that I cast out devils through Beelzebub. (KJV)

### Mark 3:24-25 (Jesus speaking)

<sup>24</sup> And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. (KJV)

- The kingdom of God is establish by standing together, having the same thinking, and doing exactly what Jesus (our example) did!
- WE are to be like Jesus – Holy Spirit led and Word controlled!

## 8. The Children of Israel.

### Spies Sent into Canaan

#### Num.13:1-33; 14:26

<sup>31</sup> 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. <sup>32</sup> 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 eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great stature. <sup>33</sup> 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)



## 2.02 - Kingdom Thinking – Not Single Thinking!

- 10 Spies had a bad (evil) report of unbelief – not trusting God to deliver them into victory!
- Joshua and Caleb had a different spirit and trusted God.
- The children of Israel were **blocked by their thinking** so they did not enter the promised land or the “land of promises”, they died in the wilderness except Joshua and Caleb and people under 20 years’.
- Their **thinking actually stopped** them (10 from 12 spies).
- They saw **the size of their problem** and **not the size of their God!**
- Our thinking can also stop us in the promises of God as well as our place in the plan of God in the earth – **we are co-labourers – in His Plan!**

### 9. A Different Mind Set – that like God!

#### Thinking from a point of “reigning over” and “not being subject to” or under the world’s system!

- We are **ambassadors from a higher authority** on the earth!- (2Cor 5:20)
- All **power and authority has been given to us** through and in the name of Jesus!

#### **Matt.28:19-20** (Jesus Speaking)

<sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen (KJV)

#### **Mark 16:15-18** (Jesus Speaking)

<sup>15</sup> And he said unto them, Go you into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup> He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup> They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (KJV)

- Time to **start to thinking outside the” normal religious/traditional box” or “structure”** that man has made – the traditions of man make the word of God non effective! eg.
- Christians having businesses and not being led by the world but by the godly standards!
- **Networking together** & Combining our talents & abilities to one purpose only – to establish & to build His Kingdom here on the earth!
- Even the unsaved world is **thinking on a Global level – networking together** to produce a greater strength and result!
- The “Body of Christ” on the earth, are as the word says a **“new species of being”** – supernaturally empowered from above with authority over the Spirit, Natural and Mental realms!
- **Let your mind be transformed – kingdom thinking - The raising up of others and not self** (Eph.4:11-13)
- Thinking on a **whole new level** – in family & community!
- Expanding our boundaries – **no limits!**
- Limits to be **set by God!**
- How we can **help the people** of the kingdom **in Gods plans!**

#### **Matt.6:33**

<sup>33</sup> But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (KJV)





## 2.02 - Kingdom Thinking – Not Single Thinking!

### Jn.6:38

<sup>38</sup> For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. (KJV)

### 10. A final Word on “Kingdom Thinking – Not Single Thinking!”

#### Matt.6:9-13 (Jesus Speaking)

<sup>9</sup> After this manner therefore pray you: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. <sup>10</sup> **Your kingdom come. (Manifested by the Demonstration of power & dominion) Your will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. (KJV)

- **Kingdom Thinking is about co-labouring with God** to establish His Kingdom back on the earth by and through the Word of God together with the Holy Spirit in the Name of Jesus in whom there is all power and authority (Matt.28:19-20)!
- The born-again believer is a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17) equipped with authority and the anointing by God to do exactly what Jesus did in His ministry on the earth and has also been equipped with spirituals gifts, talents and abilities for ministry as well as everyday living.
- Kingdom thinking is not based on where you were born into the earth or by your mind sets that have been developed by your “nationally, religion, traditions or your culture”, it is to be based on what the Word of God says. God has given us the Bible to show us how to think as He does and to show us His ways of doing things. Often our “nationality, traditional, religious and/or cultural thinking” will be opposite and conflict with that of the Word of God but we are encouraged to renew our minds by the Word of God (2Cor.10:3-6; Phil. 4:8; Rom.12:2).

#### Rom. 12:2

<sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but be you transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (KJV)

### The Challenge !

#### To change the way we think!

From “Worldly, Religious, Traditional & Cultural Thinking” to “Kingdom Thinking!”

To be “Kingdom Thinking” and not “Single Thinking”.

**This is how we, THE CHURCH, will establish God`s Kingdom on the earth!**

### JESUS IS LORD!





## 2.03 - Establishing God`s Kingdom on Earth

(2.03 - Establishing Gods Kingdom on Earth)

### 1. The Kingdom of God is Demonstrated in Power

(Scriptures from KJV)

#### **Matt.6:9-13 (Jesus Speaking)**

<sup>9</sup> After this manner therefore pray you: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be your name. <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come (**Manifested by the Demonstration of power & dominion**). **Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.** <sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. (KJV)

- It is Gods will that the Kingdom that is in Heaven also be established on the earth through His people, a new race of supernatural people – the “born-again believer”, sons and daughters of God.
- Jesus was the forerunner, the example of this new race of people and demonstrated what to do!

#### **Luke 4:18-19**

<sup>18</sup> The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, <sup>19</sup> To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. (KJV)

- His ministry consisted of healing the sick, casting out demons and declaring the Kingdom of God and uncovering the kingdom of Satan.
- **His primary ministry or work was to establish the kingdom of God on the earth and at the same time show us how to do it – what He did we will also do in His name and greater!**

#### **John 14:12-14**

<sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> And whatsoever you shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If you shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it. (KJV)

- We are also commanded to do the same as Jesus did and even more!
- We have been given the power and authority in Jesus name!
- This is what every born-again believer is called, commissioned and empowered also to do!

#### **Mark 16:15-18**

<sup>15</sup> And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup> He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup> They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (KJV)

#### **Matthew 28:18-20**

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. <sup>19</sup> Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (KJV)



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### 2. We Fight against Spiritual Powers

#### **Eph6:10-18**

<sup>12</sup> For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. <sup>13</sup> Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. (KJV)

- Notice it is God`s Amour not just any old amour but His Amour.

**Jesus knew what the real battle was – he prayed then acted out his authority and all heaven supported him!**

- Our fight is not against flesh and blood (people) but against spiritual forces that have taken dominion over the earth, people, cities and nations through Satan`s leadership.
- It is important to understand the spiritual realm, how it functions and how the Word of God also functions to defeat the enemy and how to take back the land, first in the spirit then the natural!
- We are told to put on the full Armour of God including in verse 18, praying in the Spirit or praying in your spiritual prayer language – tongues which is a major key to victory!
- We are to be led by the Holy Spirit in our praying, or in other words God will communicate to the Holy Spirit in you His will, the Holy Spirit that lives in you will communicate to your spirit (that is you), and you will pray through tongues the perfect prayer that God can answer – it is a cycle from heaven to earth then back to heaven but the Holy Spirit must use our physical vocal organs to do so as God needs spoken words to act upon. Our mind normally can not understand what we pray in tongues unless God gives you an interpretation in your mind. This is why Satan fights the church in not speaking in tongues.

#### **Eph.6:14-18**

<sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; <sup>15</sup> And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> Above all, taking the shield of faith, where with you shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: <sup>18</sup> Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching there unto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (KJV)

- The weapons of our warfare are not of the natural realm but are of the supernatural realm and we must learn how they work and function and become skilled in their use. Each weapon has a certain use in the battle between the Kingdom of Light and the kingdom of darkness but they are God`s armour given to us to fight the good fight of Faith.
- The main weapon is the “Sword of the Spirit” or the “Word of God” which has the ability to reach from the natural into the spiritual (or supernatural) realm when used by the believer and spoken in words. Jesus used it continually to defeat Satan.

#### **Luke 4:1-13**

<sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered him, saying, **It is written**, That man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God. (KJV)



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- **Jesus demonstrated the Kingdom** of God in power and authority on the earth through his ministry everywhere he went – Acts 10:38! He used

### Acts 10:38

<sup>38</sup> *How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him. (KJV)*

- If you are born-again then you also have the “anointing” that Jesus has because He lives in you!

## 3. What is God Waiting for today – the same as all Creation is waiting for today!

### THE KEY!!

#### Rom.8:18-19 &22-27

<sup>18</sup> *For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.* <sup>19</sup> ***For the earnest expectation of the creature waits for the manifestation of the sons of God.*** <sup>20</sup> *For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope,* <sup>21</sup> *Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.* <sup>22</sup> ***For we know that the whole creation groans and travails in pain together until now.*** <sup>23</sup> *And not only they, but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body.* <sup>24</sup> *For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man sees, why does he yet hope for?* <sup>25</sup> *But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.* <sup>26</sup> ***Likewise the Spirit also helps our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.*** <sup>27</sup> ***And he that searches the hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because he makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God. (KJV)***

### THE ANSWER!!

- The whole of creation is waiting for the manifestation of the Sons (including Daughters also) of God, Why?
- **“Sons of God are (Mature Believers) - men and women who will rise up by the power of God bring and deliverance and liberty to mankind....”**
- Not only **children of God** by being born-again but **Sons of God** by the manifestation of power & dominion.
- **“Those (Believers) who through an understanding of their divine nature can operate (as Jesus did on the earth), exercising total dominion over all issues of life, bringing deliverance to many as things will be possible to these people”**
- The whole earth is waiting on the manifestation of the sons of God to disarm wickedness and to deliver people from captivity.
- All of creation is moaning and waiting for **“Believers”** to say **“I have dominion & authority on the earth and now I exercise and walk in it as a son of God!”**
- The more you operate in it the more proficient you will be and the more you will see happen!
- Are you going to only be a “child of God” or are you going to be a “son of God” by a demonstration of power as you establish the Kingdom of God on the earth as Jesus did?



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### 4. Who will help us, lead us and guide us?

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- The person of The Holy Spirit, the third person of the trinity, co-equal to God the father!
- Helps the weakness of our flesh – what we can not do in our own natural abilities, He will help us.
- Our infirmities or weaknesses – sometimes we do not know what we are to pray.
- The Holy Spirit who knows everything and is everywhere at the same time, He will help you pray the exact prayer by bypassing your intellect or mental thinking process.
- The Holy Spirit will actually pray through you if you will allow Him and work with Him as a co-laborer!
- Allow heaven to send the prayers that need to be prayed, then pray them in return to the father in the name of Jesus to complete the heavenly cycle.

### 5. Empowerment by and through the Holy Spirit.

**Acts 1:4-8** (Jesus speaking)

<sup>8</sup> *But you **shall receive power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.* (KJV)

**Acts 2:4-8**

<sup>1</sup> *And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place.* <sup>2</sup> *And suddenly there came a sound from heaven as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting.* <sup>3</sup> *And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them.* <sup>4</sup> *And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.* (KJV)

- To be filled with the Holy Spirit (or baptism in the Holy Spirit), a person must be born-again by inviting Jesus to be the Lord of their life through a prayer of salvation and forgiveness of sins. Only then can a born-again believer be filled by and with the power of God by the Holy Spirit.
- Only these people that are “born-again”, can operate in authority and power on the earth as Jesus did and only these believers can establish the “God`s Kingdom on the Earth.”

### 6. A final word about “Establishing God`s Kingdom on the Earth.”

There is a battle going on all the time without rest in the heavens and on the earth, between the powers of light and powers of darkness both in the natural and spirit realms. Satan (a fallen angel) is no match for God as God is supreme but God must work to a Plan that He began in the Garden of Eden and that will be eventually completed at the end of this age in victory by the “Bride of Christ – the True Church.”

God is looking for the ordinary everyday born-again believer to be raised up, mature spiritually, be equipped by the fivefold ministries working as a team together to do the work of the ministry, to fight the good fight of faith and to take back the earth from the hands of Satan, the enemy

**JESUS IS LORD!**



## 2.04 - UPSIDE DOWN versus TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP

(2.04 - UPSIDE DOWN versus TRADITIONAL Leadership)

### 1. The Pyramid Principal.

(Scriptures from KJV)

#### A. Basic TRADITIONAL Leadership structure in the World.



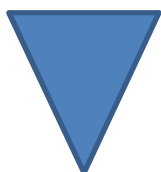
1. CEO (Employer)
2. Managers
3. Supervisors
4. Employees

#### B. Basic TRADITIONAL Leadership structure in the Church.



1. Bishops
2. Senior Pastors
3. Pastors
4. Body of Christ (Believers)

#### C. UPSIDE DOWN Leadership as designed by the Word of God.



1. Body of Christ (Believers)
2. Pastors
3. Senior Pastors
4. Bishops

The Foundation scripture from The Word of God for confirming - UPSIDE DOWN Leadership as follows;

#### **Eph.4:11-12**

<sup>11</sup> And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, <sup>12</sup> for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, (AMPC)

#### **The Fivefold Ministry.**

1. The original design by God and His Word was that the Fivefold ministries positions were put into ministry to “train and equip” the “Body of Christ” (the Believers) to do the work of the ministry.
2. To be effective and fulfil Eph.4:11-12, the Fivefold ministries must take the example of the UPSIDE DOWN Leadership structure found in “(C) to serve and not to be served”.
3. The apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers have been equipped with “Talents and Abilities” by God and not by self, and then empowered with the “Anointing” for one reason and that is to develop and mature the believer.
4. Jesus was and is the true example of Leadership – He came to serve and not to be served. He trained and equipped His twelve Apostles to do the work of the ministry. He came under His team and lifted them up to their full potential.



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- Our thinking as ministers must change from the traditional view point of “reigning over the Body of Christ – (B)” to “serving and coming under to lift up – (C)”, this requires a servant heart attitude of humility and a breaking of pride within ourselves.

### 2. Becoming a Person of No Reputation – the Key to Ministry!

- If you want to go up in the kingdom of God, you must first go down, the higher the position the greater degree of humility that is required to serve in that position, it is also called “dying to self”– John 3:30; Mar.9:35; Phil.2:7-8!
- A leader in the world (public servant) is put into position and empowered by the people on behalf of the people whereas a Leader in the Body of Christ (servant of God) is put into position and empowered by God to do His will, serve the Body of Christ, and to build His Kingdom – in both cases both Leaders are still servants.

In Germany they have a saying that when a person is classed as a “nobody” they are called a “Null” meaning a “zero” - a person of no reputation. Becoming a person of no reputation is the Key to serving God as well as advancing in His Kingdom.

We see the perfect example of this in three places, 1<sup>st</sup> in the ministry of John the Baptist and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Ministry of Jesus

#### John the Baptist Exalts Christ.

##### **John 3:30**

<sup>30</sup> *He must increase, but I must decrease. (KJV)*

#### Who Is the Greatest?

##### **Mark 9:35**

<sup>35</sup> *And he sat down, and called the twelve, and said unto them, If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all. (KJV)*

#### The Humbled and Exalted Christ.

##### **Phil.2:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> *But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: <sup>8</sup> And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (KJV)*

- Keeping a position of no reputation in our heart keeps us in a position of humility and prevents us from going into pride. Through the position of humility God can trust us with more responsibility and power without those things corrupting us. God does not humble us, we are to do this.

##### **1 Pet.5:6**

<sup>6</sup> *Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time: (KJV)*

##### **Jam.4:10**

<sup>10</sup> *Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. (KJV)*





## 2.04 - UPSIDE DOWN verses TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP

### 3. How to Become a Person of no Reputation!

#### Jesus praying in the Garden of Gethsemane:

##### **Matt.26:39**

<sup>39</sup> *And he went a little further, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as you will. (KJV)*

- Jesus only did and said what His Father said and did.
- Jesus did the will of His Father and not His own will!

#### **Personal Testimony:**

I can remember a situation where I had just completed teaching in a bible school and then went back to my room to put my notes away. As I turned back towards the door to leave my room the Holy Spirit spoke into my spirit, in that still small voice (not an audible voice to my ears) and said, "Will you make yourself of no reputation" and nothing more. I said Lord I have trying to build a reputation up for years in ministry and you just want me to drop it and become of no reputation? I had trouble for some minutes to accept what the Lord wanted as I could not see any sense in the request. Finally the Holy Spirit spoke again and said, "Jesus did!" I said yes Lord I will make myself of no reputation! Then again the Holy Spirit spoke to me and said, "now you are free, and I can work through you more than before". I then received revelation of what He meant, I was now free from the works and pressure of trying to build up my reputation and then to keep it keep up, there was no more competition of trying to be like another minister, He would build it up and keep it up for me! Secondly He could now flow through me in ministry because I was now coming back to be as He had created me to be – flowing in harmony with His will.

##### **Phil.2:7-8**

<sup>7</sup> *But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men:* <sup>8</sup> *And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. (KJV)*

### 4. True Unity through having No Reputation!

In every city throughout the world often there are Ministers or Pastors with a mind set to be the number "1" minister or Pastor, to have the number "1" church, or to be the number "1" ministry. This sounds good but in reality, it is a block to God, His plans in a city and the working of His Holy Spirit.

Often it is said that Jesus is number "1" but in reality everybody else is trying to be number "1" in their city. True unity of the Body of Christ will occur when all ministers (servants of God) become a "0", of no reputation and let God have His way.

How can Jesus be number "1" if everyone else is trying to be number "1", it is not possible! It is only as we become a "0" that He can truly take His place and become number "1".

#### **Example:**

**1+1+1=3=** (Jesus + Pastor + Pastor) - Pastors building their own reputation.

**1+0+0=1=** (Jesus + Pastor + Pastor) - Pastors taking the new position of no reputation.



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When we become a “0” we are given true value as we stand next to Jesus, our worth is not trying to be a number “1” but by becoming a “0”!

“1”+0 =10 --- “1”+0+0=100 --- “1”+0+0+0=1000 --- as more ministers stand beside each other of no reputation, their value grows.

### Results of no reputation:

- Jesus takes His place as Head of the Church on the earth.
- The Holy Spirit can speak to all ministers/Pastors and co-ordinate the one plan of God.
- There is no more competition in the Body of Christ.
- Every minister can be themselves as God meant them to be.
- Our strengths, talents and abilities can be united to serve each other.

### 5. Ministers to bring others into their God given Plans!

#### Jer.29:11

<sup>11</sup> For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end. (KJV)

- All people have a God given plan within themselves, a vision, a hope and a future. They are discovered when a person is “Born-again” where God reveals to the person what they are.
- As ministers of the Gospel we often think that people are sent to our churches to fulfil our vision first but in reality God sends them to our church so that we can train and equip them, discover their spiritual gifts, and to allow them to practice their ministry gifts.
- We are to bring them into their vision first and in time our own vision will be fulfilled by God as we are faithful to fulfil theirs **Gal.6:7**.
- As pastors of a church we must remember that the sheep (believers), belong to God and He directs when and where they should go, pastors are in reality managers of His sheep.
- God will speak directly to the believer first and if necessary give a confirmation through another person or the pastor. **John 10:3-5**
- As ministers we are not to hold believers back from coming into their callings, but with guidance and good advice, give them every opportunity possible to come into and to do ministry – again Jesus is the example.
- Often Ministers may feel that their positions and ministries are threatened by younger believers but be assured that the position and vision that God has given to the minister can not be copied or duplicated but can be given away or transferred to somebody else if the minister does not want it. The following scripture shows what does happen in the minds and hearts of some servants of God – **this should not be!**





## 2.04 - UPSIDE DOWN verses TRADITIONAL LEADERSHIP

### 3John 1:9-10 (The Apostle John)

<sup>9</sup> I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes, **who loves to have the pre-eminence (first) among them**, does not receive us. <sup>10</sup> Therefore, if I come, I will call to mind his deeds which he does, prating against us with malicious words. And not content with that, he himself does not receive the brethren, and forbids those who wish to, putting them out of the church. (NKJV)

### 6. The Vision!

**The Jigsaw Puzzle** - A vision given to me by the Lord some years ago to explain the above principal.

The Lord showed me a picture of a large Jigsaw Puzzle that was divided into billions of pieces, very similar to that of a children's jigsaw puzzle. The picture I received was the "Plan of God" that He had made and that we as believers and ministers were to follow and do.

The pieces of the puzzle were unique, single and one of a kind and could not be copied, duplicated or stolen. The puzzle was then broken up in the vision into pieces for 1<sup>st</sup> continents, 2<sup>nd</sup> countries, 3<sup>rd</sup> cities, 4<sup>th</sup> churches, 5<sup>th</sup> ministries, 6<sup>th</sup> ministers, 7<sup>th</sup> finally believers. Finally every believer and ministry had pieces or a piece of the puzzle.

### Then the Lord gave me the revelation and meaning of the jigsaw puzzle vision as follows;

- The JIGZAW PUZZLE vision was His Plan for the earth – the one & only plan and no other!
- As ministers it is not up to us to develop our own idea or vision but to simply ask God for our piece of the puzzle, His plan for our lives and ministry that we are to fulfil.
- Attached to our piece of the puzzle are all the provisions needed to make it successful, we just need to pray it and the provisions into the natural by FAITH.
- Because our piece of the puzzle is unique and can not be copied, duplicated or stolen then there is no more competition in the Body of Christ, I can not do your ministry and you can not do mine. What God gives He will protect!
- As the pieces in a child's jigsaw puzzle inter lock to the next adjacent piece, above and below also, so our piece of God's plan has been designed to inter lock to other ministries – in other words we all fit together to help each other achieve God's plan for the earth and not our own man made plans.
- It is called "networking" – a term that is used often in the world and in business. In this system people and companies join their strengths, talents, abilities and even finances and network together to increase their chances for success. The more they network together the greater the strength.



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So it must be in the Kingdom of God, believers and ministries must “network together” to increase in strength to accomplish the plan of God here in the earth as no one person or ministry has it all.

- A house divided will fall but the opposite is also true – a house that is not divided will stand and not fall.

### Mark 3:24-25

<sup>24</sup> *And if a kingdom be divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. <sup>25</sup> And if a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. (KJV)*

### A Final Word about UPSIDE DOWN versus TRADITIONAL Leadership.

This style of leadership may be very difficult for many church leaders to accept let alone conform or change to, but it is necessary as Jesus showed by His example in ministry and the Word of God says that we are to be conformed into the image of His Son (Rom.8:28-30).

The mind-set of a minister of the Gospel no matter what level of leadership he or she is in from a Bishop to a Pastor to a home group leader to a Sunday school teacher, should be from the view point of how they can make their ceiling level (present position) of their ministry become the floor level (starting point) of another believer or new believer. This takes courage, humbleness of the heart and mind together with trust in the Lord!

**Have you the courage to make the change?**

**Then “TEACH” more than you preach the Word of God!**

**This is how we, THE CHURCH, GROW!**

**JESUS IS LORD!**



## 2.05 - Lion Hearted Leadership

(2.05 - Lion Hearted Leadership)

### 1. Lessons that can be learnt from the Lion – true example of Leadership.

(Scriptures from KJV)

What is the first thing that comes to your mind when you see a Lion or hear about one? Is it its strength? Is it its fierceness and its boldness? Is it its regal, majestic bearing? Or is it its magnificent appearance? Whatever it is you know about the Lion, you will still have to agree that it is a special animal, in fact it is so special that it is referred to as the "King of the Jungle" (even though it is mostly found in grasslands). The Lion as an animal is one that every leader and aspiring leader should strive to learn from. For that reason I have selected five facts about lions and the lessons you can learn from them.

#### FACT 1: A Lion's roar can be heard from five miles (8km) away:

##### **LESSON 1: Make yourself heard.**

- It is important for you to know that the statement you make is not just about what you say, the things you do and your character, is part of what makes your reputation.
- The Lion knows that its roar precedes it everywhere it goes, that is why it is the height of boldness.
- If you develop your reputation properly (in Christ), your boldness will increase.

#### FACT 2: Lions Are Very Social Animals; They Form Groups Called Prides with Sometimes As Many As Forty individuals In a Pride:

##### **LESSON 2: Interact With Others So That You Can Get Better**

- "Do not build fortresses to protect yourself – isolation is dangerous."
- Many people believe that the task of leadership is a burden that cannot be shared –not totally true.
- The leader should recognize himself as a river feeding others and being fed by others in turn.
- A river which isolates itself, which feeds nothing and which nothing feeds will sooner or later start to stink or dry up.
- Remember the popular acronym **TEAM (Together Everyone Achieves More)**.

#### FACT 3: A Lion can spend up to 20 Hours a Day Sleeping:

##### **LESSON 3: There Is a Difference between a Leader and a Slave, Find Time to Relax.**

- We are tempted to work and work as slaves, we are constantly burnt out and worn out yet we do not see need to relax.
- Learn from the Lion who knows that every day it must eat, yet still sleeps for more than half the day. In spite of this perceived irresponsibility, the Lion never goes hungry.
- "Our minds need relaxation, and give way, unless we mix with work, a little play."
- If you want to have an enjoyable life learn to not let activity dominate your life. Find time to relax.



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**FACT 4: Lions rarely eat entire prey, they usually leave leftovers for other animals like hyenas AND vultures:**

**LESSON 4: the ability to share is the hallmark of a leader**

- Every leader has people following him and it is the duty of that leader to ensure that those followers get a fair distribution of every benefit that accrues to the organization.
- Being a leader is not just the ability to give commands or share out work, it is also the ability to motivate.
- There is nothing that can motivate like reward and incentive, a true leader does not hold these things back.
- If you want to be respected you must learn to give freely of yourself to others.
- It is hard to imagine that the Lion in spite of its voracious appetite, and the amount of food needed to satisfy its massive body needs, is still considerate enough to leave leftovers for carrion eaters.

**FACT 5: Male Lions defend the pride's territory while females go to hunt, but the male gets to eat first:**

**LESSON 5: Learn how to delegate responsibility**

- You have to accept that you cannot do everything or be everywhere at the same time.
- You have to learn to give some tasks for others to do.
- Some people are staunch believers in "if you want anything to be done right, you have to do it yourself." unfortunately taking this too far can bring blood pressure and nervous breakdown.
- One interesting fact is that despite the fact that the female makes the kill she brings it for the male to eat first.
- What we can all learn from this is that giving a task to somebody else to do doesn't mean you are giving them room to undermine your authority, it means you recognize that person's ability and skills and you recognize such a person as useful and important to the organization.
- One thing we should take note of is that the male Lion does not roll over and go to sleep when its mate goes to hunt, it has work that it also does.
- Do not give all your work out and then laze about all day. That is not delegation of duty, that is laziness and such an action leads to lack of respect.

**As Christians, we need to be "Word controlled and Spirit Led" but we can also learn valuable lessons from what the "World" has learnt about "Leadership" while still keeping within biblical wisdom & standards.**

**In the word of God we see that the "anointing oil" that was poured onto the head of a leader then it flowed down onto the body – simply translated this means WHATEVER IS IN leadership (Christian or Worldly), will eventually flow down onto the workers – positive or negative, good or bad.**

### **2. Characteristics of Leadership.**

**(Bad Leadership, Non-Courageous Leadership or Cowardly Leadership)**

#### **1. Say what people want to hear.**

- The might say, "I'll think about it" rather than "No" – this is still an answer.
- These leaders say one thing to one person and another to someone else.
- They want everyone to like them.



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### 2. Avoids conflict.

- In every relationship there will be conflict.
- It is necessary for the strength of relationships and the organization.
- When the leader avoids conflict, the entire organization will avoid it.
- Problems are never addressed and therefore no solution is found.

### 3. Never willing to make the hard decisions.

- Leaders don't have to be smart or the one with the most experience.
- Leaders make the decisions no one else is willing to make.

### 4. Pretends everything is okay - even when they are not.

- They gloss over the real problems.
- They refuse to confront them.
- They either don't know how or their pride gets in the way.

### 5. Bails out on the team when things become difficult.

- If the leader bails out of a hard situation so will the team.
- Great leaders are on the frontline during the most difficult days.

### 6. Refuses to back up team members.

- No one wants to serve someone who will not protect them.
- People need to know if they make mistakes, their leader will support and can help them.

### 7. Caves in to criticism.

- Make any decision and a leader will receive criticism.
- Bad leaders fall apart when people complain.
- They take it personal and refused to see any value in it.
- These leaders see every criticism as a threat against their leadership.

### 8. Engage in Backstabbing.

- Regularly badmouth their workers or superiors.
- Lacking respect and restraint, these leaders will lose their moral authority to lead as a result.

### 9. Avoid Work.

- When the going gets tough, they disappear.
- When leaders avoid or delegate their hands on work, they send a clear message: You're on your own.

### 10. Won't Listen.

- They are so superior...or so they think.
- They cut people off to avoid a discussion.
- These leaders must always have their way.
- Where employees have no say, they have no stake or claim in the situation.

### 11. Afraid to Discipline.

- Most leaders have no problems about going after those unhappy employees.
- Sometimes, being courageous requires leaders to discipline their friends, the ones who have furthered their careers and know their secrets.



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### 12. Don't Follow Through.

- But nothing ever seems to get done.
- Sure, they always have some explanation.
- “Want to be” leaders are starters.
- Real leaders are finishers.

### 13. Don't Think for Themselves.

- Often, leaders hide out among the people looking for others to find the solutions.
- They believe uniformity equals safety – staying in and with the crowd of people.
- These leaders rely on rules, structure, and deference.

### 14. Hide Behind Power.

- As leaders, they possess the stature that titles confer.
- What's more, they can leverage hundreds of people to realize their goals.
- But what happens when leaders feel overmatched and threatened?
- How do they wield their power and the apparatus they control?

### 15. Won't Grow or Change.

- "I don't want to hear it." Can you think of a worse phrase coming from a leader?
- When leaders grow certain of their strengths is when those strengths become weaknesses.
- Leadership requires the humility to see that alternatives aren't threats.
- And it involves an awareness that distinguishes the company's best interests from their own interests.

### 16. Not Authentic.

- Few things can discredit a leader faster than being perceived as phony.
- And they expose a team that lacks the courage to trust and respect its people.

### 17. Don't Connect with People:

- Relationships require us to step outside ourselves, to become vulnerable and bare who we really are.
- Leaders put up those tough and distant personas, as they look past people to deter any interaction.
- In doing so, they don't connect or learn what drives their people.
- As a result, these leaders never get the most out of them. Relationships take time.

### 18. Can't Adjust to Failure.

- They crawl into a shell. They try to cover it up.
- When that fails, they blame or bargain. Some persevere and come out wiser.
- Others get stuck and remain repeating the same mistakes.
- A few just give up, laying blame on timing, circumstance, and fate.

### 19. Accept Only Power Not People.

- Leadership style is transactional or positional: The motives are selfish and dishonest.
- No concern for the wellbeing of anybody else.
- The desire for power leads to use of deception.
- The leadership style is manipulative.
- To achieve and maintain absolute power.



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### 20. No Vision for the people flowering.

- Unwilling to make necessary changes to help the community.
- Only concerned about their position.
- When their ability is questioned they come up with excuses or blame others for their failures.
- The result of this type of leadership leads to tension and frustration.

### 3. Characteristics of Leadership. (Good Leadership or Courageous Leadership)

***Real courage is a mentality that's reflected in our day- today lives by our actions and decisions and not only by what we just say. It requires awareness, openness, and perseverance – a decision of the heart!  
As a man thinks in his heart so is he! (Prov. 23:7)***

#### 1. Good Leaders Understand The Circle of Life.

- They understand the responsibility and boundaries of their jurisdiction.
- They understand the "Circle of Life" and has made sure his people are properly educated as to the expectations of a thriving organization.

#### 2. Good Leaders Use Transformational Leadership.

- They demonstrate transformational Leadership – helping people to transform to their full potential.
- They do not use force or manipulation, instead provided discipline and unconditional love.
- They learn to be patient and understanding. They are willing to invest time and effort into potential leaders.

#### 3. Good Leaders Display Motivational Leadership;

- They display motivational leadership skills towards their people.
- They encourage (to put courage into) people to be strong and courageous.
- Whenever we encourage others they in turn become confident and gain respect for themselves.

#### 4. Good Leaders Work In A Process Of Development.

- Leadership is not a display of power but a process of development and discipline.
- We can't always depend on someone else to do everything for us nor should we expect that our mentors are always going to be there.

#### 5. Good Leaders Know The Responsibilities & Duties.

- They becomes aware of the responsibilities and the duties that are necessary and fulfil them.
- They accept them without complaint.

#### 6. Good Leaders Discover Their Identity & Potential.

- They are no longer enslaved by his past but become a full-grown.
- They are willing to face rejection, confrontation and uncertainty.
- They are courageous at the right moment and rise to display the true characteristics of a leader.

#### 7. Good Leaders Become The Role Model For Others.

- They understand that they are acting as a role model for others.
- The ultimate compliment to the leader is when people ask what would my role model do in this case?



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### 8. Good Leaders Exude Integrity.

- Integrity is congruence between what you say and what you do, as well as what you say about what you did, integrity is the KEYSTONE of leadership.

### One final word on and about leadership

Leadership is not about self or what can I get from the people under my leadership or how can I benefit from others, it is about working together to reach the target or goal that is set before us! True leadership is about putting OTHERS FIRST helping them to grow and develop and SELF LAST – it is called SACRIFICE!

A football team may have a captain and a vice captain but that does not make them better than the other team members, just more responsible and more accountable! They are responsible to develop the talents and abilities of the others.

True leaders don't lead through techniques of control, domination, intimidation, manipulation or fear – If God does not control or dominate us then we as leaders have no right to control or dominate others or be by other people!

Jesus is always the true example of Leadership – study His ministry in the Gospels on how He led, He did not use worldly techniques, He used the Word of God and the force of "Love" to motivate and bring out the best in people, there full God given potential!

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## 2.06 - EXCELLENCE IN MINISTRY.

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### 1. A Standard of Excellence in Ministry.

#### Foundation Scriptures

##### **Matthew 5:48**

<sup>48</sup> *Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. (KJV)*

##### **Matthew 5:48**

<sup>48</sup> *You, therefore, must be perfect [growing into complete maturity of godliness in mind and character, having reached the proper height of virtue and integrity], as your heavenly Father is perfect. (AMPC)*

##### **Ephesians 4:1**

*I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation where with you are called, (KJV)*

##### **Ephesians 4:1**

<sup>1</sup> *I THEREFORE, the prisoner for the Lord, appeal to and beg you to walk (lead a life) worthy of the [divine] calling to which you have been called [with behaviour that is a credit to the summons to God's service (AMPC)*

As Christians, we demand excellence from god - total dedication, commitment, reliability and Success.

**Since we expect excellence from God, we should also be willing to demand that same excellence from ourselves - ( no matter what type of ministry we are called to do )**

#### **Excellence in ministry -**

- will not tolerate *unbelief, failure* or *taking the easy way out*.
- will pay *whatever price* it takes to get the job done God's way.
- will be executed with *dedication* and *integrity*.
- will demonstrate absolute *honesty* and *commitment*.
- will represent **Jesus** to the world .

### 2. Six Steps to Excellence.

#### Step 1: Dedication - it is your decision

- true dedication is a decision of quality - a decision where there is no turning back.
- dedication is based on commitment and not feelings.
- when you make a decision of commitment, God provides the power just like the new birth.

#### **Find Your Place in the Body of Christ.**

- the bible says that the callings of God are without repentance. (Rom.11:29)
  - God will not revoke the calling in your life, find it and get into it as soon as possible.
  - Choose to be a vessel of honour.

#### **2 Tim.2:20-21**

<sup>20</sup> *But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. <sup>21</sup> If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work. (KJV)*

#### **Devote Yourself to Pleasing God**

- learn those things that please God and those Things that do not please Him.
  - *But without faith it is impossible to please Him.* (Heb.11:6)
  - *the just shall live by faith.* (Rom.1:17)



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- when we overcome the world. (1 John 5:4-5)
- not walking in victory is also offensive to God. (Heb.3:16, 17)
- walking in the love of God please Him, *also faith works by love.* (Gal.5:6)
- walking in offense, strife and division does not please God as strife will stop your faith, allow you to be taken captive by Satan`s works (2 Tim.21-24), and stop the operation of the nine gifts of the spirit in the life of the believer. (1Cor.13:1-3 & James 3:16)

### Commit Yourself to a Life of Prayer

- Prayer is the foundation for success in every Christian plan.
- Jesus spent much time with His Father in prayer & fellowship. (Mark 1:35 & Luke 6:12)
- Little prayer little power, much prayer much power!
- Fellowship and build a relationship with GOD.

### Step 2: Singleness of Purpose

Our **single purpose** as ministers of God (or other) **is to meet the needs of the people.**

- To be single-minded is very important, as a double minded man is unstable in all his ways and he receives nothing of the Lord. (James 1:5-8)
- A single-minded man is man that makes quality decisions and settles them forever.
- Do not hesitate to step out on your faith. (Luke 8:22-25)
- Preach the word; be instant in in season, out of season..... (2 Tim. 4:2, 5)
- Signs and wonders will follow the word that is preached. (Mark 16.15)

### Step 3: Follow the Leadership of the Holy Spirit.

- Decide to be led by the Holy Spirit through the Word-not by the natural... *Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you...* (John 16:13)
- Do not lean on your own understanding, learn to follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit within you. *Those who are led by the Spirit of God are the Sons of God.* (Rom.8:14)
- You must be totally grounded in and dependent upon the Word of God. (Col. 3:16)
- Be spirit led and word controlled. *You must let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.* (Col. 3.16)

### Step 4: Strip away the Things of the World.

#### John 17:16-17

<sup>16</sup> *They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.* <sup>17</sup> *Sanctify them through your truth: your word is truth. (KJV)*

- **To sanctify means „to separate unto“**
- To have excellence of ministry, we must strip away everthing of the world from our live until there is nothing left but the Word of God.
- Strip away any sin..... *you are the righteousness of God*..... (2 Cor.5:21)
- Strip away negative confessions, confess God`s Word in your mouth. (Prov.18:21)
- Strip away spiritual junk food - feed on God`s Word and fast the word of the world.
- Lay aside the cares of the world and trust God to meet your needs, the Word will separate you from the world. *Cast all of your cares upon him, for He cares for you*..... (1 Peter 5:7)



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### Step 5: Look To the Word Day And Night.

- Looking to the Word will produce several effects on your ministry that you can not get any other way. (Prov.4:20-23 & Jos.1:8)
- You will obtain God`s favour (ornament of grace) as you seek the wisdom of God. (Prov.4:5-9)
- You will increase your faith as well as your understanding of how to use your faith.
- When you exalt the word people will be delivered.
- Lifting up the Word will promote you and bring you to a place of honour. (1 Pet.5:6,7)
- Looking to the Word helps to control the flesh and train the senses to discern between good and evil. (Heb.5:12-14)
- By continuing to put the Word of God into your mind and spirit and body, you will eventually come to the place where the Word controls all three. (Rom.12:1-2)

### Step 6: Spend Time Fasting

Prayer first -

**1 Tim.2:1-2**

<sup>1</sup> I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; <sup>2</sup> For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty. (KJV)

- The purpose of fasting is not to influence God into acting in our behalf. Abstaining from food does not impress Him. Its purpose is to shut off the influence of our flesh to be in tune with the Spirit.
- Fasting helps us to receive from God but does not push God to action.
- Whatever it is, establish it by faith and proclaim it before you enter the fast. Expect to receive it. God will see in secret and you will receive openly. (Matt.6:17-18)

### The proper way to fast:

- (1) Decide the purpose of the fast before you begin..
- (2) Proclaim the fast before the Lord, so that you will not be tempted to break it.
- (3) Believe before the fast that you receive the reward promised by Jesus in Matthew 6:18.
  - you are not going to receive because you fast. You will receive because you believed in faith. Fasting is an assistance to receiving.
- (4) Minister to the Lord while you are fasting through praise and worship.
- (5) Minister to others during and after the fast, as god leads you.
- (6) Expect assistance from the angels. (Matt.4:11)

### A Spirit of Excellence

**Your decision to walk in excellence in ministry will depend on you having a spirit of excellence, decide to do your best by faith and expect god to do His best in your behalf.**

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## 2.07 - He Gave Gifts Unto Men

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### 1. God Creates Heavens and The Earth.

(Scriptures from KJV)

#### **Eph. 4:7-12**

<sup>7</sup> But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ. <sup>8</sup> Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, **and gave gifts unto men.** <sup>9</sup> (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth? <sup>10</sup> He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.) (KJV)

#### **Introduction**

It is important for every believer to understand bible “Church government” and the “Fivefold positions of ministry”, how they function, how and why they work together as a team, by whom and why they were set into the “Body of Christ – The Church” and to clear up and misunderstandings, misconceptions or wrong ideas.

#### **Example of the Human hand.**

The human hand has 5 fingers of one which is called the thumb. Notice that when God created the human hand it contained 5 fingers and not 4, or 3, or 2, or just 1, but 5 fingers. The human hand functions best when all 5 fingers work together. The human hand also was created and designed by God to serve the whole human body with all 5 fingers working together, the thumb alone can not nor can any 1 finger alone achieve this.

- So it is with the fivefold ministry positions of the Apostle, Prophet, Evangelist, Pastor and Teacher. They have also been created and designed by God, just like the human hand, to work together with their combined gifts as one team to serve the Body of Christ, this is their main function and calling.
- The thumb has the ability to touch the other 4 fingers and so it is with the Apostle who has the ability and anointing to operate in all of the fivefold positions and anointing’s when and where necessary, as led by the Holy Spirit. This does not make the thumb more important or superior than the other 4 fingers for no one position of the fivefold ministries is more important than the other – all serve the “Body of Christ” as Jesus did and do not control, dominate or reign over the “Body of Christ”.

### **2. Church Government in the Bible.**

(Scriptures from NKJV)

#### **1Cor.12:28**

<sup>28</sup> And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers, after that **miracles, then gifts of healings, helps, governments, diversities of tongues.** (KJV)

- **Miracles, then gifts of healings** - refers to the Evangelist’s office



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- **Governments** – refers to the Pastoral office.

The fivefold offices are **not being listed in the order of their importance**, they are being listed **as they were developed in the early church**. Elders (older men in age) were appointed by the apostle to oversee a new work that they started until such time as the elder developed in spiritual maturity and gifts to become a pastor to govern the church. The office of the Pastor is also an office of an elder but the Pastor is the “**Government**” of the local church.

### Definition:

**Church government - refers to who is in authority in the local church and who is responsible for leadership of the local body** – it is not talking about the complete “Body of Christ” on the worldwide.

- Nowhere in the in the New Testament do we find apostles governing the local body. In fact, the office of the apostle couldn't be part of the church government because the apostolic office is typically not a stationary ministry located just in the local body. The apostle is a “sent one” who is sent out with a message to pioneer a new work and churches.
- The Pastor is the “government” of the local church and is put in position by God.
- The government of the local church does not scripturally need all the full fivefold positions to be in the local church leadership to constitute a church government.
- The elders in a church are not the government in the local church and do not govern over the pastor. The elders may be put in position for a period of time until a pastor is found and takes this position to oversee the local church.

## 3. Spiritual Gifts

### Eph.4:7-8

<sup>7</sup> *But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.* <sup>8</sup> *Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, and gave gifts unto men. (KJV)*

- These ministry gifts came (and come) from the Lord Jesus Christ Himself when he ascended and sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on High.

### Eph. 4:12

<sup>12</sup> For the **perfecting of the saints**, for the work of the ministry, for the **edifying of the body of Christ**: (KJV)

<sup>12</sup> for the **equipping of the saints** for the work of ministry, for the **edifying of the body of Christ**, (NKJV)

- The purpose for which the ministry gifts are given is the perfecting of the saints, will they ever reach maturity without them? No.
- The ministry gifts are Christ's provision to the church to build up, edify, and mature the saints.
- We **need all** five ministry gifts **working together** to bring the Body of Christ unto full stature in Christ.
- Spiritual children are easily disturbed and swept about by false teachings.
- The ministry gifts Christ placed in the Church help us grow up into His image.



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- The **ultimate aim** of all ministry is not for self-glory or to magnify the human in any way. It is entirely **to edify and mature** the Body of Christ.
- God hath set some in the Church. There is a divine call. God sets ministry gifts in the Church - not man!
- You do not enter the ministry just because you feel it is a holy calling.
- You cannot make yourself a ministry gift.
- You do not enter the ministry because someone tells you that you are suited for it.
- How can you tell a divine call? You will have the conviction in your own spirit and you will have the witness in your own heart. You will have the spiritual equipment- gifts of the spirit - that go along with the office or offices to which you are called.
- The methods by which men are called are unimportant. But obedience to the call is important.
- **Ministry gifts are not set in the Church by prophecy.** However, a confirmation to the ministry may come through prophecy.

## 4. God does the Calling into Ministry.

### Barnabas and Saul Appointed

#### ACTS 13:2-3

<sup>2</sup> *As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.* <sup>3</sup> *And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. (KJV)*

- If a so-called prophecy does not confirm what you have in your own spirit, forget it.
- Seeing need is not a call to the ministry, **an anointing evidences** a divine call.
- The ministry gifts - people who are called of God to the full-time ministry.
- These ministries are not based on natural gifts, but on spiritual gifts.
- With the new birth, one is equipped with certain spiritual talents to equip him to stand wherever he is set in the Body of Christ.
- The ministry gifts consist not in name, but in power. (2 Tim. 3:5)
- All the work of the ministry comes under the leadership of Jesus Christ.

#### Mk.16:20

<sup>20</sup> *And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen. (KJV)*

- The Lord Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church.

## 5. Preparation is Never Lost Time.

#### 2 TIMOTHY 2:15

*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (KJV)*

- Along with the call goes a submission to the will of God.



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- People who have the call of God on their lives and who are also people of integrity -- honest and sincere - will stay hooked up with God.
- Do not despise the day of small things (Zech. 4:10).
- God will not violate His own rules. His Word says not to put a novice in the office of Deacon (1 Tim. 3:6).
- The thing that hinders people in the ministry more than anything else is trying to stand in the wrong office.
- Intruding into the wrong office can cost you your life .

### 1 TIMOTHY 3:6-7

<sup>6</sup> *Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. (KJV)*

## 6. THE FIVEFOLD MINISTRIES.

### Eph. 4:13

<sup>13</sup> *Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ: (KJV)*

- Ephesians 4:13 reads, "Till we all come in the unity," and not, "Till we are all divided into splinter groups."
- The ultimate goal of all ministry is to unite -- not divide.
- These ministry gifts have been given to the Church to bring a balance in the Church.

### A basic Description of the Main offices:

- **The apostle**, above all, is to inspire and lead the way for gaining ground by establishing new works for God.
- **The prophet's** ministry is inspirational. He speaks by direct, divine inspiration and revelation.
- **The evangelist** has a direct endowment from the Lord to preach the word for the salvation of souls.
- **The Pastor** is the shepherds or overseers of God's sheep.
- **The teacher** teaches the Word, not by natural ability, but by the divine ability of the Holy Spirit.

## 7. THE APOSTLE.

- The Greek word APOSTOLOS translated apostle means one sent forward, a sent one.
- Jesus Christ is the greatest example of a sent one.
- A true apostle is always one with a commission -- not one who merely goes, but one who is sent by the Holy Spirit and not by man.

### 1 Cor. 12:12

<sup>12</sup> *For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. (KJV)*





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### 1 Cor. 9:1-2

<sup>1</sup> *Am I not an apostle? am I not free? have I not seen Jesus Christ our Lord? are not you my work in the Lord?* <sup>2</sup> *If I be not an apostle unto others, yet doubtless I am to you: for the seal of mine apostleship are you in the Lord.* (KJV)

- The fruit of Paul's apostolic ministry were people who were solidly established in the word.

### 1 Thes.2:11

<sup>11</sup> *As you know how we exhorted and comforted and charged every one of you, as a father does his children,* <sup>12</sup> *That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.* (KJV)

- As apostle is first and foremost a preacher or a teacher of the Word.
- An apostle's ministry seems to embrace all other ministry gifts.
- The distinguishing result is the ability to establish churches.
- After churches are established, apostles may exercise oversight over those churches they have established themselves (1 Cor.9: 1-2) until those churches are adequately established with spiritual authority of their own – by a Pastor.
- A missionary who is really called of God and sent by the Holy Spirit is an apostle.
- Jesus Himself is the Chief Apostle and stands in a class by Himself.
- Apostles of the Lamb: These were the twelve apostles who were eyewitnesses of Jesus' life, ministry, death, burial, and resurrection. (Acts 1:21, 22)

### Eph. 2:20

<sup>20</sup> *And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone;* (KJV)

### What marks do we look for in an apostle today?

- First and foremost a preacher or a teacher of the Word.
- Outstanding spiritual gifts.
- Deep personal experience in and with God.
- Power and ability to establish churches.
- Able to provide adequate spiritual guidance.

### Note

- God rewards faithfulness. He doesn't reward offices.
- Higher offices do not receive any more reward; there is just a greater responsibility.

## 8. THE PROPHET.

- A prophet speaks by direct divine inspiration, an immediate revelation - not something he thought of, but something given at the spur of the moment by sudden inspiration.
- To stand in the office of prophet, one must have a more consistent manifestation of at least two of the revelation gifts (word of wisdom, word of knowledge, or discerning of spirits) plus prophecy.
- **Word of wisdom:** Supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God concerning the divine purpose in the mind and will of God. Always speaks of the future.





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- **Word of knowledge:** Supernatural revelation by the Spirit of God of facts in the mind of God concerning people, places, or things. Always present or past tense.
- **Discerning of spirits:** Supernatural insight into the realm of the spirit. Seeing and hearing in the spirit realm.
- A prophet is one who has visions and revelations.
- The prophets of the Old Testament were called seers. They would see and know things supernaturally.
- It is scriptural for others to judge prophecy (1 Cor.14:29).
- Under the New Covenant it is unscriptural to seek guidance through the ministry of the prophet.
- For as many as are led by the spirit of God, they are the sons of God” (Rom. 8:14).
- Put the Word first. Even though there are supernatural manifestations in your life, don’t build your ministry on supernatural manifestations.
- It is dangerous to feel obligated to perform.
- Discern the difference between the Spirit of God and familiar spirits.
- When it is the Holy Spirit in manifestation, He says Jesus is Lord. The Holy Spirit doesn’t attract attention unto man and make man Lord.
- The laying on of hands goes with the prophet’s ministry.
- Jesus ministered healing through laying on of hands also.
- On other occasions, Jesus ministered healing by the transfer of power.
- The Lord only tells a prophet what He wants him to know. He does not tell a prophet everything.
- God will not violate the principles set forth in His own Word. The Spirit of God said through Paul not to put a novice in office, “lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil” (1 Tim. 3:6).
- Don’t be taken up with names and titles.
- God rewards faithfulness. He doesn’t reward offices.
- Higher offices do not receive any more reward; there is just a greater responsibility.

### 9. THE EVANGELIST.

- The meaning of the word evangelist is - One who brings the evangel (the good news), a messenger of good tidings.
- The evangelist’s favourite theme is salvation in its simplest form.
- The only New Testament example we have of an evangelist is Philip.
- The supernatural equipment accompanying the evangelist’s ministry includes “Miracles” and “Gifts of healings”.
- There was something to see and hear in Philip’s ministry: “And the people with one accord gave heed unto those things which Philip spoke, Hearing and MIRACLES which he did” (Acts 8:6).
- In the ministry of the evangelist, the preaching of the Word of God is essential.
- Only the preaching of the Word affects the will of the sinner.



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- Conversion is an individual matter. It is something personal between the human spirit and God.
- The evangelist's ministry is more of a roving (Travelling) ministry, ministering to the unsaved.

### 10. THE PASTOR.

The Greek word translated "pastor" literally means "shepherd".

**John 10:11** (Jesus speaking)

<sup>11</sup> *I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. (KJV)*

**1 Peter 5:4**

<sup>4</sup> *And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, you shall receive a crown of glory that fades not away. (KJV)*

- Jesus had compassion upon people "scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd (Maw 9:36).
- It is unscriptural to appoint elders to oversee a flock and to run a church when there is a pastor to oversee it.
- It is the duty of the flock to support the pastor. But the pastor is not to serve for filthy lucre. His motive must be to serve god and to put the people first.

**1 Tim. 3:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> *Not a novice, lest being lifted up with pride he fall into the condemnation of the devil. <sup>7</sup> Moreover he must have a good report of them which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil. (KJV)*

- It is the Holy Spirit who makes men overseers, not man.
- The most outstanding characteristic of a pastor is a shepherd's heart.
- It takes the shepherd's heart to see after baby Christians – to love and nourish them, with the word, and to bear with them when they first start trying to walk spiritually.
- The greatest example of a shepherd is the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Remember what he said: "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd gives his life for the sheep (John 10:11).

### 11. THE TEACHER.

- The teaching gift a divine gift.
- God is talking about an office when He talks about the teacher (Rom 12 4).
- A teacher is not a teacher merely by natural ability or a natural inclination to teach.
- Paul described the teaching ministry as watering.



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- Divisions can be caused by unbelief and hardness of heart, even when teaching is in the power of the Spirit based on the Word of God.
- In Hebrews 6:1-2 we have the fundamental principles of the doctrine of Christ. These things are fundamental and cannot be compromised.
  1. Repentance from dead works.
  2. Faith toward God.
  3. The doctrine of Baptisms.
  4. Laying on of hands.
  5. Resurrection of the dead.
  6. Eternal judgement.
- Christ gave teachers for the edifying and building up of the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-12).
- Teachers should be always ready and open to receive fresh glimpses of truth from the Word of God.
- Revelation marks a teacher's ministry.
- The teacher is more important to the church to those who are already saved.

### 12. A MINISTRY POSITION.

#### **Rom.12:4**

<sup>4</sup> *For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: (KJV)*

#### **Rom.12:5**

<sup>5</sup> *So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. (KJV)*

- A ministry office is a spiritual endowment from God.
- Some of these gifts - particularly those listed in Romans 12 - may appear to be lacking in the supernatural element. Yet all come from a supernatural source, given by the same Spirit and given by grace.

### 13. THE MINISTRY OF HELPS.

- Probably the best explanation of the helps ministry is found in the related list in Romans 12:8: "those who show mercy."
- The Amplified Bible translates Romans 12:8: "he who does acts of mercy, with genuine cheerfulness and joyful eagerness."
- The one who helps must have the real equipment of divine grace and power.
- Acts 6: 1-6 describes the appointing of seven men to serve as deacons in the ministry of helps.



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- The ministry of music functions as a helps ministry, supportive to the fivefold ministry.
- The ministry of music is not a distinctive; it is the ministry of helps in operation.
- God can use talent if people will consecrate their talents to Him.

### 14. THE MINISTRY OF TONGUES AND INTERPRETATION.

- What the Word of God is talking about in First Corinthians 12:28 and 30 is ministering to others through tongues and interpretation, as a ministry.
- The ministry of diversity of tongues is not a ministry for one's own private benefit.
- The ministry of tongues and interpretation is to be ministered in the public assembly in order to bless and help others.
- Speaking in tongues in a person's personal prayer life is primarily a devotional gift.
- Paul said to the church at Corinth, "I thank my God, I speak with tongues more than you all," (1 Cor. 14:18), showing it was primarily a devotional gift to be used in the believer's prayer life in the worship of God.

### 15. THE MINISTRY OF THE EXHORTER.

- The primary motivation of the exhorter is to bring encouragement either by way of comfort or by stirring up believers.
- The exhorter stirs up the lost to be saved.

### 16. THE MINISTRY OF GIVING.

#### Serve God with Spiritual Gifts

##### **Rom.12:8**

<sup>3</sup> For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. <sup>4</sup> For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: <sup>5</sup> So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another. <sup>6</sup> Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; <sup>7</sup> Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; <sup>8</sup> Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness. (KJV)

- Giving was as much a recognized ministry as teaching or healing in the early Church. This is a ministry.



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### 17. THE MINISTRY OF JESUS.

The Fivefold ministry all in one person – Jesus Christ

#### 1. The Apostle:

**Heb. 3:1**

<sup>1</sup> Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our profession, Christ Jesus; (KJV)

#### 2. The Prophet:

**Matt.13:57**

<sup>57</sup> And they were offended in him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, save in his own country, and in his own house. (KJV)

#### 3. The Evangelist:

**Luke 19:10**

<sup>10</sup> For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost. (KJV)

#### 4. The Pastor:

**John 10:11-16**

<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep, and flees: and the wolf catches them, and scatters the sheep. <sup>13</sup> The hireling flees, because he is an hireling, and cares not for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine. <sup>15</sup> As the Father knows me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd. (KJV)

#### 5. The Teacher:

**Matt. 4:23**

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people. (KJV)

**Matt. 9:35**

<sup>35</sup> And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. (KJV)

**JESUS IS LORD!**



## 2.08 - The Ministry of Laying On Of Hands.

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### A. The Doctrine of Christ

Laying on of hands is “one” of the **six fundamental principles** in the doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ listed in Hebrews 6:1-2.

#### Hebrews 6:1-2

<sup>1</sup> Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of **repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,** <sup>2</sup> **Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.** (KJV)

#### 1<sup>st</sup> - Repentance.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> - Faith toward God.

##### Ephesians 2:8-9

*8 For by grace you have been saved **through faith**, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, <sup>9</sup> not of works, lest anyone should boast.* (NKJV)

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> - Doctrine of Baptisms.

There are 3 types of baptisms spoken of in the New Testament.

- 1<sup>st</sup> **The New Birth** – a person is born again and baptized by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> **The Water Baptism** – the outward sign of an inward grace.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> **The Baptism in the Holy Spirit** – with the bible evidence of speaking in other tongues.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> - Laying on of Hands.

#### 5<sup>th</sup> - Resurrection of the Dead.

#### 6<sup>th</sup> - Eternal Judgment.

### B. The Doctrine of Laying on of Hands

The laying on of hands is a theme that runs through the entire bible;  
3 examples – Old Testament:

#### Exodus 29:10, 15, 19

<sup>10</sup> And thou shalt cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron and his sons **shall put their hands** upon the head of the bullock <sup>15</sup> Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons **shall put their hands** upon the head of the ram. <sup>19</sup> And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons **shall put their hands upon the head** of the ram (KJV)

- The imperfections of the worshipers were transferred by faith to the sacrifice
- Being a type of Christ - & the perfections of the sacrifice received by faith.

#### Deut.34:9

*9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, **for Moses had laid his hands on him**; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses.* (NKJV)

- Whatever Moses had was transferred to Joshua by laying on of hands.



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- Today God`s power is transmitted by faith through the minister to the seeker.
- The most common practice is **laying hands those who are being ordained** and Separated unto ministry.

### Acts 13:2-3

<sup>2</sup> As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. <sup>3</sup> And when they had fasted and prayed, **and laid their hands on them**, they sent them away. (KJV)

### C. Laying on of Hands in Excess

**There are 2 extremes of this practice in the church world:**

**1<sup>st</sup>.** Laying on of hands to confirm them - for example in some churches a person receives the Holy Spirit in this way, but this is a mere ritual and formality and nothing happens.

**2<sup>nd</sup>.** Laying on of hands to receive all sorts of gifts - that are not according to the New Testament.

**We should study the New Testament carefully to see how Jesus and the apostles practiced this doctrine.**

### D. The Example of Jesus and The Apostles.

**Jesus himself freely used laying on of hands in healing people.**

#### Mark 6:5

<sup>5</sup> And he could there do no mighty work, **save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.** (KJV)

- **It seems, therefore, that the laying on of hands will work when nothing else will!**

#### Matthew 8:14-15

**14** Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. **15** So **He touched her hand**, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them. (NKJV)

#### Mark 8:22-25

<sup>22</sup> And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, **and besought him to touch him.** <sup>23</sup> And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, **and put his hands upon him**, he asked him if he saw ought. <sup>24</sup> And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. <sup>25</sup> After that **he put his hands again upon his eyes**, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly. (KJV)

- The blind man was healed by the laying on of Jesus`s hands.
- The bible says that he laid hands upon him twice – it is scripturally correct to lay your hands a second time on a sick person, if necessary

#### Mark 7:32-35

<sup>32</sup> And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. <sup>33</sup> And he took him aside from the multitude, **and put his fingers into his ears**, and he spit, **and touched his tongue;** <sup>34</sup> And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. <sup>35</sup> And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plain. (KJV)

- Notice in the above two cases that groups of people brought the blind man and the deaf man to Jesus – for they as well as the sick believed in the laying on of hands.
- **If you want the laying on of hands to work for you, you have to believe in it by faith.**



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### Mark 5:21-23

21 Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. 22 And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet 23 and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come **and lay Your hands on her**, that she may be healed, and she will live." (NKJV)

- Jairus believed in the laying on of hands – he did not say, “come and pray for her” or “come and heal her” he said “**come and lay hands on her that she may be healed**”
- In verse 41 it says “and he took the damsel by the hand” and she was raised from the dead.

As Jesus laid hands upon the sick, He also exhorts us as believers to do the same;

### Mark 16:18

<sup>18</sup> They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; **they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.** (KJV)

### Who shall lay hands on the sick?

#### Mark 16:15-18

<sup>15</sup> And he **said unto them**, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup> He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup> They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; **they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.** (KJV)

### Acts 5:12

<sup>12</sup> And **by the hands of the apostles** were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. (KJV)

### The Apostle Paul practiced the laying on of hands when he was shipwrecked on an island;

#### Acts 28:8-9

<sup>8</sup> And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, **and laid his hands on him**, and healed him. <sup>9</sup> So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed: (KJV)

The Apostle Paul practiced the laying on of hands onto clothes which were then laid upon the sick – not only were the sick healed, but demons also left;

#### Acts 19:11-12

<sup>11</sup> And God wrought special miracles **by the hands of Paul**: <sup>12</sup> So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. (KJV)

- **to say that we cannot lay hands on the sick today is to say that one of the fundamental principles of the doctrine of Christ has been done away with – not true.**

### E. These Signs shall Follow.

Jesus did not say these signs shall follow just apostles, the preachers, the teachers. He said. “These signs shall follow them that believe...”





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**Who can lay hands on the sick? Believers can!**

### F. Methods

**Laying on of hands can be done in two ways:**

- 1<sup>st</sup>.** Any believer can lay hands upon a fellow believer as a point of contact to release faith and expect that person to be healed.
- 2<sup>nd</sup>.** There is such a thing as **a ministry of laying on of hands** – a special anointing.
- As God wills, a person can be supernaturally anointed with healing power like Jesus and Paul.
  - When the person who has this ministry of laying on of hands on the sick in obedience to the spiritual Law of Contact and Transmission, his hands transmit God's healing power into the body of the sick, effecting a healing and a cure.

**Jesus is Lord!**



## 2.09 - World Evangelism – How is it Possible?

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### 1. World Evangelism – how is it possible?

**Matt.28:18-20** (Jesus said to the Disciples)

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. <sup>19</sup> **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: <sup>20</sup> Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. (KJV)

**Matt.28:18-20**

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> **Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations**, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” Amen. (NKJV)

- Or v.19 – Go you therefore, and **disciple all nations**.
- God has given us a command to go - **all of us** not just the disciples!
- How is it possible to evangelise the whole world then?
- Jesus had the secret!

**Luke 4:18-19**

<sup>18</sup> **The Spirit of the Lord is upon me**, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, <sup>19</sup> To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. (KJV)

- It is by and through the Holy Spirit – **He is the one** who does the work.
- It is done **by the Anointing – God on flesh doing only what God can do!**

#### **DEFINITION - The anointing - poured on, rubbed into and smeared onto!**

- To understand this we turn to Ezekiel a Jewish captive in Babylon more than 500 years before Christ – God often spoke to him in visions.

**Ezekiel 40:1-4**

<sup>1</sup> In the five and twentieth year of our captivity, in the beginning of the year, in the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after that the city was smitten, in the self-same day the hand of the Lord was upon me, and brought me there. <sup>2</sup> In the visions of God brought he me into the land of Israel, and set me upon a very high mountain, by which was as the frame of a city on the south. <sup>3</sup> And he brought me there, and, behold, there was a man, whose appearance was like the appearance of brass, with a line of flax in his hand, and a measuring reed; and he stood in the gate. <sup>4</sup> And the man said unto me, Son of man, behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears, and set thine heart upon all that I shall show you; for to the intent that I might show them unto you art thou brought here: declare all that you see to the house of Israel. (KJV)

**Ezekiel saw this man measuring out a new temple that would be on the mountain in Jerusalem, where the Jews would someday worship God.**

- He was instructed on its objects, laws and the actual sacrifices/worship.
- The man then led Ezekiel out of the north gate and around on the outside of the outer gateway which faced east toward the Jordan river.
- There Ezekiel could see the water running out on the right side of the Temple.

**Ezekiel 47:1-7**

<sup>1</sup> Afterward he brought me again unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the forefront of the house stood toward the east, and the waters came down from under from the right side of the house, at the south side of the altar. <sup>2</sup> Then brought he me out of the way of the gate northward, and led me about the way without unto the utter gate by the way that looks eastward; and, behold, there ran out waters on



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the right side. <sup>3</sup> And when the man that had the line in his hand went forth eastward, he measured a thousand cubits, and he brought me through the waters; **the waters were to the ankles.** <sup>4</sup> Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through the waters; **the waters were to the knees.** Again he measured a thousand, and brought me through; **the waters were to the loins.** <sup>5</sup> Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass over: **for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed over.** <sup>6</sup> And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the brink of the river. <sup>7</sup> Now **when I had returned, behold, at the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other.** (KJV)

Notice that Ezekiel was taken from dry land into the water of this glorious river – a picture of the life-giving flood of the Holy Spirit.

- From the dryness and deadness of cold religion into the swirling reality of the Holy Spirit.
- From before salvation to being “born again.”

### 2. Ankle Deep is Gods Minimum.

4 times the angel carefully measured 1,000 cubits, leading the man of God in degrees (of progression).

The first stage Ezekiel was brought into were waters that were ankle deep.

- Direct contact with the Holy Spirit is wonderful, but do not stop there.
- Do not settle for Gods minimum when there is more.
- It is good advice not to follow a parked car – somebody who is not going anywhere.
- Do not follow people, a church or a pastor that are parked here.
- Do not compare yourself with other people who are not even in ankle deep water – compare yourself with a depth that you can go to!

Many people have a great potential in God but never get out of the baby’s splash pool – it must be difficult swim in 10 cms of water.

- Charles Haddon Spurgeon wrote: “Some Christians sail their boat in such low spiritual waters that the keel scrapes on the bottom all the way to heaven, instead of being carried on a floodtide.”
- Many people “do-it-yourself” and then sprinkle their works with some prayer.
- Jesus commands to launch out into the deep Luke 5:4.
- Jesus promised that we would do greater works that He because He would send the Holy Spirit – John 14:12-17.
- That means He would do the work – His power, His anointing.

The normal Christians life is this – “He shall be like a tree planted by the *rivers* of water” Psalm1:3.

- **The success of the Christian is in the fullness of the Holy Spirit!**
- Once you are in the flood- stream you will change!

### 3. God has a Personal Approach.

Why did the man only measure 1,000 cubits at a time?

- Sometimes we want to jump in at the 4,000 cubits position.
- God knows each of us are at different positions of spiritual growth, and He will never throw us into the deep end so that we might drown, He knows that our spiritual growth takes time.
- The angel was instructed to first “measure” then move – God measures our individual ability – and then leads us.
- The Lord brings us along gently and not to rush in brashly – that way we do not get cold feet or big heads.

### 4. Learning to Swim.

Do you know what it means to swim?

- When you are swimming you are in another element, and a **new law operates.**
- You have to let go and rest fully upon the waters (of the River). Those waters **carry you or support you.**



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- Swimming in the natural takes the stress off you for the water carries you, the water does the work – in the same way when I am swimming in the Holy Spirit, He lifts me, He carries me – **He does the work.**
- You are handicapped if you only rely upon yourself, your energy, your ability – learn to be in the glorious river of God being borne along by the Holy Spirit – these are the waters in which God intends for you to float.

**Do not walk along beside the river when you can float along in Him!**

- We are not to endure, but to enjoy our Christian life.
- Remember Ezekiel – God will lead you from minimum to maximum.

### 5. A River of Life.

**Rev.22:1**

<sup>1</sup> *And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. (KJV)*

- Rivers flow – there is a constant freshness because it never has the same water.

### 6. A River of Power.

**Have you ever watched a full flowing river – there is much power in the waters, enough to move huge objects, rivers know no boundaries or can be restricted by Mans efforts.**

- In this vision, Ezekiel swam in deeper waters and all who discover this secret will have their lives and ministries changed.
- Make sure that you are baptized in the Holy Spirit, then you can enter the river and swim in Him.
- The Apostle Paul said that he was going from “faith to faith” and “from glory to Glory” (Rom.1:17; 2 Cor.3:18).

### 7. The Surprise That Followed.

**Once we have been in the river, the river will be in us – those “rivers of living water” will be springing up within our hearts.**

- The experience had transformed the prophet of God.
- At the end of the river experience, there was a surprise waiting for him.

**Ezekiel 47:7**

<sup>7</sup> *When I returned, there, along the bank of the river, were very many trees on one side and the other. (NKJV)*

**Ezekiel saw something that was not there when he entered the river, he saw – TREES!**

- This is the great truth of the chapter: **while God changed Ezekiel in His River**, He was changing the whole landscape around Ezekiel at the **Same time – Conditions change with anointed people and anointed churches.**
- God showed Ezekiel that He can do within seconds, what people have not been able to do in many years.
- This is our faith for today!

**Zech.4:6**

<sup>6</sup> *Then he answered and spoke unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saying, **Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord of hosts.** (KJV)*

- When you learn to flow in and with the Holy Spirit, you will be surprised at what will do.

### 8. Divine Energy.

While Ezekiel was discovering the depth of the River of the Holy Spirit God had planted and grown the trees in no time – He is the creator of time and He can shrink it whenever He wants to.



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### Ezekiel 47:12

<sup>12</sup> *And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow all trees for meat, whose leaf shall not fade, neither shall the fruit thereof be consumed: it shall bring forth new fruit according to his months, because their waters they issued out of the sanctuary: **and the fruit thereof shall be for meat (food), and the leaf thereof for medicine.** (KJV)*

- All of a sudden the man of God was in partnership with the Holy Spirit, not doing his own thing, but being co-laborer with God.
- This is how our world will be won for the Lord **through Holy Spirit evangelism.**
- ***This begins when we are obedient to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and follow Him out into the depths, where there are waters in which to swim.***

### 9. In Our Element.

**The Christian who is not in the river of the Holy Spirit is out of his element.**

- We are not called to be desert dwellers.
- We move in Him and live in Him

### Acts 17:28.

<sup>28</sup> *For in him we live, and move, and have our being; as certain also of your own poets have said, For we are also his offspring. (KJV)*

- You can not expect to live a successful Christian life if you are not in the Spirit, for that is how God arranged for you to live.

### Ps.91:1

<sup>1</sup> *He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. (KJV)*

***When we are in the Spirit we are unconquerable, invulnerable, going from victory to victory, our life hid with Christ in God.***

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**Believers not doing their own thing, but being co-laborers with God, in partnership with the Holy Spirit!**

**Jesus is Lord!**



## 2.10 - Explaining Evangelism.

(Reference - Explaining Evangelism – Steve Bowen)

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(Scriptures from KJV)

### 1. Introduction

There can be **no reaping until sowing** takes place, to reap the salvation of souls we must sow first the seed of God's Word concerning salvation – if you want apples sow apple seeds.

#### 1 Peter 1:23

<sup>23</sup> *Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. (KJV)*

- Until you realize this truth, you **can become frustrated** at your attempts, feeling disappointed because you are not a great “soul” winner.
- **Each person is part of process** from the church – the church wins souls as each person does his job in proclaiming the gospel.
- We are **all** called to proclaim the gospel to everybody, but the fact that we are all **part of a process**, and that process is called “**soul winning**” or “**Evangelism**”.
- There are some people who are **Evangelists**, who have both the giftings and the callings to bring many to Jesus, and there are others who are to ‘**do the work of an Evangelist**’.

#### 2 Tim.4:5

<sup>5</sup> *But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry. (KJV)*

- I will be addressing the **bible principle of sowing and reaping** in evangelism and when this principle is applied, it can set you free internally, to be able to sow outwardly with much freedom and joy.
- It is God's desire that **we all** become people who **scatter seeds into the hearts of men**.

### 2. What is the Kingdom of God like?

Jesus speaking to many disciples concerning the parable of the sower,

#### Mark 4: 3-9

<sup>3</sup> *Hearken; Behold, there went out a sower to sow: <sup>4</sup> And it came to pass, as he sowed, some fell by the way side, and the fowls of the air came and devoured it up. <sup>5</sup> And some fell on stony ground, where it had not much earth; and immediately it sprang up, because it had no depth of earth: <sup>6</sup> But when the sun was up, it was scorched; and because it had no root, it withered away. <sup>7</sup> And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up, and choked it, and it yielded no fruit. <sup>8</sup> And other fell on good ground, and did yield fruit that sprang up and increased; and brought forth, some thirty, and some sixty, and some an hundred. <sup>9</sup> And he said unto them, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. (KJV)*

Jesus went on to explain what the Kingdom of God is like and just how the seed grows,

#### Mark 4: 26-29

<sup>26</sup> *And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground; <sup>27</sup> And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knows not how. <sup>28</sup> For the earth brings forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear. <sup>29</sup> But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest is come. (KJV)*

- Jesus is driving home to his disciples the importance of this Kingdom principle of sowing and reaping.
- We also need to get **this understanding into our hearts and minds**.
- **What is sown will grow and bear fruit**- we do not how!
- It is the **unseen seed buried** in the hearts and minds of men and women.
- Our job is **simply sow the seeds in FAITH**.



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### This is how the process works.

Someone speaks the Word of God (incorruptible seed).

- It goes **into the hearts** of men and women, and in time, **FAITH is produced** in the person to believe and accept Jesus into their lives as Lord.
- Someone has to sow before somebody can reap that which is sown – *spiritual reality*.
- **The great evangelist, D.L. Moody**, never led anybody to Jesus who had not heard the gospel before.

### Consider when you were born again.

**Many seeds** had to be sown **into your life** before you gave your life to the Lord, now consider the parable of the sower sows the seed in Mark chapter 4,

- The farmer **went out** to sow his seed (note that he did not stay at home).
- The farmer **scattered seed** (suggesting hand full of seeds or much seed).

The call of the sower is important **because usually many seeds have to be sown** or to put it more simply, people have to hear the message of Jesus many times, and for the harvest to be great, many seeds have to be sown.

- The soil produced the harvest as the sowers were faithful in their sowing.

## 3. You Reap (Harvest) what you Sow

Many fail to realize that sowing and reaping applies to all of life.

**Do you want to have finances?**

**Luke 6:38**

<sup>38</sup> Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. (KJV)

**Do you want to have friends?**

**Prov.18:24**

<sup>24</sup> A man that hath friends must show himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticks closer than a brother. (KJV)

**Do you want to be loved?**

**Luke 6:31**

<sup>31</sup> And as you would that men should do to you, do you also to them likewise. (KJV)

**What you sow, is what you reap (Harvest).**

**Paul writing to the saints in the book of Galatians:**

**Gal. 6:7-10**

<sup>7</sup> Be not deceived; God is not mocked: **for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap.** <sup>8</sup> **For he that sows to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting.** <sup>9</sup> And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. <sup>10</sup> As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith. (KJV)

- We have the choice what we sow into our lives.
- We can sow to please our **natural affections**, or we can sow to please **the Spirit of God** who dwells within us.
- We can sow either to good things or bad things into our lives.
- *If we are wanting to grow as believers we need to make **sure consistent spiritual seeds are being sown into our hearts.***
- We need to be **reading** and **meditating** upon Gods Word, **praying daily** and **worshipping** with others.
- If we **stop sowing** into our spirits, we will **stop reaping** and even what we think we have, will be lost – in order to reap spiritually we have to sow to our spirits and **sow consistently.**
- You are what you are now because of **what you have or have not sown.**
- The **harvest is not always instant** for time is needed for the desired result.





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### James 5:7-8

<sup>7</sup> **Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman (farmer) waits for the precious fruit of the earth, and has long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.** <sup>8</sup> **Be you also patient; stablish your hearts: for the coming of the Lord draws nigh. (KJV)**

### 4. Sowing in Evangelism

When a new believer meets somebody for the first time and he shares the gospel and the sinner becomes saved, the new believer might think that he is an evangelist, but what he does not know that behind the scene many people have been faithfully declaring God's Word to them.

- The reality of that situation is that seeds were sown, the seeds grew in the heart and God brought the increase.
- All people who are saved have come to Jesus through this sowing and reaping process, unless God sovereignly saves them.
- Some are saved as soon as the Word is sown, and others are saved later.

### Paul put it this way,

#### Rom.10:14-17

<sup>14</sup> **How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?** <sup>15</sup> **And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!** <sup>16</sup> **But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias says, Lord, who hath believed our report?** <sup>17</sup> **So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (KJV)**

### Paul followed the principle of sowing and reaping in Corinth,

#### 1 Cor. 3: 5-6

<sup>5</sup> **Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man?** <sup>6</sup> **I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. (KJV)**

- Paul was a planter of the seeds.
- Apollos watered the seeds that Paul had sown.
- God brought the increase or harvest through the Holy Spirit.

### Paul continues to say,

#### 1 Cor. 3: 7-8

<sup>7</sup> **So then neither is he that plants anything, neither he that waters; but God that gives the increase.** <sup>8</sup> **Now he that plants and he that waters are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. (KJV)**

- It is up to God to cause the seeds to grow. It is HIS job not mine.
- My job is simply to **sow** seeds in FAITH, **water** them by prayer and leave the **results** to HIM - The PRESSURE is off!

### Paul later says,

#### 1 Cor.3:9

<sup>9</sup> **For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. (KJV)**

- When we sow the seed, we become co-workers with God. The Holy Spirit works upon the seed that was sown.

### Jesus explaining the principle even further,

#### John 4: 35-38

<sup>35</sup> **Say not you, There are yet four months, and then cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.** <sup>36</sup> **And he that reaps receives wages, and gathers fruit unto life eternal: that both he that sows and he that reaps may rejoice together.** <sup>37</sup> **And herein is that saying true, One sows, and another reaps.** <sup>38</sup> **I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and you are entered into their labours. (KJV)**

- Our job is to sow the seed in FAITH, looking to reap a harvest, but if it does not come immediately we can be joyful that we have done our part in the planting and watering – for God will bring the increase.





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### 5. The Scale of Evangelism

100   -50   -20   -10   -5   0   +5   +10   +20   +50   +100

The above scale gives a **visual understanding** of how seed sowing, watering by prayer, and the increase comes by God.

- 100 represents an **atheist**, a person not believing in God.
- 0 represents a person at the **decision point** of salvation.
- +1 represents a person who has just **made a decision** of salvation.
- +100 represents a person **fully committed** to God in Christ Jesus.

The scale shows how different people are at different positions compared to salvation. And our objective is to move people from the minus (-) side to the plus (+) side.

- Example of an **atheist** or a person in a **false religion**, how it would take time to bring them to a decision (-100).
- Example of a **person** being brought up in the “**Main Denominational Church**” all their life, without a clear decision made for Christ Jesus (-5), seed already planted over the years.
- Example of a **normal person** who is not going to church, has heard about God but never made a clear decision for Christ (-20).

Once we **understand** the scale we can **not be so discouraged** as we can realize that we are part of a process called “**salvation of the lost**” or “**winning souls.**”

**An important point to understand, the Apostle Paul said,**

**1 Cor. 3:10**

<sup>10</sup> *According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise master builder, I have laid the foundation, and another builds thereon. But let every man **take heed how he builds there upon.** (KJV)*

- If we are not careful it is possible to send people back down the scale into the negative by the way we evangelize them. If we are unloving, uncaring, ungracious and insensitive.
- Our words and our lives should be a witness to the person also for the need of salvation through Christ Jesus.

**Prov.11:30**

<sup>30</sup> *The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; **and he that wins souls is wise** (KJV)*

- It is having wisdom and the sensitivity of the Holy Spirit that helps us to do evangelism and sow seeds, and to win souls for the Kingdom of God.

### 6. Things That Stop You Going To Evangelize

**The Great Commission is for everybody.**

**Mark 16.15-18**

<sup>5</sup> *And he said unto them, **Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.** <sup>16</sup> *He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.* <sup>17</sup> *And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues;* <sup>18</sup> *They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.* (KJV)*

Have you noticed how easy it is for a new believer to tell people about Jesus, why?

- They have a **first love** in them towards Jesus.
- They have an **unashamed joy** within them.
- They have a **sense of purpose** of living, a **sense of a plan** of God in their life.
- They are **not afraid** to share what God has done for them.
- They **pray** a lot for people, friends and family.



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The Things that stop us going:

### 6.1 - Have we lost the first love?

Luke 7: 47

<sup>7</sup> *Wherefore I say unto you, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little. (KJV)*

- many believers that have been saved for a long time have just simply lost their first love for Jesus where as the new believer has a fresh revelation still within them of God's grace and love and forgiveness.

### 6.2 - Are you ashamed of the Gospel message?

Rom.1:16

<sup>16</sup> *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. (KJV)*

2 Tim.1:7

*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind. (KJV)*

This is a plan from Satan to stop us preaching the Gospel to the world, **to bind** us up in **shame** and **fear**.

The world will try and make you feel to be ashamed of being a Christian, **do not be**.

- The world should be ashamed – not us.
- How can you be ashamed of the one you love?

Mark 8:38

<sup>38</sup> *Whosoever therefore shall be **ashamed of me** and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him **also shall the Son of man be ashamed**, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels. (KJV)*

### 6.3 - An attitude of "I do not care".

This is an attitude of the heart and mind and this will **put us to sleep spiritually** speaking, and sometimes what we need is a **good slap in our spiritual faces** to wake us up, **why?** – **people are dying** and going to hell and **we have the answer** for internal life!

### 6.4 - You might say that we are not prepared enough yet to go.

If you are waiting to become totally prepared by God, before you go into the world, you will be waiting a long time.

- You will not find the perfect church who has it all together before they go and preach.
- God has just simply called us to go, He will prepare us as we are going.

### 6.5 - Maybe you think that are not called.

Everybody is called to go into the world to preach the gospel, in the work place, home, streets, etc.,

**Jesus trained up his disciples and then sent them, our call is also that clear;**

**John 20:21; Matt.28:18-19; Mark16:15; Luke 24:47**

<sup>21</sup> So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, **I also send you.**" (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup> **Go therefore** and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, (NKJV)

<sup>15</sup> And He said to them, "**Go into all the world and preach the gospel** to every creature. (NKJV)

<sup>47</sup> and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. (NKJV)

Do not wait for yourself to become an Evangelist first, before you go, it does not happen that way. **Start with the small** things and the large things will come in time. (NKJV)

## 7. Sowing Seeds Together as a Church.

There are seeds that the whole church can sow into the community so the community will know that you your church exists – **Street Evangelism**.



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- There are seeds that can be sown into promoting church unity, for example joining with the other churches for certain Celebrations – **Joint Prayer Nights**.
- The key to this type of **evangelism is Consistency** – going week in and week out, in season and out of season. Note that this does not replace our own personal sowing, but we can use this corporate sowing as a church, to build our experience upon.

### 8. Sowing of Seeds Personally

God has called all of us to sow seeds into peoples lives in area of our living, friends, family, work friends and even strangers. What are the personal seeds that we can sow into other peoples lives.

#### 8.1 - The Word of Our Testimony.

When we give our own personal testimony to people, it is one area that other people cannot refute or say that it is not true, because we have personally lived through it.

- Through out the book of Acts we see where simple testimonies were given simply declaring what had happened to them.
- The 4 Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, were really the testimonies of these men.
- The disciples declared to the opposing religious leaders of the day'...We cannot help speaking about what we have **seen** and **heard**' (Acts 4:20).

#### Rev.12:11

<sup>11</sup> *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, **and by the word of their testimony**; and they loved not their lives unto the death. (KJV)*

- Your testimony is powerful, so give to people to sow seeds into other peoples' lives, so they can say that if it happened to you, it might happen to them.

#### 8.2 - The Seeds of Signs and Wonders.

<sup>30</sup> *And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: <sup>31</sup> But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name. (KJV)*

- All the miracles that were done by Jesus were actually steps of FAITH for other people to believe in Him or to believe the gospel message.

#### John 5:36

<sup>36</sup> *But I have greater witness than that of John: for the works which the Father hath given me to finish, **the same works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. (KJV)***

#### Jesus said;

#### John 14:12

<sup>12</sup> *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. (KJV)***

It also may amaze you that not all people that are healed come to receive Jesus as Lord in their lives, why?

#### Luke 10:9

<sup>9</sup> *And heal the sick there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'* (NKJV)

- Jesus did not say that the Kingdom of God came automatically on those who were healed, but what does happen is that deep seeds are planted when people are confronted by the power of God.

#### 8.3 - The Seed of The Gospel (The Good News)

#### Rom. 10: 14-15

<sup>14</sup> *How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? **And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?***<sup>15</sup> *And how shall they preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, Who bring glad tidings of good things!" (NKJV)*



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- **The most powerful seed of all is the preaching of the “CROSS”.** This is the original way that God designed that people should come to the saving Faith.
- The gospel has the power within itself, and when it is proclaimed and understood, salvation is made available to the hearer.

**The great evangelists of the past had success because they presented the cross clearly and simply and powerfully.**

**Rom.10:9-10**

<sup>9</sup> *That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.* <sup>10</sup> *For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. (KJV)*

And faith is required for salvation through the Word,

**Rom.10:17**

<sup>17</sup> *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (KJV)*

### 9. Today in our Society

Some people have the idea the because **“God is so Sovereign”** that He can save me anytime that He wants to. This comes from the teaching that God is sovereign and he can do whatever he wants. This has been **taken to the extreme and is out of balance**, God is sovereign but he also needs the co-operation of mans’ will.

Today is the day for salvation, **every day** is the day of salvation of those who choose to be saved,

**2 Cor.6:2**

<sup>2</sup> *(For he says, I have heard you in a time accepted, and in the day of salvation have I succoured (helped) you: behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.) (KJV)*

- We need to be ready to say to people ‘today is the day for you’.

**Preach the word for faith to come to them,**

**Rom.10:17**

<sup>17</sup> *So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (KJV)*

- When people believe in their heart and confess with their mouth, salvation comes.

**Rom.10:8-13**

<sup>8</sup> *But what says it? The word is nigh you, even in your mouth, and in your heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach;*

<sup>9</sup> *That if you shalt confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, and shall believe in your heart that God hath raised him from the dead, you shalt be saved.* <sup>10</sup> *For with the heart man believes unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.* <sup>11</sup> *For the scripture says, Whosoever believes on him shall not be ashamed.* <sup>12</sup> *For there is no difference between the Jew and the Greek: for the same Lord over all is rich unto all that call upon him.* <sup>13</sup> *For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (KJV)*

### 10. What do We Do Now?

**James 1:22**

<sup>22</sup> *But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. (KJV)*

- We all need have training and teaching on evangelism, but that does not replace the practice of going and doing, just like the disciples did.
- We will make **mistakes**, have **failures** but as long as we **learn** from them.
- With each new experience, you will grow which will equip you for the next opportunity.

When do you start? Now! Ask the Holy Spirit to give you opportunities to share your faith with somebody, listen to the leading of the Holy Spirit throughout your conversation.



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Some helpful guidelines.

### 10.1 - Smile at People

People in the world have nothing to smile about – you do! You have the Good news so smile and they will see it in you and will want to know what you have to smile about.

### 10.2. - Listen to People.

Learn the **art of listening** in a conversation when you are talking to somebody, this shows them that you are **interested in them** and it will **allow you to speak back** into their lives.

### 10.3 - Admit when you do not know something.

When you do not know the answer to a question, admit it for this shows the other person that you are honest and this will impress them. You can always find the answer later and share it with them.

### 10.4 - Keep your conversation on Jesus.

**Always come back to Jesus, do not become side tracked or diverted,**

**Acts 4:12**

*<sup>12</sup> Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.” (NKJV)*

### 10.5 - Be Determined!

Be determined to go and let nothing stop you. When you make a decision to go it will surprise you how things will come up at the last moment to stop you.

### 10.6 - Pray!

As we learn to pray and spend time in prayer we will **become sensitive** to Gods’ heart and the calling to win the lost. Ask the Holy Spirit to bring you to people who need to hear the good news

### 10.7 - Develop Sensitivity in your Spirit.

As you are witnessing to somebody, listen for the leading of the Holy Spirit. Ask Him silent questions about the person, to help you to reach their heart.

### 10.8 - Be Doers

**James 1:22**

*<sup>22</sup> But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. (KJV)*

- And what are we to do? – to preach the gospel to a dying world!

**Mark 16:15-18**

*<sup>15</sup> And he said unto them, Go you into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. <sup>16</sup> He that believes and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believes not shall be damned. <sup>17</sup> And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; <sup>18</sup> They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. (KJV)*

**Jesus is Lord!**



## 2.11 - The Bible Principle - Seed, Time & Harvest.

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### 1. The Law of Genesis

#### Gen 1:11-12

<sup>11</sup> And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed, and the fruit tree yielding fruit after his kind, whose seed is in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. <sup>12</sup> And the earth brought forth grass, and herb yielding seed after his kind, and the tree yielding fruit, whose seed was in itself, after his kind: and God saw that it was good. (KJV)

- A **right understanding** of this principle **will help you understand God's ways**. The Law of seedtime and harvest is God's principle method throughout the Word of God and applies to every area of life.

#### **God's Covenant with Creation**

#### Gen 8:20-22

<sup>20</sup> And Noah built an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. <sup>21</sup> And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite (destroy) any more everything living, as I have done. <sup>22</sup> **While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease.** (KJV)

- **Seedtime and harvest is God's method.** The law of Genesis is one of God's fixed laws.
- Everything **produces after its kind and the seed is in itself**. It works that way in everything.
- That's why He sent His Word.

#### Mark 4:26-29 (Jesus Speaking)

#### **The Parable of the Growing Seed**

<sup>26</sup> And he said, So is **the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground;** <sup>27</sup> And should sleep, and rise night and day, and the seed should spring and grow up, he knows not how. <sup>28</sup> **For the earth brings forth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear.** <sup>29</sup> But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest is come. (KJV)

- Jesus said that **you are the one planting the seed**. You speak it out of your mouth.
- When **you speak it, it is as a seed, it goes into the heart** — the human spirit — and there it begins to grow and produce.
- The Kingdom of God is as if a man should cast (throw or sow) seed into the ground. Mark 4:15-20 shows that **the heart of man is the soil, or ground**.
- Sometimes people give up before the harvest comes, they give up during the growing process and therefore lose their harvest.

#### Mark 11:23

<sup>23</sup> For verily I say unto you, That **whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says.** (KJV)

- This is the God-kind of faith - that is the way it God made it to function.
- The Mountain Jesus is talking about is any problem or situation in your life that needs to be changed, removed or brought into existence.





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### 2. Speaking the Seed is Part of the Process!

Saying it is involved in planting or sowing but it won't necessarily happen just because you said it.

Confessing God's Word may just seem too mechanical but is the necessary process of planting.

- But we're talking **about planting seeds for a harvest**. When you're talking about the power of words, you're talking about the Power of seeds.
- It is the **life in that seed** the farmer plants which causes the manifestation of the very thing he planted.
- There is life in God's Word — in the promise itself. **It is the life God breathed into it.**
- God's Word is **incorruptible seed**. So what are you going to use for seed if you don't use God's Word? **God's promises are seeds for a harvest.**

Act as God would act in a similar situation.

- God spoke and called light instead of darkness.
- He spoke the thing desired so are we to follow His example as Jesus did.

#### Genesis 1:26

<sup>26</sup> *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. (KJV)*

How was man going to have dominion?

- Like God, with the power of faith-filled words.

**Mark 11:24** - Jesus said.

<sup>24</sup> *Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them. (KJV)*

In other words, pray the desired; don't pray the thing that you don't desire. Speak the thing desired, even when you pray.

### 3. Planting is Involved to Obtain a Harvest.

**We have been taught that we should" tell it like it is." That is not a Bible method.**

- If your wants are in line with the Word of God, then say it the way you want it. Say it the way God said it. When you see lack and problems in your life, speak abundance and peace. That's the seed you are sowing.
- Go to the Word of God, find the promise, and plant the seed that you want for a harvest.

The problem has been that people say a few things, they plant a few seeds, then go off and leave them. You don't necessarily have a harvest just because you plant the seed. **You must care for that seed.** It takes time for these things to manifest (to grow).

- The farmer is not necessarily going to have a harvest just because he planted. **But planting is involved in obtaining a harvest. There will be no harvest without planting.**
- But the very thing which God has designed to cause us to be victorious in life **can also work in reverse for us**, if we don't follow the instruction book — God's Word.



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- People say, "This confession teaching **just puts me in bondage**. I can't say anything anymore, because I have to watch what I'm saying."
- People are normally **continually confessing the negative** and not what God says.

### 4. And it Would Obey You!

#### Luke 17:5-6

<sup>5</sup> And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, **If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, you might say unto this sycamine (mulberry) tree, Be you plucked up by the root, and be you planted in the sea; and it should obey you.** (KJV)

- Jesus is talking about their "**force of Faith**" ("**the servant to the believer**" - Luke 17:7-10) obeying them which would then be used to remove the tree.

Jesus, He said it would obey you.

- Jesus was saying to the Apostles, you don't need more faith, you need to understand that faith works like a seed and unless you plant it, it will not produce a harvest.
- Faith does not come by asking, Faith comes by hearing the spoken Word of God. (Rom 10:17)
- A seed does not produce unless you plant it, when you plant it, it will produce a harvest of itself.
- The disciples had to be willing to plant their faith for it to grow.
- **People who only mentally ascend to God's Word do not plant their faith.**

The Word of God is the Will of God but it won't happen in our life just because it's God's will.

- The **Word must be inside you** and if the Word is inside, it will manifest itself. The Word **produces when it is planted in the heart or spirit of man.**

Jesus said to the apostles, If you had faith as a seed, you would say... or "It would obey your faith-filled words, if you had faith as a seed."

- He's talking about problem areas in your life, about situations that you face and circumstances you don't know how to handle.

#### **Two great foundational truths about faith:**

- **1.** Faith is as a seed and it works like or as a seed.
- **2.** You plant it by speaking it out of your heart.

This is the way Adam was to have dominion in the beginning.

- Adam had to do it with his faith and the power of words to operate in dominion.
- Adam had to operate the way God operated by Faith and Words because he was in God's likeness

### 5. Spiritual Laws Set in Motion by the Tongue.

#### James 1:26

<sup>26</sup> **If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridles not his tongue, but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is vain.** (KJV)





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People speak all sorts of things that destroy their faith and deceive their heart.

- They start out in their Christian life having great faith but can end up believing and speaking everything the world says.
- What they believed in the beginning will disappear because “Faith” cometh by hearing and “Fear” also comes the same way.
- **If you pray one thing (Gods Word) and say another (Worlds word), your saying will neutralise your praying.**

Learn to operate in the power of God's Word and the Law of faith. We can all understand natural law.

- There is the natural law of gravity we know it works all the time.
- God's Word is spiritual law and works when you apply it properly to your situation.

We have to realize that we have to go by God's rules and His way of operating in Faith.

- God has some rules and regulations concerning His laws and when we operate in spiritual law, we must operate according to God's rules and regulations that He has established.

We have learned how to operate in the laws of electricity, and as long as we don't violate those laws, we can use electricity safely.

- Electricity is your servant - ready to serve you at any moment so is “Faith.”
- The same force can be destructive if a person violates the laws.

**Proverbs 18:21** says, Death and life are in the power of the tongue. **Faith will build and Fear will destroy** – both using the same system but flowing in opposite spiritual directions.

### 6. The Spirit & Natural Worlds are Controlled by the Word of God.

The spirit world can be controlled by the Word of God.

#### **Matthew 16:19**

*<sup>19</sup> And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (KJV)*

- With words you can **bind things** or you can **lose other things**.
- The enemy wants to **operate on the authority** of your words.

Do you realize what negative words can do to your spirit? They may not affect anyone else much, but the will affect you.

- Words spoken are powerful because **you release them** into your spirit.

God's Word in your mouth produces a spiritual force called "Faith" in the human spirit.

**Hebrews 11:1** says this faith is the substance of things hoped for. It is the evidence of things not seen. So faith is the evidence of those things that you hope for.

- That faith comes from God's Word. **Faith is both the substance and the evidence** of the things desired.



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A farmer has the seed for a harvest and the ability to reproduce is in that seed. It will produce the same many times more than he plants.

- God's Word — His promises — are just as powerful.

***Not one bit of the power has departed from My Word. There is as much power in My Word now as there was the day that I spoke it. My Word is not empty of power — but My people are empty of speech. They will not speak what I have said. But they speak what the world says. They speak what the enemy says.***

***Even as there is creative power in My Word to be released when you speak it, there is even also evil power present in the words of the enemy to afflict and oppress everyone who speaks them.***

### 7. Faith & Fear Comes by Hearing

There's also a reciprocal of that truth. Since there is spiritual power in God's Word to release faith, there is also a spiritual power in the words of the enemy to release fear.

- Faith in God comes by hearing the Word of God and faith in the devil comes by hearing the words of the devil. ***Faith in the devil is called fear.***
- I hear the promise of God, and I desire the promise of God. **I speak the promise of God that releases the spiritual force in me called faith, which is the substance of the thing desired.** Faith in God and His Word comes by hearing God's Word.

Fear comes by hearing the words of the devil. So if hearing God's Words produces faith, hearing the devil's words produces fear.

- **Just as faith is the substance of things desired, fear is the substance of things not desired.**

That is why you should resist fear like you resist the devil.

- <sup>25</sup> ***For the thing which I greatly feared is come upon me, and that which I was afraid of is come unto me. (KJV) Job 3:25***

How do you overcome fear? By speaking the Word of God.

- <sup>4</sup> ***But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. (KJV) Matt. 4:4***
- **When you are speaking contrary to the Word of God, you are producing fear.**

### 8. Don't Speak what the Enemy Says - the Words of World.

#### **Psalm 45:1**

<sup>1</sup> ***My heart is inditing (overflowing) a good matter: I speak of the things which I have made touching the king: my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. (KJV)***

**If you speak the words of the enemy, you are writing the words of the enemy on the table of your heart.**

- The reason some people are so filled with fear is that they believe everything they see and hear on television.

**Luke 21:26** (Jesus speaking about the last Days)

<sup>26</sup> ***Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. (KJV)***



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- Jesus is talking about the spiritual part of man. — the human spirit. **He's talking about "soil"** that He put in you - where the kingdom is living reality.
- Jesus is saying **that the kingdom in the heart of man will fail to function properly because of fear.**

### 9. Speak the Words of Life – Gods Word.

#### John 6:63

<sup>63</sup> *It is the spirit that quickens (life); the flesh profits nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. (KJV)*

There is life in every Word of God. In fact, Jesus said it this way: "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

- There is spirit life in every Word of God.
- **Your words affect your spirit and you can speak words of life to your spirit** agreeing with God.
- **You can speak words of death to your spirit by agreeing with the devil.**

#### Pro 18:14

<sup>14</sup> *The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; but a wounded spirit who can bear? (KJV)*

- The spirit of man, the human spirit, will sustain his weakness. One translation says the human spirit will hold off or hold in weakness or infirmity. It will work either way. The human spirit, the heart of man, **will hold off — or hold in — weakness, depending upon what you speak into your spirit.**
- That is what the Word of God says about it. The heart will hold weakness off or hold it.

### 10. Be Careful What You Plant.

Be careful what you plant. People sometimes pray the wrong things.

- If you pray the problem in prayer, **you then will have more faith in the problem**, because faith cometh by hearing.
- **You can destroy your faith by your praying when you pray the problem and** what that prayer did was open the door to the devil.
- The solution to that situation? It is simple — find the answer in God's Word, **then pray the answer.**

You'll get up from that prayer having faith in the promises of God to meet your need.

- **Not because you asked for faith, but because you quoted the promise of God in your prayer. Faith in God comes by hearing the Word of God.**

God has magnified His Word above His Name (Psalms 138:2). That's why God's Word is important in our lives.

- We must set a watch on our mouths and **determine to speak only things which agree with God's Word.** Speak things which are in agreement with His Word.

Jesus said that He spoke only that which He heard His Father say. (John 8:26.)

- You will see things change in your situation when you **begin to confess in faith that which you want.**
- **If you continue to do it, because God's Word works to bring the manifestation of what God promised. Remember the seed is in the promise itself.**



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Don't tell God what the devil says – change the confession about the situation to the promise of God's Word.

- **Confess the truth over the fact – it is not a lie because God's Word is Truth** (John 17:17).
- It doesn't happen overnight, it is a process of renewing my mind that takes some time.

You hear so many people saying, I don't ever hear from God.

- They **are quick to tell you what the devil said to them** and have more faith in him than God's voice.
- **Start to confess that you hear the voice** of the Good Shepherd and I do not hear the voice of a stranger.

### 11. Your Actions Must Match Your Faith.

But you must do it - It is not a matter of saying, your Faith and Actions must agree or your actions must follow your Faith.

The Kingdom of God is as if a man cast seed into the ground.

- You must sow the seed and believe according to Mark 11:22-26, then the harvest will come.
- The harvest has no choice. It must come. It is God's promise.
- If you will sow the seed, you eventually will **receive a harvest for the law of seedtime and harvest** is still in effect.
- **It will never cease** (stop) as long as the earth remains. This is God's method and it will work for you.

**The choice is yours. But you must make a decision to do it. If you are not satisfied with your harvest, check up on the seed you are sowing. If you are sowing the incorruptible seed of God's Word, your harvest is on the way.**

**JESUS IS LORD!**



## 2.12 - The Bible Principle - The Tongue and its Power.

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### 1. There is Creative Power in the Tongue

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**Pro. 18:21**

<sup>21</sup> *Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof. (KJV)*

**A Bible Secret -**

- Words are spiritual and carry creative power.
- The words we speak can carry God's Creative power - life.
- The words we speak can carry enemy's creative power - death

**God creates the human race -**

- Mankind has the special ability to choose his own words.
- That ability makes the human being different from all other creatures, even the angels.
- Angels speak only the words God tells them to speak. (Psalms 103:20)

### 2. God Designed Words to be Creative

God used words when He created the heaven and the earth. "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God" (Hebrews 11:3).

- God spoke the worlds into existence, Genesis 1 "And God said, Let there be light: and there was light" (verse 3).

**And God said, appear ten times** in the first chapter of Genesis. –

- Holy Spirit had it written that way **to stress how vital** a part words played in Creation.
- Each time God spoke, **He released His faith**—the creative power to bring His words to pass.
- He created all things by the power of His Word and is **still upholding everything by the mighty power** of His Word. (Heb.1:3)

**Gen 1:26-27**

<sup>26</sup> *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.* <sup>27</sup> *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (KJV)*

- **Man was created** from the faith-filled words of God - **words of power, dominion and life.**
- All of the power that it took to have dominion over the earth **was a part of man from the very beginning.**
- Adam was **created in God's class**, in the likeness of God (but not God) and, consequently **had a free will.** As we are of our parents, we are not our parents!

**Genesis 1:28**

<sup>28</sup> *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)*

- He **made a covenant (agreement, contract) with man.** Man was created with power through words.
- Then God **gave man authority to use that power** by guaranteeing him dominion over this earth.
- Man had **total authority to rule** and he was **to rule by speaking words** which would carry the power & anointing.



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### 3. God's Original System & Power Perverted

Through Satan's entrance - the **power of words was perverted** to bring death and destruction.

**Satan is not a god**, he is a fallen angel therefore there is **no creative power in him**.

- As an angel of God in the past, Satan (or Lucifer) was forbidden to act by his own will, but he chose to exalt himself over God.

He tried to use the power of words against God when he said,

**Isaiah 14:13-14** (Satan speaking)

<sup>13</sup> *For you hast said in your heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: <sup>14</sup> I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High. (KJV)*

- By choosing his own words, Satan chose to stand against God.

**Isaiah 14:15** (God responds)

<sup>15</sup> *Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit. (KJV)*

**Immediately, Satan was expelled from heaven.**

**Satan approaches Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden to challenge their obedience to God.**

**Genesis 2:16-17**

<sup>16</sup> *And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat: <sup>17</sup> But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, you shalt not eat of it: for in the day that you eat there of you shalt surely die. (KJV)*

- *But Satan came in the form of a serpent and said to them (Genesis 3:1),<sup>1</sup> Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yes, has God said, You shall not eat of every tree of the garden? (KJV)*
- First Timothy 2:14 says **the woman was deceived**, but **the man was not**.

Adam understood and knew what he was doing when he disobeyed God's command and took the forbidden fruit. –

- Through that disobedience, Satan was able to obtain **authority** in the earth.
- **He became man's god** - 2 Corinthians 4:4 calls him, "the god of this world."

### 4. God's Word Became Flesh

God has never done anything without saying it first – this is His method of operation.

- Man disobeys God, authority transferred to Satan.
- God **forced to go back to His Word**:
- God **searches for a man** who would teach his children and believe Him – He found Abram.
- He made a **covenant with Abram**—a covenant that was to last forever forever. (Genesis 17:4, 6-7)
- God **starts to speak His Word back into the earth** through the Prophets over thousands of years.
- **Finally the Word became Flesh – Jesus**. (John 1:14)

The Word, which existed before the foundation of the earth, lived for thirty—three years as a man.

- Jesus **ministered for three years as a prophet** under the Abrahamic Covenant.
- Then He gave Himself to be the last sacrifice of the Old Covenant.
- He **became the sacrificial lamb**, offered upon the altar of the Cross for one reason: to defeat Satan.



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- Jesus was the last Adam (1 Corinthians 15:45), and He passed the test that the first Adam failed. He paid the price for Adam's transgression.
- Jesus defeated Satan by going to the cross, dying a horrible death, and spending three days and nights in the heart of the earth, hell itself (**Matthew 12:40**). Acts 2 says Jesus was raised up, loosed from the pains of death (**verse 24**). Jesus is called the firstborn from the dead (**Colossians 1:18**). He was the first man to be born again from death to life. When He appeared to John on the Isle of Patmos, He said, <sup>17</sup> *And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: <sup>18</sup> I am he that lives, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death. (KJV) (**Revelation 1:17-18**).*
- Jesus defeated and He took from Satan the keys of hell. He took back the authority that Satan had stolen from Adam in the Garden of Eden. He made an open show of principalities and powers, lording it over them in their own domain (**Colossians 2:15**).

### 5. Our Authority as Believers

Satan is still "the god of this world" (2 Corinthians 4:4) and he has **authority in the earth over natural men**.

- We are **not of this world, so Satan is not our god!** In Matthew 28:18-19, Jesus said, *"All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go therefore....."*
- Mark 16:15-18 gives every believer that authority to stand against Satan.
- Through Jesus, we have been delivered out of the power of darkness and have been translated into the kingdom of God (Colossians 1:13]

#### **2 Corinthians 10:4**

<sup>4</sup> *(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds) (KJV)*

- God has given to us spiritual weapons to fight with – they are his weapons!

#### **Eph.6 17**

<sup>17</sup> *And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: (KJV)*

- The **basis of all our weapons** is "**the sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God – the Gospel".
- Jesus as having a sharp two-edged **sword coming out His mouth**. (Rev 1:16)
- We must learn our weapons and know how they function.
- Satan will challenge but as a "Believer" you have authority over him in the name of Jesus.
- In order for Satan to go around "God or a believer", he has to avoid God's Word because the Word of God is where the power lies.

### 6. The Tongue is a Little Member

#### **James 3:1-18**

<sup>1</sup> *My brethren, be not many masters, knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation. <sup>2</sup> For in many things we offend all. If any man offend not in word, the same is a perfect man, and able also to bridle the whole body. <sup>3</sup> Behold, we put bits in the horses' mouths, that they may obey us; and we turn about their whole body. <sup>4</sup> Behold also the ships, which though they be so great, and are driven of fierce winds, yet are they turned about with a very small helm, whithersoever the governor listed. <sup>5</sup> Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindle! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: <sup>8</sup> But the tongue can no man tame; it is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. <sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth proceeds blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. <sup>11</sup> Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? <sup>12</sup> Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries?*





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either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh. <sup>13</sup> Who is a wise man and endued with knowledge among you? let him shew out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. <sup>14</sup> But if ye have bitter envying and strife in your hearts, glory not, and lie not against the truth. <sup>15</sup> This wisdom descends not from above, but is earthly, sensual, devilish. <sup>16</sup> For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work. <sup>17</sup> But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy. <sup>18</sup> And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace. (KJV)

### Two points to understand:

1. There is nothing in this earth so great or so powerful, including the Physical body, that it cannot be controlled by the tongue.
2. The entire course of nature and the circumstances surrounding every human being **are controlled by that persons tongue.**

### In verses 3-5, James uses some examples to illustrate:

- Here the Bible makes a comparison and connection between a ship's rudder, a bit in a horse's mouth and the human tongue, even though they seem very small, they all have power to control.
- God has created us in His likeness to also use our tongue and words to control life circumstances and your tongue and words are the deciding factor in your life for victory or defeat.

### 7. The Tongue Is a Fire

In **James 3:5-7** (makes a comparison between the tongue and kindling for a fire.)

<sup>5</sup> **Even so the tongue is a little member, and boasts great things. Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindles! <sup>6</sup> And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity: so is the tongue among our members, that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire of hell. <sup>7</sup> For every kind of beasts, and of birds, and of serpents, and of things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed of mankind: (KJV)**

- Satan will try to control a person's life or an area of a person's life, by first starting with that person's tongue to get the person's (creative) words, this is where the fire first starts – the kindles.
- As Satan has no creative power he has to use a person's own words against the same person to have authority in that person's life, he starts with the tongue – this is where the fire starts.
- The Word of God also says that **the tongue is set on fire by Hell** and that it controls the course of nature, the life of a person!
- A large fire starts with Kindles, small wood, before larger pieces of wood will catch fire, so it is with a person's life.
- Satan puts thoughts into a person's mind or creates circumstances so that the person will start to confess the negative, this is where the fire or problems starts. As the person continues to confess the situation or thoughts they will eventually become a reality in the natural – the person will build a mountain (a problem).

### 8. Words are Answer!

**Matthew 6:31** (Jesus speaking)

<sup>31</sup> **Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (KJV)**

- Satan puts the negative thought into the mind and if a person dwells on the thought long enough it will eventually come out of the mouth and go back into the physical ear and down into the heart or spirit of that person.
- When it is in the heart or spirit in abundance it will eventually come out in "Fear" filled words and start to produce the harvest of that "word-seed"! The person is "calling for what they do not have at present" even though they do not that they are doing this – they are in the process of building their own mountain by their own words.





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### Matthew 15:11, 18

<sup>11</sup> Not that which goes into the mouth defiles a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defiles a man. <sup>18</sup> But those things **which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.** (KJV)

- It not the food that a man eats that defiles him but what comes out of his mouth or heart in words that defiles him.

### James 3:10-12

<sup>10</sup> Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. <sup>11</sup> Does a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? <sup>12</sup> Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? **so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.** (KJV)

- As no spring (stream of water) has both salt and fresh water coming out of it, so Faith and Fear do not come out of the same mouth of a person.

### Matthew 12:34 (Jesus speaking)

<sup>34</sup> O generation of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? **for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.** (KJV)

## 9. Speaking the Word in Faith

As a natural fire is put out by water, so natural circumstances can be removed, changed or added to by the using the Word of God – the washing of “**water by the Word of God**” (Ephesians 5:26).

### Mark 11:22-26

<sup>22</sup> And Jesus answering said unto them, Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup> **For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says.** <sup>24</sup> Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them. <sup>25</sup> And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. <sup>26</sup> But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. (KJV)

- As Satan`s power was released by “words of Fear” so God`s power is released by “words of Faith!”

### Matthew 16:19

<sup>9</sup> And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. (KJV)

- All negative circumstances and problems can be changed by “binding” Satan`s operations and then “loosening” God through His Word, into the situation.

## 10. How Satan Operates

Satan will try to control the life of a person whether they are “born-again” or not through the power of the tongue of that person. He creates negative circumstances and/or puts evil thoughts into the mind of person so that person starts to confess what they believe they hear, feel, see or think.

As he has no creative power within himself, Satan relies upon deception to create problems in a person`s life by using the power of their own words and tongue. As there is creative power in God`s Word when spoken in FAITH so is there creative power in Satan`s words when spoken in FEAR – both FAITH & FEAR will make it to become a reality in the natural – FAITH is the original system and FEAR is the counterfeit or perverted system – the original Godly system going backwards!



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### Job 3:25

<sup>25</sup> For **the thing which I greatly feared** is come upon me, and that **which I was afraid of** is come unto me. (KJV)

- Satan will tell you that the trials, problems, pressures and storms of life are there to teach you something but God uses His Word (2 Tim 3:16) and spirit of truth the Holy Spirit (John 16:13) to teach you and to bring you into all truth
- Satan will try to make you believe “Traditions and Religion” to keep your attention away from the Word of God and to keep you in bondage.
- The tongue can be tamed but only by the Word of God!
- A person`s heart will be filled in time by words of FEAR or words of FAITH – and those words will determine the natural course of that person`s life here on the earth and into eternity.
- **A definition of F.E.A.R.** ----- False \_ Evidence \_ Appearing \_ Real.

### 11. How to Stop Satan - it is Written!

#### The Life & Ministry of Jesus

(Our example to follow always – the bible says we are to be conformed in His image)

- He always used the written Word of God to **defeat** Satan.
- He spoke accurately, never crooked speech of doubt & unbelief. **His conversation always consisted of what God said.**
- He spent much time in prayer, but He never the problem; he prayed the answer. **What God said in the answer (the Word of God).**
- He always spoke the end results, **not the problem.** Never did He confess **present** circumstances. He spoke the **desired results.**

**THE WORD OF GOD CONCEIVED IN YOUR HEART, FORMED BY YOUR TONGUE, AND SPOKEN OUT OF YOUR MOUTH, RELEASES THE CREATIVE POWER OF GOD – to create, establish or remove things in life!**

### 12. A Final Word

**A person`s heart will be filled in time by words of FEAR or words of FAITH – and those words will determine the natural course of that person`s life here on the earth and into eternity.**

**JESUS IS LORD!**



## 2.13 - The Bible Principle - Calling Things Into Reality

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(Scriptures from KJV)

### [Calling Those Things That Do Not Exist As Though They Already Existed!]

#### 1. Introduction

1.01 - This is a principle in the bible that you will be continually using in your Christian walk in life.

- Used for calling into manifestation the promises of God.
- Used for your prayer life and praying for the healing.
- Used for removing problems (mountains) out of your life. (Mark 11:23-24)
- Used for calling into the earth the plans of God.

1.02 - People ask why God is not moving in their lives, expecting God to do everything for them.

- He has already done everything, He is waiting for us to follow His bible principles to receive those promises that already belong to us. (2 Peter 1:3)

1.03 - God used this principle to create the heavens and the earth. (Gen.1)

1.04 - Jesus used it and so did the Apostles in their ministries.

1.05 - Everything that we receive from God comes through this principle, by faith, by spoken words, by Seed, Time & Harvest through the promises of God, in the name of Jesus.

1.06 - The principle 1<sup>st</sup> used in Genesis 1 when God said "Light Be" and Light was! He called for what He **wanted** not what He (had) **saw**!

1.07 - The bible says that through faith the worlds were framed by the word of God.....and faith was the substance within those words. (Heb.11:1-3)

1.08 - We all use this principle today in our lives but **in reverse** in words of fear instead of words of faith – **there is no other system** for you will have what you say if you believe and do not doubt! (Mark 11:23-24)

1.09 - How many times have you confessed something until it has come to manifestation?

1.10 - The bible principle: that "**Calls those things that be not as though they were**" + (until they are) or "**Call Those things that do not exist as though they already existed**" (in the natural). (Rom.4:17)

#### 2. The Bible Principle.

Rom. 4:13-25

<sup>13</sup> **For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.** <sup>14</sup> **For if they which are of the law be heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:** <sup>15</sup> **Because the law works wrath: for where no law is, there is no transgression.** <sup>16</sup> **Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; who is the father of us all,** <sup>17</sup> **(As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickens the dead, and calls those things which be not as though they were.** <sup>18</sup> **Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.** <sup>19</sup> **And being not weak in faith, he considered not his own body now dead, when he was about an hundred years old, neither yet the deadness of Sara's womb:** <sup>20</sup> **He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief; but was strong in faith, giving glory to God;** <sup>21</sup> **And being fully persuaded that, what he had promised, he was able also to perform.** <sup>22</sup> **And therefore it was imputed to him for righteousness.** <sup>23</sup> **Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him;** <sup>24</sup> **But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;** <sup>25</sup> **Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. (KJV)**



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- The promise **not through the Law but through Righteousness of Faith.** (Rom 4:13)
- Not only to Abraham and his seed (of that day), but to all his seed even in the future.

### Gal.3:29

<sup>29</sup> *And if you be Christ's, then are you Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. (KJV)*

- **v17.** God made Abraham the father of nations (Gen.17:1-7), but at the time he was not the father of nations – God can not lie – God talks in past tense
- God speaks the end result of what He wants!
- Some promises of God **are conditional** and some are **not conditional** – your salvation is conditional to repentance, believing in Jesus and his payment on the cross for our sins
- The promise to Abraham was not conditional, but Abraham still had to call for the promise of God that at that time was not manifested or existed! (Gen.12:2, 7; Gen.13:15-16; Gen.15:1-5)
- **v18.** Abraham called for the promise of God – **<sup>18</sup>Who against hope believed in hope,....** He used bible hope (a sure thing) against the hope of the world (not a sure thing – a wish).
- **v19-21.** Abraham made a quality decision to believe God when in the natural there was no hope of he and his wife having a child.

### Genesis 17:1-8

<sup>1</sup> *And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be you perfect. <sup>2</sup> And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly. <sup>3</sup> And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying, <sup>4</sup> As for me, behold, my covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. <sup>5</sup> Neither shall your name any more be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made you. <sup>6</sup> And I will make you exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come out of you. <sup>7</sup> And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you, and to your seed after you. <sup>8</sup> And I will give unto you, and to your seed after you, the land wherein you art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. (KJV)*

- God changed Abram`s name to Abraham – meaning the “father of nations” causing Abraham to here the meaning of his name continually, to help him to build up his faith to necessary to receive the promise that already belonged to him – **he called for the thing that did not exist.**
- Sari`s name changed by God to Sarah meaning – shall be the mother of nations. (Gen.17:15-16)

### Heb.11:11

<sup>11</sup> *Through faith also Sara herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised. (KJV)*

- 1<sup>st</sup> time God appeared to Abram about the promise, he was 75 years old! (Gen.12:4)
- Ishmael born through the hand maiden Hagar (Gen.16:4-12), and Abram 86 years old. (Gen.16:16)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> time God appears to Abram he was 99years old and Sahara 90 years old. (Gen.17:1; Gen.17:17)
- The promise child was not manifested but after the name within 1 year the promise child was born (24 years later - Gen.17:1)
- You may have to hope against something in your life – go to God`s word and get some bible hope and call those things that be not – do not call what the thing that is for you will establish the mountain (problem). Some people say that you must call the things as they are – but God says to do the opposite.

God has given us everything we need but we have to call them into the natural.

### 2 peter 1:3

<sup>3</sup> *According as his divine power has given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that has called us to glory and virtue: (KJV)*

- God`s method – call those things that be not as though they were (until they are)



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### 3. In the beginning.

#### Gen.1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. <sup>2</sup> 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. <sup>3</sup> And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. (KJV)*

- God looked out and saw darkness but he called for what He wanted not what he saw!
- God took His faith from the inside of Himself, filled His words which were containers, and spoke out the “inner image” into the darkness, where the Holy Spirit was waiting to perform that word.

#### Heb.11:1-3

<sup>1</sup> *Now **faith is the substance** of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. <sup>2</sup> For by it the elders obtained a good report. <sup>3</sup> **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)*

- God made man in His likeness to operate the same way having dominion by calling things that do not exist as though they already existed!

#### Gen.1:26-27

<sup>26</sup> *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. <sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them. (KJV)*

- Whatever God has given to us by way of His Word or promise, it is our responsibility to call for them – the Holy Spirit is waiting also!
- Abraham’s faith grew because he said what God said about himself- your faith comes the same way!

#### Rom.10:17

<sup>17</sup> ***So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.** (KJV)*

- Faith comes by hearing (and hearing and hearing) not reading.
- The children of God did not enter the promised land because they did not mix their faith with God’s Word
- You will not enter into the promises of God just because they written in the bible – there are some battles to be fought.

#### 1 Cor.1:27-28

<sup>27</sup> *But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; <sup>28</sup> **And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are:** (KJV)*

- God took something that was not manifest (faith) and brought to naught or zero, (the darkness) that which was manifested. (Gen. 1:1-3)
- Note that it is possible build a mountain in our lives through negative confessions, that is calling for things that we do not want until we have them.

#### 2 Cor.4:13, 18

<sup>13</sup> *We have the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak; <sup>18</sup> **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)*



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- Because we believe therefore we are to speak.
- The things that we can **see are in the natural** and they are **subject to change** by things that we **can not see in the spiritual (through faith)**

### Mark 11:22-26

<sup>22</sup> And Jesus answering said unto them, Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup> For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says. <sup>24</sup> Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever you desire, when you pray, believe that ye receive them, and you shall have them. <sup>25</sup> And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. <sup>26</sup> But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. (KJV)

We are to look at the unseen – the mountain being removed according to the Word of God!

- **“He will have whatsoever he says”**
- If you keep saying what the word says you - **see the mountain removed!**
- Our **negative words produce a picture** (image) on the inside of us of our failure and we will make decisions based on that image.
- You **build the mountain** by the words of you own mouth!
- You are calling things that be not as though they were and in time you will have what you say according to Mark 11:23 – **and more you have of it**, the problem the more you will confess it and the more you will have!
- The principle will work much **faster on the negative side** because we are normally in the world trained this way from birth.
- We must have our **minds renewed and be retrained** to God`s way.

### Testimonies

**The right use - Example of Mazda 626 in Australia.**

**The wrong use - Example of accident in USA of car and semi-trailer.**

Some people would say that you are just trying to be like God or that you are trying to force God into doing something,

- We are trying to do what god would do in the situation.
- The bible says that we are to **imitate our heavenly father** and to be in the **image of Christ Jesus** – he did and said only what his Father did and said.

### Jos.1:8

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

**The right use – Example practical every day.**

- If you have lack in your finances, do not call what you already have, call for what you do not have, abundance after you follow the bible method of giving 1<sup>st</sup> then confess what you want manifested.

## 4. The Great Misunderstanding.

**There is no power in denying what already exists,**

- Denying that you are sick when you are sick is lying!
- Quote the promise of God that you are healed!
- Deny the sickness the right to stay in your body according to the promise of God.
- Do not call sickness when you are sick – call for healing according to the promises of God that already belong to you!
- When you are sick **call for what you do not have** – health!





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### Example

If a person has a blood disease but confesses or denies that he has no blood disease that disease might go but then the doctor may say that he has no blood disease now but he has cancer instead.

- He should have called his body well and healed – this is the real answer.
- There is **no power in denying** what exists – **the power is in calling** for the thing that is not existing.
- We have to believe before we receive.

### Example

If a person wants to sell his car to buy another car so he denies that he has a Car. He might wake up one morning only to find that his car has been stolen.

- **We are to speak to the mountain – problem – object.**
- **We call it** sold after praying Mark 11:23
- **We call the desired end result.**

The mountain will not be removed just because you speak to it, but speaking is **involved in the process** to build up your faith to remove the mountain – faith comes by hearing.

- Be careful when your faith is highly developed because the manifestation will be quick no matter what it is.
- You can be highly developed in your faith or fear.

### 5. Say it like it is – if you do not then you are lying.

This person says that he calls it the way it is – let us follow him home.

#### Example A.

He wants the dog so he goes out onto the porch and calls **“here dog!”** but the dog is not there – he is calling for what he does not have. He should say **“the dog is not here, I do not know where the dog is”** instead.

If the cat is there then he should call it the way it is, **“the cat is here, I do not know where the dog is, I wish the dog was here.”**

- If he wants the dog then it is stupid to call the cat when the cat is already there, he should call for what he does not have.
- If a person wants healing (dog), he calls for it, but not the sickness (cat).

#### Example B.

A man goes home on a cold day where the temperature is +5 C and he enters his house and turns the air conditioner thermostat to +25 C. If he really believes in calling it the way it is, then he should set the thermostat on +5 C for the inside of the house.

- By setting the thermostat to +25 C he **is calling for something that does not exist at that time – he is calling for what he wants, the end result!**
- The system is designed to produce what he desires but if he sets the thermostat to what he already has, he will neutralize the whole system and nothing will happen .
- This is exactly what Satan has done to the believers – **by using our own words against us, he has neutralized our faith.**
- The thermostat is our tongue and the and heating plant is our heart or spirit man.

#### Example C.

When a person goes into a restaurant and sits down for a meal, the waiter asks what he would like to eat. The customer orders a meal according to the menu and expects that order to be fulfilled according to what he said and what was written on the menu. The customer is using a principle of “calling for what he at present does not have”.

#### Example D.

A farmer is doing the same thing by sowing seed into his ground. As he sows a corn seed into his ground, he is calling for what he at present does not have – a harvest of corn! Notice the farmer sows a seed of what he wants and so it is with





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the Word of God and the “believer” for the Word of God is incorruptible seed that will produce when planted in the heart of man and spoken out his mouth in FAITH.

Now if the farmer has planted his seed and is now sitting and watching over his sown field, and another person comes along and says to the farmer what are you doing and the farmer says that I am watching over my harvest, the other person will say but you don't have a harvest just an empty field, this person is calling the situation as it is because they are operating by sight, what they can and cannot see! The farmer says there is a harvest of corn in that field, he is not operating by what he sees is operating by FAITH, this is how the believer must also operate.

### 6. Speak to the Situation or Problem!

#### Mark 11:22-26

<sup>22</sup> And Jesus answering said unto them, Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup> For verily I say unto you, **That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be you removed, and be you cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says.** (KJV)

#### Luke 17:6

<sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, **you might say unto this sycamine (mulberry) tree, Be thou plucked up by the root, and be you planted in the sea; and it should obey you.** (KJV)

#### James 2.26

<sup>26</sup> For as the body without the spirit is dead, **so faith without works is dead also.** (KJV)

- Speak to the object - situation – problem in obedience to the Word of God.

### 7. The Ministry of Jesus – “He called those things that be not.”

**Apostle teaching the Principle – Calling those things.....**

#### Rom.12:19-21

<sup>19</sup> Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, says the Lord. <sup>20</sup> **Therefore if your enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing you shalt heap coals of fire on his head.** <sup>21</sup> Be not overcome of evil, **but overcome evil with good.** (KJV)

#### 7.1 - What is God showing us here?

- If you feed your enemies **you are calling them your friends** – you are calling those things that be not as though they were.

#### 7.2 - Water Turned to Wine – Marriage of Cana

##### John 2:1-11

<sup>1</sup> And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: <sup>2</sup> And both Jesus was called, and his disciples, to the marriage. <sup>3</sup> And when they wanted wine, the mother of Jesus said unto him, They have no wine. <sup>4</sup> Jesus said unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. <sup>5</sup> His mother said unto the servants, Whatsoever he says unto you, do it. <sup>6</sup> And there were set there six water pots of stone, after the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three firkins apiece. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said unto them, Fill the water pots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. <sup>8</sup> **And he said unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast.** And they bare it. <sup>9</sup> When the ruler of the feast had tasted the water that was made wine, and knew not whence it was: (but the servants which drew the water knew;) the governor of the feast called the bridegroom, <sup>10</sup> And said unto him, Every man at the beginning doth set forth good wine; and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. <sup>11</sup> **This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested forth his glory; and his disciples believed on him.** (KJV)

- Jesus tells them to fill the water pots with water – he is calling it wine – calling those things that be not – wine was needed not water!



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- He was telling them to act like it was wine – Jesus was **adding actions to his faith!**
- By the time they got to the governor the water had become wine (as they went.....same as the 10 lepers....what would happen if they did not go?)
- **This is not about changing the water to wine, but about the principle that Jesus used all the time.**  
- <sup>11</sup>**This beginning of miracles did Jesus** – the beginning of miracles began with “calling those things that be not” – he called for the thing that was not!

### Luke 17:4

<sup>4</sup> *And if he trespass against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to you, saying, I repent; you shalt forgive him. (KJV)*

- The way you forgive - start confessing, “I forgive, I forgive, I forgive, etc. and the faith comes.
- If you keep saying, then un-forgiveness will be plucked up and cast into the sea..

### Luke 17:4-6

<sup>4</sup> *And if he trespass (sins) against thee seven times in a day, and seven times in a day turn again to you, saying, I repent; you shalt forgive him. <sup>5</sup> And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said, If you had faith as a grain of mustard seed, **you might say unto this sycamine tree, Be you plucked up by the root, and be you planted in the sea; and it should obey you. (KJV)***

### Faith Secrets.

- **If ye had faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye might say** – the way you plant the seed of faith in your heart.
- **It should obey you.** – the situation would obey you.
- If call the tree plucked up, you are actually **calling it a different way** then it already is – **you are calling the thing that is not!**

## 7.3 - Healing of the Ten Lepers.

### Luke 17:12-19

<sup>12</sup> *And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, **which stood afar off:** <sup>13</sup> And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. <sup>14</sup> And when he saw them, he said unto them, **Go shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, that, as they went, they were cleansed.** <sup>15</sup> **And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God,** <sup>16</sup> **And fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan.** <sup>17</sup> And Jesus answering said, *Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine?* <sup>18</sup> *There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.* <sup>19</sup> **And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole. (KJV)***

- When Jesus said go show yourselves to the priests, he was calling them clean – the only reason that a person would go to the priests if he was clean or healed.
- The lepers were also calling themselves clean **by their actions of going.**
- They acted on the words of Jesus (or the word of God)
- Both Jesus called for things that were not as though they were – if the lepers had not gone they would not have been cleansed.

## 7.4 - Healing of a Lame Man at Pool at Bethesda.

### John 5:1-9

<sup>1</sup> *After this there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup> Now there is at Jerusalem by the sheep market a pool, which is called in the Hebrew tongue Bethesda, having five porches. <sup>3</sup> In these lay a great multitude of impotent folk, of blind, halt, withered, waiting for the moving of the water. <sup>4</sup> For an angel went down at a certain season into the pool, and troubled the water: whosoever then first after the troubling of the water stepped in was made whole of whatsoever disease he had. <sup>5</sup> **And a certain man was there, which had an infirmity thirty and eight years.** <sup>6</sup> When Jesus saw him lie, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he said unto him, *Wilt thou be made whole?* <sup>7</sup> The impotent man answered him, *Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steps down before me.* <sup>8</sup> **Jesus said unto him, Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.** <sup>9</sup> **And immediately the man was made whole, and took up his bed, and walked: and on the same day was the sabbath. (KJV)***



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- Jesus was asking him **do you want** to be made whole, Jesus was asking **will you be** made whole.
- The man had been crippled for 38 years and Jesus told him to **“Rise, take up thy bed, and walk.”**
- He acted on what Jesus said – Jesus called him healed!
- This man had been **taught all his life by religious** leaders that you are **not to do any work** on the sabbath and to take up his bed and go was work!
- This man who had been crippled had to make a decision – **to believe the words of Jesus or to stay bound to the religious traditions and not receive his healing** – today we are also faced with the same problem of receiving.
- Many people today have been taught that god does not heal anymore, because healing went out with the Apostles, and there are no miracles anymore – **these people will die keeping their religious beliefs.**

### 7.5 - The Death of Lazarus – John 11:1-44

#### John 11:1-4

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was sick, named Lazarus, of Bethany, the town of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> (It was that Mary which anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick.) <sup>3</sup> Therefore his sisters sent unto him, saying, Lord, behold, he whom you love is sick. <sup>4</sup> **When Jesus heard that, he said, This sickness is not unto death, but for the glory of God, that the Son of God might be glorified thereby.** (KJV)

- Jesus was establishing what he wanted – calling those things that be not!

#### John 11:11-12

<sup>11</sup> These things said he: and after that he said unto them, **Our friend Lazarus sleeps; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep.** <sup>12</sup> Then said his disciples, **Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well.** <sup>13</sup> Howbeit Jesus spoke of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then said Jesus unto them plainly, **Lazarus is dead.** (KJV)

- Jesus was **guarding his words**, the thing that he had established in v4
- Greek translation says that he died this being different to being already dead.

#### John 11:39-44

<sup>39</sup> Jesus said, Take you away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, said unto him, **Lord, by this time he stinks: for he hath been dead four days.** <sup>40</sup> Jesus said unto her, Said I not unto you, that, if you would believe, you should see the glory of God? <sup>41</sup> Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. **And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank You that you have heard me.** <sup>42</sup> **And I knew that you hear me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that you hast sent me.** <sup>43</sup> And when he thus had spoken, he cried with a loud voice, **Lazarus, come forth.** <sup>44</sup> And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. **Jesus said unto them, Loose him, and let him go.** (KJV)

- To the 1<sup>st</sup> Bethany where Jesus was to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bethany where Lazarus was, was about 17 miles or about 28 klms. - **about a 1 day journey by foot**
- Jesus stayed there 2 days after he heard the news which took 1 day to get there = 3days.
- Jesus goes to the Bethany where Lazarus was = 1day walk.
- A total of 4 days from the start of the runner leaving with the news to point where Jesus arrived at the grave of Lazarus.
- When Jesus said roll the stone away, they said that he stinks because he had been dead for 4 days – proving that Lazarus was already dead before the runner reached Jesus with the news.
- Jesus did not let him die so that Jesus could raise him from the dead, he was already dead – the glory was in the resurrection.

#### John 11:41-42

<sup>41</sup> Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. **And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank You that you have heard me.** <sup>42</sup> **And I knew that You hear me always: but because of the people which stand by I said it, that they may believe that You hast sent me** (KJV)



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- Jesus established what he wanted 4 days ago in front of people so that he could show them the principle of “calling those things that be not”

### “More Examples of Calling Things That Be Not”

#### 7.6 - The Man With The Withered Hand--on the Sabbath.

##### Mark 3:1-5

<sup>1</sup> And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there which had a withered hand. <sup>2</sup> And they watched him, whether he would heal him on the sabbath day; that they might accuse him. <sup>3</sup> **And he said unto the man which had the withered hand, Stand forth.** <sup>4</sup> And he said unto them, Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath days, or to do evil? to save life, or to kill? But they held their peace. <sup>5</sup> And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he said unto the man, **Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other.** (KJV)

#### 7.7 - Calming of the Storm at Sea.

##### Mark 4:35-41

<sup>35</sup> **And the same day, when the even was come, he said unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side.** <sup>36</sup> And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. <sup>37</sup> And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. <sup>38</sup> And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, care you not that we perish? <sup>39</sup> **And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm.** <sup>40</sup> And he said unto them, Why are you so fearful? how is it that you have no faith? <sup>41</sup> And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him? (KJV)

- If Jesus said what he saw the boat would have sunk – the devil was telling disciples fear, **but Jesus spoke in faith the end result what he wanted.**
- **Jesus had already established** what he wanted in v35, “Let us pass over unto the other side”
- The disciples could have done the same thing through their own faith if they had not let fear enter into their hearts.

#### 7.8 - Feeding of the 5,000.

##### Matt.14:13-21

<sup>13</sup> When Jesus heard of it, he departed thence by ship into a desert place apart: and when the people had heard thereof, they followed him on foot out of the cities. <sup>14</sup> And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and he healed their sick. <sup>15</sup> And when it was evening, his disciples came to him, saying, This is a desert place, and the time is now past; send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves victuals. <sup>16</sup> **But Jesus said unto them, They need not depart; give you them to eat.** <sup>17</sup> And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. <sup>18</sup> **He said, Bring them here to me.** <sup>19</sup> **And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the grass, and took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake, and gave the loaves to his disciples, and the disciples to the multitude.** <sup>20</sup> And they did all eat, and were filled: and they took up of the fragments that remained twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup> And they that had eaten were about five thousand men, beside women and children. (KJV)

#### 7.9 - A Miraculous catch of Fish.

##### Luke 5:1-11

<sup>4</sup> Now when he had left speaking, **he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught.** <sup>5</sup> And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, **and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net.** <sup>6</sup> And when they had this done, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake. (KJV)



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### [The Acts of the Apostles]

#### 7.10 - A man lame from his Mother’s womb at the Gate of the Temple called Beautiful.

##### Acts 3:1-11

<sup>6</sup> Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: **In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk.** <sup>7</sup> And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. <sup>8</sup> And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God. (KJV)

- We must use the name of Jesus to overcome and call upon the promises of God.
- Peter was calling him healed.

#### 8. A Final Note.

**Jesus only said what the Father said and Jesus only did what his father said to do – he did nothing of himself – we are to copy or imitate Jesus as He did his father – and we will get the same results**

**When you study the life of Jesus you find several important facts that caused Him to overcome the world, the flesh, and the devil.**

- He always spoke the end results, **not the problem**. Never did He confess **present** circumstances. He spoke the **desired results**.
- He always spoke what He wanted and not what He had.
- He walked by FAITH and not by Sight.
- He used the written Word (the promises of God) to call in what He wanted and change what He had.

**THE WORD OF GOD PUT INTO AND CONCEIVED IN THE HEART, FORMED BY THE TONGUE, AND SPOKEN OUT OF THE MOUTH IN FAITH HAS CREATIVE POWER WITH IN IT WHICH IS ABLE TO CREATE, REMOVE OR CHANGE THINGS IN SITUATIONS, PROBLEMS IN ANY AREA OF LIFE.**

##### Rom. 4:17

<sup>17</sup> (As it is written, I have made you a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, even God, who quickens the dead, **and calls those things which be not as though they were.** (KJV)

Or

**[Calling Those Things That Be Not As Though They Already Were!]**

Or

**[Calling Those Things That Do Not Exist As Though They Already Existed!]**

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### **A Basic Bible Principle of Calling Things Into Reality**

## **Jesus is Lord!**



## 2.14 - A Bible Principle - The Inner Image & Imagination

(2.14 - A Bible Principle -The Inner Image & Imagination)  
(Scriptures from KJV)

### 1. From The Very Beginning

#### Genesis 1:1-3

<sup>1</sup> *In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.* <sup>2</sup> *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.* <sup>3</sup> *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

<sup>1</sup> *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.* <sup>2</sup> *For by it the elders obtained a good report.* <sup>3</sup> *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

<sup>26</sup> *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.* <sup>27</sup> *So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.* <sup>28</sup> *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

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

#### Eph. 5:1

<sup>1</sup> *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)

<sup>8</sup> *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**

<sup>11</sup> *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**

<sup>1</sup> *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.* <sup>2</sup> *The same was in the beginning with God.* <sup>3</sup> *All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made.* <sup>4</sup> *In him was life; and the life was the light of men.* <sup>5</sup> *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**

<sup>14</sup> *The sower sows the word.* <sup>15</sup> *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.*** <sup>16</sup> *And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness;* <sup>17</sup> *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.* <sup>18</sup> *And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word,* <sup>19</sup> *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.* <sup>20</sup> *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

<sup>18</sup> *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.)

<sup>30</sup> *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.*** <sup>31</sup> *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.*

<sup>32</sup> ***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. <sup>33</sup> 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

<sup>5</sup> *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.*** <sup>6</sup> *And it repented the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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.)

<sup>5</sup> *And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. <sup>6</sup> 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.*** <sup>7</sup> *Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. <sup>8</sup> 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

<sup>3</sup> For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: <sup>4</sup> (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) <sup>5</sup> **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; <sup>6</sup> And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled. (KJV)

#### Phil. 4:8

<sup>8</sup> 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

<sup>38</sup> 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)

<sup>38</sup> 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

<sup>24</sup> 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?** <sup>25</sup> 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!**



## 2.15 - The Bible Principle – Speak To Your Mountain.

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### 1. Speak to Your Mountain or Problem that You are Facing in Life!

#### Foundation Scripture.

#### Mark 11:20-26 (Jesus speaking)

<sup>20</sup> And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots. <sup>21</sup> And Peter calling to remembrance said unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which you cursed is withered away. <sup>22</sup> And Jesus answering said unto them, **Have faith in God.** <sup>23</sup> For verily I say unto you, That **whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be you removed, and be you cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he says shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he says.** <sup>24</sup> Therefore I say unto you, What things so ever you desire, when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you shall have them. <sup>25</sup> And when you stand praying, forgive, if you have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses. <sup>26</sup> But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses. (KJV)

### 2. An Old Testament Example of a New Testament Born Again Believer.

#### David and Goliath - 1 Samuel 17

#### 1 Samuel 17:1-3

<sup>1</sup> Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle, and were gathered together at Shochoh, which belongs to Judah, and pitched between Shochoh and Azekah, in Ephesdammim. <sup>2</sup> And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and pitched by the valley of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. <sup>3</sup> And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them. (KJV)

### 3. Battle Scene.

#### 1 Samuel 17:1-11

- Army of the Philistines gathered together against the army of Saul.
- Both were on opposite mountain sides facing each other with a valley in between.
- Goliath champion of the Philistines, approx. (3.0m) Tall, Coat of Armour - (57 kg)
- Trained as a man of war from his youth (v 33), his spear head (7.0 kg) a weavers beam (large dia.)
- Goliath calls out and **defies** the army of Israel (against God`s man & God`s people) for **40 days - morning and night** (v16).
- **Your Mountain/Problem/Goliath will speak to you at least two times a day**, 1<sup>st</sup> when you wake up in the morning and 2<sup>nd</sup> just before you go to sleep at night, these are the times when a person is at their weakest or off guard and can be most likely influenced with Fear, Doubt & Unbelief.
- Goliath wanted to fight God`s man – to pull down Saul (and the anointing).
- Saul and Israel hears the challenge of Goliath and were dismayed - **lost courage, no hope, and were without faith**, an army in the field in this condition = **no victory!**
- **The battle scene** shows the reality of the battle that goes on in the spiritual realm and is manifested on the earth in the natural or physical realm of every human being.
- **In this story of David and Goliath we see the following representations of the characters:**

**Battle scene** = The conflict between the Kingdom of Light and the Kingdom of Darkness.

**Goliath** = Satan // **Philistine army** = Satan`s demons and evil spirits.



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**Saul** = God`s man walking in Fear, Unbelief, no Anointing and not trusting in God and His promises // **Israel army** = God`s people or His family.

**David** = God`s man walking in Faith, Belief, the Anointing and trusting in God and His promises.

### 4. David sent to the Battle Front.

#### 1 Samuel 17:12-30

- Jesse sends David to the battle front with food to feed his three brothers – Eliab the firstborn, Abinadab, Shammah.
- David leaves his backpack behind in the rear supply area and **runs** into the battle – he is a man of God, **a man of faith.**
- David is only a youth approx.17 years old and not overly big (v33 & v42).
- As David talks with Israel, Goliath speaks defying God`s people once again and they became afraid and fled.
- v25-27 - David hears what Goliath says and replies to the men of Israel (v26-25-27), what reward will the man get, who kills Goliath – **Israel saw a giant, David saw a prize!**
- That giant is one of two things in your eyes, **dangerous or valuable.**
- **Is your Goliath, your problem, your mountain, standing there and talking to you** – sickness, debt, failure, broken family or marriage, etc.?
- Jesus said in Mark 11:23 You are to **speak to your mountain** and **tell it** to be removed.
- Learn to change your attitude from defeat to victory – **learn to break through!**
- **David qualifies his own faith (his covenant with God), while at the same time he qualifies his enemy (uncircumcised – without a covenant) v26.**
- David was aware of his blood covenant to God through Abraham – (*Deut.28:7*) <sup>7</sup> *The Lord shall cause your enemies that rise up against you to be smitten before your face: they shall come out against you one way, and flee before you seven ways. (KJV)* <sup>7</sup> *“The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways. (NKJ)– David believed God!*
- **Any (covenant) man on the battle field could have done the same thing as David did!**
- v28-30 - David`s brother reacts in fear to David`s faith and trust in God, and accuses him of pride. **Eliab`s faith had failed him (his heart).**
- Do not get mad at people talking faith – you have no right to do that!
- Do not let people pull you down because you talk faith – **talk it the more the louder!**

### 5. David Stands before Saul.

#### 1 Samuel 17:31-37

- v31-37 - David`s trust in God & confession of faith, brought him before the king.
- David said let no man`s heart fail him, for he would fight – **David** was a covenant man who **thought first on his covenant and promises of God** rather than the size of the enemy.
- Saul says to David that he is only a youth, and Goliath has been trained as a man of war from his youth.
- David reminds Saul of the time when the bear and the lion came to take a lambs from his herd, he chased them and fought them and brought them down.
- David says that when the lion **arose up again**, he caught him by the beard (the flesh under the chin) and hit & killed him. No ordinary person or youth could have done this, it was the anointing on him!



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### 5a. The Counter Attack!

***This is where most Christians will lose their battles & be robbed of their victories.***

In many wars you will see for example how army “A” fights army “B” and gets a victory over army “B” and because of that victory army “A” feels secure, relaxes and believes that the army “B” is totally defeated only later to find out that army “B” was not totally defeated and has mounted a counter attack and defeats the army “A”.

This is also the principle that Satan uses against the born again believer and Jesus warns us about this principle.

#### **Matthew 12:43-45**

*<sup>43</sup> When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walks through dry places, seeking rest, and finds none. <sup>44</sup> Then he said, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he finds it empty, swept, and garnished. <sup>45</sup> Then goes he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation. (KJV)*

#### **A simple healing example:**

A person is sick and has cancer and is told by the doctor that they will die so they go to the Bible, God’s Word, His promises, finds the scripture for healing, believes it, confesses it, fights the good fight of Faith and receives the healing by faith. After a while the cancer goes completely and the person is healed. After a while longer the symptoms come back to the person in their body and they start to think, confess and doubt God healed them in the first place. The cancer returns to their body because the person has opened up the door to their health and then they lose their healing and this is called - **THE COUNTER ATTACK!**

The person was healed the first time by God and through His Word in Jesus name. **The person became secure and relaxed in their position of Faith and holding onto their healing.** Satan made the person to feel the symptoms and then make them believe that they were not healed through thoughts in the mind. The person starts to confess “I guess that I was not healed” and they get what they confess. To receive healing a second time is more difficult than the first time because the person thinks that God did not heal them the first time so why should God heal them now and so comes the defeat. This can happen to any area of a person’s life, not only healing!

- **David is under the anointing** to hit and kill the beast with his fist and not by ordinary strength.
- David declares to Saul that the same thing will happen to Goliath because he is defying **the armies of the living God.**
- Saul **recognises the anointing** on David from God, that he once had, and says **Go** and the **Lord be with you.**
- Just keep talking your victories, and the anointing will become stronger – David kept on seeing through the eyes of FAITH the mountain removed, this giant on his back on the ground dead.

### 6. David sent into Battle.

#### **1 Samuel 17:38-52**

- v38-40 - Saul gives David his personal armour, the best you could have in all Israel, but David rejects it.
- David chose his weapon not according to its fire power, he chose the weapon that he knew that God would honour him with – the stone and the sling!



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- David took 5 smooth stones (bible verses) from the brook (the water of God's word), and put them in his shepherd's bag (his heart/spirit), and his sling (mouth).
- v41-47 - Goliath sees David has come to fight and laughs at him and curses him.
- **David speaks back** to Goliath and says that you come to me with a sword, and a spear and a shield: **but I come to you in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the armies Israel, to whom you have defied - David declares his faith and his covenant position in God's Kingdom!**

### Eph.2:11-13

<sup>11</sup> Wherefore remember, that you being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; <sup>12</sup> That at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: <sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. (KJV)

- **David further declares that the LORD saves not with and spear: for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands** (Deut.28:7).
- Do not let that giant or mountain speak to you, David did not let Goliath (devil) speak anymore (words of fear), David kept the promise of God before eyes, in his mouth and spoke it out at the mountain.
- v48-52 - Goliath moves toward David but David **ran towards his enemy, run towards your fear not from it. When you run from it your give it more authority and room to grow larger.**
- David takes a stone from his shepherd bag, slings it and hits Goliath in the forehead **and he falls** to the ground – not dead but unconscious just like the bear and the lion.
- David had learned from the past **not to allow the devil to get up again** to attack him, just because the symptoms have left, just because the pressure of the problem has eased off, **do not take a rest from your battle until you have total victory (the counter attack).**
- David took the sword of Goliath, stood upon him and **cut his head clean off.**
- When the devil is defeated all the other little demons will retreat and run away too!
- The devil's head (the victory) in your hand is your testimony, and the bible says that **we overcome by the blood of the lamb and the word of our testimony.** (Rev.12:11)

## 7. The New Testament Believer in Battle.

David is the example of a New Testament Born Again Believer and shows us what to do and how to fight battles in spiritual warfare and have positive victories in the natural.

- David had been meditating on the word and his covenant to God through Abraham even while he was looking after the sheep. He was preparing himself before any battle came to him. He prepared his FAITH well before the battle.
- He ran towards the **Mountain/Problem/Goliath** and not away from it and he did not let the problem speak anymore to him. He added actions to his faith in what he believed.
- We also are to speak or confess continually the Word of God at the **Mountain/Problem/Goliath** and also not let it speak back to us even in our minds.
- As with David we go to the Bible the water of God's Word (the brook), take out Bible verses (the 5 stones) and put them in our spirit (Shepard's bag).
- As we run towards the **Mountain/Problem/Goliath** we take the word of God out of our heart and confess it by faith from the tongue (David's Sling) to remove that Mountain.





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### 8. Conclusion.

- We as Christians are to be like David, we are to put the word of God in our hearts, speak it out of our mouths, hit the devil in the head and take the Sword of the Spirit and take his head clean off.
- We are to meditate the word day and night like Joshua did (Josh.1:8), so we believe the promises of God and allow our faith to grow.
- **David knew** his covenant with God, **he believed** it and **he acted** on it in faith. He believed **God to honour his word.**
- **David prepared himself with FAITH well before the battle with Goliath! His past victories prepared him for the next fight of FAITH.**

**God is waiting for you to do it, he has already done everything, but He will not do it for you – that is your part of the covenant - Duet.30:19.**

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**YOUR BREAKTHROUGH IN YOUR SITUATION - DEPENDS UPON YOU KNOWING YOUR COVENANT, BELIEVING IT, SPEAKING IT OUT AND ACTING ON IT BY FAITH.**

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**Speak to Your Mountains or Problems that you are facing in Life!  
Speak to Poverty, Lack, Debt, Sickness, Disease, Bad Habits, Family & Marriage  
problems, Unclean or Bad Thoughts, Bitterness, Hate, Un-forgiveness, Doubt,  
Unbelief, Etc.**

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**In Your Authority as a Believer - Command them to be removed in Jesus Name!**

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That giant is one of two things in your eyes, dangerous or valuable.**

**Jesus is Lord!**





## 2.16 - Spiritual Warfare - Introduction.

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### Refer to the following Subjects.

- 1.01 - Easter - What is it really all About.
- 1.02 - Salvation.
- 1.03 - Your New Identity In Christ Jesus.
- 1.04 - The Word Of God.
- 1.05 - The Authority Of The Believer.

### 1. For We do not Wrestle against Flesh and Blood.

#### Foundation Scripture.

#### **Eph. 6:10-18 (Full Armour of God)**

<sup>10</sup> Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. <sup>11</sup> **Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.** <sup>12</sup> **For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.** <sup>13</sup> **Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.** <sup>14</sup> Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; <sup>15</sup> And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; <sup>16</sup> Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. <sup>17</sup> And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: <sup>18</sup> Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; (KJV)

- Our battle is not against people (**flesh & blood**), but against spiritual forces (**principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.**) that are opposed or in opposition to God, His Word, His Kingdom and His Creations.
- There is a spiritual world and a natural physical world that we live in. The spiritual world is often referred to the supernatural realm, “super” meaning “above the natural”.
- The spiritual realm came 1<sup>st</sup> (Gen.1:1-2) and then the physical world came 2<sup>nd</sup> (Gen.1:3-19) that we now live in. To use an illustration one could say the spirit realm is the “parent” and the natural realm is the “child” which is still subject to the parent. In other words the natural realm is still subject to the authority of the spiritual realm.

### 2. Creation of the Spirit and Natural Realms.

#### Genesis Ch.1 (complete)

#### **Gen. 1:1-2 (God who is spirit created the natural or physical)**

<sup>1</sup> In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. <sup>2</sup> 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. (KJV)

#### **Gen. 1:3-25**

<sup>3</sup> And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. <sup>4</sup> And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. <sup>5</sup> And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day. <sup>6</sup> And God said, Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters. <sup>7</sup> And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament: and it was so. <sup>8</sup> And God called the firmament Heaven. And the evening and the morning were the second day. <sup>9</sup> **And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.** <sup>10</sup> **And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.** (KJV)



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### John 1:1-5 (Spirit before the natural)

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

### John 1:14

<sup>14</sup> *And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. (KJV)*

- In these scripture also we see that all things were made through the Word and God and in verse 14 we also see that the “Word” is Jesus.
- Then we have the right to say that all things were made by Jesus, the Word, by God.

### 3. The Battle in the Spirit.

As Christians, we are in a spiritual battle of some sort on a daily basis. In warfare, battles are fought on different fronts, for different reasons, and with varying degrees of intensity. The same is true in spiritual warfare.

- Our spiritual battles and warfare are real, even though we cannot physically see the attacker. But, we can educate ourselves on how the battles are fought and how they impact our lives on a daily basis.

But the **Matthew 28:18** verse is not only about our salvation; it is also about our victory every day.

<sup>18</sup> *And Jesus came and spoke unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. (KJV)*

- Every day victory is achieved by knowing, believing and understanding the battles that we are enduring daily, regardless if we are passive or active in the battles.

### Nehemiah 9:6

<sup>6</sup> *Thou, even you, art Lord alone; you have made heaven, the heaven of heavens, **with all their host**, the earth, and all things that are therein, the seas, and all that is therein, and thou preserve them all; and **the host of heaven** worships you. (KJV)*

### Luke 2:13-15

<sup>13</sup> *And suddenly there was with **the angel a multitude of the heavenly host** praising God, and saying, <sup>14</sup> Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. <sup>15</sup> And it came to pass, as **the angels** were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord has made known unto us. (KJV)*

### Ephesians 6:12

<sup>12</sup> *For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, **but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.** (KJV)*

### Colossians 1:15-16

<sup>15</sup> *Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: <sup>16</sup> For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, **visible and invisible**, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: (KJV)*



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**Hebrews 11:3**, what is required for us to believe?

<sup>3</sup> *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)*

However, since we do not see it, we often fail to believe in it. If we do not believe in it, then we cannot be aware of all that is going on, for and against us.

- Whether we choose to believe in the existence of spiritual beings and places does not change the fact of their existence and their activities.
- We believe with the eyes of our heart, instead of with the eyes in our head. There have been others who were able to see with their physical eyes into the spiritual realm.

### 2 Kings 6:11-17

<sup>11</sup> *Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will you not show me which of us is for the king of Israel?* <sup>12</sup> *And one of his servants said, None, my lord, O king: but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, tells the king of Israel the words that you speak in thy bedchamber.* <sup>13</sup> *And he said, Go and spy where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.* <sup>14</sup> *Therefore sent he there horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about.* <sup>15</sup> *And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?* <sup>16</sup> *And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.* <sup>17</sup> *And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray you, open his eyes, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. (KJV)*

### Daniel 10:7-17

<sup>7</sup> *And I Daniel alone saw the vision: for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. (KJV)*

The stories above represent two different times of activity that are taking place in the invisible realm around us. God allowed these men in the physical realm to see into the spiritual realm.

- The Lord opened the eyes of Elisha's servant to see the host of God's army. His spiritual eyes were opened to see into the spiritual warfare around him.
- And only Daniel saw the angel standing before him as everyone else felt the "terror" and fled from the scene. Daniel was granted an access to see, hear and speak spiritually, as he could communicate with the angel.

The Bible explicitly warns against the practice of spiritual fascinations. Just as the agents of God exist in this invisible place, so do the agents of Satan.

- The demonic forces want to lure us into their deceptions of power and supernatural activities. Witchcraft, horoscopes and psychic phenomenon can seem innocent on the surface yet are a dangerous influence causing great harm to those who get involved.

### Leviticus 19:26-31

<sup>26</sup> *You shall not eat anything with the blood: neither shall you use enchantment, nor observe times.* <sup>27</sup> *You shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt you mar the corners of thy beard.* <sup>28</sup> *You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor print any marks upon you: I am the Lord.* <sup>29</sup> *Do not prostitute your daughter, to cause her to be a whore; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness.*



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<sup>30</sup> You shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the Lord. <sup>31</sup> Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God. (KJV)

### Deuteronomy 18:9-14

<sup>9</sup> When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth you, you shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. <sup>10</sup> There shall not be found among you any one that makes his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that uses divination (witchcraft), or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, <sup>11</sup> Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. <sup>12</sup> For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord your God does drive them out from before you. <sup>13</sup> You shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God. <sup>14</sup> For these nations, which you shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for you, the Lord thy God hath not suffered you so to do. (KJV)

There are forces, both angelic and demonic, that are actively working around us. There is evil that we fight in our spiritual warfare.

- We need to understand that the battle is not against flesh and blood but against powers in the heavenly places. As we begin to get a revelation of the spiritual warfare, we will begin to understand how the enemy moves against us in the physical realm.

## 4. The Battle in the World.

We, as believers, are told to not conform to this world, of how others live, but to live to please God, who is not of this world.

### John 17:14-16 (Jesus speaking)

<sup>14</sup> I have given them your word; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. <sup>15</sup> I pray not that you should take them out of the world, but that thou should keep them from the evil. <sup>16</sup> They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. (KJV)

- So, we are called to live in the world but not be a part of the world.

After reading **John 17**, it becomes clear that if we are in the world but not of the world, we are going to have conflicts. Those conflicts are spiritual warfare. It is the forces that control the world that are in conflict with God.

- It also takes training to discern between the ways of God and the ways of the world. Because we are born into this world, we naturally think according to it therefore Gods tells us to renew our mind to His Word to think how He thinks and to know His ways.
- We have to be transformed to understand God's ways instead (**Romans 12:3**). God's ways are not natural to us.
- We constantly need to crucify our natural inclinations and desires to receive all that God has for us.

The world promises instant satisfaction and pleasures that fulfil the desires of our flesh, a tempting offer but one that Christians must be constantly on guard against. Jesus understood the temptations of the world. He knew that Satan would use every kind of enticement possible to lure man's heart away from God.

- Jesus also knew how difficult it would be for those who believe in Him but do not remain faithful due to the cares of the world as he shared on the parable of Mark 4 – The Sower Sows The Seed and how Satan uses 5 things to steal and choke the Word in the spiritual battle, **tribulation or persecution, cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in.**



## 2.16 - Spiritual Warfare - Introduction.

### Mark 4:1-20

<sup>13</sup> And he said unto them, Know you not this parable? and how then will you know all parables? <sup>14</sup> The sower sows the word. <sup>15</sup> 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. <sup>16</sup> And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with gladness; <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> And these are they which are sown among thorns; such as hear the word, <sup>19</sup> 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.** <sup>20</sup> 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)

The battles of spiritual warfare are intense when a person decides to accept Jesus as their Saviour. The enemy will attack from all angles, hoping to dissuade the person from fully giving their heart to Jesus. He will use circumstances, events, people, things and even doubt in their minds to steal their heart back to his ways.

- The seeds that are sown in people's hearts will either take root on good soil, which is a heart fully surrendered to the Lord operating in FAITH. Or, they will be sown in places where the word is snatched away from them until they fall away.
- These types of battles are fought in the world but involve the spiritual forces of darkness that exist in the invisible realm around us.

### 5. The Battle Inside Us.

Bible teaches about the war within us, **the constant struggle between flesh and spirit**. Our battle with sin "wars" within our members. To begin to examine the battle within us we must first understand its nature. The **desires of the flesh are part of our human nature** and its history goes back to the beginning of time.

### Genesis 4:3-7.

<sup>3</sup> And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. <sup>4</sup> And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: <sup>5</sup> But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? <sup>7</sup> If you do well, shalt you not be accepted? and if you do not well, **sin lies at the door. And unto you shall be his desire, and you shalt rule over him.** (KJV)

- The battle of flesh versus spirit.

Often we make decisions according to how we think, feel and want and we find ourselves struggling with anger, bitterness and hatred leading us into areas of temptation. But God tells us to fight against those sinful feelings. We must learn to fight against the old nature that tries to rise up in us.

- Paul tells us to put off the old nature and put on the new man (Colossians 3:8-13). The Lord has given us His Spirit who will empower us to overcome but we must be willing to allow Him the authority to be in control of our emotions and behaviours

### Matthew 26:41

<sup>41</sup> Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. (KJV)



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### Romans 7:14-20

<sup>14</sup> For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin. <sup>15</sup> For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I. <sup>16</sup> If then I do that which I would not, I consent unto the law that it is good. <sup>17</sup> Now then it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwells in me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwells no good thing: for to will is present with me; but how to perform that which is good I find not. <sup>19</sup> For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwells in me. (KJV)

### Galatians 5:16-17

<sup>16</sup> This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that you cannot do the things that you would. (KJV)

We suffer in our flesh, whether we feed its desires or deny its pleasures. We are constantly battling between what we want to do versus what we know the Lord wants us to do.

The Christian life is not passive. Jesus told us in **Luke 9:23**, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me."

- Christians are not living the abundant life of love, joy, and peace because they are unaware of how to maintain and claim those promises. Jesus promised us an abundant life that starts here on earth.
- Until we understand the forces that are against us, and are prepared to fight for what is rightfully ours, we will not be able to receive all that God has for us.

## 6. A Final Word on Spiritual Warfare.

From the day that a person is born into the earth, he or she is in a spiritual battle without choice purely because they are a human being, it has nothing to do with the nationality, colour of the skin, male or female or age, and often that battle is going on before a person is even born.

Satan is the "god" of this fallen world system only but has no power because Jesus defeated him and took back the power that he had taken from Adam & Eve. He uses lies and deception to get the authority that mankind has to cause problems in lives of people and this is where the spiritual battles are.

One thing must be made very clear that God is supreme and there is no competition with Satan. Each Believer must grow in their understanding of the spirit realm and natural realm and how they function, also in the area of angels, demons etc. in how they function and what are the tactics used by Satan.

Maturing in spiritual warfare as a Christian, comes from understanding the Word of God and operating in it as well as the practical experience that comes through prayer, counselling and deliverance ministry. It does not come over night but over time in conjunction with and by the Holy Spirit.

**If you are skilled in spiritual warfare you will be victorious here on the earth.**

**Jesus is Lord!**





## 2.17 - The Battlefields of the Mind and the Flesh.

(2.17 - The Battlefields of the Mind and the Flesh)  
(Scriptures from KJV)

### Foundation Scriptures:

#### Gal 5:16-18

<sup>16</sup> *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.* <sup>17</sup> **For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that you cannot do the things that you would.** <sup>18</sup> *But if you be led of the Spirit, you are not under the law.* (KJV)

#### Gal 5:16-18

<sup>16</sup> *But I say, walk and live [habitually] in the [Holy] Spirit [responsive to and controlled and guided by the Spirit]; then you will certainly not gratify the cravings and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God).* <sup>17</sup> **For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature); for these are antagonistic to each other [continually withstanding and in conflict with each other], so that you are not free but are prevented from doing what you desire to do.** <sup>18</sup> *But if you are guided (led) by the [Holy] Spirit, you are not subject to the Law.* (AMPC)

#### Rom. 8:37

<sup>37</sup> *Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.* (KJV)

### 1. The Continuous Battle in the Spirit Realm and the Natural Realms.

The Word of God says that we are “more than Conquerors” so **why do we continue to have problems** and defeats in our daily lives and ministries if we are born again. **It is because we do not understand the spiritual warfare** that Satan carries out that manifests in the natural/physical realm here on the earth against us.

**It is important for every Christian to understand Satan**, our invisible enemy, to know his tactics, plans and methods of operation of battle **so that we can defeat him in his attempts and also to enforce our victory over him** that was obtained and given to us through and by the blood of Jesus Christ on the Cross.

God has defeated Satan through His Son Jesus, removed any power that Satan had, and then given to every “born again believer” every weapon possible to enforce that defeat and victory over him. **We have to understand the continuous battle the rages between the spirit realm and the natural realm** if we are to have a victorious living, obtain all that God has for us here while we are on to earth and to be the “Triumphant church” of Christ Jesus.

When you received Jesus as your Lord and Saviour you were “born again”, your heart or spirit man was recreated or renewed by the Holy Spirit instantly but your mind and your body were not. God says to us that we are to renew our minds (Thinking processes) by His Word and then bring our flesh (body) under the control of our spirits.

### 2. The Main and 1<sup>st</sup> Battlefield - the Mind.

#### Hebrews 12: 1-3

<sup>1</sup> *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,* <sup>2</sup> **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.** <sup>3</sup> *For consider him that endured such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest you be wearied and faint in **your minds**.* (KJV)





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- The Soul is the doorway between the Spirit realm and the Natural realm – **it is the area of decision making for human beings**. To decide for the things of the Spirit or to decide to go with the things of the flesh, the world.
- The **Soul is made up of the mind, will and emotions** and this is where the Word of God warns us that the main “Battle” will be, particularly in the area of the “mind” and this is why the mind must be renewed to the Word of God to know His ways and His Thoughts.
- As long as we live in a mortal body, **the mind is the place** where the fight with Satan will be won or lost – **your mind is the battlefield**. People have made the **mistake of thinking** Satan's attacks come in the realm of the spirit but Jesus defeated Satan once and for all where the spirit realm.
- The **true order of a Human being should be – spirit / soul / body** where the spirit of man is in control or leadership. When you are operating in the realm of the spirit as a believer, your mind, which is in the realm of the soul, is not in charge.
- Satan has **lost his authority in the spirit realm** – he cannot fight you there but he fights you in the natural, soulish realm where he still has access but no authority.

### 3. Deception – Satan`s Main Weapon of Attack.

#### 1 Cor. 10:13

<sup>13</sup> *There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. (KJV)*

#### James 1:13-15 (Steps to commit sin)

<sup>13</sup> *Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: <sup>14</sup> But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. <sup>15</sup> Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. (KJV)*

#### Mark 4:1-34 (The Sower Sows the Seed)

*And he began again to teach by the sea side: and there was gathered unto him a great multitude, so that he entered into a ship, and sat in the sea; and the whole multitude was by the sea on the land. <sup>2</sup> And he taught them many things by parables, and said unto them in his doctrine, <sup>3</sup> Hearken; **Behold, there went out a sower to sow: (KJV)***

The steps of a person committing sin are explained in (James 1:14-15). **1<sup>st</sup> – Temptation / 2<sup>nd</sup> – Desire** conceived gives birth to sin / **3<sup>rd</sup> sin matured** gives birth to death.

- Satan understands the principle of “The Sower Sows the Seed” for this is a basic principle in the Kingdom of God and particularly in the thought life of a person.
- Even in this realm he has no authority but **he uses a weapon called “Deception”** to get you to use your God given authority against yourself to defeat yourself.
- He will try to do it by **gaining control of your mind** by bombarding you **with destructive thoughts** and put **pressure on your emotions!**
- He starts by **planting a little seed** in your mind for he knows if the seed stays it will grow and become an action. (Mark 4:3-8; 13-20; 26-29; 30-32)
- **Satan will try to control the believer through the “FLESH” – our ungodly natural, human appetites and desires.**



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### 4. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Battlefield – The Flesh.

**Definition: The Flesh** – *The gratifying, cravings, appetites and desires of the flesh (of human nature without God). For the desires of the flesh are opposed to the [Holy] Spirit, and the [desires of the] Spirit are opposed to the flesh (godless human nature).*

To help you begin to understand how Satan`s plan works we must look at a word found in the New Testament. The word is “**Lewdness**” or “**lasciviousness.**” scripturally speaking, it keeps very bad company.

#### Mark 7:20-23

<sup>20</sup> *And he said, That which cometh out of the man, that defiles the man. <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, <sup>22</sup> Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, **lasciviousness**, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and defile the man. (KJV)*

#### Gal 5:16-21

<sup>16</sup> *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that you cannot do the things that you would. <sup>18</sup> But if you be led of the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup> **Now the works of the flesh are manifest**, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, **lasciviousness**, <sup>20</sup> Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, <sup>21</sup> Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. (KJV)*

The actual meaning of Lewdness (lasciviousness) is “**no restraint or un-restrained**”

- This is Satan`s **+first and most important point of attack** on the life of a believer (as well people who are not believers).
- He knows that if you're going to live a godly lifestyle you need **to control the desires of the flesh** by bringing the flesh in submission to your spirit.
- Through “**Lewdness or Lasciviousness**” he starts to **apply pressure to your flesh**, causing **its appetites to grow stronger** so you will let go of restraint.
- He finds the weaknesses of your flesh and applies pressure **a little at a time** until he has control.
- The signs of “Lasciviousness” are always the same, **little by little**, you find yourself losing control.

Just as all sins have a common beginning, they also have a common end.

#### Eph.4:17-19

<sup>17</sup> *This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth **walk not as other Gentiles walk**, in the vanity of their mind, <sup>18</sup> Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: <sup>19</sup> **Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.** (KJV)*

- Satan`s plan through “Lewdness” is once again to bring the “believer” back under his total control and back into sin. As a person slowly submits to “Lewdness” and yields to the weaknesses of the flesh they then **become a dominated and controlled by those weaknesses once again.**



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### 5. The Plan Begins with a Thought (Seed) Planted by Satan.

Satan's strategy **begins by planting a thought in your mind** where he has access to, it **may seem simple and harmless** but it is a seed that will grow and produce a harvest. (Mark 4:3-8; 13-20; 26-29; 30-32)

#### Joshua 1:8

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

- Satan wants us to **entertain it – meditate on it**. The bible says in Joshua 1:8, **God told Joshua to meditate the word of God** day and night and he would be **prosperous and have success**. The opposite is also true if we meditate on the word of the world or the thoughts that Satan would want us to meditate on.
- We should always compare the thought that we receive to the Word of God.

The Book of **James 3:1-12** tells us clearly that if any man can control his tongue, he can control his whole body.

- **Your tongue is the rudder of your life**. It determines your course; and no matter how hard you try to stop it, **it's eventually going to start repeating those thoughts** you've been entertaining in your mind.
- One of the most deadly **results of unrestrained**; thinking is doubt. **Doubt is a direct result** of Lewdness / lasciviousness.
- Doubt comes when you allow yourself to meditate on **thoughts that are opposite** to the Word of God.

It's a deadly sequence and **it works the same** way every time. Satan **plants the thought**—which **gives birth to the words**—which **gives birth to the actions and events** around you.

- **Unrestrained thoughts** >> give **unrestrained words** >> give **an unrestrained life** >> and **unrestrained life is headed** to destruction.

### 6. Stopping and Controlling the Attack.

**Step 1.** To stop and control the attack to our minds we find the answer in God`s Word against **“Lewdness / Lasciviousness in 2 Cor.10:3-6**

#### 2 Cor. 10:3-6

<sup>3</sup> *For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh:* <sup>4</sup> *(For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)* <sup>5</sup> **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;** <sup>6</sup> *And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.* (KJV)

- Take **charge of your thoughts** and bringing them in line with what the Word of God says to do.
- Take **authority and bind those thoughts** and cast or throw them out by the words of our mouth.



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### Mat 6:31

31 Therefore **take no thought, saying**, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (KJV)

- **Don't take the thought by "Saying it"** – it then goes into our spirit by saying it (Mark 4 - The Sower Sows the Seed).

### Step 2. Replace those wrong thoughts with God's Word.

### Phil 4:8

<sup>8</sup> 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)

**meditate on these things.**

- **Replace the wrong thoughts with** what God says in His word.
- If you want to be victorious on the battlefield of our mind, you must literally **reprogram your mind** with the Word of God.
- When you became born again your spirit became a new creation **but the mind was not, and it must be renewed** by the Word of God on a daily basis.

### Gal 5:16-17

<sup>16</sup> This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, **and you shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.** <sup>17</sup> For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: **so that you cannot do the things that you would.** (KJV)

- There is a battle in the early days of our conversion as our spirit is renewed and wants the things of God while the mind is still as it was – carnal and here is the battlefield of the flesh.

### Rom 12:2

<sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but **be you transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that you may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (KJV)

- The Word of God has power in it and when put into the mind, **has the power to change** old patterns and thoughts.
- Lewdness / Lasciviousness **works in two ways**, it causes the flesh to be unrestrained and at the same time causes you to restrain the godly promptings of our spirit.
- Lewdness / Lasciviousness **allows your flesh to run wild** while at the same time **puts your spirit into bondage.**

### 7. A Final Word

**To have victory in the "battlefield" on the mind – you must decide with the Holy Spirit to bring all of your thoughts into obedience to Jesus and the Word of God.**

**Jesus is Lord!**



## 2.18 - The Bible Principle - The Counter Attack.

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(Scriptures from KJV)

### Foundation Scriptures:

#### Matthew 12:43-45

Refer To Subject:

2.17 – The Battlefields of the Mind and the Flesh.

### 1. This is where most Christians will lose their Battles & be robbed of their Victories.

How many times as a Christian have you fought a battle in the spirit and natural, obtained the victory only to have it challenged again by the enemy and then lose it?

- Why does this happen and how do we prevent this happening in the future?
- What is Satan's plan and method of operation?

### Basic Illustration:

In many wars you will see for example how army "A" fights army "B" and gets a victory over army "B" and because of that victory army "A" feels secure, relaxes and believes that the army "B" is totally defeated only later to find out that army "B" was not totally defeated and has mounted a counter attack that defeats army "A" because army "A" has let its guard down and there is little if any resistance to the counter attack.

- This is also the principle that Satan uses against the born again believer and Jesus warns us about this **principle of the "Counter Attack"**.

#### Matthew 12:43-45

<sup>43</sup> **When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through dry places, seeking rest, and findeth none.**

<sup>44</sup> **Then he saith, I will return into my house from whence I came out; and when he is come, he findeth it empty, swept, and garnished.** <sup>45</sup> **Then goeth he, and taketh with himself seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man is worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this wicked generation. (KJV)**

- The Word of God is warning us in these scriptures that when you have a victory make sure that you should keep guard up and hold onto the victory with the Word of God and by Faith for the enemy will try once again to take back the victory or ground (house) and it will be worse than before the first battle of Faith.

### 2. A Simple Healing Example.

A person is sick and has cancer and is told by the doctor that they will die so they go to the Bible, God's Word, His promises, finds the scripture for healing, believes it, confesses it, fights the good fight of Faith and receives the healing by faith. After a while the cancer goes completely and the person is healed. After a while longer the symptoms come back to the person in their body and they start to think, confess and doubt God healed them in the first place. The cancer returns to their body because the person has opened up the door to their health **through unrestrained thoughts (Lewdness / Lasciviousness)** and then they lose their healing and this is called - **THE COUNTER ATTACK!** (Refer To Subject: 2.17 – The Battlefields of the Mind and the Flesh.)



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The person was healed the first time by God and through His Word in Jesus name. **The person became secure and relaxed in their position of Faith and did not hold onto or protect their healing that they received.** Satan applied pressure through the symptoms and thoughts to make them believe that they were not healed. The person starts to confess "I guess that I was not healed" and they got what they confessed. To receive healing a second time is more difficult than the first time because the person thinks that God did not heal them the first time so why should God heal them now a 2<sup>nd</sup> time, and so comes doubt and unbelief and the defeat. This can happen to any area of a person's life, not only healing but finances, marriage, family, business, ministry, etc. also!

### 3. David and the Counter Attack.

#### 1 Samuel 17 (The Story of David and Goliath)

##### 1 Samuel 17:31-37

<sup>31</sup> And when the words were heard which David spoke, they rehearsed them before Saul: and he sent for him. <sup>32</sup> And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; your servant will go and fight with this Philistine. <sup>33</sup> And Saul said to David, you art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him: for you art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. <sup>34</sup> And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: <sup>35</sup> **And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew (killed) him.** <sup>36</sup> Thy servant slew (killed) both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he has defied the armies of the living God. <sup>37</sup> David said moreover, The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and the Lord be with you. (KJV)

##### 1 Samuel 17:34-36

<sup>34</sup> And David said unto Saul, Thy servant kept his father's sheep, and there came a lion, and a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock: <sup>35</sup> **And I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth: and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew (killed) him.** <sup>36</sup> Thy servant slew (killed) both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. (KJV)

- v31-37 - David's trust in God & confession of faith, brought him before the king.
- David said let no man's heart fail him, for he would fight – **David** was a covenant man who **thought first on his covenant and promises of God** rather than the size of the enemy.
- Saul says to David that he is only a youth, and Goliath has been trained as a man of war from his youth.
- David reminds Saul of the time when the bear and the lion came to take a lambs from his herd, he chased them and fought them and brought them down.
- David says that when the lion **arose up again**, he caught him by the beard (the flesh under the chin) and hit & killed him. No ordinary person or youth could have done this, it was the anointing on him!

Two times, with the battles with the Lion and the Bear, they rose up against David after he had initially hit them with his stones and his sling. They were knocked out but not dead. David had learned through these two battles with the Lion and the Bear that it was important to make sure that the enemy was completely finished and so with Goliath, David made absolutely sure that he took off the head of Goliath – David made sure that he had total victory and that there was no chance that this mountain would not rise up again.





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### 4. David and Total Victory.

#### 1 Samuel 17:48-51

<sup>48</sup> And it came to pass, when the Philistine arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. <sup>49</sup> And David put his hand in his bag, and took thence a stone, and slang it, and smote the Philistine in his fore head, that the stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his face to the earth. <sup>50</sup> So David prevailed over the Philistine with a sling and with a stone, and smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. <sup>51</sup> **Therefore David ran, and stood upon the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. And when the Philistines saw their champion was dead, they fled.** (KJV)

- In our fight of Faith with Gods Word over any situation, we are to make sure that we continue to the very end until we have the victory in our hands (as David did with Goliath`s head) and not relax or to become comfortable just because the pressure or symptoms have gone. This is not the time to take a rest.
- **Each test** we go through can and will **become a testimony** if we go through the battle and have total victory – for we overcome by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony.

### 5. Real life Testimony.

As I was growing in my Christian faith I came across a person who had leukaemia and I heard her testimony on how God healed her completely of this sickness.

She and her husband had tried everything to get her healed over a two year period including overseas doctors, special treatments before finally coming to God and asking Him for help and healing. They became born again, studied His Word, believed and eventually she received her total healing and it was confirmed and in the newspapers.

A few years later her mother received the same sickness of leukaemia, became sick. The daughter was so affected by her mother receiving the sickness that she also received the sickness back once again and later died. After talking to her husband I realised that after her 1<sup>st</sup> healing that they had relaxed in their walk of Faith, protecting and holding onto their healing and the sickness had returned **through the principle of the Counter Attack.**

### 6. A Final Word.

**While you are on this earth as a believer, you will have many opportunities to face the counter attack situation in spiritual warfare. From this subject, you should now understand how Satan works in this area and also what you have to do to stop the counter attack and to protect and hold onto your victory in Jesus name!**

**Jesus is Lord!**





## **2.18 - The Bible Principle - The Counter Attack.**

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