

# The Downward Spiral into Darkness

A Backsliders 9 Steps to Alienation from God

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## THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL INTO DARKNESS

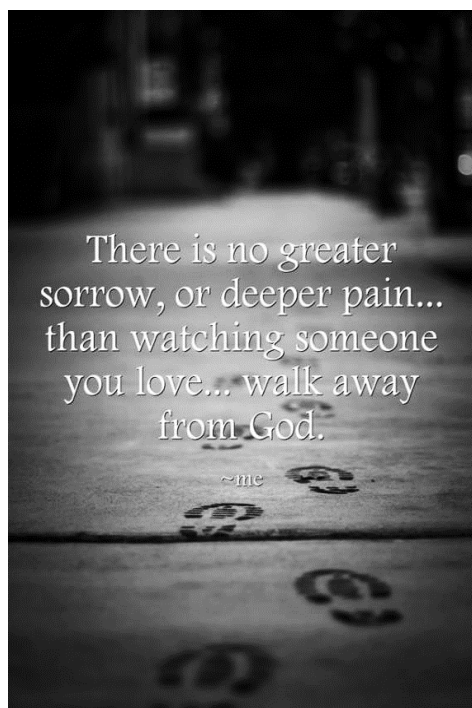
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## PREFACE

Why do multitudes of professing Christians find it so “hard” to live an obedient and holy life for God? That is how my life was for so many years after becoming a Christian. A cycle of backsliding kept me struggling with depression and despair until God taught me what I am going to share in this material.



Maybe you personally do not struggle with *backsliding*, but you may have Christian friends and loved ones who do. My hope is that this book will become a tool for helping the backslider and also become a resource for those ministering to others who need the truth to set them free from their unstable walk with God.

This book deals with the subject of WHAT causes a person, who starts out wanting to be a sincere Bible believing Christian,

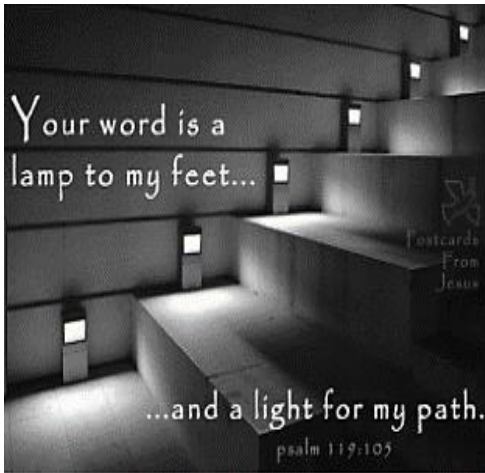
to instead end up becoming a **BACKSLIDER**.



I am all too familiar with how shame, guilt and anger are used by the devil against God's people who end up becoming His prodigal children, as described in chapter Luke 15. I ended up in Satan's prodigal pigpen in a backslidden condition, still believing "Me and Jesus had a good thing going," as the old gospel song used to say, and not realizing in truth that I was in reality "alienated from the life of God," and not understanding of how this had happened, for that was never my intention!

As a result, what I learned from that experience, I have for over 30 years as a pastor and counselor been teaching what God taught me, due to being in that place and finally finding out... what led me away from my Heavenly Father. I now have an urgent desire to share these things with others and stop their repeated backslidings through this study.

I not only want to share HOW I, as a born again believer in Jesus Christ ultimately became "alienated from the life of God" through a *downward spiral into darkness*, but more importantly I want to testify as to how my Christian walk, which was very unstable and powerless for so long, was



totally transformed by *allowing* God to rescue me from my descent into darkness. The Reader will clearly be presented with a true Biblical perspective on how a *subtle* spiritual descent into darkness happens, which sad to say, many deceived, seduced and unwary

Christians are also experiencing (without realizing they are in a backslidden state).

This spiral descent into darkness is not only subtle but is also a very seductive journey, because each step that is

## KEEP IN MIND...

Taking it easy is often  
the prelude to  
backsliding. Comfort  
precedes collapse.

unwittingly  
taken increases  
demonic  
deception and  
desires for  
ungodly self-  
satisfaction. Nor  
do they realize  
where this  
journey ends  
up—if they are  
not awakened  
and given the

light of God's Word on this subject. Just as ancient Israel experienced the reality of God's faithfulness and His supernatural intervention in their lives, over and over again and yet constantly struggled with remaining obedient and loyal to their God, who so loved and cared for them.

They would cry out time and time again for help to God, when they had strayed and found themselves in trouble due to their backslidings, but when God did intervene and things were going well for them, they were again *easily enticed* by their enemies to depart from following Him. The same holds true with many of God's people today. Thus, by not clearly understanding the demonic wiles that are being used against them by their ever present spiritual enemies, Christians are being subtly and deceptively enticed into a spiraling downward descent into darkness, which keeps them struggling to live a victorious overcoming life — when it comes to sin, deception and demonization.

Many born again children of God start out walking and living in the light of God's truth only to find themselves taking the "9 Steps on a Downward Spiral into Darkness" as described in this book, causing them to live a defeated, depressed and very unstable Christian life, which will ultimately end in complete *alienation from the Life of God* when not awakened to the truth. Following is the text used throughout this study that defines the "9 steps on the spiral into darkness" ...

**(Eph 4:17-24) This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind... having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart... these, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness... But you have not so learned Christ... if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus... that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts...and be renewed in the spirit of your mind... and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.**

God never intended for His born-again children to live a life of being spiritually "up" one day and "down" the next. I personally understand what it is to take one step up and two steps down on this "spiraling Christian lifestyle of confusion and deception." Backsliding begins and ends with deception. Multitudes of professing Christians are in a backslidden state and aren't even aware of the fact they are only living in a "form of godliness with NO POWER, because they are alienated from the life of God! This is why I believe this to be a resource that is a must read for any professing Christian who sincerely wants to

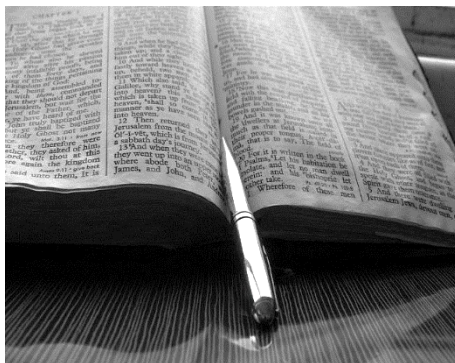
help others or themselves – to *get off* and *stay off* of this *spiraling spiritual lifestyle* and to begin living a stable, powerful and victorious life that genuinely honors and fears God. There truly is help and hope for every prodigal backslider who is awakened to the truth!

My prayer is that this material will be helpful **in identifying just where a backslider is on this spiral into darkness, and how to step into freedom in order to be totally and fully restored.**

### Author's Note about Bible Translations and Hebrew Greek Dictionaries

As a serious student of God's word since 1970, I have studied the King James Version (KJV) of the Bible as my preferred version. The King James version is what I also use for Scripture memorization. I believe it to be the most reliable translation available, even though I agree with those Bible scholars who say that some passages could have been better translated. It is this version along with the New King James Version (NKJV) that will be used in this material unless otherwise indicated.

Since the Bible *was not written in English*, I make it a point to study key words in Bible texts according to their meanings as they were written in the original Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek languages, thus I will be quoting from the *Strong's Concordance Bible Dictionary* and using its' numbers that are correlated to the KJV Bible.



I also quote from the *Complete Key Word Studies Dictionary* (CWS), as well as the *Thayer's Greek Lexicon* and the *Brown Driver Briggs Hebrew Lexicon*, which also uses the Strong's Dictionary numbering system.

I do, however, use a variety of Bible translations in my writing and teaching ministries *in order to emphasize a Scriptural truth* I am trying to relate; because I believe there is no way that one single *English translation* can convey the many shades of meaning that reveal God's **manifold wisdom**<sup>1</sup> from His Word. When quoting a text verse from various translations, I first check the translation's verse in light of the original word meanings, to insure that the translation text is in agreement with and does not contradict the original Hebrew or Greek texts. Personally I do not recommend that any English translation be totally relied upon for its accuracy — other than the KJV, which as I stated comes the closest to being the most trustworthy translation.

There many aspects of truth which are found in the meanings of the original Greek, Aramaic and Hebrew words.

**(Eph 3:10) To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God. KJV**

Readers often miss out on a fuller impact of truth found within verses of Scripture that are familiar to them, because they are accustomed to understanding a verse the same way every time they read or quote it, when in reality there are various shades of meaning from the original languages that paint a much more

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<sup>1</sup> Manifold: NT:4182 **polupoikilos** (pol-oo-poy'-kil-os); from NT:4183 and NT:4164; much variegated, or **multifarious**: which is defined as many "aspects" (perspectives) ... i.e. regarding God's wisdom or truth.

detailed picture that broadens our perspective and understanding of God's truth.

Great care however, is given to understand the context from which the word or words are being taken and defined so that they do hold true to the original Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek texts in which they were written.

It always surprises and saddens me how many professing Christians will not go beyond what is written in the King James Bible, for fear of being deceived. We must remember that the Holy Spirit is the inspirer, interpreter and revealer of the truth from God's Word.

There are also portions of the Bible that have been "sealed up" for a specific time in which to be revealed, to God's people, as the Prophet Daniel was told...

**(Dan 12:4) "But you, Daniel, shut up the words,  
and seal the book until the time of the end;  
many shall run to and fro, and then knowledge  
shall increase."**

Therefore, if any do not want their knowledge of God's Word to increase through understanding the *original sacred texts*, then as the Apostle Paul wrote in:

**(1 Cor 14:38) But if anyone is ignorant, let him  
be ignorant.**



## STEP #1: Walking in Vanity

(Ephesians 4:17) "

**...walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind..."**

**B**efore I delve into exploring the first of the "9 specific Steps" on the downward spiral into darkness, I would like to say that this spiral into darkness has a special attraction for people with unresolved anger/bitterness sin issues that are being defended by pride.

This is a very common and unresolved problem among Christians today who have no accountability for their angry/bitter responses. In this land of "free speech" many have come to believe that they have the right to respond "freely" any way they choose. Besides, we aren't supposed to "judge" anyone anyway! Those with this type of mind set are on this downward spiral and unless they are rescued by God they will find the journey ends in a *pit of darkness*:

**(Job 33:27-30) He looks upon men, and if any say, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, but it profited me not; ...He will deliver his soul (i.e. thoughts and emotions) from going into the pit, and his life shall see the light... Lo, all these things are worked by God oftentimes (repeatedly) with man... To**

**bring back his soul from the pit, to be enlightened with the light of the living.**

As the reader will come to understand in the course of this study, the Bible teaches that agreement with *accusing demonic lies and doubts*, are the cause for insecurity and bitterness in all people. When these are defended by pride, this is when Christians will find themselves on this demonic downward spiral into darkness.

I personally lived for long periods of time at various *steps* on this spiral of darkness, for a good portion of my early Christian life, which eventually left me in the place of being "*alienated from the life of God.*" However, I knew God had the answers to my freedom from this pit of darkness. What I was taught did not come from man, it came from my earnest desire to hear God speak to me *from His Word* concerning what I needed to hear and understand. This is the only way anyone in this place can ever truly abide in the light and life of God.

**(Ps 40:2-4) He plucked me out of a PIT of confusion ... he placed my feet on a rock and established my steps... How blessed is that strong person who places his trust in the LORD, and who has not acknowledged pride nor resorted to lies. ISV**

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## The Root for Greed, Lust and Depression

I want to begin by looking at the subject of anger in order that the downward steps into darkness, which I will be discussing are more fully understood. When people become insecure through unresolved rejection issues and become angry (bitter) it is often because *they are unable to control those who are rejecting them*. This can become an open door for passive and/or aggressive suppressed anger, and demonization. By



*demonization* I mean to come under the influence of demons (outwardly or inwardly).

## Passive anger

Simply means we are not being honest about our bitter feelings of anger (or our desire to act upon it). Instead, we suppress angry desires and emotions, allowing ourselves to be controlled by those who make us angry.

Passive-Aggressive Behavior		
Passive	Passive-Aggressive	Aggressive
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You accept other peoples' criticisms of you.</li> <li>• You avoid conflict no matter what.</li> <li>• You rarely contest others.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You don't share your honest view when asked.</li> <li>• You refuse to notify people of your dissatisfaction with them.</li> <li>• You take part in gossip but not confrontation.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You put down others in front of people.</li> <li>• You are fueled by anger.</li> <li>• You are known to have a "short fuse."</li> </ul>
These hide resentment behind a pleasant looking mask while allowing themselves to be controlled.	These silently keep score of offenses & retaliate in low key ways ... while hiding behind a deceptive outward appearance	They use anger as a way of intimidating, manipulating and controlling others.



As previously said, we have the right to be displeased with something or someone, but it's **why** we are angry and **how** we respond – that will determine if we have given demons an open door to bring sin and defilement into our anger.

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## Aggressive anger

...is an outward display of defiling bitter hostility, often due to *jealousy issues*. Jealousy is the desire to possess what others have... such as the control that others seeming have over us. For instance, we may feel the loss of control when we are not being given the recognition, respect or approval we desire from someone and this can make us angry, which in itself is ok, because one simply is not pleased (angry) with the fact that they are not being respected.

If on the other hand, we see someone else receiving approval, honor or recognition because they seem to outshine us, which then makes us angry, we will begin to view that person who is receiving what we desire, with jealous resentment, which means sin has entered our anger... **(Eph. 4:26-27) Be angry, but do not sin'...** Resentment because of jealousy is sin and a form of bitterness and can grow into full blown hatred if not exposed and dealt with.



A perfect case study from the Bible as an example of this—is when God did not accept Cain's offering, he instantly became angry. Why? Because ... Cain wanted God's acceptance to feel secure (or to feel ok and satisfied). Please note that insecurity is the basis for hostile bitterness and jealous rivalry.

If someone is seen as outshining us, such as Able did Cain in their offerings to God, he then viewed his brother Able as a “rival.” People who feel the need to compete with and outshine others will be filled with **greed** (the need to constantly be more or have more than a rival), **lust** (ungodly desires to fulfill their greed) and **depression** when this is not achieved (or euphoric mania when it is achieved, i.e. bipolar)



Cain saw that God accepted his brother Abel's offering, and the spirit of rivalry (jealousy) opened the door for hatred to enter into Cain's heart towards his righteous brother.

As we know this was the basis for the first recorded murder in history (Gen 4:3-14). That is why Jesus said that to be angry with someone when they have not done anything to you, is the same sin as murder.

**(Gen. 4:6-7) So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen (i.e. why are you depressed)? ... If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."**

**(Matt. 5:21-22) If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment... But I say, if you are angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! ...you are in danger of the fires of hell. NLT –**

**(Lev 19:18) You shall not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but you shall love your neighbor as thyself: I am the LORD.**

Jealousy will cause us to compete with and/or compare ourselves with those we view as *rivals* or are jealous over and have become bitter towards.

Jealousy creates a need to aggressively be in control of the people or circumstances, controlling our security, which opens the door for demons to manipulate our thoughts in order to make us feel deprived and insecure.

*Why Am I So Angry -  
Going Through The Emotions*



Not being able to achieve control over a rival opens the door to a “spirit of hatred” to invade our lives, which has as its companion the spirit of MURDER.

**(Matt 5:21-22) If you commit murder, you are subject to judgment.' ...But I say, if you are even angry with someone, you are subject to judgment! ... And if you curse someone, you are in danger of the fires of hell. NLT**

**(Psalms 10: 2, 5, 10, 14) The wicked arrogantly hunt down and kill the poor (humble). They do not see your punishment awaiting them... Their helpless victims are crushed ... But you see the trouble and grief they cause. You take note of it and punish them. NLT**

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## Passive Anger



This type of anger is deeply suppressed and those operating in passive anger hide their negative emotions behind a masked seemingly calm exterior.

Those with passive anger will not challenge, contest or criticize those they resent or are angry at. Thus, they allow those they resent to control them in

order to avoid conflict, or having others challenge, contest or criticize them.

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## Passive Aggressive Anger

When, we suppress a desire to be aggressive (i.e. to verbally, emotionally or sin physically through an ungodly outward act) towards those we are bitter at.

We may look calm on the outside (passive), but inwardly we are aggressively angry—and are silently keeping score and will retaliate in low key ways such as gossip, backbiting or giving those we are angry with the “silent” treatment. Those in this place of passivity are allowing their carnal mind to have its way.

I recall one person I was in a counseling situation with, who revealed that as a child they would *keep score* by writing down the offenses of all who had hurt them, on little slips of paper that they would then hide away in a bottle.



However, little did this person know that all of these past offenses, most now consciously forgotten, were actually still “bottled up” deep within their wounded spirit, causing much bitter defilement not only in their spirit but in their body and soul.

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## Vanity from the Carnal Mind

Should we have suppressed passive and or aggressive anger, this is a *very deceptive state of mind* and can be demonstrated in the following scenario about “little Johnny,” who is being forced to sit down when he really wants to stand up, so Johnny says to his mother: **“I may be sitting down on the outside, but I’m standing up on the inside!”**

Little Johnny appears outwardly (obedient i.e. or passive) because he does obey, but in his heart **he really does not want to obey.**

This means, he is *suppressing his hearts true state*, which is simply — **angry disobedience.** anger at being made to comply has now become passive anger (rebellion) because he is not acting on his true heart’s desire to disobey.



Any outward act of disobedience is of course, an act of aggressive anger. However, we must realize that a suppressed desire to disobey is just as much a sin as any aggressive act of disobedience. Therefore, the key is to come to terms with the anger that

leads to inward bitterness (rebellion). The result of unresolved *passive anger* is inward rebellion – because Johnny is *being made* to sit down – but in his heart he does not want to obey – he then begins to form rebellion against *unwanted or forced control*.

His anger at being *made to comply to the will of his mother*, and his unwillingness to obey, must be resolved by wise godly counsel along with his mother's loving hand, which will be used to apply the "*board of education to the seat of Johnny's understanding*"... so Johnny can voluntarily bend his will to make the decision to honor God and his mother's commands and also be released from holding on to or suppressing his anger:

**(Prov 22:15) Foolishness is bound in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him. KJV**

If angry disobedience is NOT dealt with, this becomes unresolved passive anger that opens the door for demonic spirits of rebellion (witchcraft) to begin speaking their

deceitful and destructive thoughts and imaginations into Johnny's mind and feeding the spirit of rebellion that has gained entrance, so every time Johnny does not want bend his carnal will in honor and submission to God ordained authority, which God has placed over him.

In the case of the person who had bottled up their offences, they were plagued by a spirit of suicide when I first met with them. Suicide is the same as the spirit of murder. In Johnny's case even though he obeys and sits down *outwardly*—he is now *inwardly* agreeing with demonic accusations and thoughts centered around being *deprived...* of what *he desires* (i.e. which if not resolved by true repentance will becomes a



*control* issue in his life) because he has embraced the lying accusation that he is *being deprived* of doing what would *please him*. Now, every time he feels “forced to comply”

to something he does not desire to do or agree with, the inward pressure of his *passive angry rebellion* increases, until one day passive little “Johnny,” who was always seen as such an “obedient child”—suddenly erupts outwardly in unexplainable acts of *aggressive rebellion*.

Johnny's suppressed passive rebellion, which was a problem in his heart, was being masked by an “outwardly passive, compliant looking child” to those around him.

**(1 Samuel 16:7) For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."**



When passive angry rebellion is not exposed and repented of it will manifest itself, just as it did in the case of Saul – the first King of Israel (see 1 Sam. chapter 16).

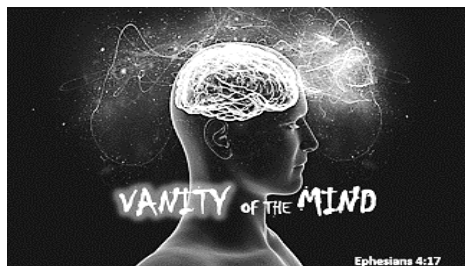
Saul was the man that the Israelites – and not God – chose to be their king. To the Israelites he looked good outwardly, but inwardly he had a heart of *passive anger* that later manifested in cruel jealousy and hatred towards David and eventually led Saul into full blown outward acts of rebellion towards God.

King Saul's inward suppressed rebellion, which he never confessed and repented of, as did David – ended up leading him to commit suicide. Only God can reveal to us what defilement is in our heart that we need to come to terms with, so these things can be repented of. It is possible for Christians to walk in the “vanity of their mind” –if they don't allow God to give them a heart examination that will expose how vanity may be affecting their lives.



**(Jeremiah 17:9-10) The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it? ...I the Lord search the heart, I try (investigate) your reins (the deep areas of your mind)...**

When passive and/or aggressive anger – as described above is not identified and repented of as sin, this will set a course for the person in this situation to reach a place that the Bible calls past feeling.



This is when a person is no longer aware of the anger or aggression (and other emotions for that matter), because by suppressing feelings of irritation or anger, they are no longer in touch with their emotions.

Because of this they become deceived into thinking they do not have an anger or bitterness problem. As stated before, our feelings or emotions are neither right nor wrong, they are just a “gauge” used to makes us aware of the fact that something is happening within us. When our emotional gauge is not working, or it gets shut down, this is when our mind falls into a very deceptive and destructive state, which the Scriptures call “vanity.”

**(Eph 4:17) "...walk not as other Gentiles  
walk, in the vanity of their mind..."**

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## Defining Vanity

The word “**VANITY**” as used in the text from (Eph 4:17-23) for this study, according to its Hebrew *etymology*<sup>2</sup> is as follows... The Greek word for **VANITY** is Strong’s NT:#3153

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<sup>2</sup> **Etymology** is the study of the various forms of a word that is derived from another word or from a root source.

*mataiotes* (mat-ah-yot'-ace) and is derived from NT: #3152 *mataios* (mat'-ah-yos); is from the base of NT:#3155 *maten* (mat'-ane); and this is derived from the base of NT:#3145 *massaomai* (mas-sah'-om-ahee); which is derived from the primary root *masso*.

Please, don't lose heart...bear with me there is a reason I'm flooding you with the above details concerning the etymology for this word! All of the Hebrew definitions for each of these related words reveals what a mind filled with **vanity** is like. Following are some of the related etymological Greek definitions that are associated with the word *vanity*, which are derived from the above etymological Greek words:

1. ***Mataiotes*** (#3153): is defined as...

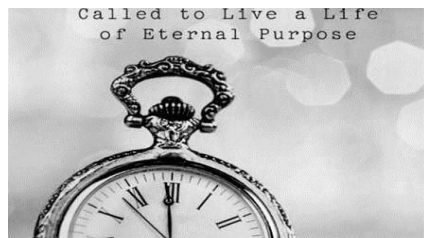
- **Inutility** ... the (*mataiotes*) form of *vanity* is defined as being associated with uselessness or not being used as God intends, or using something in a way God did not intend...

**(Gal 5:13) For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your carnal nature.**

**(Matt 25:29-30) But from those who do nothing with what they have been given, even what little they have will be taken away... thrown (as) useless servants into outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'** NLT

- **Pointless** ... the (*mataiotes*) form of *vanity* is also defined as serving *no purpose* ...

When our minds are not focused on the “things above” such as truth from God, but are instead focused on the things of *this world* or if our minds



are focused on **me, myself and I** ... we will be wasting much time and great energy because our thoughts are on things that are pointless — serving NO eternal purpose... or if our minds become focused on what is false—it serves no purpose for God ...this truly is vanity!

- **Transientness** ... the (*mataiotes*) form of *vanity* is also defined as the cause for being *transient*—meaning to *endure only for a short time*. Jesus said, only those who *endure to the end* would be saved (Matt 24:13). When God’s Word or His **truth**, only remain for a time in our lives, and does not endure to the end, we will stumble back into sin —as illustrated in the parable of the Sower:

**(Matt 13:20-21) But he who received the seed on stony places, this is he who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet he has no root in himself but endures only for a while. For when tribulation or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he stumbles (experiences a fall).**

- **Morals:** the (*mataiotes*) form of *vanity* also defined as *morals* views God’s principles or standard for right and wrong as *pointless* and they become *transient* ... meaning *morals or God’s standard for right and wrong does serve its purpose* in the life of one whose minds are filled with *vanity* (i.e. carnal self-centeredness). This person does not retain God’s moral standard. He has shown them His

standard for what is right and wrong, but they forget it and do not retain it:

**(James 1:23-24) For if anyone who is a hearer of the word (regarding God's standard) and not a doer (instead acts immorally), he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror... for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was.**

○ **Depravity:** the (*mataiotes*) form of *vanity* is also defined as being associated with *depravity* because when truth is *transient* (not enduring) and morals (God's standard) is *pointless* (for God no purpose) this results in *depravity*, meaning: **involvement with what is damaging** (i.e. error or sin of any kind), **resulting in the inability to perform what is right and avoid what is wrong.**

**(1 Timothy 6:4-5) Anyone who teaches something different (error) is arrogant and lacks understanding. Such a person has an unhealthy desire to quibble over the meaning of words. This stirs up arguments ending in jealousy, division, slander, and evil suspicions... These people always cause trouble. Their minds are corrupt, (depraved) and they turn their backs on the truth. To them, a show of godliness is just a way to personal gain (to personally benefit from). NLT (Parenthesis mine)**

2. *Mataios* (#3152) form of vanity is defined as...

○ **Empty** ... the (*mataios*) form of vanity is defined as *emptiness*. When a Christians becomes...*empty* this means they are not filled with God's Holy Spirit. When we do not fulfill our God ordained purpose as a Christian, which is to be *fruitful* in our Christian character and instead become or remain *carnal*— we are of no use to God.



When this is not remedied by repentance and by being filled with God's Holy Spirit, our lives become *pointless, immoral and depraved* (as defined by the above form of the Greek word for vanity). This is sheer vanity, because what we say or do does not flow out of a relationship with the God, but a prideful and empty carnal life. *Emptiness* results in the next definition given for *mataios* vanity:

○ **Profitless**... the (*mataios*) form of vanity is also defined as a mind filled with *idols*. This definition for the word *mataios* specifically relates to idols such as... pride in our accomplishments or serving idols of our own making (i.e. worshipping self, materialism, money, education, family, friends or careers etc.)— idols have no profit or benefit to God and His Kingdom...

**(1 Cor 3:14-15) If anyone's work** (that which occupies our attention and efforts) ... **endures** (i.e. has eternal profit), **he will receive a reward...** **If anyone's work is burned** (i.e. is profitless), **he will suffer loss** (damage or injury).

**(1 Cor 8:4) ...we know that an idol is nothing (vanity)... and that there is no other God (to be honored) but one.**  
(Parenthesis mine).

**3. *Maten* (#3155): is *vanity* defined as...**

- **Tentative manipulation** ... the *maten* form of vanity is defined as being associated with *demonic doubts* used to cause us to become unsettled in our minds or opinions, which is how the term *tentative manipulation* is defined in the *English Word Web Dictionary*. When doubts can be used as a manipulation by the demonic realm to keep us from standing uncompromisingly upon the truth from the Word of God, we will no longer firmly believe and obey God and His Word... doubts as vanity make a person unstable.

**(James 1:6-7) "...for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind... He is a double minded man who is unstable in all his ways."**

Thus, a person who has vanity (demonic doubts) in their mind is easy target for operating in *folly*, which is also how this word *maten* is defined:

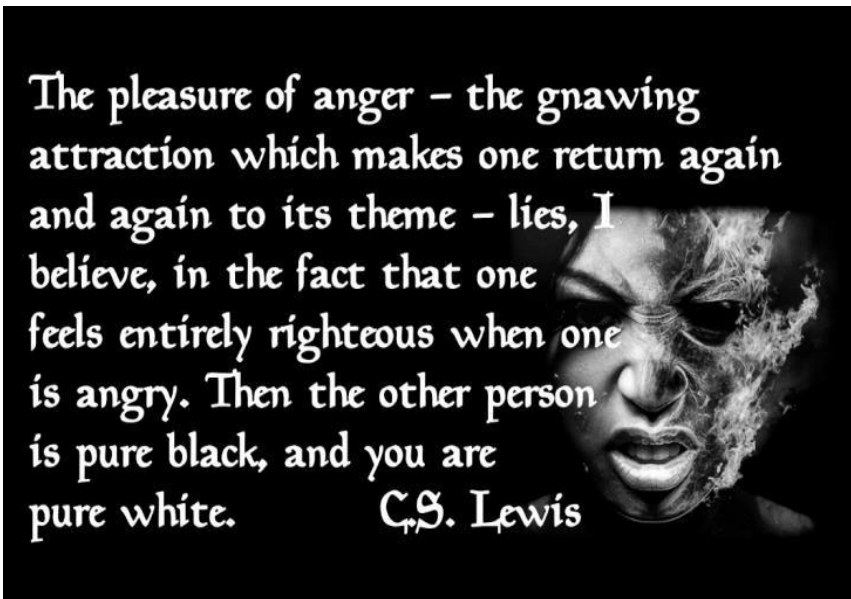
- **Folly** ... the *maten* form of vanity is defined as – operating in foolish, stupid, rash or senseless choices and behavior.

**(Titus 3:3) "... (the) foolish (are), disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.**

**4. *Massaomai* (#3145) is *vanity* defined as...**

○ To handle or squeeze; to chew or – gnaw ... All of the above descriptions of *vanity* will result in an ongoing gnawing pressure...

**(2 Cor 6:12, 14) You are not straitened<sup>3</sup> (i.e. pressured) by us, but ye are straitened (i.e. pressured) in your own bowels... what communion hath light with darkness? (i.e. lies that make us angry are vanity)**



All that has been described by the word VANITY in the above etymology and its various definitions starts with...

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<sup>3</sup> STRAIGHTENED NT:4729 *stenochoreo* (sten-okh-o-reh'-o); distressing pressure



## Walking in Vanity



(Eph 4:17)

This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you henceforth walk not as other Gentiles

walk, in the vanity of their mind...

No true believer in Jesus Christ who has truly been

born again by the indwelling power of the Holy Spirit, would ever knowingly or willingly allow darkness to invade their lives. Please notice I said, *knowingly or willingly* do so.

What many Christians in this day and age fail to understand is that they are unknowingly on a downward spiral into darkness and are living in a backsliding spiritual condition, which if they are not awakened to this condition, will eventually lead them into destruction because of being *alienated from the life of God*.

(Eph 4:17-18)

“... in the vanity of their mind... being alienated from the life of God...”

We can begin *walking in vanity* without realizing it, because demonic influence is very *subtle* and *slight* in this first step and easily goes

Downward Step #1 into darkness:

... WALKING Strong's# 4043

peripateo (per-ee-pat-eh'-o)

Refers to: *the ability; to live in, or be occupied with something...*



undetected by most Christians. Why this happens is explained by the Greek definition for the word WALK—which is defined simply as “*being occupied with something*” ...and that SOMETHING we are dealing with is called VANITY.

In other words when our minds have become *occupied* with *vanity*, we have taken the first step on to the downward spiral into darkness.

## Just to Review:

The word VANITY ...as was just defined by its etymological definitions to mean:

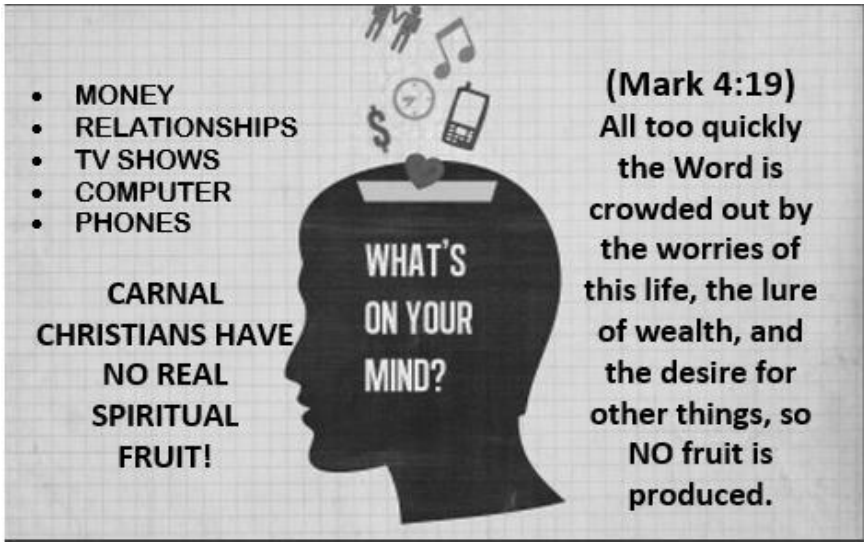
- Useless
- Doubtful and doubleminded
- Pointless
- Easily unsettled
- Morally Wrong
- Folly-rash & harmful choices
- Depraved
- Under distress
- Empty
- Under gnawing pressure

*Is vanity in your life?*

Basically, what these above definitions for the word *vanity* are describing is ... a mind and a life that is **CARNAL**.

**(Rom 8:7-8) For the carnal mind is always hostile to God... That's why those**

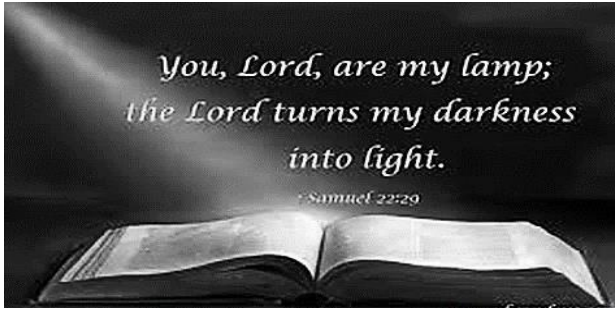
**who are still under the control of their  
carnal nature can never please God. NLT**



Demons can only appeal to our *carnal mind*—because it is a mind that is focused on VANITY. When we *walk*, which means to live a life that is focused on material and natural things, we are allowing what is useless and pointless, as well as what is foolish and senseless and having absolutely NO ETERNAL VALUE to rule our thought life and imaginations.

What a waste of TIME, MONEY and ENERGY! All of these things keep us spiritually empty—we are left with NO power and with only a form of godliness.

When our minds become occupied with VANITY—we need to become aware of this fact and make the decision to lay aside *everything* we find that is occupying our attention and keeping our minds preoccupied with what is carnal—and seriously begin to immerse ourselves in God's Word! If this does not happen we will go on to the next step on the downward spiral and go further into darkness.



## Personal Reflection

1. What occupies my mind more than the Word of God?

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2. What things do I spend time and money on that have NO eternal value?

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3. Is there any *vanity* in my life as it is defined on (pg. 35) – If so what?

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## STEP #2: Having Our Understanding Darkened

(Ephesians 4:17-18)

**...in the vanity of their mind... Having the understanding darkened...**

**A**s established in the previous chapter, when we as Christians live CARNAL lives, or lives that are not lived in obedience to God's Word and according to the leading of God's Holy Spirit—we will live under the “gnawing pressure” of insecurity, fear and anger/bitterness issues that are created by the darkness invading our mind.

The **deep thoughts** and **imaginations**, which define the word UNDERSTANDING are things that we don't easily see or are often “blinded” to.

Thoughts and imaginations are the basis for “spiritual darkness” that influences our *sub-conscious mind* and these need to be *exposed* in order to have a “sound mind” that is not filled with vanity.

## Downward Step #2 into darkness:

(Eph 4:18) ...Ignoring “step #1” will lead to...

Having our UNDERSTANDING

DARKENED ...

The Greek word for *understanding* is N.T. 1271 *dianoia* (dee-an'-oy-ah); meaning: *deep thoughts, and the imagination*. The word for *darkened* is N.T. 4656 *skotoo* (skot-o'-o); meaning: *to obscure or blind, also referring to anxiety, distress, and calamity, as well as being spiritually or mentally confused*.



When our *understanding* is *darkened* this means the following things are coming from our *understanding* (thoughts and imaginations) ...

- Anxiety
- Distress
- confusion

These things cause us to be as (Vs.18) states “...**alienated from the life of God.**” When we have the “life of God” within us this means we are living in His Kingdom of ...

- righteousness
- peace
- joy

**THE THINGS THAT CREATE SPIRITUAL DARKNESS** is our focus upon:

- ACCUSATIONS
- LIES
- DOUBTS

**These become DEEP THOUGHTS** (sub-conscious) **MESSAGES and IMAGINATIONS that cause:**

- FEAR
- ANXIETY
- DISTRESS
- CONFUSION
- MANY HEALTH ISSUES




In order to not become “alienated from the life of God” we must realize what allows spiritual darkness to invade our MIND.

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## What it Means to be Alienated from God

The Greek word for *alienated* is NT: 526 *apallotrioō* (ap-al-lot-ree-o'-o); meaning: *to be a non-participant*; and the CWSD says: *it denotes the state not being reconciled to God and it also means: to become estranged from God (no longer close or in relationship with Him).*



**When our understanding is darkened this causes us to be as (Vs.18) states “...alienated from the life of God.”**

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These definitions are revealing to us that *demonic thoughts and imaginations*, which are not exposed, *keep* those whose minds are darkened by these, *estranged* from God (they are no longer close to Him) and need to be *reconciled back* to God.

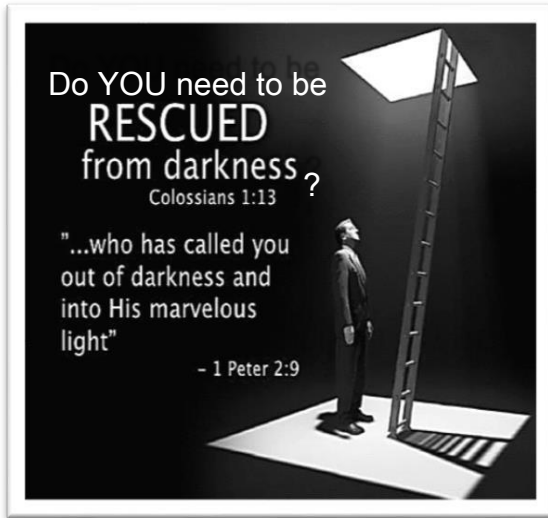
Until this happens they are not participating in the “life of God.” God has not only promised eternal life to all who are *reconciled to Him* because they have come out of darkness — and He has also promised that those who do so will become partakers of His *divine nature*... a promise to all who are reconciled to Him.

**(2 Peter 1:3-4) According as his divine power hath given unto us (who have turned to God in true repentance) all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge from him ...Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these you might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust (i.e. demonic desires activated by bitterness/anger). (Colossians 1:12-14) Giving thanks unto the Father...Who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son ...In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins (i.e. demonic thoughts and imaginations we have embraced).**

**(1Cor 4:5) Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord come, who both will bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and will make manifest the counsels of the heart (innermost thoughts and feelings): and then shall every man have praise (honorable mention) from God. (Parenthesis mine for clarification)**



It is vital to understand that anytime a true Christian who does know God, or is not experiencing a relationship with Him, but then allows their mind to become focused upon carnal things, and the cares and affairs of this life, are



"backsliding" into darkness, because honoring God and His desires are no longer the focus, instead their focus has become to honor their *carnal desires*.

This also means the enemy now has an open door to invade their mind with

demonic thoughts and vain imaginations that cause them to become estranged from God. Because of this their heart will be filled with demonic deep thoughts and imaginations that are deceptive. This my friend can happen at any time!

**(2 Peter 3:17-18) You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error (sin) of the wicked (unrepentant sinners)... instead grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.**



It doesn't matter how long we have had a close walk with God, when we start "walking in vanity" we lose our relationship with Him. We also lose our desire to seek God and spend our

time with fellowshiping with Him in His Word. We would rather watch our favorite TV shows or surf our phones or the internet!

When darkness (vanity) enters our minds, understanding the Bible and receiving exciting and personally inspiring insight from the Holy Spirit does not happen.

Therefore, we lose the desire to read the Bible – it is no longer speaking to us, because we have ended up with darkness in our heart (soul and spirit)...

**(Romans 1:21) Because that, when they knew God, but they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but they became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.**

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## There Must be an Awakening

Unless those in this place of darkness are awakened to their true spiritual condition and find a place of true repentance, the darkness will remain in them and lead them into acts of darkness that have devastating consequences.

It is only through true repentance that we are reconciled to God and renewed by Him. He has given to us everything we need in order to live a powerful and victorious overcoming life that honors Him. Our Heavenly Father wants us to walk in His ways and follow the narrow path of eternal life and not the devil's broad road that leads to destruction! Only we can decide who we will follow and on what road we will travel. There are only two roads to choose from... the broad road of destruction or the narrow road that leads to eternal life!

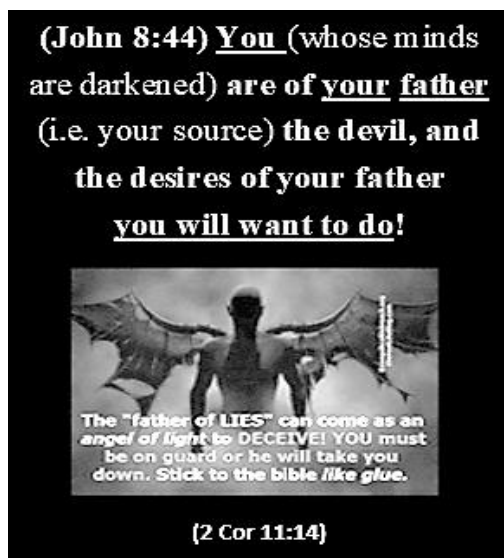
Those whose minds are darkened by  
unconfessed sin are estranged from God  
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**need...**

**R**epentance  
Reconciliation  
Renewal

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When vanity and darkness enter our being, and it is not dealt with, our spiritual FATHER (which literally means: SOURCE) ... becomes Satan! When we do agree with the demonic *accusing lies and doubts*, Satan's desires we will want to do!



If he is able to “*superimpose*” his anger upon us by *filling our minds* with his *lying, accusations and doubts*—which these things are *vanity*—and of we come into agreement with these *vain imaginations* —our agreement **allows** them to fill our mind and heart with **desires** from darkness.

**(John 8:44) You are of your father the devil, and the desires<sup>4</sup> of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.**

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<sup>4</sup> **DESIRES** (KJV: LUSTS) NT:1939 *epithumia* (ep-ee-thoo-mee'-ah); meaning a longing for what is forbidden because of superimposed anger (i.e. from Satan): This is a compound word derived from NT:1909 *epi* (ep-ee'); meaning: *superimposition* AND NT:2372 *thumos* (thoo-mos'); meaning: wrath that comes from fierce passion and is associated with murder and slaughter.

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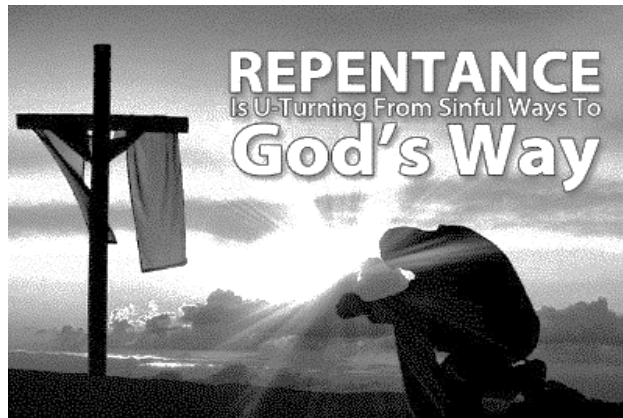
When our Abba Father delivers us from the power of darkness – we are then translated into God’s kingdom of righteous – peace and joy! (Rom 14:17) for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. This means no more fearful anxiety, and distress, confusion and of course many health

issues will also be resolved because all of these things of darkness affect our health.

Agreeing with the devil is a sin! Therefore there has to be confession and full repentance.

This includes all sin, which also means our agreement with

all exposed accusations lies and doubts that he has brought into our mind that have not been confessed and cast down. And I’m not talking about some little ol’ “now I lay me down to sleep-- please forgive me of all my sins” slipshod kind of prayer! I mean the real deal! A godly sorrowing repentance!





True repentance requires that we fall on our face before God and cry out, **"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way (unrepentant deeds) within me...!"** (Ps 139:23-24)

This means we must allow God to examine our heart and revealed to us what he sees and expose any darkness that may have invaded our being. Far too many Christians believe that they know their own hearts, however the Bible is very clear about the fact that our hearts are deceitful above all things and **desperately wicked** – only God can know a person's heart!

**(Jer. 17:9-10) "The heart is deceitful above all things, And desperately wicked; who can know it? ...I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings."**

In my counselling ministry, many times I find it is hard for people to become honest about their ungodly feelings because of fear and insecurity issues, therefore they are in denial about the true condition of their heart.

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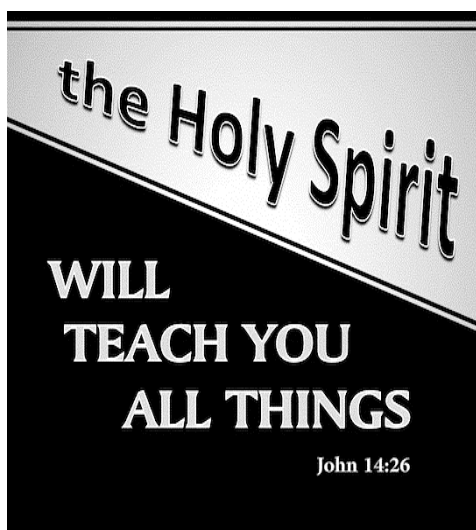
## The Difference between Hearing and Listening

**Hearing** is simply the act of perceiving sound by the ear. Unless you are hearing-impaired, hearing simply happens. **You cannot help what you hear—but if you are listening to what you are hearing—that is something you are consciously choosing to do.**



*Listening* requires choosing to **concentrate** and **focus on what is heard**— so that your brain can process meaning— from what you are *hearing*. **Listening leads to forming thoughts and ideas that leads to decisions and actions.**

In other words, what you're listening to (if it's true or false) — determines your decisions and actions (as godly or ungodly). Accusing, fearful lies and doubts need your concentration or attention, in order for your brain to process these and to form opinions, emotions and responses. In order for fearful lies and doubts to remain meaningless, **you must choose not to listen to what you hear that is from demons.**



Keep in mind that demons will harass you by *impersonating* your own voice (so you think it is your own thoughts you are hearing).

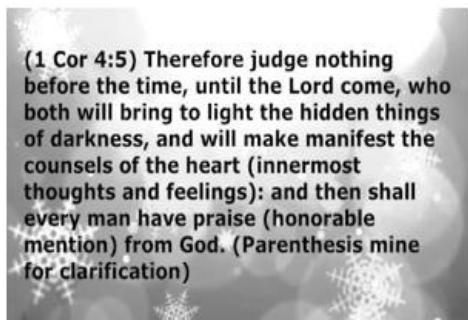
This will especially take place while you are reading something important (and especially when it comes to the Bible).

Demons will be interjecting their false *accusations*, *lies* and especially *doubts* with the hope of trying to influence your opinions and beliefs.

A very common tactic I have encountered used by demons to create doubts, **is for them to shoot questions at you that you have no answers for.** Learn to do what I call *meditative reading*, which is a "slow-read," and to 'rewind' while read, so you can be listening to God, while you are reading.

Many times, as I have had questions enter my mind, causing me to “wonder”<sup>5</sup> about something... when suddenly God’s Holy Spirit brings a verse of Scripture to my mind as an answer to my “wonderings” as a way of correcting or preventing me from embracing a doubt or a lie. It’s our brain, so we must be the one to let the Holy Spirit teach us what we need to learn.

Without the Holy Spirit revealing to us the hidden thoughts, and motives of our hearts we will continue to manifest the works of darkness (through our beliefs and behavior). We cannot form any judgments or opinions about ourselves until the Lord through His Spirit reveals the hidden things of darkness.



In the days ahead, it is going to be crucial for us to be able to discern as to WHERE the thoughts or voices in our minds are coming from. As we know Satan uses demons to speak their thoughts into

our minds, but now he is also using demonized people to wield weapons of Luciferian mind control Technology to do the same, in order to manipulate global societies into following his NWO antichrist agenda.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>5</sup> **WONDER:** A state in which you want to learn more about something, or to express an idea or an opinion based on speculation or incomplete evidence. *Word Web Dictionary*

<sup>6</sup> **End times Luciferian technology** includes the use of **mind control weapons** such as **Voice to Skull devices or V2K:** a nonlethal weapon which includes (1) a neuroelectromagnetic device which uses microwave transmission of sound into the skull of persons or animals by way of pulse-modulated ...microwave radiation; and (2) a silent sound device which can transmit sound into the skull of person or animals. NOTE: The sound modulation may be voice or audio subliminal messages. For more information on mind control technology request a FREE copy of the OSEH MIND CONTROL TARGETED INDIVIDUALS Watchman Report at [www.extendedlifeCTM.org](http://www.extendedlifeCTM.org)





Therefore, we must be able to discern whether our thoughts are our own, that of demons or from weaponized Luciferian technology being used against our minds. The Spirit of Jesus Christ must be our judge!

We must keep a constant vigil over our *feelings* because they are a gauge that tells us we have thoughts that need to be *monitored*.

We must also keep in mind that *bitterness* and *jealousy* the favorite tools of Satan. A perfect example of this is seen in the story about Cain and Abel in (Gen 4:215), who in the very beginning became targets of



Cain saw that God accepted his brother Abel's offering, and the spirit of rivalry (jealousy) opened the door for hatred to enter Cain's heart towards his brother. That is why Jesus said when anger turns to bitterness it is as the sin of murder.

Satan's anger (which turned to bitterness) creating jealousy. This tactic is still used to bring bitterness, jealousy and depression into our heart (soul and spirit). Please notice the very first question God asked Cain, because it is something **we must learn to ask ourselves** when our emotional gauge is registering *anger*:

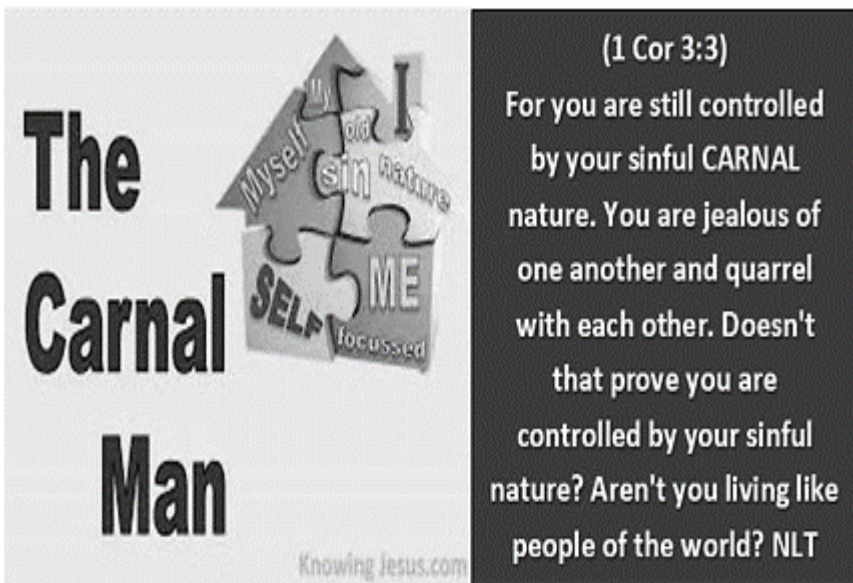
**(Gen 4:6) So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen (i.e. why are you depressed)?**

However, in order to answer the question God asked Cain, we must allow the Holy Spirit to show us WHY our *anger* has turned into bitterness.

The answer to that question is... because we have unforgiveness, which creates jealousy and depression. If we don't identify these issues, our answers to WHY we are

angry, will be nothing more than prideful justifications for our *feelings* and our ungodly reactions to those feelings.

Our carnal mind is what leads us into darkness and it will keep us and lead us into further darkness, if we don't recognize or ignore what is happening. This means we must humble ourselves every time we know we have had a **carnal reaction** and ask God to reveal to us WHY we reacted or acted in an ungodly manner. What were we LISTENING to?



A carnal human heart is filled with demonic *deep thoughts* and *imaginings* that deceives those who live according to their flesh and not according to their born-again spirit deceived...

**(Jer. 17:9) The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?**

We cannot remain ignorant to the deception that is within us if we want to live in and remain in the light and life of God.

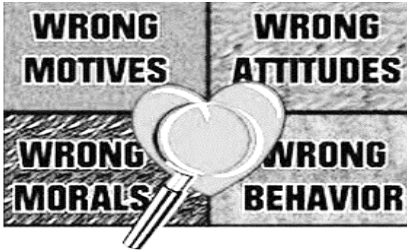
We must CONTINUALLY allow God to search our hearts and reveal all vanity with in us! Otherwise, we will end up...

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## Becoming a Prodigal Child of God

At any time we allow our carnal nature to rule our thoughts and desires, we are headed for trouble! This can happen at any time, by the way, no matter how long we have walked in righteous obedience to God's Holy Spirit.

**(Ezek 3:20) "Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity<sup>7</sup>, and I lay a stumbling block before him,<sup>8</sup> he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his blood I will require at your hand.**



The moment we choose to follow our **iniquity** (our carnal tendencies or our carnal sinful urges), it is due to the fact that we allowed vanity to invade our mind ...

Satan and his hoards from hell

are on the prowl, looking for anything that can be used to seduce and entice us into following the world's ways and our own sinful carnal desires. When we start having a love affair with this world and the things that are in the world, this opens the door for demons to appeal to the sinful carnal nature that we as humans all possess. When we yield to these ungodly

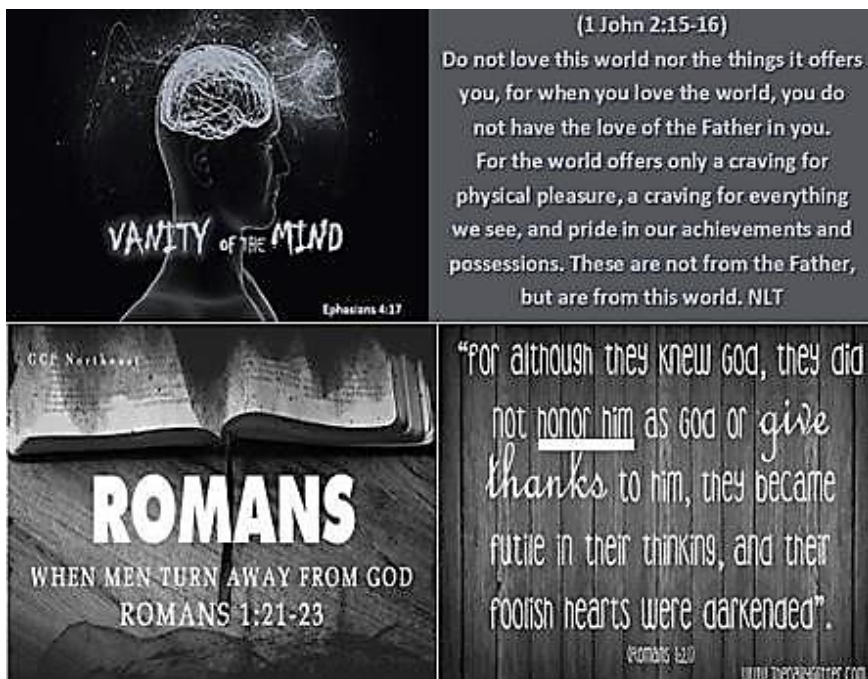
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<sup>7</sup> This phrase can also be translated: "follows his carnal desires"

<sup>8</sup> This phrase can also be translated: "*I have given him over to his idol.*"

influences we step onto a downward spiral into a journey of darkness.

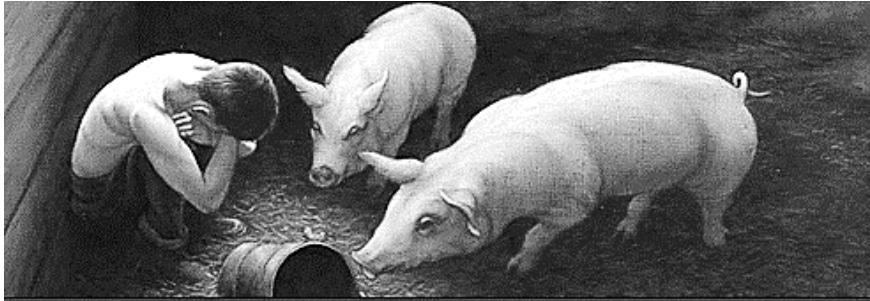
We are then... **walking in the vanity of our mind because we are more CONCERNED about honoring our carnal desires than we are about honoring God's Word, will and ways.**



There are times when we know what God's word says and we know what he's requiring of us and we also know what pleases and displeases him—but we still choose to listen instead to our carnal nature and do what it desires.

When this happens we have lost sight of God's goodness and why Jesus suffered for us, which means we are no longer thankful for all that he died to provide for us.

This is when our carnal minds lead our hearts into darkness and we become **AILEINATED** from the life of God and may still be deceived into thinking we are spiritually ok. The truth is we have become a prodigal child of God and will find out the hard way, such as I personally did, that...

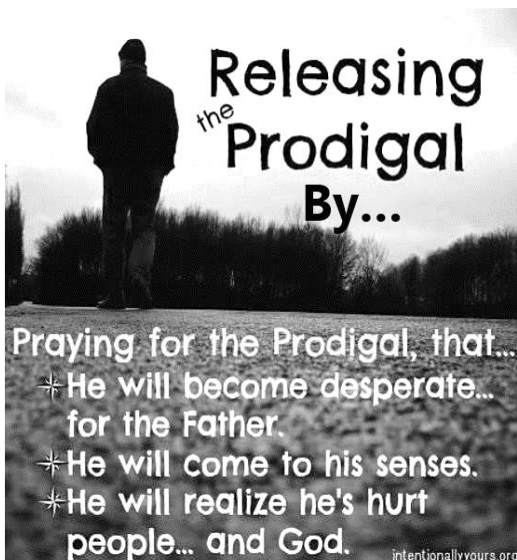


A prodigal's rebellion ends in a  
**PIG-PEN** lifestyle

## Always Remember!

**"Sin will take you farther than  
you wanted to go, keep you  
longer than you wanted to stay  
and cost you much more than  
you wanted to pay!"**

It's always **PRIDE** and **GREED** that leads God's **REBELLIOUS** prodigals into the pigpen of sin. True restoration doesn't happen for those in this place, *until* they become **desperate** to be forgiven by God and truly humble themselves by falling on their faces before Him in genuine repentance.



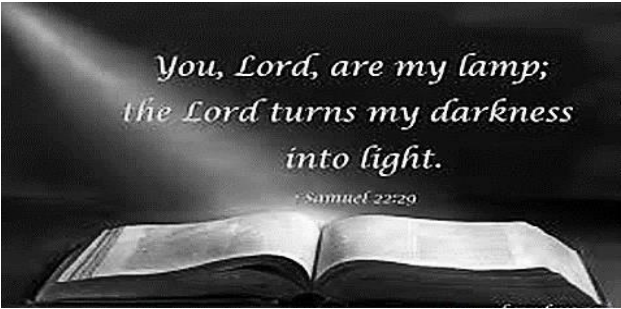
This means they realize how much they've hurt God and other people by their prideful rebellion.

Sometimes it takes a really NASTY PIGPEN and a very long, and painful journey on a downward spiraling descent into darkness, before a prodigal comes to their senses!

It is truly a bad mistake to try and rescue a prodigal child from their pigpen — before they have truly repented, no matter how bad their circumstances may be. It requires God's wisdom when it comes to praying for those who are *rebellious prodigals*.

There cannot be deliverance from sin unless the backslidden person experiences needful sincere repentance. Prodigals must first become desperate, with the hope it may lead them into a willingness to cry out with a genuine repentant heart for God's gifts of mercy and forgiveness.

**(Ps 107:17-20) Fools, because of their transgression, And because of their iniquities, were afflicted... Their soul abhorred all manner of food, And they drew near to the gates of death...Then they cried out to the Lord in their trouble, And He saved them out of their distresses...He sent His word and healed them, And delivered them from their destructions.**



Personal Reflection

4. What areas of carnal desires do I find I struggle with most?

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5. Do I earnestly desire God to reveal any wrong motives attitudes, morals or behavior – am I aware of any now?

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6. Am I more worldly minded than I am Godly minded?

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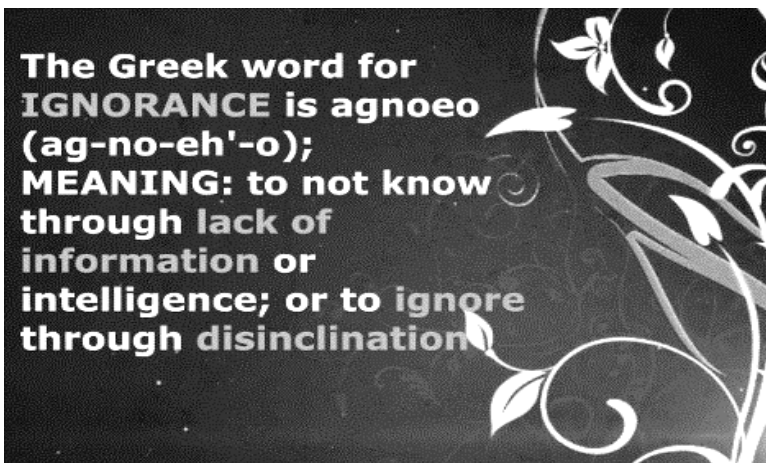


## Step #3: Dealing with the Ignorance within Us

Ephesians 4:18

...because of the ignorance that is in them...

There are several reasons why people struggle with spiritual ignorance. How this word is defined reveals causes for ignorance.





**(1 Cor 4:5)...the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the **hidden things** of darkness...**

When we are ignorant of the —*hidden things of darkness* it is because...

- We are **uninformed** regarding the truth that can set us free.
- We may **lack intelligence** needed to *acquire* or *apply* knowledge. Many times we have never heard the truth, but sometimes we do hear the truth but don't know how to apply it to our own lives. This is why God has ordained teachers and preachers of the Word of God within the Body of Christ. This is also where the gift of wisdom is given by those He has anointed to give Biblical counsel that will break through our ignorance.
- Then there are those who are just not interested in hearing the truth and choose **to ignore** the truth when it is brought to them. **(1 Corinthians 14:38) But if anyone is (willingly) ignorant, let him be (stay) ignorant.** Those who IGNORE God's Word and truth are not part of the body of Christ. *They have been cut off and alienated from the life of God:*

**(Num 15:30-31) "But those who brazenly violate the Lord's will (KJV: sinned presumptuously i.e., willful sin), whether native-born Israelites or foreigners, have blasphemed the Lord, and they must be cut off from the community... Since they have treated the Lord's word with contempt and deliberately disobeyed his command, they must be completely cut off and suffer the punishment for their guilt."**

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There are Many Christians who would say in regard to the above text, "Oh but that's the Old Testament, we as Christians are not under law but under grace!" Do not forget that way of thinking, in order to avoid the truth about where we really stand with God, disallows God's grace, which does

not apply to our willful, unrepentant sin!

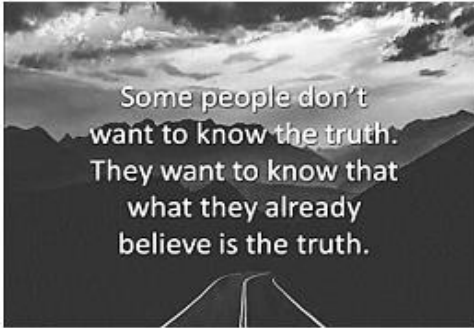
The Apostle Paul dealt with some "ignorant Christians" who frustrated God's grace by rejecting the truth concerning God's gift of righteousness, which comes only by repentance and faith in the blood of Jesus Christ.

They chose to ignore and reject this truth and instead chose to believe the lie that keeping the law (which reveals sin but can't remove it) made them right with God.

**(Rom 6:1-2) Well then, should we keep on sinning so that God can show us more and more of his wonderful grace? ...Of course not!**  
 NLT

**(Hebrews 10:26) For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins.**

(Gal 2:21)...do not frustrate<sup>9</sup> the grace of God  
... (by) not obeying the truth.



When a person chooses to believe a lie because the truth will interfere with something they desire, and they **ignore** the truth—that makes them an IGNORANT person! There is no covering of grace for a

willfully ignorant person. So it boils down to the fact that people are ignorant of the truth when they...

- don't care about the truth...
- so they don't know the truth...
- because they really don't want to know the truth.

Then there are those who DO care and who DO want to know the truth...

## Which person are you?

Remember, the Apostle Paul said this... **But if any man (wants to) be ignorant, let him be ignorant. (1 Cor. 14:38)** (Parenthesis mine for clarity).

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### Watchmen give Warning to the Ignorant

From day one of my ministry, God has made my main focus that of dealing with SIN issues in the lives of His people. This has not been an easy ministry to be called to serve God in. Naturally speaking, who likes making people angry or

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<sup>9</sup> **FRUSTRATE**: NT:114 **atheteo** (ath-et-eh'-o); to dishonor, neutralize or violate... CWSO: abolish, get rid of, to make void

shamed by confronting them with their sin issues, especially when it is something the one in sin is doing their best to avoid! Most other ministers are getting popular and wealthy by getting people excited about receiving God's blessings and walking in great joy and enjoying wonderful prosperity in this life. However, this ministry and others like it, are not out by any means to win any popularity prizes!



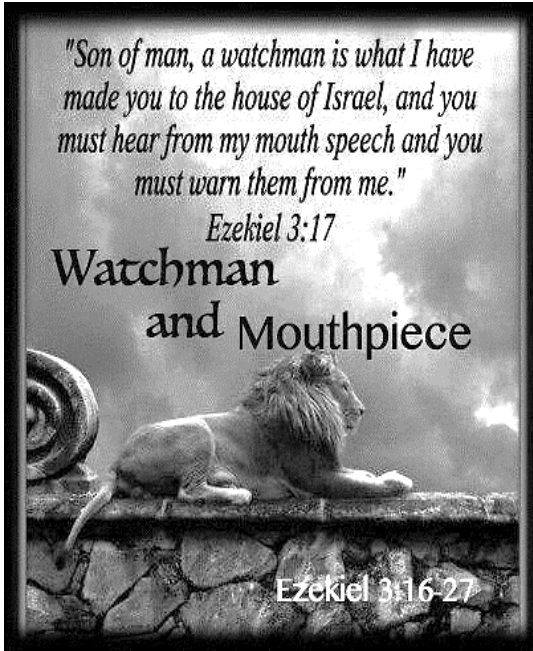
## The Watchmen On The Wall God's Hated Messengers

Back in the early 80's when I knew God had called me to my teaching ministry, I asked Him to show me *what kind of a ministry* I was being called to.

I will never forget how He answered me. First, God gave me a specific portion of His Word, describing *who* I would minister to and *what* my message was going to involve.

Secondly, this was supernaturally confirmed to me immediately, because what I was given was also given to my oldest daughter at the same time (I was given my word from God about 8 hours earlier).

I will never forget when my daughter came to me and said, "Mom, I feel like this is speaking about you" and she asked me to read what she had received from the Word. When I read what God had given her, I almost fell over! Following is the portion of Scripture we had both independently received from God concerning my ministry...



(Ezek 2:3-7; 3:5-9; 3:17-21) And He said to me, I'm sending you ...to the children of Israel, two rebellious nations, that have rebelled against Me ...

And these children are impudent and hard of heart. I send you to them and you shall say to them, Thus says the Lord God... And they, whether they will hear or refuse to

hear — for they are a rebellious house — yet shall they know and realize that there has been a prophet among them...

And you, son of man [lit: child of humanity], be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words; though briers and thorns are all around you and you dwell and sit among scorpions (i.e. which literally refers to doubters), be not afraid of their words nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house...

**And you shall speak My words to them whether they will hear or refuse to hear, for they are most rebellious... For you are not sent to a foreign people; but to the house of Israel... Not to the many peoples of foreigners...**

**Surely, had I sent you to such people, they would have listened to you and heeded My words...**

**But the house of Israel will not listen to you and obey you since they will not listen to Me and obey Me, for all the house of Israel are... impudent and stubborn of heart...**

**Behold, I have made your face strong and hard against their faces and your forehead strong and hard against their foreheads...**

**Like an adamant harder than flint or a diamond point [they get the point – ouch!] have I made your forehead; fear them not, neither be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house...**

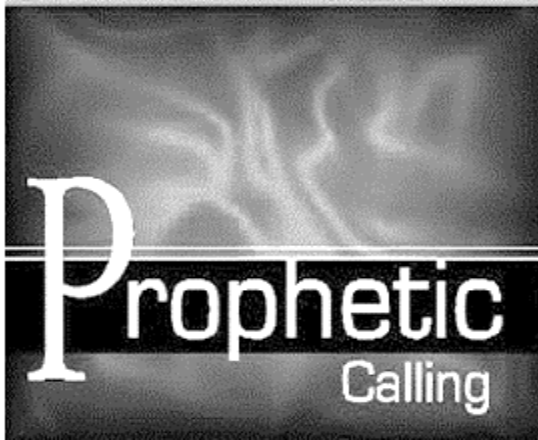
**I have made you a watchman to the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at My mouth and give them warning from Me...**

**If I say to the wicked (born again and unrepentant), You shall surely die, and you do not give him warning or speak to warn the wicked [unrepentant] to turn from his wicked way, to save his life, the same wicked [unrepentant] man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at your hand...**

**Yet if you warn the wicked [unrepentant] and he turn not from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity, but you have delivered yourself...**

Again, if a righteous man turns from his righteousness (right doing and right standing with God) and some gift which I lay before him he perverts as an occasion to sin and he commits iniquity, he shall die; because you have not given him warning, he shall die in his sin and his righteous deeds which he has done shall not be remembered, but his blood will I require at your hand... But if you warn the righteous man not to sin and he doesn't sin, he shall surely live because he is warned; also you have delivered yourself from guilt. AMP

In the above Old Testament text, God was speaking to the "House of Israel" ... in Bible typology Old Testament Israel represents the *New Testament Israel* known as the "Holy Nation" or the NT Church as spoken about by the Apostle Peter:



But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)

The New Testament "watchmen" are among those who God has called to equip, train and mature His people, so they can become His faithful devoted servants (Eph 4:11-16).

The watchmen have been given the responsibility to **watch over** the souls (minds) of God's sheep. God appointed Watchmen are going to have to face God and be judged as to

how well they safeguarded the souls or the minds (beliefs) of those He has entrusted to them.

Watchmen are often accused of being trouble makers within the church when in fact they are trouble shooters ... who are on the lookout and watching for sin problems (i.e. especially error) in the lives of God's people. This is why we are told:

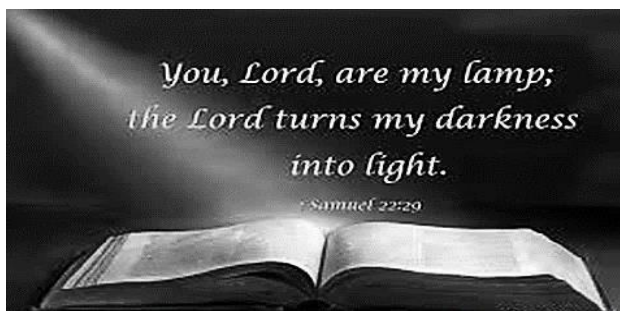
**(Heb 13:17) Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.**



My greatest desire and most earnest prayer is that all who read this material may in some way benefit from what is being shared, because the message is from the heart of God and it is a most vital message for His beloved, who want to be part of the end time remnant.

For it is they who will be saved, *if they endure until the end*. May those who have ears to hear—listen to His voice and not turn a deaf ear to the message brought forth in this book!





### Personal Reflection

7. Am I really willing to change my opinions and ideas when I see they do not conform to the truth of God's Word?

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8. How open am I really... to correction and instruction from those whose ministry is that of bringing warning about sin and false teaching within Christianity or do I dismiss them as being judgmental or critical?

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9. Are my Christian doctrines and practices based on what the Bible teaches and am I willing to change or reject these when I see they do not line up with the Word of God?

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## Step #4: Blindness of heart

Ephesians 4:18

...because of the blindness of their heart...

**B**lindness of heart is the step where Christians lose their discernment and sensitivity to sin and to God's truth. This has happened because they are more inclined to follow the world's ways than they are the ways and will of God. When darkness (demonic thoughts and imaginations) are being embraced and ignorance keeps the light from dispelling darkness, a Christian remains underdeveloped and becomes spiritually, emotionally and mentally dull. In the original Greek text the phrase **BLINDNESS OF HEART** is the word:

**#3576 *porosis* (po'-ro-sis) This means: the covering of a callus; obtuseness (i.e. annoyingly insensitive or slow to understand); it also means: dulled perception, mental discernment and emotions.**

When ignorance concerning our anger issues is not dealt with the result will be spiritual dullness that effects our mind and emotions.

According to the dictionary the word **DULL** is associated with:

**Darkness from ignorance keeps a person spiritually, emotionally and mentally DULL.**

- Intellectually weak
- Lacking responsiveness or alertness
- Insensitive
- Dispirited or depressed

This describes a **PASSIVE** mind:  
it is the devil's playground  
Passivity: Root cause for depression

**Because their mind and spirit are weak & insensitive they live carnal-worldly lives**

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## Passive Mind

In chapter one we discussed the issue of *passive anger*. we will now discuss the concept of having a *passive mind*, which is a demonic playground. Passivity, as is previously mentioned a root cause for depression, leading to blindness of heart where Christians begin to lose their discernment and their sensitivity to sin and to the truth of God's Word. Without the reality of God's truth, darkness from the helplessness and hopelessness of depression are able to invade the person's soul.

Passivity and depression *weaken the minds* of God's people making them more inclined to follow the world's ways of

finding comfort and relief from the distress and anxiety that passivity has opened the door to. The words “Trust in God” becomes nothing more than a religious hollow phrase, rather than the fruit of true faith in God and His Word.

Sadly, when this happens people in this darkness hear demonic thoughts and imaginations, which they embrace and the ignorance and dullness that is upon their minds then dispels God’s light keeping them in darkness. A Christian in this place will remain mentally DULL and underdeveloped spiritually, emotionally and even physically.

... The Apostle Paul described dullness to be the condition of believers he was ministering to...

**(Hebrews 5:11-13) There is much more we would like to say, but it is difficult to explain, especially since you are spiritually dull and don't seem to listen or understand... You have been believers so long now that you ought to be teaching others. Instead, you need someone to teach you again the basic things about God's word. You are like babies who need milk and cannot eat solid food... For someone who lives on milk is still an infant and doesn't know how to do what is right. NLT**

Please notice that those who are spiritually dull need to be taught over and over again. People who are dull spiritually do not comprehend or retain what they do learn concerning the truth. It is soon forgotten or rejected in favor of demonic lies and doubts. They remain in darkness and are...

**(2 Tim 3:7) Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. KJV**

Or as the Amplified Bible aptly puts it...

**(2 Tim 3:7) They listen to anybody who will teach them; they are forever inquiring and getting**

**information, but are never able to arrive at a recognition and knowledge of the Truth. AMP**

What the Apostle stated above, is a sad indictment against anybody who has professed to be a Christian for a long time. I know people who have been professing Christians for years and years yet, they never get to the place where they are truly walking and living in the spirit. They are carnal and spiritually underdeveloped with only a **form of godliness**, possessing **no power from God** to live a holy life.

Those in this place are disinterested in hearing the truth of their condition, they're not interested in growing and knowing what they need to understand, so that they can be of real use to God and His kingdom.

### **2 Tim 2:20**



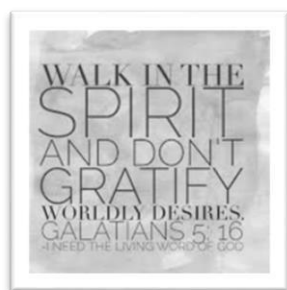
**(2 Tim 2:20-23) But in a great house there are not only vessels of GOLD and SILVER... some for honor and some for dishonor... Therefore if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work ... call on the Lord out of a pure heart... But avoid (what is) foolish and ignorant... (Parenthesis mine).**

God has silver and gold vessels who are out there on the front lines being used HONORABLY for Him. These are vessels of honor have gone through the fire of purification and have

endured many trials and the testing of their faith. And then you've got other vessels, which do not bring honor to God, because they hang on to their carnal will and ways, becoming containers for their garbage.

## WHICH VESSEL ARE YOU??

It is a very sad thing for me, when I see God's people among those who are vessels of dishonor, because my calling from God is to help His people understand—how to become vessels of honor through understanding the true gospel message that results in being delivered and sanctified from all sin, so they can become glorified by God.



We have been promised as God's born again children, to be given power and authority from God as part of our inheritance from Him. However, in order to receive this inheritance we must be fully prepared to receive it. This means we must become healed, whole and holy sanctified vessels, so

God can receive glory from our lives as His children. God will not pour out his Spirit of truth and holiness, which gives us His supernatural ability and authority, upon a dishonorable vessel that is not in their proper place, of being fully prepared to inherit this tremendous inheritance of power from God.

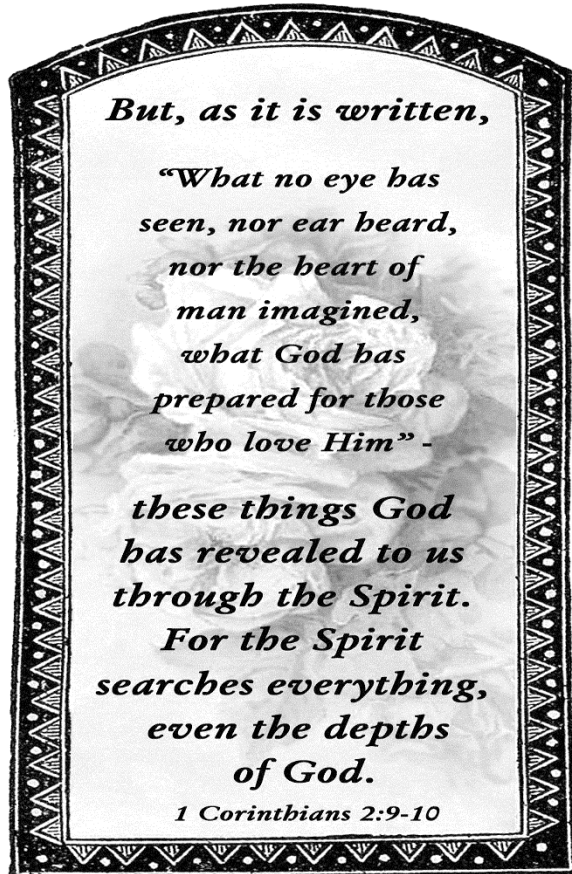
**(Gal 4:1-2) Now I say, that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different than a slave, though he is to be the one in authority over all things... But instead needs to be under teachers and overseers until he is in the proper assigned place from the father. ALT**

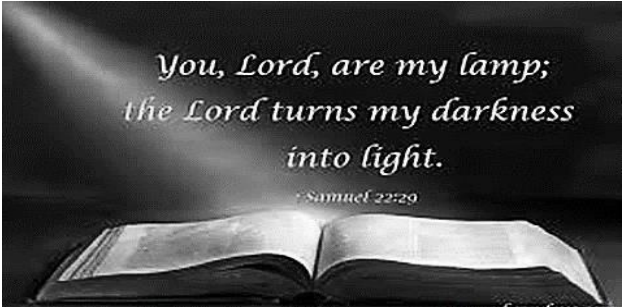
**(Isa 42:1) Behold my servant, whom I uphold; mine elect, in whom my soul delights; I have put**

my spirit upon him: he shall bring forth judgment to the Gentiles (unrepentant).

(Acts 1:8) But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you...

**ARE YOU STILL A SLAVE TO CARNALITY AND SIN OR HAVE YOU BEEN SANCTIFIED AND PREPARED TO INHERIT WHAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM AND ARE CALLED ACCORDING TO HIS PURPOSE?**





Personal Reflection

**10.** Is there “dullness” in my life spiritually, mentally or emotionally?

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**11.** According to the Bible’s definition in (2 Tim 2:20-23) am I vessel of honor or dishonor?

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**12.** Am I in God’s assigned place of wholeness and holiness where I can receive the promised supernatural power and authority from His Holy Spirit?

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## Step #5: Past Feeling

(Eph 4:18-19)

...because of the blindness of their heart ...these are  
**past feeling...**

So far we have seen that *walking in carnality* (step 1), is vanity that leads to having our *imaginations* and to having our *deep thoughts concealed* (step 2). This then leads to *ignorance* concerning our true spiritual condition (step 3) which results in living with *distress, anxiety* and *confusion*.

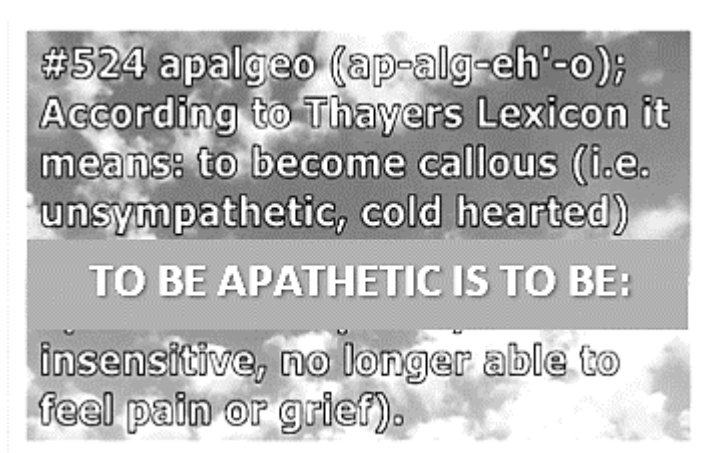


When this is not resolved through earnestly seeking God, resulting in genuine repentance, our heart (meaning our

spirit or conscience and sub-conscious our soul or our mind, will and emotions) become *dull and insensitive* (step 4).

Remaining in this passive and physically, emotionally and spiritually *dull* condition leads to stepping further down onto Satan's spiral into *great darkness*.

**Step #5** involves entering the place of being PAST FEELING FEELING— which is the Greek word...



When our conscience (spirit) is rendered completely *insensitive* and is no longer able to feel remorse for sin or compassion for OTHERS—we have stepped into greater darkness.

Those in this place **DO NOT WANT FEEL PAIN!** This Greek word *apALGeo* - from which we get our English word "*anALGEsic*," (painkiller) is also defined as referring to being *indifferent* to what is shameful or honorable, and it also is defined as being *stubborn*."

Past feeling is then a place of...



... unrepentant idolatry! The Bible tells us in (1 Samuel 15:23) that “...stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry...” Also in this step the enemy has found an open door for the spirit of **apathy** to attach itself to our soul. This is a

very deceptive state for those under the spirit of apathy, because they do not feel concern for what they should be concerned over, and their *emotional gauge* is not registering the emotions of shame or guilt, which are needed in order for them to know they have a sin problem—called **bitterness**.

Those in this place are not aware of the fact that apathy has eliminated their emotional gauge—and has alienated them from the life of God. In other words the light on their candle is about to go out.

**(Rev 3:2-3) Wake up! Strengthen what little remains, for even what is left is almost dead. I find that your actions do not meet the requirements of my God... Go back to what you heard and believed at first; hold to it firmly. Repent and turn to me again. NLT**



In this place a person can no longer discern the thoughts and the imaginations within them. They are deceived into believing, what they are embracing—are their own thoughts and imaginations, but in reality what they are embracing and agreeing with—are actually thoughts and imaginations coming from the demonic counsel within them.



**(Rev 2:4-5) Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love... Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand (God's light) from its place (your spirit) — unless you repent.**

### **Apathy**

- No interest or concern, for important matters
- Indifference... i.e. "Whatever!"
- Lacking emotion or feeling

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## **When Our Light Goes Out**

Our human spirit (or lampstand) is God's instrument that is used for possessing His light (life and truth). When God says He will remove the lampstand from a person—it means He will remove their source for "light" or their spiritual life!



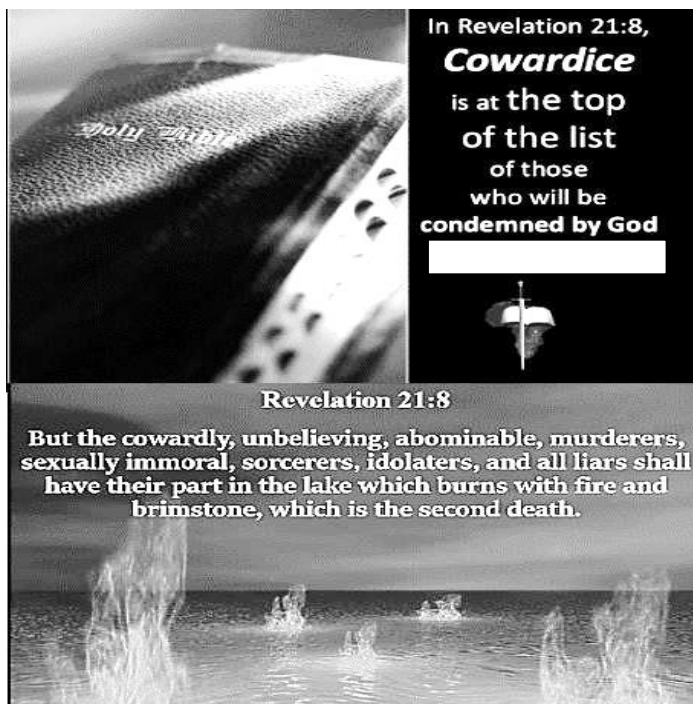
(Job 18:5, 7) "The light of the wicked (i.e. those who are unrepentant and who willingly do embrace what is wrong) indeed goes out, and the flame of his fire does not shine... The steps of his strength are shortened, and his own counsel casts him down.

Had he honestly sought God for the answer to that question, things might have been different for Cain. King David asked that question and he knew God would help him in the midst of His discouragement and distress, because his hope truly was in God...

**(Ps 42:5) Why are you cast down, O my soul?  
And why are you disquieted within me? Hope  
in God, for I shall yet praise Him for help from  
His countenance.**

Our soul (thoughts & emotions) get "cast down" (discouraged and negative) because we have embraced something that is contrary to God's will and ways. When the enemy comes with his accusing, lying doubts and they take root within our mind—insecurity, anger and depression become painful issues.

However, this is a place of darkness and ignorance, in which we deceive ourselves into thinking all is well, because apathy is at work, as a result, there is no concern or **feelings** for these issues, so suppressed anger/bitterness issues go unresolved.



Again, those in this place **DO NOT WANT TO FEEL PAIN!**  
Those who do not want to feel pain for their wrong beliefs,  
thoughts and motives are **COWARDS!**

The cowardly<sup>10</sup> don't want to feel the pain of SHAME from their  
guilt for sin. God created us to feel guilt and condemnation so  
it would lead us to repentance.

Those who allow their pride to keep them from becoming  
honest with God and others (because it is humiliating and  
painful to confess their sin) to those they have hurt and defiled  
by their sin.

Keep in mind it is important to remember that pride also keeps  
apathy intact, so there is no repentance when there is a refusal  
to humble ourselves.

<sup>10</sup> Cowardly (Gr. NT:1169 *deilos* (di-los'); fearful, faithless, timid)

We must stop and ask ourselves this question: *“When was the last time I (or have I ever) really felt painful remorse for my sin – where I openly wept when confessing it to God or those I hurt because of it?”* **Hardness of heart is a deadly place to be in!**

**(James 4:9-10) Be afflicted (pained), and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness... Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.**

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## Humility is painful

I recall an incident that I want to share that may help to illustrate what I have been saying thus far. Not that long ago I had gotten very irritated with a certain person, whose sin, many years previously had deeply hurt me. I had not been around this person very much throughout the years until now, so I had no conscious *feelings* of anger or bitterness towards them at present, and I thought I had truly “forgiven” this person a long time ago for the hurt they had caused me.



However, now that I was spending time with them, I found myself becoming increasingly *irritated* by things they would say and do, so I tried very hard to ignore and to suppress my feelings of irritation. Until one day I blew up and just ...let ‘er rip! Needless to say

this poor person was shocked and offended at my angry response towards them – but I was even more shocked at my ungodly response! Here I thought I had resolved all bitterness and anger issues towards them, but my ungodly

response let me know beyond the shadow of a doubt that I had something still within me, which I was holding against them. After I had manifested a demonic temper, I immediately heard a tirade of demonic accusations about them, along with many immediate arguments that tried to justify why I had every right to respond the way I did!

At this point in my life, knowing all that God has taught me in light of the situation I found myself in, I knew better than to entertain these accusations and lying thoughts by **listening** to the demonic imaginations I was **hearing** (which of course my carnal nature wanted desperately to agree with)!

I was the one who had the problem (not them) and I needed to deal with it (and yes, this person still has many demonic problems of their own) but I knew it was my deeply buried demonic accusations and lies about them that I was harboring.



I had never had these exposed so I could confess them as sin and renounce and cast them down and make the subject to the truth of God's Word. When I sought God about what accusations I had still been agreeing with... it didn't take long for Him to answer me.

So I did what He had long been teaching me to do ... I confessed them as sin, cast them down by *breaking my agreement with them*, and asked the Lord for His forgiveness (which I immediately and joyously received)!





This meant I had to humble myself, confess my sin to this person and ask them to forgive me. Believe me this was not easy for me to do, because I could hear a

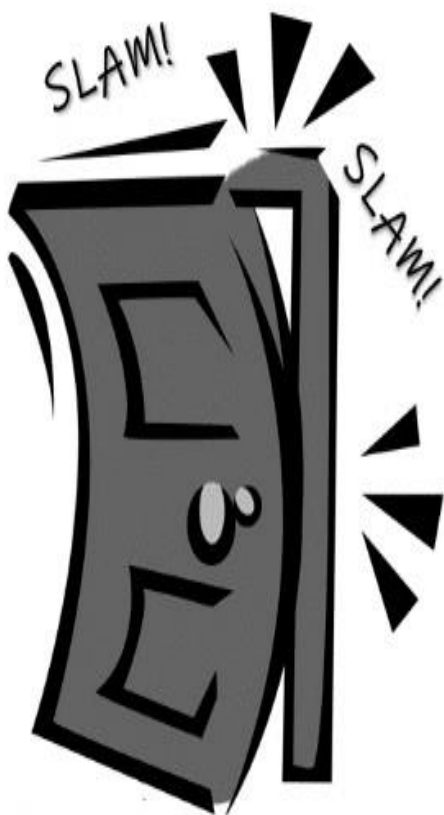
spirit of fear telling me... “What if they laugh in your face or worse yet, lecture you about not controlling your temper?”

At that point however, it didn’t matter, I knew my confession and attempt to receive their forgiveness would honor God my Father, whether they forgave me or not. The fact was I had shamed Him— now I wanted to honor Him by obedience to His Word and will.

Fear lost its grip and as I asked them to forgive me, all of the suppressed, damned up negative buried emotions burst forth in an avalanche of cleansing tears. I wept many bitter tears as they hugged my neck in forgiveness. That moment was so very healing, for both of us.



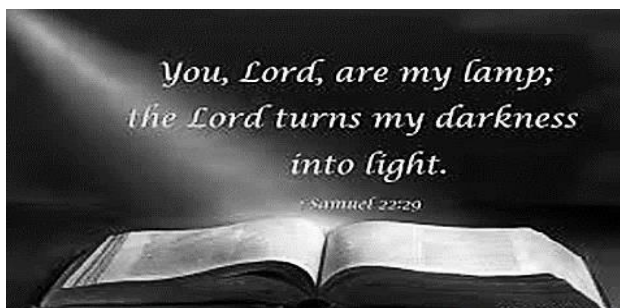
Not only was the anger and resentment in my heart completely gone towards them, but so was the anger and resentment they had towards me because of my ungodly



actions towards them. And best of all ... the demons were gone! There was no more *demonic pressure*, which is exactly what I had been under whenever I was around this person previously! I tell you that open door was truly **slammed shut**! We were both free to begin a whole new relationship, which has grown into something wonderful for both of us. I wanted to share this because far too many professing Christians don't understand the

freeing power of *true repentance*. If we don't see our sin as God sees it... (and we must or) we won't feel the pain of our sin!

When stubbornness and pride keep us worshipping (serving) the justifications and excuses for our ungodly attitudes, actions and reactions, then there will be no TRUE repentance... sadly when this is the case this leads to the next downward step on Satan's spiral into greater darkness.



## Personal Reflection

**13.** Do I feel genuine remorse when I know I have sinned or do I agree with demonic prideful justifications and arguments that give me reasons and excuses for my sin?

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**14.** Do I allow painful feelings of condemnation and guilt for sin I have not confessed or repented of—or do I ignore and refuse to let this pain “bother me?”

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**15.** Do I always confess my sin to myself—God and others when I am aware I have in any way sinned?

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## Step #6: Giving Our Self Over

(Eph 4:19)

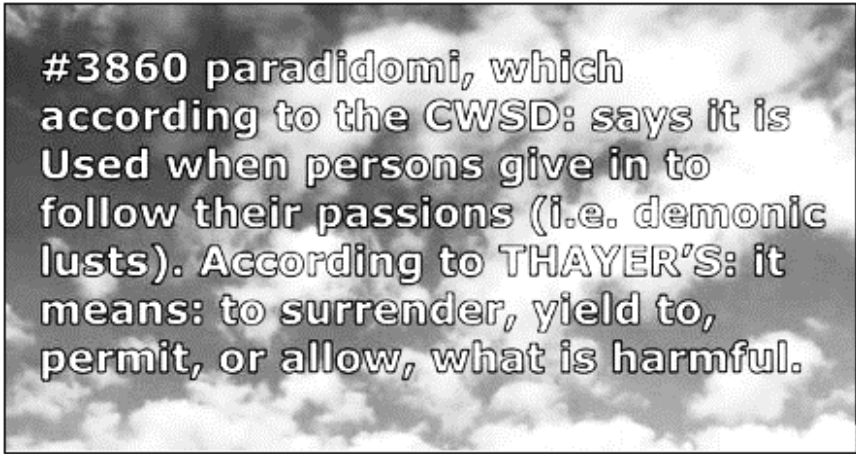
Who ... have given themselves over...

**W**hen we become passive in our anger and do not actively resist the devil and his wiles, this means apathy has invaded our lives and as we have been emphasizing throughout this study, we will no longer care about what God wants, or what is best for those God is concerned about—instead **SUPERIMPOSED** (demonic) desires will become our priority. This leads to **Step #6...** in which **SELF IS GIVEN OVER** to demonic desires.



(James 4:7) **Submit** yourselves therefore to God (bow to His will and ways). **Resist** the devil (don't be passive), **and he will flee from you.**

In the Greek text the phrase GIVEN OVER is the word:



We alone allow what is harmful to come into our mind and life, which means we have surrendered our will to our carnal mind (i.e. demonic lusts from anger/bitterness – as discussed in the (John 8:44) principle previously in this material).

The thoughts and imaginations of devils are a **set up** for capturing our mind so we will ultimately fulfil Satan's evil desires. Once we "**give ourselves over**" to demonic lusts – these evil desires and the works of the flesh increase in their defiling power.

**Escaping Satan's Snare**


- "in humility correcting those who are in opposition, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may know the truth, and that they may come to their senses and **escape** the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to do his will" (2 Tim. 2:25, 26, NKJV)

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**(2 Timothy 2:25, 26) ...those that oppose themselves (by agreeing with demons) ... (have been) snared (literally: set up) by the devil, these are taken captive by him at his will.**

The phrase **OPPOSE THEMSELVES** in the verse above is the Greek word, (Strong's NT:475) *antidiatithemai* (an-tee-dee-ateeth'-em-ahee), literally means: *to bring (self) into a particular frame of mind*. This perfectly describes **HOW** we **GIVE OUR SELF OVER** to the devil. We give ourselves over to the devil *allowing our mind to surrender to, yield to and permit* what is harmful to become our focus. Again, at the sake of sounding redundant—all sin starts in our mind—with demonic thoughts. They are Satan's trap, and once we are trapped... he can take us captive to do his will! Receiving his thoughts is a set up for captivity.

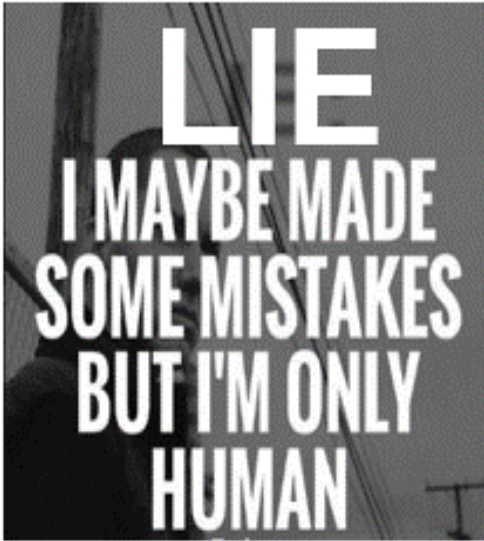
Take heed to yourself, lest at anytime your heart be overcharged with excess, drunkenness and cares of this life. So that day come upon you as a surprise. For as a snare it shall come on all who dwell on the whole Earth. Watch and pray always that you may be accounted worthy to escape all these things and stand before the Lord Jesus.



LUKE 21:34-36

Anytime we give in to Satan's superimposed demonic lusts from our carnal mind we are being set up by the devil to become caught in his trap of bondage. I am so saddened by God's people who take it so lightly when they allow their carnal nature to have its way! Remember, we do have a choice!! We can choose

to walk in the flesh (carnality) or to obey the Holy Spirit. Far too often I hear Christians say things like, "I got into my flesh, and I cursed a little or had a little too much wine or watched an ungodly movie, but... God knows *I'm only human!*" This demonic lie excuses or justifies their sin, simply because they have been deceived into believing they are "only human."

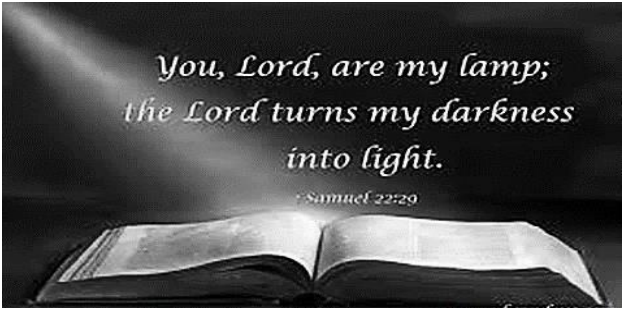


Yes, we have a carnal human sin nature with which we must contend. But if we are born again we also have God's Holy Spirit dwelling in us. This means we have God's **DIVINE NATURE** giving us His desires, which are holy and pure! **We alone must choose just who we are going to serve!**

**(2 Peter 1:4) Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the DIVINE NATURE, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.**

**(1 Kings 18:21) "How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? If the Lord is your God, follow him! But if Baal (Satan) is your God, then follow him!" NLT**

**(Josh 24:15) Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve ... But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."**



**Personal Reflection**

**16.** In what areas of my life do I struggle with submitting to God’s will and ways?

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**17.** What carnal desires do I struggle with or in what ways do I indulge my carnal nature?

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**18.** Do I or have I believed the lie, “I’m only human” as an excuse for my carnal ways?

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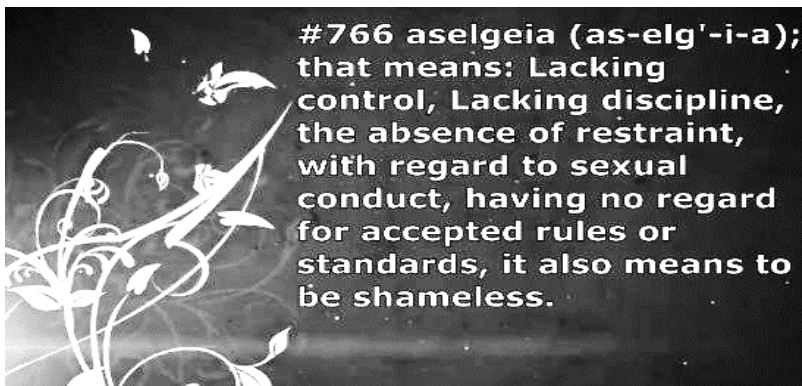


## STEP # 7: Stepping into Lasciviousness

Ephesians 4:19

...have given themselves over unto lasciviousness...

As we have now learned, those taken captive by apathy and passivity **give themselves over to demons** and become *slaves* to the devil. When this is the case those in this place take **step#7** on the spiral into darkness. This step involves living a lifestyle of **LASCIVIOUSNESS**. The Greek word for this is *aselgeia*, which is defined in the following graphic...

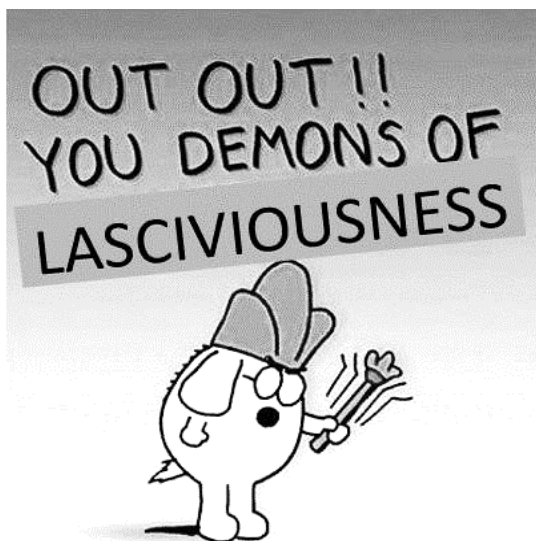


When a person is controlled by *lasciviousness*, this means they are failing to exercise their *free will* and practice self-discipline, because they have become passive and apathetic and no longer are concerned about honoring God. They feel no shame for their sinful acts. While still professing to be a Christian they are yielding to and allowing their carnal thoughts to go unchecked and *unrestrained*.

As stated previously—OUR **THOUGHTS** CREATE FEELINGS AND **DESIRES**.

Jesus described a person who steps into *lasciviousness*, when He said:

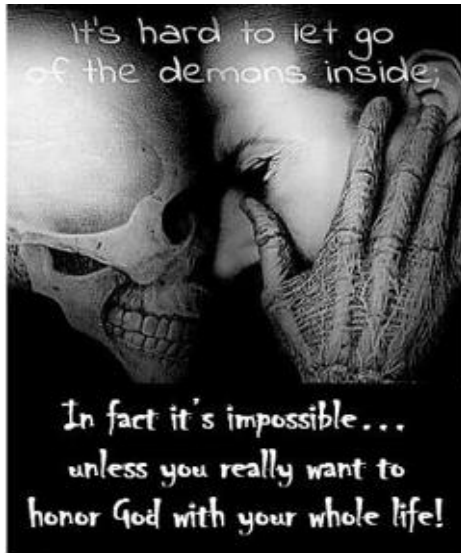
**(Mark 7:21-23) For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, (from demons) adulteries, fornications, murders... thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, an evil eye, blasphemy, (dishonoring God and people) pride, foolishness... All these evil things come from within and defile a man."**  
(Parenthesis mine).



Demonic thoughts then, which are not *restrained* but are instead *entertained*—give place to the sins of *lasciviousness* that DEMONS feed upon.

When a person has chosen to *follow* carnal desires from demons, they have made the decision to give themselves over

to them. Ultimately they lose their sense of SHAME, this is why people many times go headlong into sex, drugs and an out of control rock and roll lifestyle. By this I mean, they have little or no regard for the accepted moral standards or rules of descent behavior. As Jesus said, the evil thoughts of the demons within are defiling them.



The Complete Word Studies Dictionary, states that the Greek word translated as *lasciviousness*, refers to an insatiable desire for pleasure and it also refers to those who are insolent. These are brazen, disrespectful individuals who are truly exhibiting **the characteristics and personalities of the demons that rule their life.**

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## Lascivious and Mind Control

Our modern-day TV sitcoms are filled with people who display this type of *lascivious behavior*—even the pre-school children's programs have demonic cartoons with the sins of lasciviousness being glorified, and especially programs that are geared for pre-teens and teenagers. The demonic insolence and insatiable desire for pleasure that is being



portrayed through the modern media is a demonic brainwashing tool used against our young people.

This type of demonic hype is now seen as “normal” to much of the world today... in fact very little immoral and lascivious behavior is seen as “shocking” to much of our younger generation, rather it is glorified as something to be admired and even emulated! Then we wonder why our children are out of control and going on killing sprees. It is because we are allowing them to have their minds and behavior controlled by the evil powers that rule this world.

Mind control is happening on an alarming scale worldwide and will continue to affect us as long as we and our children are tapping into the current ungodly social medial culture. Mass shootings and bazar behavior will not be abated as long as demons have access to the minds of, not only children, but all humans everywhere.



**As a man thinks...so is he!**

**Pr 23:7**

The number of mass shooting that are reported every year is absolutely staggering and that number is growing each year!<sup>11</sup>

It is impossible to get free of the influence of demons... unless a person is willing to surrender their **WHOLE** life to Jesus Christ and become a sold out servant of God!

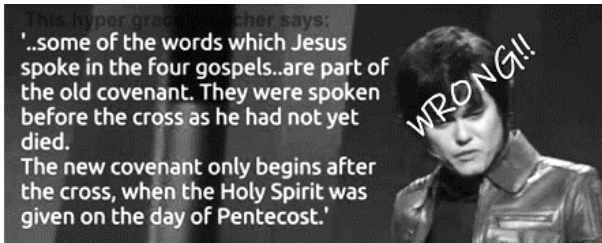
When a person at any time is willing to turn back to God with their **WHOLE HEART** – and leave all darkness behind and come back into the God’s light... He will not only *re-light their candle* with His light of life and truth, but He will also give them a heart that truly *wants* to **KNOW HIM!**

**(Jer 24:7) And I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God: because they shall return to me with their whole heart.**

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## Grace is not a Covering for Sin

There are very popular ministers and ministries that focus on God’s grace. God’s grace is a wonderful reality – however, it is not a message intended for **UNREPENTANT SINNERS!** Those preaching the false “hyper-grace” gospel, do not like the word **LAW**.



They say, “That’s the Old Testament!” Jesus was very clear about obeying God’s **LAW**. However, *without* the preaching of God’s moral law (**THE 10 COMMANDMENTS**) and the

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<sup>11</sup> <https://massshootingtracker.org/data>

horrible punishing consequences for breaking that law There is no conviction for sin that leads to godly sorrow, confession and genuine repentance. Jesus Himself said He *never came to destroy the law* BUT to fulfil it!

Jesus fulfilled all of the Old Testament *ceremonial laws*, which represented His life and ministry. But the fulfilment of those O.T. ceremonial laws did not destroy or do away with the 10 commandments or the moral laws given to Moses.

**(Matt 5:17-19) "Don't misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the Law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose... I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God's law will disappear until its purpose is achieved... So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God's laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven.**



It is true, we cannot get right with God by keeping God's commandments and trying to live a good life. To be right with God only comes by our faith in the sacrifice of Jesus. It is only through believing the true gospel message, which reveals we are ALL law-breakers (sinners) and that we can be pardoned and declared right

with God by our faith in the shed blood of Jesus Christ that cleanses us from all our sin. **WHEN WE humble ourselves** and are willing to bend our knee in submission to God and **TRULY REPENT**, only then are we empowered and enabled by God's grace, to live a holy and godly life.

(Mark 1:14-15) Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of the kingdom of God... And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel. KJV



When you study the topic of grace, you will find that grace gives us the POWER to help us live a life that is victorious over sin.

(Heb 4:16) Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

(John 16: 7-8)

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the help or intervention will not come to you. But if I go, my own self will send it to you. And when this comes into being, this will convict (expose, convince) the world about sin and righteousness (true justice) and judgment. ALT (Alternate Literal Translation)

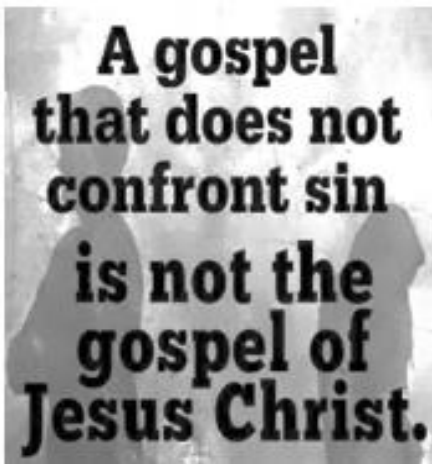
God's grace is His power that we receive from His Holy Spirit, which gives us everything we need to live **obediently to God's laws...** once we decide to turn away from all sin and become a born again blood washed Christian. It then becomes natural for us to desire to be obedient to God's laws, because we have a new godly nature within us. How dare we say we

are no longer under God's laws! Such teaching is an insult to the Spirit of Grace!

**(Heb 10:28-29) Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy... Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has ... insulted the Spirit of grace?**

The Apostle Jude warned us about ministers who would come teaching heresy concerning grace!

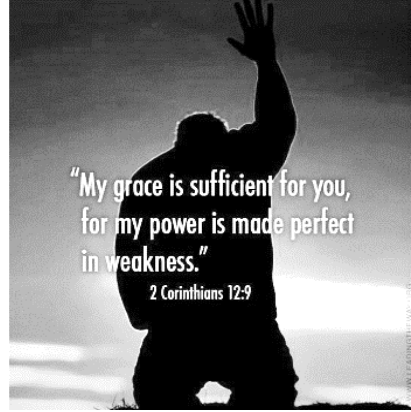
**(Jude 3-4) "...it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints... For there are certain men who creep in unaware (CWSD: entering into churches under false claims), who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ."**



Multitudes are believing false gospels like the *hyper-grace gospel* and many teachers like the above mentioned are turning the grace of God into **lasciviousness**. To preach *we don't need God's law or that the Holy Spirit does not convict us of sin* is a set up



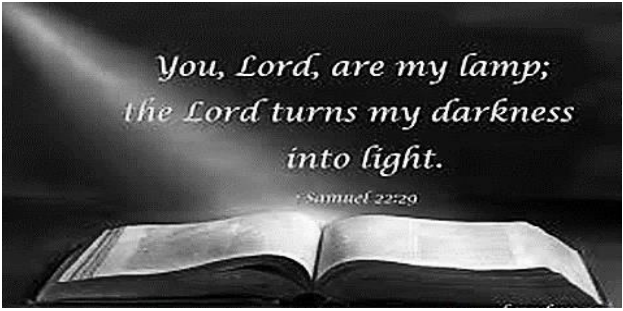
for demonic enslavement, because of not having any regard for God's rules and standard. This is why many professing Christians are living shameless self-centred lives. Due to teachings like this, it has become *taboo* to make a professing Christian, feel *ashamed* for their sin. People are being told to avoid any kind of "legalistic and negative teaching" that talks about sin, the law and repentance.



They are being told not to *feel condemned* for their "*mistakes*," which are no longer called sin... therefore, these *mistakes* or *human weaknesses* are not being repented of. These are doctrines of demons that avoid talking about God's law, sin and repentance!

**(1 Tim 4:1-2) Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons...These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead. NLT**

Those who teach such things or believe such things do not have the Holy Spirit dwelling in them. They are not candidates for repentance (changing their minds about ongoing sin) because they choose to believe the **LIE** that God is merciful and gives grace to sinners who are **UNWILLING** to repentant. Without this, they will continue to go down the spiral of darkness into even greater bondage!



Personal Reflection

19. How much restraint and self-discipline do I really have?

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20. What have I understood to be the meaning of God's grace?

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21. How has lasciviousness affected my life?

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## Step #8: Stepping into Uncleaness

**Ephesians 4:19**

**Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness ...**

**W**hen a person does not get free of lasciviousness as described in the previous step on the spiral into darkness, they will then step further down into **uncleanness**.

It is at this point in the journey into darkness that the demonic thoughts coming from within the heart create desires of demons—that **demand satisfaction** and will be fulfilled through a person's carnal nature.

Again, Jesus made it clear that because of the previous steps that led to *lasciviousness* (i.e., no self-discipline) a person will end up defiled and in **uncleanness**—which is defined as:

**WORK #2039 ergasia (er-gas-ee'-ah) UNCLEANNESS akathartos (ak-ath'-ar-tos)**  
**This means: to practice or perform what is demonic.**

When people have fallen into lasciviousness, they are living undisciplined carnal lives. This means they will practice whatever demonic desires are within them. They become slaves to the demonic.

**(John 8:44) For you are the children (i.e. literally: products) of your father (i.e. literally: your generating source) the devil, and you love to do the evil things he does.**

Overdosing CUTTING Road Rage  
 Sleeping Around REVENGE Suicide Threats  
 MURDER Criminal ACTs BULIMIA  
**OUT-OF-CONTROL**

**SLAVES TO ALL THIS...**  
 ...because many ...have not given up old sins... and have not repented of uncleanness...and eagerness for lustful pleasure. (2 Cor 12:21) NLT

AGGRESSION Anorexia Suicide Attempts  
 Saying Hurtful Things Alcohol LEAVING  
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 Affairs TEMPER TANTRUMS Overshopping

Those in this place are slaves to whatever sins (addictions or bondages) control their lives, because they are alienated from God. In this step they are being ruled by unholy and unclean spirits and are practicing what is demonic and defiling them. They are void of the Holy Spirit because they have quenched Him out of their life through *unrepentant sin*.

Therefore, the sad fact remains those in this place are often deluded and deceived and may even call themselves a Christian and think they know God. But the truth is it's another Gospel, another Jesus and another spirit they are following.

**(Titus 1:15-16) but unto them that are defiled (unclean) and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled. They profess that they know God; but in works they deny him, being abominable, and disobedient, and unto every good work reprobate.**

Many in this state even attend fellowships among true believers...

**(2 Peter 2:10-15, 17-21) ...they that walk after the flesh in the lust for uncleanness ... they are, self-willed... and shall utterly perish in their own corruption... And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceiving's<sup>12</sup> while they feast with you... Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin... they are cursed**

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<sup>12</sup> This phrase can also be translated: "reve12 This phrase can also be translated: "reveling in their own delusions"

**children... Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray... These people are dried-up springs (i.e. no anointing from the Holy Spirit), mere clouds driven by a storm. Gloomy darkness is reserved for them... they themselves are slaves to depravity (i.e. addictions and bondages), For if, after escaping the world's corruptions through a full knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus, the Messiah, they are again entangled and conquered by those corruptions, then their last condition is worse than their former one (than before they knew the truth) ... It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness than to know it and (backslide and) turn their backs on the holy commandment that was committed to them.**

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Please keep in mind that these "9 steps into darkness" are the steps of God's backslidden children. They once had a born again relationship with God, they knew the truth and the will and ways of God but they walked away from following God's will and ways and became "cursed" and disobedient sons (children of God). Those in this place cannot cease from sin!

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## Demonic Children of God?



Again, we are talking about the "children of God" who have died spiritually because they have "given themselves over to listening to and yielding to demons which ultimately results in their being ruled by them.

At this point I would like to go back to the word **UNCLEAN**... which is the Greek word *akathartos* (akath'-ar-tos), which was discussed at the beginning of this chapter. According to the Strong's Dictionary this is a compound word, consisting of the words: a (meaning not or no) and *kathairo* (kath-ah'-ee-ro) (meaning cleansed), together these two words mean not cleansed. This word is also translated as **DEMONIC**.

When a person initially makes the decision to repent of their life of sin and makes a decision to believe and put their faith in the death, shed blood, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ as the Son of God, they will be forgiven of all PAST sin at that point. This means they have truly become a born again child of God with a new spiritual nature... BUT they still need to be **CLEANSED** (sanctified and separated) from demonic influences and that created defiling thoughts and desires.

I believe it is important at this juncture to mention the fact that being sanctified and made whole is NOT possible without the indwelling presence of the Spirit of Christ.

**(Rom 8:8-10) So then they that are in (lit: in agreement with) the flesh (carnal nature) cannot please God... But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of his... And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of (lit: to) sin; but the Spirit is life because of (lit: to) righteousness.**

Again many people come to God in repentance (changing their mind about practicing sin) and even come to faith (belief) in Jesus Christ as God who sacrificed His life so we could be cleansed from our sin, however, they don't do what it takes to obtain the indwelling presence of the spirit of Christ

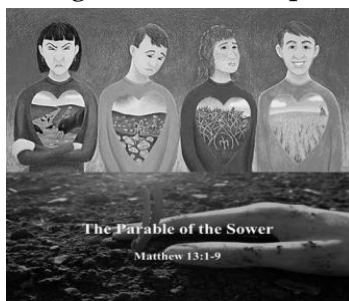
which requires being BAPTIZED in water (and truly understanding and having faith in its power that this puts to death the power of their carnal sin nature)<sup>13</sup>

**(Acts 2:38-39) Then Peter said unto them, REPENT, and BE BAPTIZED every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.<sup>14</sup> (Emphasis mine)**

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## Parable of the Sower

The defilement from past sin is what gives empowers demons and gives them the place or the license to do their thing in a



person's life. Sin and the defilement that needs cleansing is the thing that influences born again people in this place, to continue practicing their familiar demonic carnal desires. In other words, their ground (heart) is not good (cleansed) ground as mentioned in the parable of the

Sower. When we repent of all KNOWN sin when first coming to Christ... God does most certainly does forgive us (pardons us)... of ALL sin, but there is still is a cleansing process called sanctification that must also take place in our heart. This is how we become God's HOLY SAINTS.

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<sup>13</sup> For a Biblical study on power of water baptism, see (Pgs. 48-55) in the book. GOT A LIFE? It's a Gift from God, to request a FREE copy go to: [extendedlifeCTM.org](http://extendedlifeCTM.org) or email Karen at: [extended\\_life@hotmail.com](mailto:extended_life@hotmail.com)

<sup>14</sup>See (Ps 68:19 and (Jn 15:5-7 and 1 Jn 2:24)



**(1 John 1:9) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

This cleansing is what emphasized this study. Many get forgiven but not cleansed and there needs to be cleansing from all that's not right – which does include all ungodly thoughts in the form of ungodly accusations, lies or doubts that we have received from others, from this world and from demons.

As in the parable of the Sower, defiled people have thorny ground (sinful carnal desires) and rocky ground (sinful defiling mindsets that cause offenses), or very hard ground (prideful unrepentant hearts) which hinders their ability to receive or retain God's Word (seed) in their heart.

### **The Parable of the Sower**

**The Seed is the Word of God**



The Path



The Rocky Soil



The Weedy Soil



The Good Soil

**What type of Soil are You?**

**Is God Growing in Your Heart?**

GOOD GROUND is a heart that has been cleansed and is continually being cultivated (cleansed from what is unwanted) in order to prevent the heart (or spiritual ground) from becoming thorny, rocky or hard so there is no fruitful spiritual life.

That is why in this study the emphasis has been on carnality (rocky) and bitterness (thorny) issues. If these things are not cleansed from the hearts of those who hear the true gospel preached, they will become one of those people who start out understanding, receiving and even loving the truth... but eventually backslide to the place where they end up among the VERY ELECT WHO are DECEIVED in these end times.

**(Eph 5:5-7) For this you know, that no fornicator (to be involved in illicit intercourse<sup>15</sup> is) an unclean (uncleansed) person... having no inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God... Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of ... disobedience... Therefore, do not be partakers with them.**

We are told to cleanse ourselves of everything that defiles our physical and emotional being. When we do not, we will not walk free of sin...



**(2 Cor 7:1) ...let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh (our carnal or physical - emotional being) and spirit (conscience - subconscious mind), perfecting holiness**

**in the fear of God.**<sup>16</sup> The Bible says, those who have willfully separated themselves from God are not seeking God for his cleansing, also they do not like to be around those who do preach and practice sanctification cleansing and holiness which is. In fact those who are cleansed (holy or sanctified) often get accused of being “holier than thou” — by those who are defiled and feel convicted and ashamed or guilty when in the presence of a truly holy saint of God.

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<sup>15</sup> Intercourse is not just a SEXUAL act but also the act of communication—such as with demons.

<sup>16</sup> For a comprehensive study on the subjects of healing and deliverance that brings cleansing from defiling issues request a FREE copy of the THREEFOLD CORD HEALING AND DELIVERANCE MANUAL.

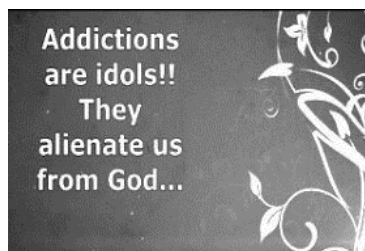


This is because the presence of God's light in the life of a true saint who is cleansed and sanctified (set apart for God) is shining upon the darkness and sin within the defiled person. All a true sanctified saint of God needs to do, is simply be in the presence of a defiled person to evoke a "holier than thou" accusation from the demons that rule their life.

This is why defiled or unclean people avoid God's holy saints, or cry out in torment as the demons did when they were in the presence of Jesus!

**(Prov 18:1-3) HE WHO willfully separates and estranges himself from God and man (i.e. the true saints) seeks his own desire and pretext (i.e. false reasons) to break out against all wise and sound judgment (i.e. from God and His holy saints)... A self-confident fool has no delight in understanding but only in revealing his personal opinions and himself... When the wicked (unclean) comes into the depth of evil (deepest evil), he becomes a contemptuous despiser of all that is pure and good, and with this inner baseness comes outer shame and reproach. AMP**

Thus, professing Christians who have stepped into uncleanness really have no desire at this point to understand their defiling issues. I have found this to be the case more often than not, in my counselling ministry when I am dealing with God's defiled (backslidden) people.

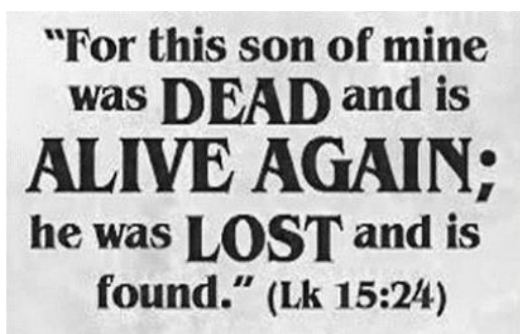


The Bible accurately describes how their own desires, personal opinions and self-interests take precedence over wise and sound counsel (i.e. God's judgments) that need to be given to them and received by them. Until they allow

their ground (heart) to be cultivated (of all rocks and thorns needing to be exposed and cleared out) in order to produce good ground (pure hearts)... they will remain slaves to their sinful carnal addictions.

In this place they can only rely on their will power to try and overcome their bondages. However, they soon find this is a losing battle. It takes the power of God to deal with the demonic thoughts that are feeding their addictions, which are empowering their demons and keeping them active.

When a person has been alienated from the life of God they do not have the Holy Spirit's power to reveal these things to them, so they cannot overcome their bondage to sin. The fact remains that they are in darkness and are now a spiritually dead prodigal child of their heavenly Father.



Unless those in this place truly repent, as in the case of the spiritually dead prodigal son, prodigals are destined to be condemned to hell right along with all who have rejected the true and living God, and His will and ways.

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## The Blood of Jesus Does Not Cover Willful Sin

Following is what I believe to be one of the scariest texts in the Bible! I say this because it tells us: there is no hope for



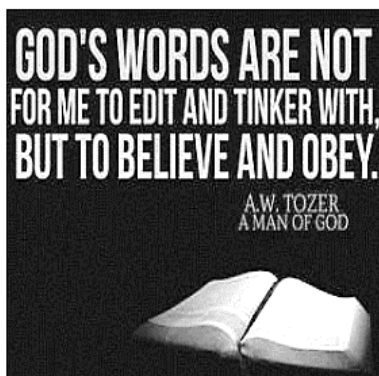
salvation—for those who profess to be Christians and who **WILFULLY SIN** ... for them there is only the awful and fearful expectation of the judgment awaiting them:

**(Heb 10:26-30) For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins... ONLY a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries... Anyone who has rejected Moses' law (i.e. the moral law of the 10 commandments) dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses... Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy of, who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counting the blood of the covenant by which he is sanctified, as a common thing, and insulting<sup>17</sup> the Spirit of grace?...For we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. And again, "The Lord will judge His people."**

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<sup>17</sup> **INSULTING**: Strong's #1796 *enubrizo* (en-oo-brid'-zo) KJV (do despite to) or to scorn, mock, disrespect or offend God's Spirit of grace.

Well, again I say, so much for the false hyper-grace preachers who tell us God's Holy ten commandments have been done away with, or those who teach we are not going to be judged according to the law because we are not under the "law" of God!



These false preachers are as I stated earlier **"insulting"** the true Spirit of Grace! Those teaching these things are willfully sinning because they are fully aware of what the Word of God says, but they intentionally, ignore, twist, add to or take away from the Word... in order to promote their own ungodly demonic doctrines

that keep people from feeling condemned and dealing with their sin issues. We cannot add to or take away from What the Bible says. For it is God's prophetic words (that which God has spoken) as recorded in "the book."

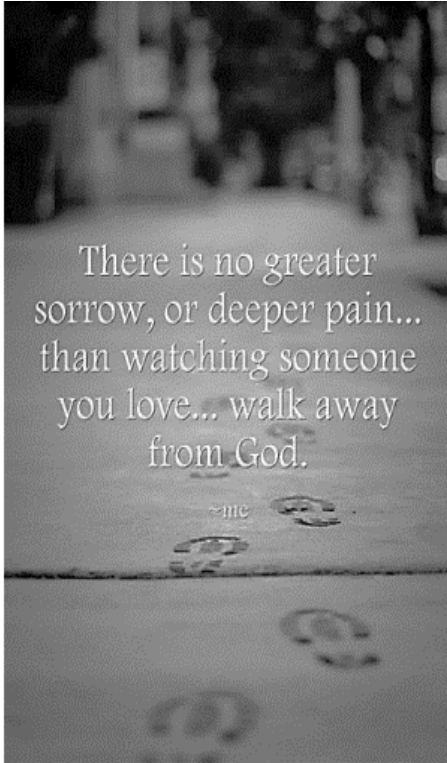
**(Rev 22:18-19) And I solemnly declare to everyone who hears the words of prophecy written in this book: If anyone adds anything to what is written here, God will add to that person the plagues described in this book... And if anyone removes any of the words from this book of prophecy, God will remove that person's share in the tree of life and in the holy city that are described in this book.**

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## Is it IMPOSSIBLE for Backsliders to be Renewed?

At this point I am going to digress a little to expound upon something that needs to be made clear from scripture regarding backsliders, who are alienated from the life of God.

Because I did not clearly understand what I'm about to share from God's Word, the result was for many years I wrongly believed it was *impossible for backsliders to be spiritually restored*, because of the text in (Hebrews 10:26-30).



I had backslidden loved ones whom I dearly loved, grieved over, who were willfully living in sin and because of this, I wrongly believed they were *eternally* lost because it would be impossible for them to ever be restored. I believed *they could not be renewed or restored by repenting* – because of what I believed the text in (Hebrews 10:26-30) states, ***“For if we sin willfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remained a sacrifice for sins... ONLY a certain***

***fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries...”***

For many years I sought the Lord for a clearer understanding on this portion of Scripture in (Hebrews 10:26-30). Even though it seemed to be saying It was hopeless to repent, I knew in my spirit I must not have been understanding this correctly.

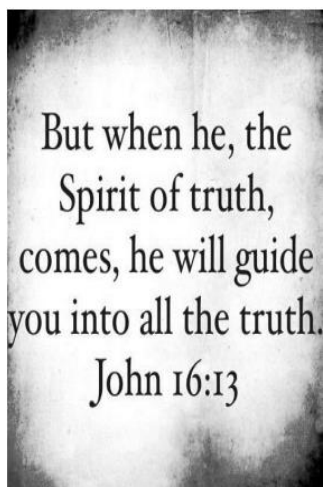
It wasn't until I took the time *dig deeper* into the Word to allow God's Holy Spirit – who is our teacher – to give me a correct

understanding of the passage that I now find is not accurately translated, as it reads in most English translations.

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I won't go into that subject at this point but suffice it to say— if you really want to understand more clearly God's Word—do some digging and studying.

It is so important to research for yourself and allow the Holy Spirit to lead you into all truth. That is exactly what He has done for me with the following passage that I will unpack.

This is another portion of Scripture that I was also not correctly understanding (as are many other preachers and teachers as well)!



I now want to take a closer look at the passage I am referring to, which is ...

**(Heb 6:4-6) For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost... And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come... If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.**

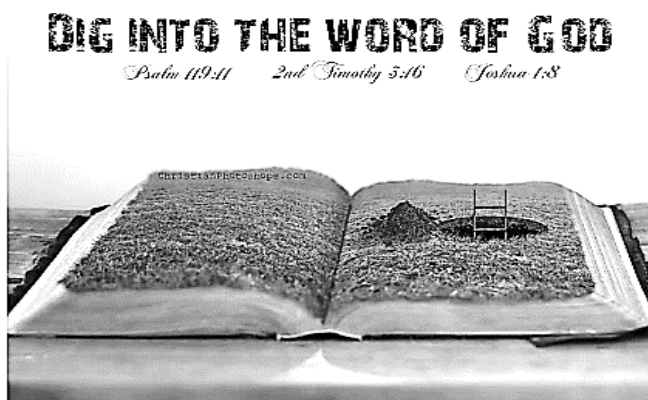
A superficial reading of the above text had me believing for years that for anyone who once had experienced salvation, by becoming a partaker of the Holy Spirit—and who then backslid, would find it to be IMPOSSIBLE to be renewed or restored.



This text as it is translated in most English Bibles, was saying that because the backslider had experienced of how good God's Word was and came to understand about the end time powers of the world that were going to come... that if they at some point fell away and became a backslider it would be IMPOSSIBLE to renew or restore them by repentance.

The reason was because they would be re-crucifying the Son of God (meaning Jesus Christ) afresh (all over again), and be putting Him to open shame.

This then is what I understood, because this is how it read in my King James Bible and it was how I always heard it taught and preached.



Knowing that the Bible was not written in English, God gave me an insatiable desire to find the original meanings to the words I was reading in my Bible early on as a Christian. Because of this I became a digger of the Word and began to see the awesome depth of understanding that layers of truth to be found below the surface of my superficial Bible reading.

However, after I very carefully and prayerfully took a closer look at this text in the original Greek, the first word that the Holy Spirit drew my attention to the KEY word IMPOSSIBLE

in (Hebrews 6:4). Now I am sure that you do understand this word to mean... if something is impossible it is not able to happen.



However, when I saw the Greek word that was translated *impossible* I was shocked! Because the Greek word translated impossible turned

out to be a compound word of which one word in this compound word is a derivative of a Greek word that many Bible students are very familiar with. Following is the etymology for the compound (i.e. two words that make up the one) for the Greek word that is translated as IMPOSSIBLE. It is the Greek word:

Strong's NT: #102 *a-dunatos* (ad-oo'-nat-os); a compound word from Strong's NT: #1 (the negative particle a: meaning: no) and NT: a derivative of NT: #1411 *dunamis* (doo'-nam-is)... meaning supernatural ability or power from the Holy Spirit as used in ...

**(Acts 1:8) But you shall receive power (*dunamis*), after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you...**

The etymological definitions then, for this Greek word translated as *impossible* not only means something is not able to happen, but it also defines WHY it is not able to happen or why it is impossible. WHY? Because there is *NO supernatural ability* and power from the Holy Spirit available to backslider.

When we willfully sin we QUENCH the Holy Spirit (put Him out) so there is no "dunamis" power available FOR RENEWAL.



Understanding this more fully, got me curious about what a more extended understanding of the Greek definitions for what the rest of this text might reveal. Rather than give you the exhaustive etymological word search I did for every word in the text, I will simply quote the KJV of each verse and in the text beneath each verse I will give the of the Alternate Literal Translation (ALT) version (with my comments inserted in parenthesis), from the etymological word study that I did do...

### A More Literal Look at (Heb 6:4-8)

(NOTE: That which is in parenthesis is my added commentary for contextual clarification and is not found in the original word definitions).

It states in... (Heb 6:4) *For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost ... KJV*

The Alternate Literal Translation (ALT) reads: **Because there is no (possibility of) dunamis power (i.e. for they have quenched the Holy Spirit by backsliding) for those who were once given the light of God (i.e. truth/life on their candle/spirit) and came to understand and experience the gift from Heaven (spiritual birth) that generated companionship with the Holy Spirit...**

(Heb 6:5) *And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come, KJV*

The Alternate Literal Translation (ALT) reads: ... **also the praiseworthy experience of God's (rhema) word... and also (experiencing)**

**supernatural powers (from demons) which is to be expected... from the world. ALT**

*(Heb 6:6) If they shall fall away, [to] renew them again unto/by repentance; [seeing they] crucify [afresh to] themselves<sup>18</sup> (the/this)<sup>19</sup> son of God and/also put him to an open shame (an alternate translation of this phrase is: “are made a public example” i.e., of what is explained in the following verse 7). KJV [words in [brackets] are not found in the Greek text they have been inserted by the translators].*

The Alternate Literal Translation (ALT) reads ...  
**So if there is a falling away or straying in abandonment** (i.e. of God... because of the supernatural powers from the world)... **there is no “dunamis power” to again be renewed...** (there must) **again be a re-crucifixion by this son (child) of God** (i.e. this prodigal child of God)... **who himself is openly and publicly an example** (of what is described in the following verse 7: as one who *is: dressed, and receives a blessing from God*) ... **ALT**

*(Heb 6:7) For the earth (what is earthly or natural i.e., carnal man) which drinks in the rain (anointed truth) that cometh oft upon it, and brings forth herbs (spiritual [healing] food) meet (useful) for them by whom it is dressed, (literally meaning to cultivate: to dig, to work and to develop) receives blessing from God: KJV*

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<sup>18</sup> STRONG'S NT:1438 **heautou** (heh-ow-too') KJV translates as: alone, her (own, - self), (he) himself, his (own), itself, one (to) another, our (thine) (**own -selves**), that she had, their (own, own selves), (of) **them -selves**), they, thyself, you, your (own, own conceits, own selves, -selves).CWSD: neut. 3 d person sing. or pl. reflexive pron. Of himself, herself, or itself. SOURCE: (from The Complete Word Study Dictionary: New Testament © 1992 by AMG International, Inc. Revised Edition, 1993)

<sup>19</sup> NT:3588 **ho** (ho); Can also be translated as “**THIS**” son (child) of God afresh and put “**HIMSELF**” or “**themselves**” to an open shame.”

The *Alternate Literal Translation* (ALT) is referring to the person who backslides and is willing to re crucify himself by dealing with the briars and thorns (as mentioned in the parable of the Sower) and cultivate his heart of all that is defiling or hindering them from having "good ground" (a pure heart) in order to be a child of God who is fruitful and blessed by His word sown in their (cultivated) sanctified heart.

(Heb 6:8) *But that which bears thorns and briars (i.e. referring to a defiled or unsanctified backslidden heart) is rejected, and is nigh unto cursing; whose end is to be burned. KJV*



The *Alternate Literal Translation* (ALT) reads ... **But those who bear thorns and briars are being rejected by God. They also are without understanding & discernment... not being approved of, having a reprobate (demonic) mind and are cursed children. whose end is to be burned...** (i.e. there is help if they will become humble and repent... but there will be burning (judgment) in the lake of fire and brimstone if they don't humble themselves and seek God).<sup>20</sup>

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<sup>20</sup> Hell and the Lake of Fire and Brimstone is another topic that has been sorely missed taught because of popular commentaries and scholars who do not delve into the original Greek and Hebrew scriptures to get an accurate understanding of this topic. An in depth study on the topics of Hell and the Lake of Fire is covered in detail in my FREE book: *Humanity's Journey into Ultimate Victory*, (see details at the end of this book).

What most teach on this text from (Heb 6:4-8) is the only understanding that I had for most of my Christian life, until I dug in and did my original word studies and was finally shown the truth by God's Holy Spirit. I have yet to find a commentary that gives any explanation of these verses based upon the literal Greek texts. Every commentary has Christ as being "re-crucified" and not the backslider. The Greek grammatical usage of the verbs and pronouns in the text all point to the backslider and not to Jesus Christ as being re-crucified.

Also the phrase found in (Heb 6:6) in most English translations that says: "put him (Christ) to an open shame" is one Greek word: NT:3856 *paradeigmatizo* (par-ad-ig-ue-mat-id'-zo); and can also be translated as: "are made a public example."

Thus, as explained above, this Greek word *paradeigmatizo* is being used in reference to a backslider becoming a public example of cultivating bad ground into good ground and ending up being blessed by God. As I stated in the Preface of this book, that there are many aspects or layers of truth (manifold wisdom) to be found in the original words of Scripture texts.

Keep in mind, the CONTEXT for (Heb chapter 6) is all about believers in Christ not laying the foundation of repentance repeatedly in their life (because of backsliding) but instead going on to being PERFECTED or matured (by cultivated or sanctified hearts).

**(Heb 6:1) Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again (lit: repeatedly) the foundation of (lit: by) repentance from dead(ly) works, but of faith toward God. ALT**



Also, within the context of this chapter the law of “double reference” is found when it comes to the meanings of the phrase “**son of God.**” Jesus Christ in the New Testament is course referred to as “**The Son of God**” (the first born among many **sons** (children) **of God** (Rom 8:29).

The sinful backsliding son (child) who has no HOLY SPIRIT *dunamis* power because he has quenched the Holy Spirit through willful sin to be *renewed* ...by being “*crucified afresh*”<sup>21</sup> and being made an example of.<sup>22</sup>

The KJV translation asserts the son of God, Jesus is being **re-crucified**... or representing being publicly shamed, which indeed, Jesus as God’s son (child) is openly (publicly) shamed when a professing Christian backslides into sin.

The **CWSD**: states: “*The backslider is bringing shame upon the sacrificial death of Christ for those who openly professed to have grounded their repentance and faith upon His death by their public baptism. Thus their sinful behavior, is openly declaring the sacrificial death of Christ to be ineffective, because it did not result in their salvation from sin.*”

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<sup>21</sup> **THEY CRUCIFY AFRESH** This whole phrase is the Greek word NT:388 **anastauroo** (an-as-tow-ro'-o); and means to figuratively "RE-CRUCIFY."

<sup>22</sup> **TO PUT TO AN OPEN SHAME** NT:3856 **paradeigmatizo** (par-ad-igue-mat-id'-zo); a compound word from NT:3844 para (par-ah'); a primary preposition; Thayer's Greek Lexicon: para indicates that something is or is done openly (CWSD: publicly) either in the immediate vicinity; in the presence of, and NT:1165; **deigmatizo** (digh-mat-id'-zo); Thayers: to make an example of, to show as an example. (from Thayer's Greek Lexicon, Electronic Database. Copyright © 2000, 2003, 2006 by Biblesoft, Inc. All rights reserved.)



Publicly being baptized is a public testimony of being raised from spiritual death into a new spiritual Christ-like life by living a crucified life from sin. If backsliding into sin occurs, they do need to be *re-crucified* (come publicly re-baptized) because of falling into sin.

Jesus was referring to this when He told those who had fallen into a backslidden condition, to again “do their first works”:

**(Rev 2:4-5) 4 But I have (this) against thee, that you did leave your first love. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I come to you, and will move your candlestick out of its place, unless you repent. ASV**

As mentioned previously, being water baptized (repeatedly) when one falls or backslides is one of the “first works” that must follow “repentance” if the backslider is to be “renewed.”

Many who turn back to God in repentance after backsliding do not get re-baptized in water (i.e. putting their flesh to death – again and rendering it powerless, by receiving the dunamis power from the indwelling Spirit of Christ), so they can be renewed. **Water baptism is included in the “fruits of repentance” that prove we have really repented!** This means choosing to die to sin. When we are water baptized we are crucifying our carnal nature...<sup>23</sup>

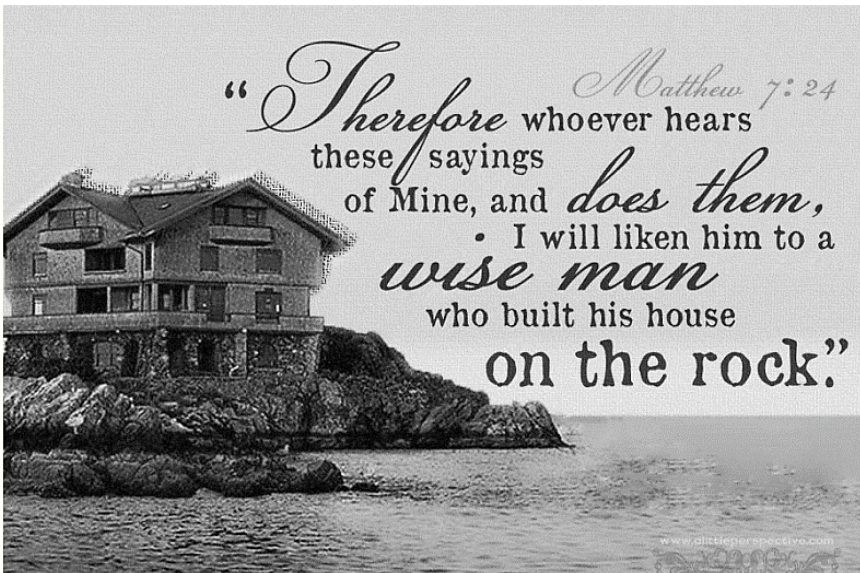


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<sup>23</sup> For a detailed study on the subject of baptisms and other foundational teachings for the Christian life request a FREE copy of the book, “**Got a Life? It’s a Gift from God**” by contacting us at [www.extended\\_life@hotmail.com](mailto:www.extended_life@hotmail.com) or visit our web page and contact us at [www.extendedlifeCTM.org](http://www.extendedlifeCTM.org)

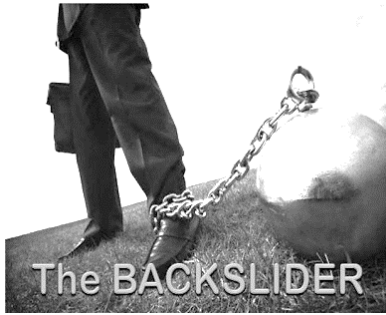
**(Rom 6:3-6)... when we are joined with Christ Jesus in (water) baptism... we are buried with Him through baptism into death... and our old man (carnal nature) is crucified... (Parenthesis mine for clarity).**

People who don't do the "first works" over may be very sincere about wanting to follow God, but find they have no power for renewal to overcome their carnal sin nature, when they do not follow what the Word teaches.



How many professing Christians really do their first works over again after they return to God and "repent" for backsliding?

Then again, how many really understand what it truly means to REPENT and that they do need to get re-baptized in water in order to receive the Holy Spirit's continual indwelling dunamis power once again if in fact, it was ever really part of their "Christian foundational works" in their beginning!

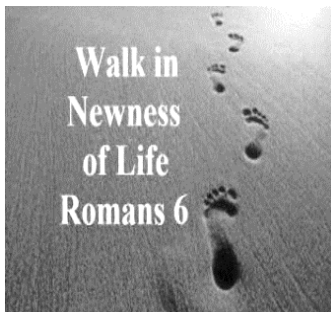


In this age of modern Christianity it is common for sins of the flesh to be excused, justified or blamed on the fact that we are just “human.” This is due to the sad truth that a majority of the churches today are not teaching professing

Christians how to have a solid Bible based Christian foundation laid that is built solely upon the Word (Jesus the Rock), so when the “winds blow” (i.e. demonic influences hit them)... but still being in bondage to their carnal sin nature, they fall back into sin.

Continuing on with our text in (Hebrews 6:4-6), The Complete Word Study Dictionary continues with this commentary:

*“... even if those who were once enlightened, having tasted of the heavenly gift (i.e., of being born again), the good word (rhema) of God, and the powers from the world (Literally meaning that dunamis power of this present age) also from the Holy Spirit, if they should fall away, it is impossible (literally: there is no dunamis power) for them to have a qualitatively renewing kind of repentance for they have no Holy Spirit dunamis power.”(underlining is my emphasis).*



This CWSD commentary confirmed to me what I was seeing in the ALT extended version I shared from this text. When followers of Jesus Christ have not received the (dunamis supernatural) power from the Holy Spirit, they have no power to deal with demonic dunamis power in the

world (such as demonic accusations, lies & doubts).

Repentance that brings renewal is a supernatural dunamis work of the Holy Spirit who is abiding upon our lives, if we have been baptized with the His power. Our minds cannot be renewed by the truth... without this. This is why being baptized with the Holy Spirit by having the Holy Spirit “come upon us” or “mantle us with dunamis power” is essential if we are to have the ability to walk in newness of life.

**(Rom 6:4) ...even so we also should walk in newness of life.**

Newness of life only happens by being cleansed and staying cleansed (sanctified) from all sin.

Many people who are believers in Jesus Christ try to follow Him as their Lord, but are not dead to sin, cleansed and empowered by God’s Holy Spirit, thus they become a backslider on the spiral into darkness.

Yes, it is possible to become a believer in Jesus Christ and yet not have received the dunamis power to live free from sin. This was the case with some “believers in Jesus” that the Apostle Paul encountered while traveling through Ephesus...

**(Acts 19:1-6) Paul ... came to Ephesus...finding some disciples (of Jesus) ... and said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" So they said to him, "We have not so much as heard whether there is a Holy Spirit." ...And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they (\*were filled with supernatural dunamis power as promised in Acts 1:8) And spoke with tongues and prophesied (as a promised “sign” of receiving the Holy Spirit’s miraculous dunamis power).**

## Backsliders have Something “NIGH” to Them

There is an important point in (Hebrews 6:8) I want to make concerning the literal word order in this Greek text...

**(Hebrews 6:8) but if it** (i.e., the heart of a child of God) **bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and nigh unto cursing, whose end is to be burned** (more literally: brought to completion by burning). This verse is talking about the “**ground**” (the heart of a backslider) that brings forth thorns making them rejected and cursed and they are slated for burning... but it also states that for them there is something “**nigh**” them (Greek: #1451 *eggus* (eng-goos')).

According to the Complete Word Studies Dictionary, this word *eggus* literally means: “there stands anxiously near and close at hand ... and is ready (for this one whose end is to experience burning).” The Bible tells us that our God is a *consuming fire* and this is a reference to his judgment upon DESTROYING sin in the lives of “ALL” people.

**1 Timothy 4:10-11 ...the living God, who is the Savior of ALL men, especially of those who believe. These things command and teach.**  
NKJV

The Bible also calls the Holy Spirit our helper. He is also standing by ready to “**HELP**” ALL who will humble themselves and call upon God for help:

**(Psalms 107:11-13) Because they rebelled against the words of God, and contemned the counsel of the most High ...Therefore he brought down their heart with labour; they**

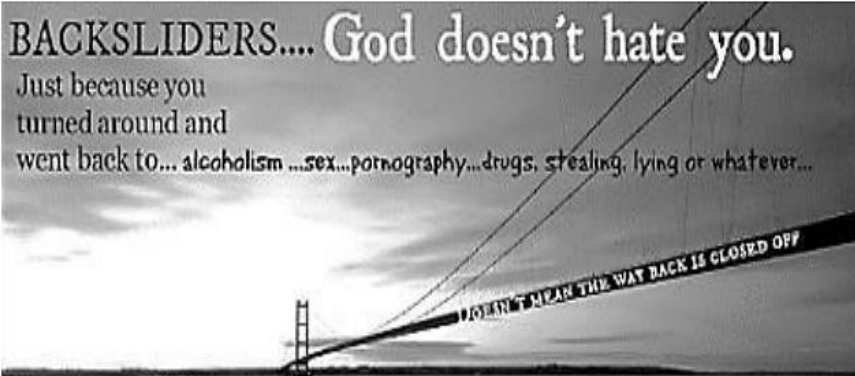
**fell down, and there was none to help... Then they cried unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saved them out of their distresses.**

**(John 14:16-17) And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever... for He dwells with you and will be in you – the Spirit of truth...**

This word *eggus* tells us God wants to help the backslider, if the backslidden prodigal sons of God, will just humble themselves and willingly crucify their carnal nature by falling in repentance before God and confess their sin (confession crucifies our carnality, creating a new heart, as was prophesied by the prophet Ezekiel...

**(Ezek 36:26-28) And I will give you a new heart, and I will put a new spirit within you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart... And I will put my Spirit in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to obey my regulations... "And you will live... NLT**

**(Psalms 107:15-20) 15 Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! 16 For he hath broken the gates of brass, and cut the bars of iron in sunder. 17 Fools because of their transgression, and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. 18 Their soul abhors all manner of meat; and they draw near unto the gates of death. 19 Then they cry unto the Lord in their trouble, and he saves them out of their distresses. 20 He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.**



**BACKSLIDERS.... God doesn't hate you.**  
Just because you  
turned around and  
went back to... alcoholism ...sex...pornography...drugs, stealing, lying or whatever...

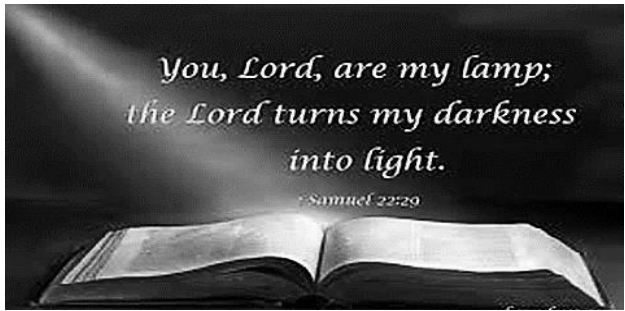
**BUT you MUST BE HONEST!** He who says he has no sin is a liar. 1 John 1:8

**-R E P E N T-**

Look how far you have fallen! do the works you did at first. If you don't  
repent, I will come and remove your lampstand. (Rev 2:5)

There is still time...but **NOW** is all you're guaranteed!

God hates your sin . . .  
but he does not hate  
you!!  
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Personal Reflection

22. Do I have any ungodly or carnal desires that seem to demand satisfaction?

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23. Do I have sins (anything contrary to God’s will, Word or ways) that I am knowingly or willingly practicing?

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24. God intends for all Christians to have His “dunamis” (supernatural) power upon their life, so what proof do I possess that I have the Holy Spirit’s “dunamis” power?



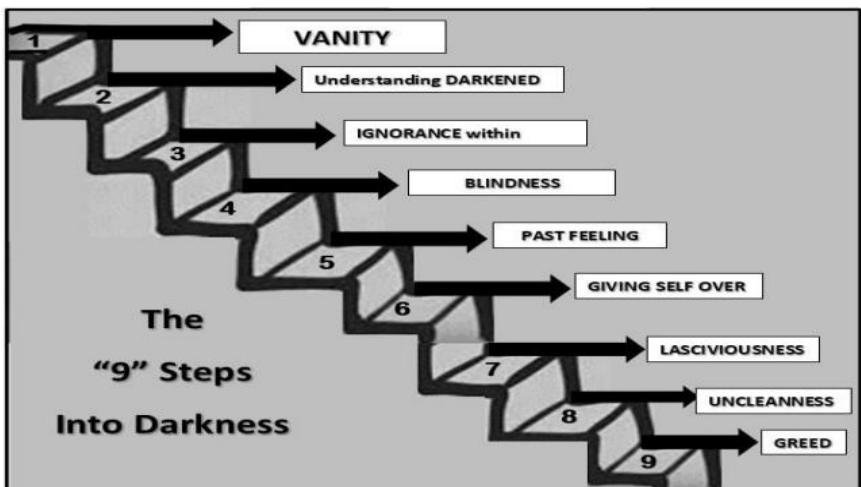


## Step #9 Stepping into Greediness

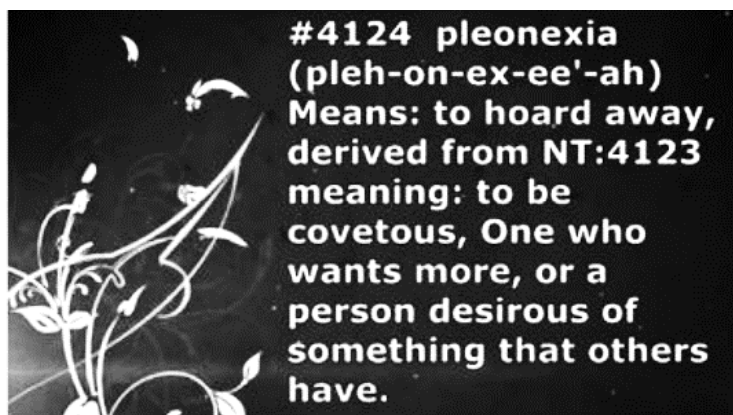
(Eph 4:19)

**...Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness through GREEDINESS.**

**T**he final step on the spiral into darkness ends in GREED, when the VANITY in our mind is not RESTRAINED and is instead ENTERTAINED at each of the steps we have studied thus far.



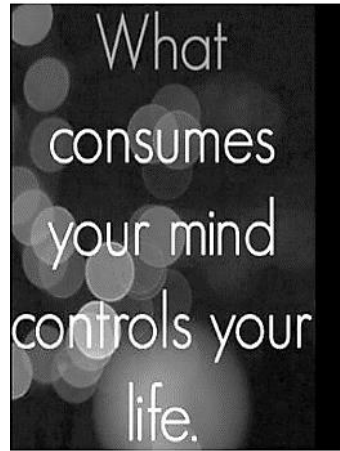
Step #9, the final step on the spiral into darkness keeps a person in the position of being alienated from God through the “work of uncleanness.” Step 8 revealed that the word uncleanness is the work of demons. GREEDINESS is the ungodly appetites or desires of the demonic at work in the life of those filled with vanity. In our text from (Eph 4:19) it is the Greek word *pleonexia*.



It may be said that greediness is the root from which all sins of the flesh grow, because of the fact that GREEDINESS is idolatry that encompasses the growing ungodly and never-ending desires, appetites and impulses of the demons that have been given a place to operate in a person’s life, through previous steps mentioned.

Demons cannot get enough of what is ungodly and unholy. Thus, their unholy appetites keep the person, who is unrepentant in the place of being alienated from the life of God, and in bondage to their ungodly desires and addictions. This ongoing, tormenting idolatry from greediness will continually pressure backsliders into trying to find satisfaction, peace and security, apart from becoming a true servant (i.e. worshipper) of the only true and living God. Instead they become idol worshippers who are slaves of Satan through their carnal way of life.

God gives us all a CHOICE as to whom we choose to obey. We can choose to obey our carnal nature (that is filled with pride) or choose to fill our heart and mind with God's truth concerning His will and ways. Choosing God and His ways brings the reality of His presence into our lives—only His presence can give us the ability or power to overcome our sinful carnal nature, so we can experience true security, peace and satisfaction. There is nothing that can ever take the place of God's presence in the life of a human being!



This final devastating step into darkness is where we find hypocritical, religious, professing Christians, who only have a form of godliness and NO POWER from the Spirit of Christ. Those in this place usually do not realize the spiritual state



they are in. This is especially true if demonic spirit are counterfeiting the gifts of the Holy Spirit in their lives. Many will prophesy or give very accurate words of knowledge etc. but it will be the work of sorcery that is present<sup>24</sup>. Sadly, God allows this deception because they choose to avoid the truth that could set them free of demonic powers.

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<sup>24</sup> For more insight on this subject I recommend the book **ANATOMY FOR DECEPTION: Even the very Elect Will be Deceived**, request a FREE copy at: [extended\\_life@hotmail.com](mailto:extended_life@hotmail.com) or go to [www.extendedlifeCTM.org](http://www.extendedlifeCTM.org) to read it online or request a free copy.

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## Varying Degrees of Effects for each Step

I have known many Christians throughout my ministry who have come to me for prayer counselling with the hope of finding freedom from some spiritual, emotional or physical problem.

So many of them professed to love and worship the Lord, but ultimately proved to be unteachable and unwilling to repent (change their mind) concerning errors or ungodly practices not aligned with the Word of God, which had opened the door to *vanity* in their lives resulting in demonic invasion, with its many accompanying problems.



When given the truth that could set those free, their prideful carnal nature would cause them to become offended and defensive regarding their sin and I could go no further in their deliverance process, until they were ready to humble themselves and receive the truth.

It grieves me to say that in many cases, I watched those in this place descend further down this spiral into greater darkness, delusion and affliction.

**(2 Thess 2:10-12) Through complete delusion and their unrighteousness, they are being destroyed, because the love for the truth that can save them is not being received... And through this there is being transmitted to them divine energy that is effectively deluding them, so much so that they believe the lies... because of this, all those who do not believe the truth but take pleasure in what's not right, they will be found guilty and be penalized with much suffering. ALT**

This delusion creates the never-ending pressure to fulfil the demonic desires for relief and satisfaction that are constantly gnawing away within them. However, these demonic desires can NEVER be satisfied—they only cause those alienated from God to crave and desire... MORE VANITY.

## **HONESTLY...**

**What are you aware of?**

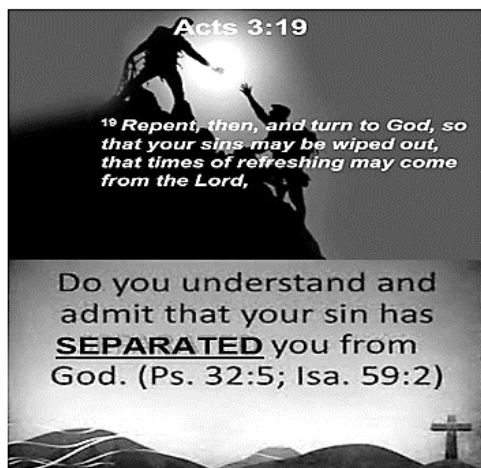
**What are you not aware of?**  
(intentionally or unintentionally)

**Are you WILLING to let  
God reveal it to you?**

Do not be deceived, with each of the steps mentioned in this study there are varying degrees of the effects from the sins associated with each step. This will determine how much darkness has a hold in the person's live that is

associated with a particular step. How strong of a hold the sin for each step has upon a person, depends upon how much awareness and willingness is present on the part of the person involved with each of the steps mentioned. Some people are not at all aware, of their sin issues, some are slightly or completely aware of the sin that is involved.

Similarly, there are those who are somewhat willing or unwilling or some are completely willing or unwilling to receiving the truth and become open to genuine repentance. These are some of the important things that determine how powerful these stronghold steps are in one's life.

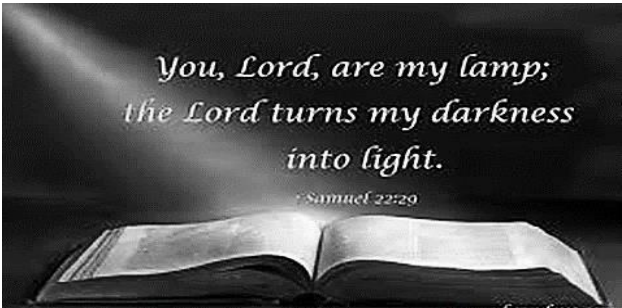


Therefore, those in this place will always be desiring more of what demons say will satisfy them... more money, more relaxation, more entertainment, more sex, more food, more drugs, alcohol or more of whatever the demonic realm says... they need – more of.

The problem is the stronger their cravings are – the more that evil is taking over their lives. Remember, all of the above “9” downward spiral steps are because of the gnawing defiling bitter thoughts and imaginations that are not being dealt with, which lead us into being... “Alienated from the life of God.” The very first step to getting rid of all anger and bitterness is to:

**Repent!**

*...By taking EVERY thought  
captive and making it subject to  
obeying the truth! (2 Co 10:5)*



**Personal Reflection**

25. Are there any issues with GREEDINESS that I am aware of?

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26. How strong are my strongholds, and do I really want to know the truth about my true spiritual condition?

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27. What things are consuming my mind the most and how is this reflected in my life style?

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## Step #10: Stepping Back into the light

### 2 Corinthians 4:6

**For God, who said, "Let there be light in the darkness," has made this light shine in our hearts so we could know the glory of God that is seen in the face of Jesus Christ. NLT**

or **F**those who have come to the understanding that some degree of backsliding is a reality in their Christian experience, but are now willing and wanting to experience the reality of genuine repentance—that results in a truly TRANSFORMED and stable Christian life—please read on! In case the point has been missed during the reading of this material, I just want to emphasize once again, repentance is NOT by any means a onetime deal! It must be something a person is willing to do EVERYTIME they are aware that sin enters the picture.

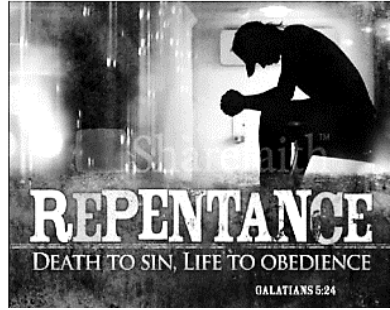




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## Genuine Repentance Produces Fruit of Repentance

As Christians we know when we have agreed with a fearful or angry ungodly thought or have had an ungodly response to someone or something and of course we are the one who decides if we will disobey God, ignore His Word or commit and ungodly act! The subject of the FRUIT OF REPENTANCE has been touched on throughout this study. However, I want to make clear the fact that unless there is truly the following fruit of repentance—there has not been the genuine repentance that results in FORGIVENESS, CLEANSING and FREEDOM from sin.



### Genuine Repentance

1. Begins with becoming honest with ourselves. Like the prodigal son in the parable, which was examined previously, who was in the pigpen of sin, backsliders must come to their senses and experience an awakening to their true sinful condition. There can be no more blaming, justifying and no more making excuses for any sin whatsoever.

The backslider must take FULL RESPONSIBILITY for all their thoughts—responses and decisions.

It is important to note that the repentant son was willing to confess his sin to those he hurt by his sin. When people truly repent, they go to those they have sinned against and confess

their sin. It is part of the humbling process that **MUST** happen in genuine repentance!

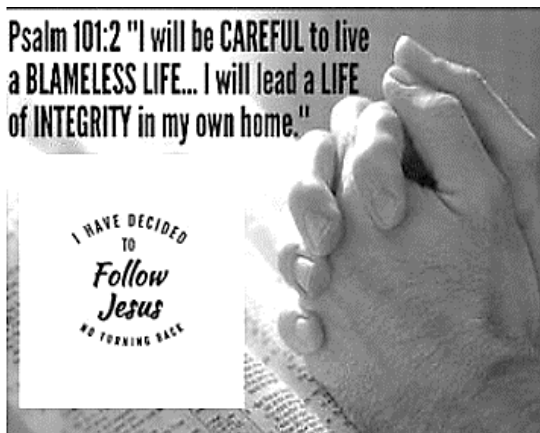


(Luke 15:17-19) ...he (prodigal son) finally came to his senses and said... "I am dying ...I will go home and say to my Father," 'I have sinned against both heaven and you... And I am no longer worthy of being called your son.'

(James 5:16) Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.

2. **There must be a willingness to walk away from the pigpen which includes ALL sin.** Unless a person is willing to walk away from all sin and leave behind their sinful lifestyle which includes by the way, relationships with non Christian friends from the former lifestyle— and any idols that may have led them into their pig-pen otherwise there is no genuine repentance—if this is not done.

A sinner must come to the place where they detest their "pig-pen" lifestyle, because they have been awakened to the fact it is a place of "death" -meaning it has separated them from God their Father.



## How to Deal With Demonic and Bitter Issues

### **DELIVERANCE FROM DEMONS & CURSES**

*Getting honest and walking away from an ungodly lifestyle are, as stated, the crucial starting points for genuine repentance.*

I found throughout the twelve years that Garry and I co-pastored our fellowship — those who came to us for healing and deliverance prayer counselling, struggled with one or both of these starting points that are absolutely necessary for genuine repentance.

Those who were willing to become honest, as a rule had no problem confessing to me and to God their sin, but more times than not, they were not as willing to confess their sin to those whom they had sinned against and needed to make their confession to. This was usually because they had unresolved anger and bitterness issues, which were being held in place by pride and this opened them up to demonic activity (from which they also needed deliverance).

When this is the case — it's necessary to realize and become honest that this truly is the case. Christians can become demonized anytime they give demons a place or the right to invade their lives.



Thus, without a willingness to deal with anger/bitterness issues and their demonic issues — there can be no genuine repentance that produces the needed fruit of repentance. The real fruit (proof of true repentance) is when a truly repentant

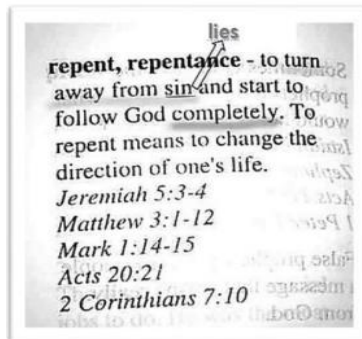
person WALKS AWAY and STAYS AWAY from their pig-pen... without doing this they will end up backsliding over and over again and run the risk of NEVER returning home to God.

## Stepping into Freedom

At this point I realize there has been a lot of information to digest, so I just want to share some crucial points in the process used in my counselling ministry, which deal with anger/bitterness sin issues – as well as any demonic issues that are also involved.

During my counselling sessions with a person seeking help, we ask the Lord to expose any demonic thoughts in the form of accusations, lies and doubts that are related to some recently remembered Highly Emotional Event (I termed as a H.E.E).

What happens is, as the person *walks through* their H.E.E – the Holy Spirit reveals accusations, lies and doubts, which are associated with any angry-bitter feelings of resentment associated with the H.E.E.



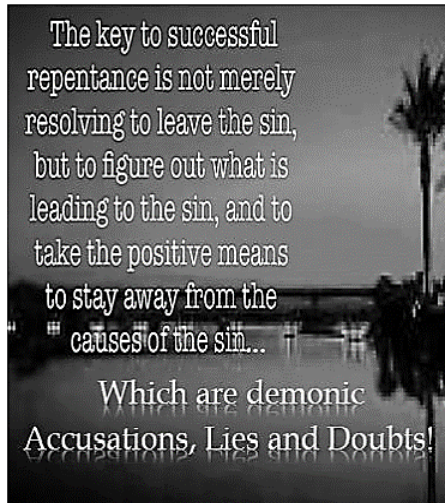
The person may or may not be aware of having these demonic thoughts towards those involved in the H.E.E (such as God, themselves or others). Therefore it is necessary to ask God to identify any demonic thoughts towards those involved, so they can be repent it of by confessing and renouncing them. This is a crucial step in being successful in their repentance and deliverance process. I use what I call a...

## **“9-Step Identification Guide”**

I have included this guide at the end of this chapter to help with exposing how bitter accusations, lies, expectations and any inner vows that may have made and are being used against those having angry or bitter reactions and who may be walking in resentment towards others.

**(Luke 10:19) Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents (i.e. lies) and scorpions (i.e. literally refers to skepticism or doubts), and over all the power (supernatural works) of**

**the enemy, and then nothing shall by any means hurt you.**



After these have been identified, I then use the...

### **Prayer Guide to Freedom**

I have also included this at the end of this chapter. This prayer guide is used to help with praying prayers of forgiveness and also for

making all of the needed confessions.

There must also be the *renunciation* of all that was exposed by the Lord during the prayer counseling session. These are all recorded on the “Walk-Through Worksheet” that is used during the prayer counseling session, and is



referred to during their prayers for confession, renunciation and deliverance. It is very important to ask the Lord to help the person to recall ALL those who were used by the enemy to make anger and bitterness an issue in their life (God's Word promises to bring all things to our remembrance).

**(John 14:26) But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and to bring all things to your REMEMBRANCE...**

As the repentant backslider learns to recognize—the demonic thoughts that evoke ungodly fear, anxiety or angry emotions, the person can then repeat what they learned and cast these VAIN IMAGINATIONS down and make them subject to God's Word.

**(2 Cor 10:5) Casting down (vain) imaginations ...bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (the Word of God).**

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## Using the “9-Step” – H.E.E. – Identification Guide



In order to benefit from the information that has been shared so far in this study, it may be helpful to know how I use this “9 Step Identification Guide when going through the repentance and deliverance process. The following guide is one that I have used in my one on one counseling sessions for many years. It has been developed to help those seeking and wanting to maintain their deliverance, to walk through a threefold cord **Highly Emotional Event** (H.E.E.) that causes PAIN (from the rejection cord) or ANGER (from the bitter cord) and DEFENSIVENESS (from the pride cord). Keep in mind that our human feelings

or emotions *are simply a gauge* that shows us we have received a thought (consciously or unconsciously) resulting in the above threefold cord reactions. As we have stated repeatedly—thoughts create feelings, which in turn creates internalized pressure. Often we have a feeling or a strong emotional response, but we may not be able to actually discern the thought that has been agreed with that has triggered the emotional response. It is only by being able to discern our thoughts that we can take authority over our thoughts.

**(Heb 4:12) For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.**

For example, if we find that a friend, co-worker or spouse has said or done something that creates a negative feeling in us—we may even understand what was said or done by that person was not intended to make us feel the way it did—but what we don't understand is WHY it made us feel the way it did. In instances like these, it is important to understand WHAT is really happening so we can control the internal stress that the enemy is trying to create within us—which demonic powers fully understand will have a negative impact upon our mental and physical health.

The following 9-Step H.E.E Identification Guide will help identify the thoughts being used that come in the form of accusing lies and doubts during a H.E.E. Situation. When we understand what the accusing lies and doubts are—we can take these thoughts captive by using the Prayer of Deliverance Guide to break their power over your life by renouncing them and making them subject to the truth.

**(2 Cor 4:1-2) "...we do not lose heart... But we have renounced the hidden things of shame..."**

This is how we tread upon Satan (the accuser) and his threefold cord enemies (serpents [lies] and scorpions [doubts])—and exercise our authority over the internalized pressure we receive from the resulting negative thoughts that are not being cast down.

A demonic thought pattern is established and begins with accusing thoughts that need to be identified, which go on to create doubts (that are rooted in lies) these then create resulting ungodly expectations and any inner vows that may exist. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to show you the answers to the following questions on the 9-Step H.E.E. Identification Guide.

If you have difficulty hearing from the Lord in an area, I will commend becoming familiar with the Threefold Cord Counseling Manual<sup>25</sup> and take advantage of the FREE phone counseling sessions offered by this ministry (see the footnote below for more information). God uses His spiritual gifts, such as the discerning of spirits, words of knowledge, words of wisdom as well as words of prophecy that a spirit filled counselor may operate in during a prayer counseling session using the H.E.E. Identification Walk Through Guide to help identify what needs to be identified, renounced and cast out.

I suggest using the following **9-Step" H.E.E. Identification Guide** below to help you fill out the Walk Through Worksheet on the following pages. Before beginning think of a recent Highly Emotional Event that can be used for the walk-through.

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<sup>25</sup> You may request The Threefold Cord Counseling Manual and schedule prayer counseling sessions (by phone), which are available FREE of charge by contacting Karen Connell at... [extended\\_life@hotmail.com](mailto:extended_life@hotmail.com)



The following questions are used on the

**9-Step" H.E.E. Identification Guide in the Threefold  
Cord Counseling Manual**

1. **What kind of FEELINGS (Physical or emotional) were felt in this H.E.E.?** Was it fear, anxiety, shame (guilt) etc.? This helps to get in touch with familiar painful feelings experienced in a H.E.E. situation. Many people are not really in touch with how their feelings are used by the 3-Fold Cord spiritual influences. There may be MANY painful feelings in a H.E.E. Be as specific as you can about WHAT you felt during this H.E.E. that is being investigated.

2. **Describe the people and circumstances that were involved in this H.E.E.?** Was this situation and the people involved new to you or was it a familiar situation with people you are familiar with? How did this situation (or the people) make you feel? For instance, did you feel fearful, anxious, threatened, embarrassed, etc.

3. **What BUTTON(s) triggered the CORD feelings (whichever cord you are working with)?** Buttons, such as certain words, a tone of voice, facial expressions, etc. Are the buttons associated with any past foundational H.E.E. that you are aware of? If so explain the PAST foundational experience from which these buttons may have been established. It is important to be as specific as possible when describing the past foundational H.E.E.... this helps to identify sub-conscious buttons ALSO associated with this past foundational H.E.E.

4. **What P.A.W. created accusations and feelings associated with the cord you are working with?** Review (page 92) to help you more clearly define this. Try to articulate the

accusation, for instance if the H.E.E. situation made you feel embarrassed, what painful accusation(s) were heard about you or anyone else involved in this H.E.E. situation?

**5. What ACCUSATIONS – and LIES were produced in the H.E.E. you have walked through?** In any of the threefold cords related to a H.E.E. situation—the lies can be about yourself, or even others or God if they are accused of causing you pain. Because of what you are aware of (pain) you may agree with accusations and lies that you are not aware of. This is why it takes the work of the Holy Spirit and His gifts to bring these hidden things of darkness to the light of your understanding.

**6. What Ungodly expectations are associated with this H.E.E.?** Pain creates fear, and the painful accusation is reinforced by the lies you have agreed with, this goes on to create fearful expectations, such as: “I expect to be perceived as...” Look for as many of these painful expectations as possible in this H.E.E. because they transmit fear frequencies and summon demonic influences into your life.

**7. What INNER VOWS have been made to keep ungodly expectations from happening?** An inner vow usually sounds something like this: I will never .... Or: I will always.... Or: I won’t... Or: I will ... whatever it may be... in order to keep the painful ungodly expectation from happening.

**8. Has this painful H.E.E. created any thought or behavior patterns in me?** If this is a familiar or reoccurring H.E.E., it may have established a familiar way of reacting (towards yourself, others and God). Write down any thoughts & reactions that you are aware of that “usually occur” when this type of H.E.E cord situation (rejection –bitterness—pride thoughts and responses) occurs (depending on which cord you are identifying in the current H.E.E.

9. **How has the pain from this cord (the cord being used in the H.E.E. Walk Through) affected my relationships with others?** Thought patterns and behavioral responses that become patterns when you fear being rejected, react through anger (bitter cord) or become defensive (pride cord) may cause familiar relationship patterns to develop, such as avoiding certain types of people, or surrounding yourself with certain other types of people, or even trying to control or manipulate or avoid relationships with others.

**Threefold Cord H.E.E. Walk-Through WORKSHEET**

Date\_\_\_\_\_ Which Cord is this H.E.E.  
being used for in your Walk-Through:

REJECTION\_\_\_BITTER\_\_\_PRIDE\_\_\_ *(Use the 9-step guide on  
pg. 141 for help in answering these questions)*

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in this H.E.E.?

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2. Describe the people and circumstances that were involved  
in this H.E.E.?

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3. What BUTTON(s) triggered the CORD feelings

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4. What P.A.W. created accusations and feelings associated with the cord you are working with?

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5. What ACCUSATIONS—and LIES were produced in the H.E.E. you have walked through?

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6. What Ungodly expectations are associated with this H.E.E.?

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7. What INNER VOWS have been made to keep ungodly expectations from happening?

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8. Has this H.E.E. associated with this cord created any thought or behavior patterns in me?

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9. How has the feelings from this cord (the cord being used in the H.E.E. Walk Through) affected my relationships with others?

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## Prayer of Deliverance

**Read through this prayer first and have your worksheet information at hand when you pray this.**

The Word of God tells us that life and death are in the power of the tongue (what we speak) and we will eat (partake) of the fruit of what we speak (Pr. 18:21). In the following steps both LIFE and DEATH will be spoken over what needs to die and over what needs to come to life. Also the use of “clapping” is used at certain points because the word “clap” in Hebrew represents death (separation) and literally means: to drive a nail into something. **This prayer guide is to be used when a H.E.E. event occurs so that the Holy Spirit can bring cleansing and deliverance. (Read this through first before praying it out loud)...**

**STEP 1. Think about a troubling recent H.E.E. and the people that were used by the enemy to create the PAINFUL negative emotions, or feelings that were present in that event (i.e. fear, shame, guilt, anxiety**

etc.), also think about what was used in the event by those involved, such as: body language, words, tone of voice or other physical stimulus, creating “buttons” to trigger these negative emotions in a future H.E.E. When the buttons are clear to you then go to...

**STEP 2.** (FIRST: I suggest reading (Psalm 107:14) **BEFORE** praying this step). Then repeat the following: **IN THE NAME OF JESUS** (clap your hands as you command this breaking) **I COMMAND THE BREAKING OF—MY AGREEMENT WITH EVERY AND ALL ACCUSATIONS —LIES — UNGODLY EXPECTATIONS— AND INNER VOWS. I CONFESS THESE AS SIN** (confess what is on your worksheet). **FATHER I ASK YOUR FORGIVENESS FOR AGREEING WITH THESE AND I ALSO NULLIFY THE POWER OF THE NEUROLOGICAL LINK TO THIS EVENT AND COMMAND ANY RELATED INCIDENTS TO THIS CONNECTION TO BE** (clap your hands as you command this breaking) **BROKEN—CUT OFF AND DEFUSED! I DECLARE ALL BUTTONS SUB-CONSCIOUS AND CONSCIOUS TO BE FULLY DISABLED!**

**STEP 3.** Repeat the following: **NOW FATHER IN JESUS NAME I ASK YOUR HOLY SPIRIT TO RE-ROUTE THE NEUROLOGICAL CONNECTIONS IN MY BRAIN AND TO MAKE BRAND NEW CONNECTIONS AND NUROLOGICAL PATHWAYS OF PEACE—LOVE—SAFETY—ACCEPTANCE. I THANK YOU FOR THIS DIVINE EXCHANGE AND THAT THE OLD IS GONE AND THE NEW HAS COME!**



**STEP 4.** Repeat the following: **FATHER, I NOW CHOOSE TO FORGIVE EVERYONE – INCLUDING MYSELF FOR ANY AND ALL SIN THAT WAS INVOLVED IN THIS EVENT—I WILL NO LONGER HOLD THEM** (it is good to name the people who hurt or offended you at this point) **ACCOUNTABLE, I FORGIVE THEM AND MYSELF FOR THE SIN INVOLVED— I NOW RELEASE THEM, AND MYSELF AND THIS EVENT OUT OF MY LIFE—I LET IT GO IN JESUS NAME!**

**STEP 5.** Repeat the following: **I NOW RECEIVE YOUR TOTAL FORGIVENESS AND I NOW COMMAND ALL DEMONS—IN THE NAME OF JESUS CHRIST— THAT WERE ASSOCIATED WITH THIS EVENT TO GO FROM THIS AREA OF MY LIFE AND IN HIS NAME I FORBID ANY FURTHER HARRASSMENT IN THIS AREA—BECAUSE THE LIGHT OF JESUS NOW ABIDES IN THIS EVENT. I THANK YOU HEAVENLY FATHER FOR MY FREEDOM AND DELIVERANCE –IN JESUS NAME! AMEN**

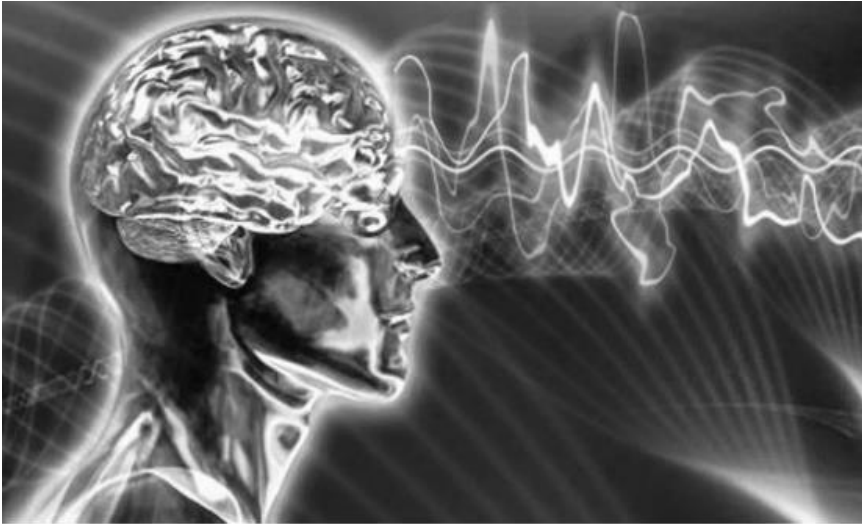
Now spend time worshipping God in thanksgiving for your new found freedom (this is a must!!). You may or may not “feel” anything... but you must be convinced of your freedom because of your agreement with the Word (Jesus) and what you have spoken has been done... (Matt 18:19) That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. **(Mark 11:23-25) “Whatever you desire when you pray, believe you have received them and you will have what you say...**

**NOTE: Now that the Father has forgiven you, and you have forgiven those who hurt you... you must now go and confess your sin to anyone the Holy Spirit brings to mind that you have hurt! Otherwise your repentance is not complete!**

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## Continued Repentance

It is going to be very crucial from this point on to continually “guard your heart” and not allow AGREEMENT with any demonic or ungodly thoughts, which will create damaging emotions that can lead to ungodly reactions and actions (physically and spiritually). Should this happen... simply repeat the prayer guide process and make sure there is an understanding as to WHAT thoughts were agreed with that led to the sinful response.



**(Prov 4:23-27) Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life... Avoid all perverse talk (including that of demons); stay away from corrupt speech... Look straight ahead, and fix your eyes on what lies before you... Mark out a straight path for your feet; stay on the safe path... Don't get side-tracked; keep your feet from following evil. NLT**

The more this is CONSTANTLY practiced the less demonic harassment is incurred! Always remember: DEMONS NEED OUR AGREEMENT with their thoughts to gain access into our lives, and our agreement empowers them to invade our minds.

We are living in the end-times and demonic activity is ever increasing, but sadly far too many of God's people are not protected or prepared to fight the good fight of faith, by continual repentance. God's people along with the majority of people on earth are being traumatized by emotionally stressed lives. This weakens human beings, not only spiritually but emotionally and physically as well.

Science has proven that stressful and fearful emotions cause the human brain to override their thought processes through neuro connection break downs that are due to a central nervous system overload! Satan is using demonic energy that is not only spiritual energy, but is now using technological electromagnetic weapons to attack people.



The only protection against these evil powers is for a person to be free of all sin, curses and demonization. Most Christians are no longer being taught on these things or how to be delivered from them. As long as these things are in a person's life (and this includes those who have been born again but are not free), these people will fall prey to the end-time delusions

and destruction that will destroy millions of people around the globe. The prophesied evil days that Jesus mentioned are upon us, and the very sad news is, it is going to get worse — much, much worse! God's people must be armed and ready in order to survive what lies on our horizon!

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## Taking up the armor of God

Much has been taught on the subject of the armor of God. As Christians we are told that we need this armor in order to do battle with the devil and his hoards from hell.

But what many are not being told is that **ONLY** those truly born again Christians, who are saved (delivered and set free) and cleansed (sanctified) from all sin, demons and all defilement... have the authority **AND** clarity to do spiritual warfare as a soldier in God's army.

**(Eph 6:13) Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.**



The verse in (Eph 6:13) makes it clear that before we can withstand (resist) evil we must take up the armor in order to **“have done all”** to be able to withstand our spiritual enemies. The phrase take up in the Greek text is Strong's #353 *analambano* (an-al-am-ban'-o) and refers to receiving something as part of your being.

In other words each piece of armor should become part of our being, like our arm or leg. We never remove or take these off. We need them to function!

Therefore, without taking up the armor it is impossible to have done all. This phrase in the Greek text is: Strong's #2716 *katergazomai* (kat-er-gad'-zom-ahee); and it is defined as: to fully accomplish; to bring to a finish, to **work out**.

### Working Out Your Own Salvation

Fully accomplish or work out what? This is talking about fully accomplishing and *bringing to a finish our complete deliverance* from all sin, demons and defilement...



**(Phil 2:12, 15) Work out** (fully accomplish) **your own salvation** (being delivered and set free of sin and demons) **with fear and trembling... That you may be blameless** (sanctified clean and undefiled) **and harmless** (without mixture), **as sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of crooked and perverse people, among whom you shine as lights in this world.**

The armor of God however, is only for those who have forsaken their civilian life and have counted the cost of paying the price of going to God's boot camp (or going through the deliverance, healing and cleansing process i.e. sanctification). It is in this place where we learn how to do battle with the enemy.

Today multitudes of eager but ignorant Christians are trying to do spiritual warfare in a defiled and weakened condition. Most are ill equipped and untrained for "fighting the good fight of faith."

**(2 Tim 2:4) Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the one who enlisted them. NLT**

The diagram on the following page shows the order in which each piece of armor is to become part of our being BEFORE WE CAN FIGHT AGAINST or defend ourselves against demonic powers, by using the Word of God and intercessory prayer.

Defiled, or carnal professing Christians who try to use the Word of God to do battle with spiritual demonic powers in spiritual warfare, are doing so with little or no understanding of the importance of the sequence involved FOR "taking up" the armor of God.



Please notice the “numerical order” #1-6... as mentioned in (Eph 6:10-17) for “taking up” armor of God!



(Eph 6:11-18) Put on the whole armor of God that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil... Therefore take up the whole armor of God that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand... Stand therefore, having the **#1. Belt of truth** gird your waist, having put on the **#2. Breastplate of righteousness**... and having your feet shod with the preparation of the **#3. Gospel of peace** ...above all taking the **#4. Shield of faith** with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one... And take the **#5. Helmet of salvation**, and the **#6. Sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God... (Only when you have all of pieces of armor in place are you prepared to do battle by) ...**#7. Praying in the Spirit** at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere.

Also notice there are “7” (the number of completion) items mentioned that need to become part of our being, in order to be fully prepared to do spiritual warfare. Of these there are “5” items (“5” is the number of grace) that we must first

**“take up”** in order to be properly clothed (i.e. prepared and protected). As previously emphasized, grace is the power to overcome sin and Satan. Please notice the order in which the armor is mentioned:

- **#1. BELT OF TRUTH...** Being wrapped in truth is the very first thing that must become part of our being. This means there is no ignoring or resistance to receiving and embracing the truth when it is given to us. Without “taking up” this first item of armor and making it part of our being the rest of the armor cannot be “taken up.”

- **#2. BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS....** Is what is used for Protecting the truth that we have hidden in our heart. The breastplate protects the heart. Keeping God’s truth in our heart protects our right standing with God and keeps our heart right with Him. We must guard our heart and not let it become defiled or deceived by sin or idols. Our heart must belong to Him and Him alone.

- **#3. FEET SHOD WITH THE GOSPEL OF PEACE...** Walking in the truth of the genuine Gospel of Jesus Christ will determine our way of life. This will give us a life of true peace (security, safety and success over sin and demons).

- **#4. SHIELD OF FAITH...** Faith in the truth concerning God and His Word will stop all accusing lies and doubts hurled at us from our enemies. Faith will defend us against fear and falsehood, so we will not waver, but be able to stand strong.

- **#5. HELMET OF SALVATION...** Truth that renews and protects our mind is essential in keeping our minds from becoming carnal by allowing the truth from God’s Word to keep us focused on “things above” and not on things on this earth. Our minds are protected by the truth from God’s Word as taught to us by the Spirit of Truth.



The remaining “2” items (2 representing agreement) are the two offensive weapons we must “take up” (become part of our being) in order to do battle against the enemy. Once the above 5 items are in place as part of our being and have accomplished and worked out our salvation (deliverance from sin, defilement and demons), we are then equipped and trained and ready to go to war through our intercession on behalf of others!

- **#1. SWORD OF THE SPIRIT...** When the above (5) things (5 representing the grace we need to use these weapons) that have become part of our being, we are now qualified and equipped to use the Word of God as an offensive weapon and to intercede on behalf of our brethren needing protection from being harassed or held captive by enemy forces.

- **#2. PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT...** (Eph 6:18) Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Be watching and be persistent (dogged determination) in your prayers for all believers everywhere. To pray **IN** the Spirit literally means prayer that is the result of: an intimate union, oneness of heart, mind, purpose, with the Holy Spirit. This means that in order to pray in the Spirit we must spend time with God’s Holy Spirit, so He can communicate (teach us and show us) the heart and mind of God concerning the people and situations we are interceding on behalf of. What God may desire may not be according to our human logic or desires. When we pray in the spirit we are praying the perfect will of God on behalf of those we are interceding for!

**(Rom 8:26-27) And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit on intercedes on behalf of the saints sighing and groaning that cannot be expressed in words... And the Father who knows all**

**hearts knows the Spirit's thoughts, for the Spirit intercedes for believers in harmony with God's own will. ALT**

At this point, there may be those who have read this material and have come to understand they need more insight on healing and deliverance issues. Thus, I highly recommend that you request a FREE copy of the newly revised **Threefold Cord Healing and Deliverance Manual**. This manual is an essential tool for the true remnant people who have ears to hear, and truly want to get free and stay free of sin, curses and demonic issues.

I pray this study will bless all who sincerely want to prevent and break the cycle of backsliding for themselves or others and become the NEW CREATION God intends through being born-again and living a sanctified life through genuine saving faith in Jesus Christ!

**(2 Cor 5:17-18) "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are pass(ing)<sup>26</sup> away; behold, all things are become(ing) new... And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation." AMEN!**




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<sup>26</sup> 8 According to the Complete Word Studies Dictionary, the words translated **passing** and **becoming** indicate the Greek perfect indicative verb tense. This refers to action that was completed in the past and has continuing results.

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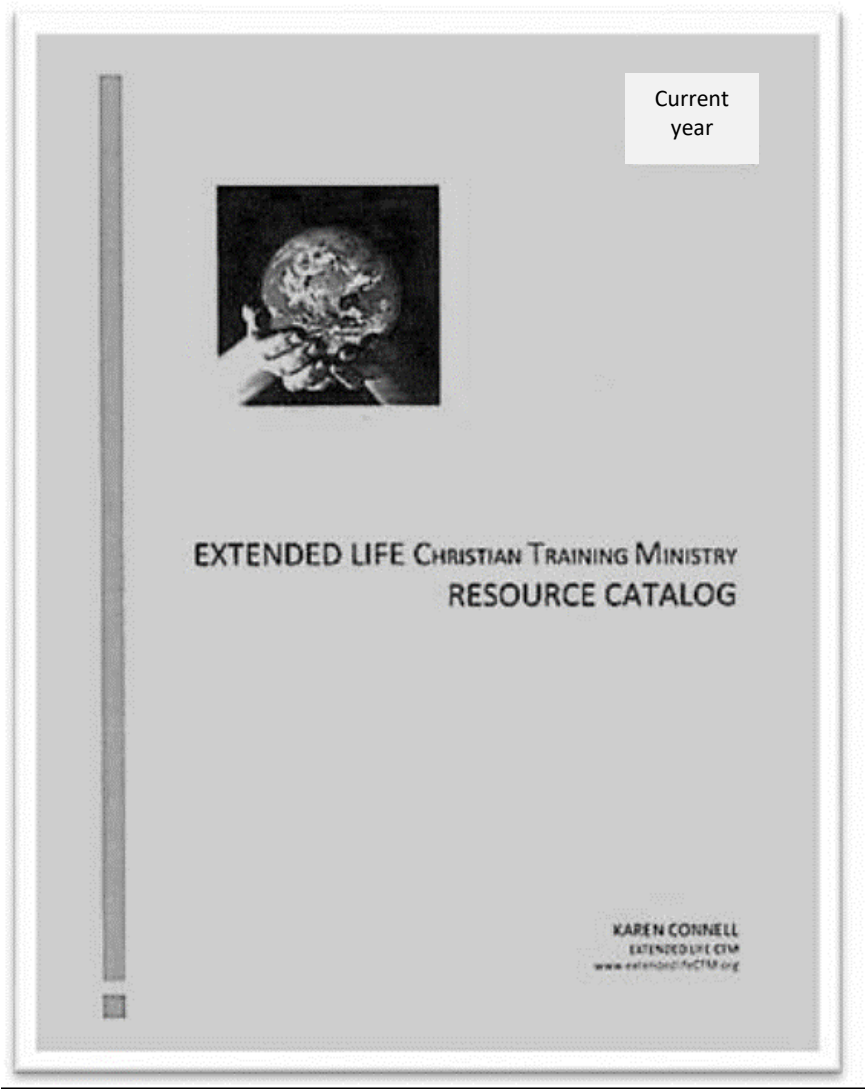
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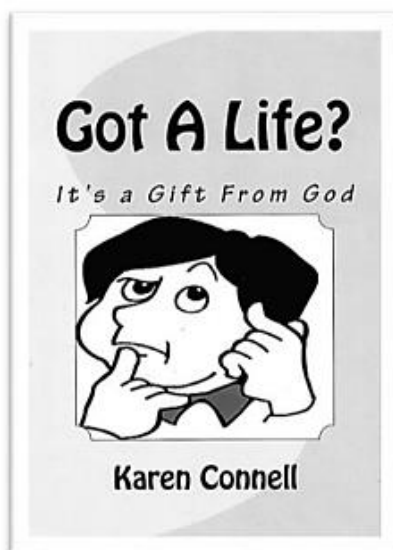
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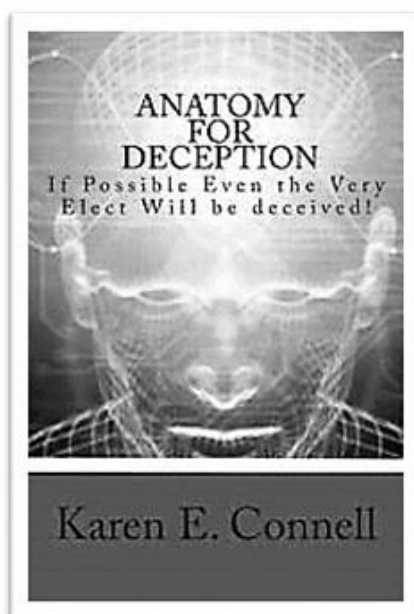
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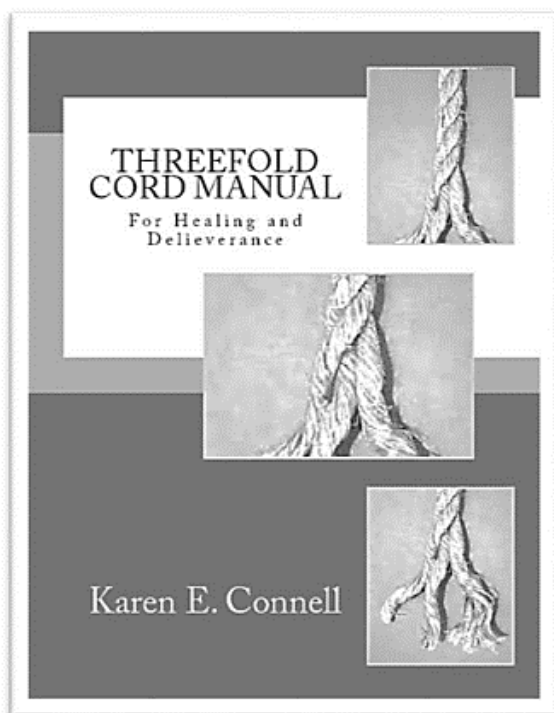
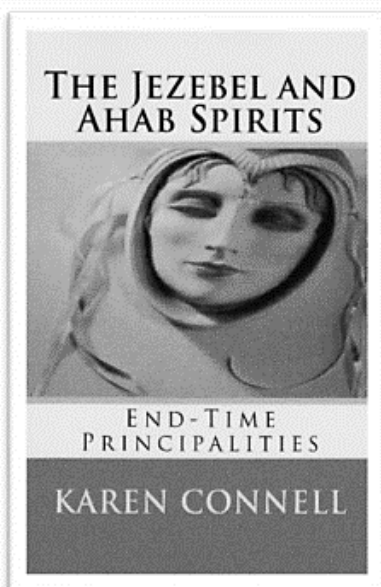
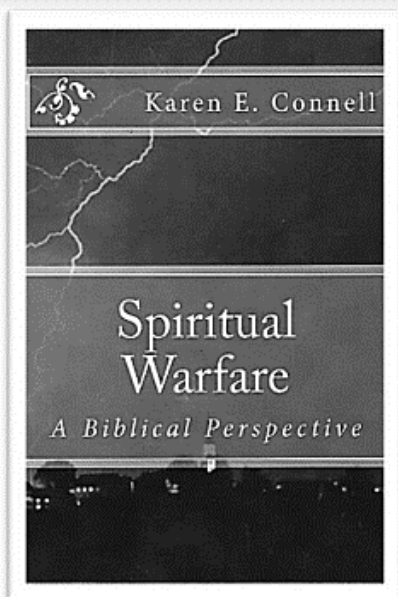
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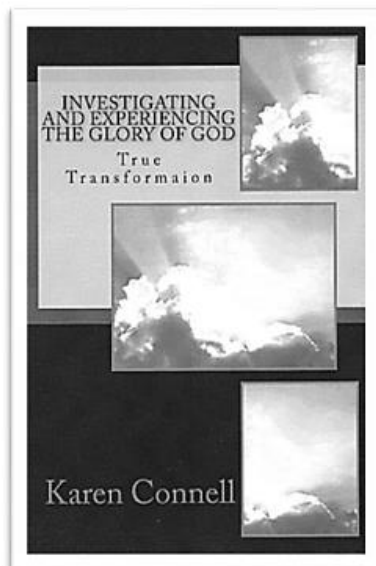
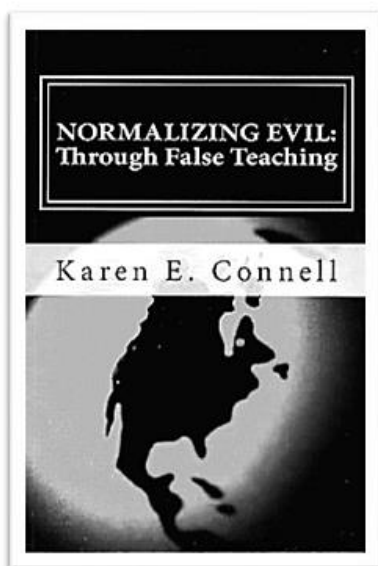
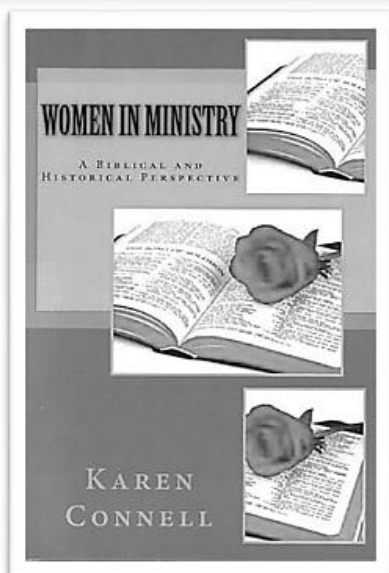





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