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KNOWING THE FULL GOSPEL OF GOD

GOD HAS SET TIME AND SEASON FOR DOING WHAT HE PLANNED.

Genesis 1:14

"Then God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons, and for days and years."

Psalm 74:16-17

"The day is Yours, the night also is Yours; You have prepared the light and the sun. 17 You have set all the borders of the earth; You have made summer and winter."

THIS HAS NOT CHANGED. WE NEED TO BE AWARE OF HIS TIMES AND SEASONS.

Jeremiah 33:20-21

"Thus says the LORD: 'If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season, 21 'then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levites, the priests, My ministers."

THERE'S A TIME FOR WARFARE AND FOR PREPARATION

Luke 4:13

"And when the devil had ended all the temptation, he departed from him for a season." (KJV)

Luke 12:54-59

"(56) Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?"

GOD DESIRES FOR US TO BE DISCERNING

1 Chronicles 12:32

"The sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do."

Daniel 2:21

He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to those who have understanding.

DISCERNING TIME

Satan can only work with our present condition, affecting it by using past traumatic experiences to bind us using past hurts or sin. For example:

2 Samuel 21:1

"Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, "It is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites.""

TIME IS REDEMPTIVE - When complete there'll be no need for Satan.

3 PARTS TO TIME – Beginning – middle – end.

Saved – being saved – will be saved.

God is Lord of time and Satan is not. Only God can change the past.

Satan wants to use our past - God has the power to cancel it out. Satan's time is limited making him angrier working harder using all he can against us.

Revelation 12:12

"Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and you who dwell in them! Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and the sea! For the devil has come down to you, having great wrath, because he knows that he has a short time."

Confession and the cross sets us free.

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.

& Romans 5:15

"For if by the one man's offense many died, much more the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abounded to many."

Satan loves to try to hinder our future bringing up our mishaps either past or present.

Philippians 3:13

"I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead."

SATAN TAKES EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO CONDEMN US using redeemed things.

Romans 8:1

"There are therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus."

GOD IS LORD OF TIME WORKING WITH OUR PAST [redemption] through Jesus.

Psalm 103:12

"As far as the east is from the west so far has He removed our transgressions from us."

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."

GOD CAN ALSO DEAL WITH OUR PRESENT as we confess it to Him.

Matthew 6:12 and 14

“And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. (14) For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.”

GOD CAN PROTECT US FROM FUTURE SINS.

Matthew 6:13

“And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one.”

HELPS US FIGHT CONDEMNATION.

Romans 8:1

“There are therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus.”

EXAMPLES OF SEASONS

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

“To everything there is a season, A time for every purpose under heaven.”

God has set clear times and seasons illustrated in many ways. Each is uniquely different yet necessary for balance and growth. Natural seasons of summer, fall, winter and spring. Preparation, sowing, dormancy, growth, pruning and bearing fruit. Fed milk and meat of the Word leading to maturity.

There is a time for being cared for in the nest and a season when we have to learn to fly.

Deuteronomy 32:9-14

“(11) As an eagle stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, spreading out its wings, taking them up, carrying them on its wings, (12) So the LORD alone led him, and there was no foreign god with him.

Care must be used in sharing words that can be misused.

1 Peter 3:15

“Always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you.”

2 Timothy 4:2

“Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.”

When we looked at how to administer a vision we saw it goes through the stages.

GOD OFTEN WORKS IN THE NIGHT SEASONS.

Exodus 12:29

“And it came to pass at midnight that the LORD struck all the firstborn.”

Psalms 22:1-2

“(2) O My God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear; and in the night season, and am not silent.”

Acts 16:25-26

“But at midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. (26) Suddenly there was a great earthquake.”

PRUNING – so that we can bear more fruit

John 15:1-2

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. (2) Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.”

This is not pleasant, but painful. It makes us depend on the Lord. We learn invaluable lessons. It can include being corrected and broken.

It's always for a good purpose, showing it is God.

Job 5:17-27

“Behold, happy is the man whom God corrects; Therefore do not despise the chastening of the Almighty. (18) For He bruises, but He binds up; He wounds, but His hands make whole. (19) He shall deliver you in six troubles, yes, in seven no evil shall touch you. (20) In famine He shall redeem you from death, and in war from the power of the sword. (21) You shall be hidden from the scourge of the tongue, and you shall not be afraid of destruction when it comes. (22) You shall laugh at destruction and famine, and you shall not be afraid of the beasts of the earth. (23) For you shall have a covenant with the stones of the field, and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with you. (24) You shall know that your tent is in peace; you shall visit your dwelling and find nothing amiss. (25) You shall also know that your descendants shall be many, and your offspring like the grass of the earth. (26) You shall come to the grave at a full age, as a sheaf of grain ripens in its season. (27) Behold, this we have searched out; it is true. Hear it, and know for yourself.”

Hosea 5:15-6:3

“I will return again to My place till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me.” 6:1 “Come, and let us return to the LORD; for He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. (2) After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live in His sight. (3) Let us know, let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD.”

HOW CAN YOU KNOW WHEN A SEASON IS CHANGING?

Jesus gave a number of lessons from fig trees showing us when summer is near.

Matthew 24:32

“Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.”

They should bear timely fruit or be cut down.

Matthew 21:19

“And seeing a fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it but leaves, and said to it, “Let no fruit grow on you ever again.” Immediately the fig tree withered away.”

Luke 13:7

“Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’”

At times the tree is given a second chance before it is cut down.

Luke 13:6-9

“He also spoke this parable: “A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. 7 “Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it use up the ground?’ 8 “But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize it. 9 ‘And if it bears fruit, well. But if not, after that you can cut it down.””

When a season is ending we often face barriers, hard circumstances and His grace lifts so promotion can take place.

Deuteronomy 32:9-14

“For the Lord’s portion is His people; Jacob is the place of His inheritance. (10) “He found him in a desert land and in the wasteland, a howling wilderness; He encircled him, He instructed him, He kept him as the apple of His eye. (11) As an eagle stirs up its nest, hovers over its young, spreading out its wings, taking them up, carrying them on its wings, (12) So the LORD alone led him, and there was no foreign god with him. (13) He made him ride in the heights of the earth, that he might eat the produce of the fields; He made him draw honey from the rock, and oil from the flinty rock; (14) curds from the cattle, and milk of the flock, with fat of lambs; and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the choicest wheat; and you drank wine, the blood of the grapes.”

HOW CAN YOU KNOW WHEN A SEASON IS CHANGING?

This happens with partnerships allowing for separation. This can be perplexing. Illustrated with Abraham and Lot.

Genesis 12:1-4

“Now the LORD had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. (4) So Abram departed as the LORD had spoken to him, and Lot went with him.”

& Genesis 13:5-13

“(7) And there was strife between the herdsmen of Abram’s livestock and the herdsmen of Lot’s livestock. The Canaanites and the Perizzites then dwell in the land. (8) So Abram said to Lot, “Please let there be no strife between you and me, and between my herdsmen and your herdsmen; for we are brethren. (9) “Is not the whole land before you? Please separate from me. If you take the left, then I will go to the right; or, if you go to the right, then I will go to the left.”

notes

LIFE APPLICATIONS

What can we learn about seasons from [Luke 4:13](#)?

What made the tribe of Issachar stand out?

How can the Devil work with time periods in our life?

How can God work with time periods in our life?

How does David's life teach you, personally, about times and seasons?

Give a Biblical example of people who could discern the times, but not the seasons of God.

Give two examples from current events where people can discern the times, but not the seasons.

Give an example of how God has led you into a season and out of the season.

What is the purpose for the season of pruning in our lives?

How can you tell when it's God or when it's the Devil at work.

How can we tell when a season has come to an end?

notes

We must know the difference between patience and complacency. Requiring discernment. You can't use yesterday's weather for today's sailing.

HOW ELISHA PRESERVED TO RECEIVE THE DOUBLE PORTION

2 Kings 2:1

"And it came to pass, when the LORD was about to take up Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal."

Gilgal (Rolled away – a wheel rolling)

Place of circumcision / born again.

Joshua 5:9

"Then the LORD said to Joshua, "This day I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you." Therefore the name of the place is called Gilgal to this day."

Bethel (House of God)

2 Kings 2: 2 - 3

"Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they went down to Bethel."

After Gilgal growing in maturity. Rooted and grounded in the love of God. Feeding on His Word and worshipping Him.

Psalms 92:12-15

"The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. (13) Those who are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God."

Genesis 28:17-19

"And he was afraid and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!" (18) Then Jacob rose early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put at his head, set it up as a pillar, and poured oil on top of it. (19) And he called the name of that place Bethel."

Jericho (It is moon)

2 Kings 2:4-5

"Then Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So they came to Jericho."

Place of warfare.

Once properly established. Have to keep looking up to Him for help to guide us by His light.

Joshua 6:2

"And the LORD said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor."

Jordan (Descender)

2 Kings 2:6-8

"Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here, please, for the LORD has sent me on to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you!" So the two of them went on. (7) And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went and stood facing them at a distance, while the two of them stood by the Jordan."

Going down into the valley growing in faith.

Joshua 3:1

"And came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel, and lodged there before they crossed over."

Only after Jordan is Elisha asked what he would like. He requests the double portion.

2 Kings 2:9-11

"And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."

He is given the new mantle, but has to let go of the old first.

2 Kings 2:12

"And Elisha saw it, and he cried out, "My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen!" So he saw him no more. And he took hold of his own clothes and tore them into two pieces."

He has discernment and a new anointing.

2 Kings 2:13-18

"He also took up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of the Jordan. (14) Then he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, and said, "Where is the LORD God of Elijah?" And when he also had struck the water, it was divided this way and that; and Elisha crossed over."

We need to guard against complacency and apathy.

Matthew 25:1-12

"(5) But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept."

Luke 19:13

“And said unto them, Occupy till I come.” (KJV)

Amos exhorts us to seek God and not places as they are just the stepping stones.

Amos 5:5-6

“But do not seek Bethel, Nor enter Gilgal, Nor pass over to Beersheba; For Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, And Bethel shall come to nothing. (6) Seek the LORD and live.”

AREAS OF TESTING AS WE GROW IN THE LORD

Circumstances, including finances

The physical body

Emotions

Relationships

Our calling and design [Spiritual DNA]

You can't change yourself. Problems in any areas bring (dis-ease) disease. We are tested in our weaknesses as Paul was.

1 Corinthians 4:10

“We are fools for Christ's sake, but you are prudent in Christ; we are weak, but you are strong; you are distinguished, but we are without honor.”

& 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

“He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

LIFE APPLICATIONS

In light of this teaching, how would you see Gilgal applying to your life?

In light of this teaching, how would you see Bethel applying to your life?

In light of this teaching, how would you see Jericho applying to your life?

In light of this teaching, how would you see Jordan applying to your life?

In your desire to grow into the deeper things of God, how do you personally identify with these stages?

Where would you say you are in these stages and where would you desire to be?

Give two examples of crossing over into the deeper things of God.

What are the four areas in which we can be tested relative to our callings?

In light of your calling, in what area would you say you, personally, are most tested?

For personal reflection, how have you grown in the restoration process and how are you continuing to grow?

When we erect walls not of the Lord, we pay a price. **Revelation 3:20** Self erected walls by self won't stand as they have the wrong foundation. There are good and bad walls binding or protecting us depending on their foundations and reason for being erected. Are they righteous or isolating?

WHY DO WE BUILD BARRIERS?

For self-protection out of fear or circumstances.

Genesis 4:17

"He built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son Enoch."

John 4:6-25

"(9) Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, 'How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?' For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans."

Barriers of self-protection can get us into bondage. We fear being vulnerable and there's enemy opposition to walls.

KINDS OF WALLS AND BARRIERS

RACISM

John 4:6-9

"(9) Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, 'How is it that You, being a Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?' For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans."

IGNORANCE

John 4:10-11

"(11) The woman said to Him, 'Sir, You have nothing to draw with, and the well is deep. Where then do You get that living water?'"

TRADITION

John 4:12-14

"'Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank from it himself, as well as his sons and his livestock?'"

SELFISHNESS

John 4:15-16

"Sir, give me this water, that I may not thirst, nor come here to draw."

SIN

John 4:17-18

"The woman answered and said, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You have well said, 'I have no husband,' (18) 'for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; in that you spoke truly.'"

RELIGION

John 4:19-24

"'Sir, I perceive that You are a prophet. (20) 'Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.'"

MAJOR CAUSES OF EMOTIONAL WALL

ISOLLATION - WE SHUT GOD AND PEOPLE OUT

Revelation 3:20

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."

FEAR AND UNREST

Job 3:25-26

"For the thing I greatly feared has come upon me, and what I dreaded has happened to me. (26) I am not at ease, nor am I quiet; I have no rest, for trouble comes."

MISSING OUR CALLING

Exodus 3-4 Moses and Jeremiah 1:4-8 Jeremiah

"Then said I: 'Ah, Lord God! Behold, I cannot speak, for I am a youth.'"

OUR LABORS ARE IN VAIN

Psalms 127:1

"Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it."

In Exodus 3-4 we see how Moses resists the call of God by feeling to humble to obey.

THE NEED FOR DIVINE REVELATION TO HAVING THE WALLS BROKEN DOWN

WOMAN AT THE WELL

John 4:27-29

"(28) The woman then left her waterpot, went her way into the city, and said to the men, (29) 'Come, see a Man who told me all things that I ever did. Could this be the Christ?'"

A change in behavior requires a change in heart.

SAUL - He saw himself as small in his own eyes.

1 Samuel 9:21

"And Saul answered and said, 'Am I not a Benjamite, of the smallest of the tribes of Israel, and my family the least of all the families of the tribe of Benjamin? Why then do you speak like this to me?'"

JOSHUA – He had a wall of fear that was trying to stop him from fulfilling his destiny.

Joshua 1:2-8

“(6) Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide as an inheritance the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. (7) Only be strong and very courageous, that you may observe to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you.”

ISAIAH - Saw the walls of iniquity.

Isaiah 6:1-8

“(5) so I said: “Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts.”

THE EPHESIANS – Needed revelation to see the hope of their calling.

Ephesians 1:17-19

“That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him, (18) the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.”

LIFE APPLICATIONS

What have you learned through this lesson about **Revelation 3:20**?

Describe walls that you have erected in your life.

How have walls helped you?

Describe the wall of racism, ignorance, tradition, selfishness, sin, religion and procrastination from **John 4:6-25**.

Describe four other things that can hinder us due to walls.

Ask the Holy Spirit for revelation of any walls that you may have erected to protect yourself.

How has the Holy Spirit revealed your walls to you in the past?

How have these walls hindered you?

How do you respond when you get into situations where you used to build walls?

Take time now to allow the Lord the right to come in and begin to tear down the walls, which have hindered you from growing in your walk with the Lord.

Rejection can come in the womb [Luke 1:41] needing to be redeemed for maturity and destiny.

Luke 1:41

“And it happened, when Elizabeth heard the greeting of Mary, that the babe leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit.”

MOSES PERCEIVED HE WAS REJECTED AND ABANDONED

Exodus 2:3-6

“(6) When she had opened it, she saw the child, and behold, the baby wept.”

Exodus 2:10

“The child grew, and she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. So she called his name Moses, saying, “Because I drew him out of the water.””

RESULTING IN

ANGER AND MURDER

Exodus 2:11-12

“(12) So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.”

FEAR OF MAN

Exodus 2:13-15

“So Moses feared and said, “Surely this thing is known!””

FEAR OF GOD

Exodus 3:4-6

“And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look upon God.”

DOUBT, UNBELIEF, INSECURITY AND FALSE HUMILITY

Exodus 3:7-11

“(11) But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and that I should bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?””

Exodus 3:7-12

“He said, “I will certainly be with you. And this shall be a sign to you that I have sent you: When you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.””

Exodus 3:13

“Then Moses said to God, “Indeed, when I come to the children of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they say to me, ‘What is His name?’ what shall I say to them?””

Exodus 3:14-22

“God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” And He said, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, ‘I AM has sent me to

you.” (15) Moreover God said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: ‘The Lord God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.’”

INSECURITY

Exodus 4:1

“Then Moses answered and said, “But suppose they will not believe me or listen to my voice; suppose they say, ‘The Lord has not appeared to you.’”

& Exodus 2-9

“(8) “Then it will be, if they do not believe you, nor heed the message of the first sign, that they may believe the message of the latter sign. (9) “And it shall be, if they do not believe even these two signs, or listen to your voice, that you shall take water from the river and pour it on the dry land. And the water which you take from the river will become blood on the dry land.””

RESISTANCE TO GOD’S CALL

Exodus 4:10-23

Exodus 4:10

“Then Moses said to the Lord, “O my Lord, I am not eloquent, neither before nor since You have spoken to Your servant; but I am slow of speech and slow of tongue.””

Exodus 4:11-12

“So the Lord said to him, “Who has made man’s mouth? Or who makes the mute, the deaf, the seeing, or the blind? Have not I, the Lord? (12) Now therefore, go.”

Exodus 4:13

“But he said, “O my Lord, please send by the hand of whomever else You may send.””

Exodus 4:14-23

“So the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and He said: “Is not Aaron the Levite your brother? I know that he can speak well.”

FEAR OF MAN

Exodus 4:24-26

“And it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the Lord met him and sought to kill him.”

CO-DEPENDENCY

Exodus 4:27-31

“And the Lord said to Aaron, “Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.””

ANGER

Numbers 20:1-12

“(10) And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock; and he said to them, “Hear now, you rebels! Must we bring water for you out of this rock?” (12) Then the Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron, “Because you did not believe Me, to hallow Me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.””

CAUSES OF REJECTION

MAN BEING REJECTED BY GOD

1 Samuel 15:23

“Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.”

& 1 Samuel 26

“For you have rejected the word of the Lord, and the Lord has rejected you from being king over Israel.”

1 Samuel 16:1

“How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel?”

Jeremiah 7:29

“For the Lord has rejected and forsaken the generation of His wrath.”

MAN REJECTING GOD

1 Samuel 8:7

“For they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.”

1 Samuel 10:19

“But you have today rejected your God.”

1 Samuel 15:23 and 26

MAN REJECTING MAN

Psalm 118:22

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.”

Matthew 21:42

“The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.”

Isaiah 53:3

“He is despised and rejected by men”

Mark 8:31

“The Son of Man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.”

1 Peter 2:4

“Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men.”

Acts 7:35

“This Moses whom they rejected.”

God desires relationship with man and he created man to be in relationship with Him and others.

His plan is to redeem us to be closer to Him and one another.

Satan therefore attacks these using rejection and any other tactic.

This was true with Jacob and Esau, David and Saul.

BREAKING FREE FROM REJECTION

Leah experienced rejection by Jacob, so the Lord gave her four sons.

Genesis 29:31-35

“When the Lord saw that Leah was unloved, He opened her womb; but Rachel was barren.”

SIGHT

Genesis 29:32

“Leah conceived and bore a son, and she called his name Reuben; for she said: The Lord has surely looked on my affliction. Now therefore, my husband will love me.”

Showing God sees all and we don't have to perform.

HEARING

Genesis 29:33

“And said, “Because the Lord has heard that I am unloved, He has therefore given me this son also.” And she called his name Simeon.”

Iniquity can block your hearing

Isaiah 59:1-2

“(2) But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.”

Hagar - **Genesis 16:11** and Hannah - **1 Samuel 1:20** were rejected and God heard their cries.

Genesis 16:11

“You shall call his name Ishmael, Because the Lord has heard your affliction.”

1 Samuel 1:20

“And called his name Samuel, saying, “Because I have asked for him from the Lord.””

COMPANIONSHIP

Genesis 29:34

“She conceived again and bore a son, and said, now this time my husband will become attached to me, because I have borne him three sons. Therefore his name was called Levi.”

God wants to be our covenant friend.

1 Peter 2:9-10

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.”

John 15:15

“No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends.”

PRAISE

Genesis 29:35

“And she conceived again and bore a son, and said, “Now I will praise the Lord.” Therefore she called his name Judah. Then she stopped bearing.”

When we see, hear and are covenant friends we praise freely

FURTHER KEYS TO FREEDOM

SELF-ACCEPTANCE

Psalm 139:14-16

“I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvelous are Your works, And that my soul knows very well. (15) My frame was not hidden from You, when I was made in secret, And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.”

Matthew 19:19

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

RECEIVING GOD’S ACCEPTANCE

Ephesians 1:2-6

“By which He has made us accepted in the Beloved.”

PRAYING FOR REVELATION ABOUT YOUR CALLING

Ephesians 1:15-23

(18) “The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.”

Ephesians 2:10

“For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works.”

LIFE APPLICATIONS

When can rejection begin?

In the life of Moses, how did you see rejection cause anger?

In the life of Moses, how did rejection cause fear of man?

In the life of Moses, how did rejection cause fear of God?

In the life of Moses, how did rejection cause doubt, unbelief, insecurity and a false humility?

In the life of Moses, how did rejection cause a resistance to God's call on his life?

In the life of Moses, how did rejection cause a codependency?

In the life of Moses, how did rejection cause him to disobey God?

Explain the three different types of rejection and how they can affect our lives.

From the story of Leah, how can seeing help us overcome rejection?

From the story of Leah, how can hearing help us overcome rejection?

From the story of Leah, how can being joined to God help us overcome rejection?

From the story of Leah, how can praise help us overcome rejection?

What does **Psalm 139:14-16** mean to you in light of this teaching?

What does **Matthew 19:19** mean to you in light of this teaching?

What does **Ephesians 1:2-6** mean to you in light of this teaching?

How can praying help you to discover your calling and overcome rejection?

How can rejection hinder you from interceding, effectively?

Judah had a lust problem – **Genesis 38** going to David – **Psalms 51**

Amnon

2 Samuel 13:1-15

Absalom

2 Samuel 16:20-23

Solomon

1 Kings 11:1-4

Lust works with mammon and can enter through hurt.

LUST CAN HAVE TREMENDOUS POWER OVER PEOPLE

POTIPHAR'S WIFE

Genesis 39:7-20

"It came to pass after these things that his master's wife cast longing eyes on Joseph, and she said, "Lie with me." (8) But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Look, my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has committed all that he has to my hand. (10) So it was, as she spoke to Joseph day by day, that he did not heed her, to lie with her or to be with her. (11) But it happened about this time, when Joseph went into the house to do his work, and none of the men of the house was inside, (12) that she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me.""

SAMSON

Judges 14:1-7

"Now Samson went down to Timnah, and saw a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines. (2) So he went up and told his father and mother, saying, "I have seen a woman in Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines; now therefore, get her for me as a wife." (3) Then his father and mother said to him, "Is there no woman among the daughters of your brethren, or among all my people, that you must go and get a wife from the uncircumcised Philistines?" And Samson said to his father, "Get her for me, for she pleases me well.""

Judges 15:1-2

"After a while, in the time of wheat harvest, it happened that Samson visited his wife with a young goat. And he said, "Let me go in to my wife, into her room." But her father would not permit him to go in."

Judges 16:1-21

"Now Samson went to Gaza and saw a harlot there, and went in to her. (4) Afterward it happened that he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. (20)

And she said, "The Philistines are upon you, Samson!" So he awoke from his sleep, and said, "I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!" But he did not know that the Lord had departed from him. (21) Then the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the prison."

LUST ATTACKS

THE MIND AND AFFECTS THE HEART

Romans 1:24-25

"Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, (25) who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever."

Ephesians 2:1-3

"(3) among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others."

LUST CAN AFFECT VARIOUS AREAS OF A PERSON'S LIFE

Jude 1:15-19

(16) These are grumblers, complainers, walking according to their own lusts; and they mouth great swelling words, flattering people to gain advantage. (18) how they told you that there would be mockers in the last time who would walk according to their own ungodly lusts. (19) These are sensual persons, who cause divisions, not having the Spirit."

Titus 3:3

"Serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another."

2 Peter 2:18

"They allure through the lusts of the flesh, through lewdness."

LUST ATTACKS

HOW WE LIVE AND OUR ATTITUDES

1 John 2:16-17

"For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world. (17) And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever."

MONEY – through Greed that leads to other problems

1 Timothy 6:9

"But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and harmful lusts which drown men in destruction and perdition."

SEX

Matthew 5:28

"But I say to you that whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart."

& Romans 1:27

"Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another."

YOUTH

2 Timothy 2:22

"Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness."

COVETOUSNESS

Romans 13:13

"Not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy."

& 1 Corinthians 10:6

"These things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted."

This can lead to illegal comparisons like with Ahab

1 Kings 21 and James and John Mark 10:35-41

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to Him, saying, "Teacher, we want You to do for us whatever we ask." 36 And He said to them, "What do you want Me to do for you?" 37 They said to Him, "Grant us that we may sit, one on Your right hand and the other on Your left, in Your glory." 38 But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you ask. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, and be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" 39 They said to Him, "We are able." So Jesus said to them, "You will indeed drink the cup that I drink, and with the baptism I am baptized with you will be baptized; 40 "but to sit on My right hand and on My left is not Mine to give, but it is for those for whom it is prepared." 41 And when the ten heard it, they began to be greatly displeased with James and John.

FOOD

EVE

Genesis 3:1-6

"(6) So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate."

Israel in the desert

Psalms 106:13-14

"(14) But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness, and tested God."

IDOLS

Jeremiah 13:27

"I have seen your adulteries and your lustful neighings, the lewdness of your harlotry, your abominations on the hills in the fields."

Ezekiel 23:5-20

"Oholah played the harlot even though she was Mine; and she lusted for her lovers, the neighboring Assyrians (7) Thus she committed her harlotry with them, all of them choice men of Assyria; and with all for whom she lusted, with all their idols, she defiled herself. (9) Therefore I have delivered her into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the Assyrians, for whom she lusted. (11) " Now although her sister Oholibah saw this, she became more corrupt in her lust than she, and in her harlotry more corrupt than her sister's harlotry. (12) "She lusted for the neighboring Assyrians, captains and rulers, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen."

Romans 1:24-25

"Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves."

LUST CAN DIRECTLY AFFECT

CONFESSION

1 John 1:7-9

"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

HOW WE PRAY

James 4:1-3

"From whence come wars and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that war in your members? (3) Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts." (KJV)

OUR CITIES

2 Peter 2:6-11

"Turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned them to destruction, making them an example to those who afterward would live ungodly; (9) then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment, (10) and especially those who walk according to the flesh in the lust of uncleanness and despise authority."

NATIONS [ISRAEL]

Jeremiah 3:6-8

“The LORD said also to me in the days of Josiah the king: ‘Have you seen what backsliding Israel has done? She has gone up on every high mountain and under every green tree, and there played the harlot. 7 ‘And I said, after she had done all these things, ‘Return to Me.’ But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. 8 ‘Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear, but went and played the harlot also.”

PEOPLE IN THE LAST DAYS

2 Timothy 3:1-7

“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: (2) For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy. (6) For of this sort are those who creep into households and make captives of gullible women loaded down with sins, led away by various lusts.”

2 Peter 3:1-4

“(3) knowing this first: that scoffers will come in the last days, walking according to their own lusts.”

HOW TO OVERCOME LUST

LEARN FROM EXAMPLES

1 Corinthians 10:6

“Now these things became our examples, to the intent that we should not lust after evil things as they also lusted.”

DROPPING OLD PATTERNS OF BEHAVIOR

Ephesians 4:20-23

“(22) that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts.”

WALK IN THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:16

“Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.”

ALLOW YOURSELF TO BE SANCTIFIED

1 Thessalonians 4:3-6

“For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you should abstain from sexual immorality; (4) that each of you should know how to possess his own vessel in sanctification and honor, (5) not in passion of lust..”

DEPART FROM IT

2 Timothy 2:19

““Let everyone who names the name of Christ depart from iniquity.””

DENY IT

Titus 2:11-13

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, (12) teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts.”

BE HOLY

1 Peter 1:13-16

“(14) as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; (15) but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, (16) because it is written, “Be holy, for I am holy.””

SELF CONTROL

1 Peter 2:11-12

“Beloved, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul,”

PARTAKE OF HIS DIVINE PROMISES

2 Peter 1:1-4

“(4) by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”

DO THE WILL OF GOD

1 John 2:17

“The world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.”

LIFE APPLICATIONS

Name 5 areas of lust that affect your life.

How has lust affected your attitudes in these areas?

notes

As a part of today's youth, what are some of the lusts being presented to you?

Why is lust so powerful?

What is the best way to deal with lust?

How has lust attacked your relationships?

When temptation attacks in an area of your life, what is it that breaks it?

What does God consider to be the result of foolish and harmful lust?

Can a person minister effectively with unresolved lust issues? How and why?

Do you think a minister will lust or he is doomed to fall if he does not allow God to deal with his lust?

How does lust affect prayer?

What effects of lust are in your city?

What are the lust issues in your day? Name 5.

How do they relate to 2 Timothy 3:1-7?

How does walking in the spirit defeat lust?

Can you name anything in your life that was directly related to lust?

How did this affect your life?

How did you defeat it (if you have)?

What would differ in your prayer life if there was no struggle with lust?

What lust issues do the youth of today have to face that you don't?

notes

PRIDE WAS ONE REASON SATAN FELL FROM HEAVEN

Ezekiel 28:17

“Your heart was lifted up because of your beauty.”

ATTACKS VARIOUS AREAS OF OUR LIVES AS CHRISTIANS

1 John 2:16-17

“For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world.”

ATTACKS 3 AREAS: PERFECTIONISM, STEWARDSHIP AND EXCELLENCE

PERFECTIONISM – NO STANDARD – BATTLE TO DELEGATE – MOSES

Exodus 18:12-26

“ (14) So when Moses’ father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he said, “What is this thing that you are doing for the people? Why do you alone sit, and all the people stand before you from morning until evening?” (15) And Moses said to his father-in-law, “Because the people come to me to inquire of God. (17) So Moses’ father-in-law said to him, “The thing that you do is not good. (18) “Both you and these people who are with you will surely wear yourselves out. For this thing is too much for you; you are not able to perform it by yourself. (19) “Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God will be with you: stand before God for the people, so that you may bring the difficulties to God. (20) “And you shall teach them the statutes and the laws, and show them the way in which they must walk and the work they must do. (21) “Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. (22) “And let them judge the people at all times. Then it will be that every great matter they shall bring to you, but every small matter they themselves shall judge. So it will be easier for you, for they will bear the burden with you.”

STEWARDSHIP – SET STANDARD

Matthew 25:21

“His lord said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.’

FAITHFULLNESS WITH LITTLE, MONEY OR WHAT IS ANOTHERS

Luke 16:1-12

“He also said to His disciples: “There was a certain rich man who had a steward, and an accusation was brought to him that this man was wasting his goods. (2) “So he called him and said to him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your stewardship, for you can no longer be steward.’ (8) “So the master commended the unjust steward because he had dealt shrewdly. For the sons of this world are more shrewd in their generation than the sons of light. (11) “Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? (12) “And if you have not been faithful in what is another man’s, who will give you what is your own?”

EXCELLENCE – A SET STANDARD WITH DEFINITE RESULTS

Ecclesiastes 9:10

“Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with your might.”

PRIDE IS AN OBSTACLE TO SUBMISSION – PREVENTS CONFESSION AND OPENESS.

PRIDE IS DECEPTIVE THING ENTERING VARIOUS AREAS OF OUR LIFE AND MINISTRY.

FALSE PRIDE TRIES TO PERSUADE PEOPLE THAT WE ARE HUMBLE.

THE PRIDE OF LIFE [1 JOHN 2:16] IS EARTHY AND VAIN [ECCLESIASTES] AND LEADS TO BUILDING A MONUMENT TO OURSELVES AT TIMES

1 John 2:16-17

“For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world.”

2 Samuel 18:18

Absalom in his lifetime had taken and set up a pillar for himself, which is in the King’s Valley. For he said, “I have no son to keep my name in remembrance.” He called the pillar after his own name. And to this day it is called Absalom’s Monument.

PRIDE CAN ALSO AFFECT OUR

SERVICE - becomes proud of our achievement more than of what God has done.

Matthew 7:21-23

“(22) ‘Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ (23) ‘And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

Acts 9:1-8

“Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest (2) and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.”

LOVE FOR THE LORD**John 14:15**

“If you love Me, keep My commandments.”

FASTING**Isaiah 58:1-9**

“(3) ‘Why have we fasted,’ they say, ‘and You have not seen? Why have we afflicted our souls, and You take no notice?’ ‘In fact, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, and exploit all your laborers. (4) Indeed you fast for strife and debate, and to strike with the fist of wickedness.’”

PRAYER LIFE**1 Samuel 8:6-13**

“Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, (5) and said to him, “Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.””

2 Kings 20:1-4

“Thus says the Lord: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.’” (2) Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying, (3) “Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.”

James 4:1-3

“Where do wars and fights come from among you? Do they not come from your desires for pleasure that war in your members? (2) You lust and do not have.(3) You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.”

WISDOM**James 3:13-18**

“(14) But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. (15) This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. (16) For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. (17) But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. (18) Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.”

ATTITUDES**Proverbs 16:18**

“Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.”

Leads to becoming haughty causing our downfall.

notes

LIFE APPLICATIONS

What are you proud of in your life?

Is God proud of the same things you are?

Is there a difference between “being proud” and pleasing God? Explain.

Does pride always lead to destruction and a fall? Explain.

Where does Satan use pride against us?

What are areas in your home where pride causes divisions?

Where does pride interrupt the flow of revelation in your life?

What would be different about your past if you had overcome pride before it led to destruction?

Why does God not want pride in the life of His people?

notes

JEALOUSY – A desire to protect what belongs to us. Holding onto something exclusively.

Is a powerful iniquity seen with Cain and Abel.

THE POSITIVE SIDE OF JEALOUSY - GOD IS KNOWN AS A JEALOUS GOD

Exodus 34:14

‘for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God).

Exodus 20:5

“You shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God..”

Deuteronomy 4:24

“For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God.”

Deuteronomy 5:9

“For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God.”

Ezekiel 39:25

“I will be jealous for My holy name.”

Zephaniah 1:18

“But the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of His jealousy.”

Zephaniah 3:8

“”All the earth shall be devoured with the fire of My jealousy.”

Romans 10:19

“”I will provoke you to jealousy by those who are not a nation.”
Romans 11:11-14

“But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles. (14) if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them.”

PAUL HAD A GODLY JEALOUSY FOR THE CORINTHIAN CHURCH

2 Corinthians 11:2

“For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy.”

THE DESTRUCTIVE SIDE OF JEALOUSY – IT CAN DESTROY MARRIAGE

Numbers 5:30

“When the spirit of jealousy comes upon a man, and he becomes jealous of his wife.”

Proverbs 6:34

“For jealousy is a husband’s fury.”

LEAD TO VIOLENCE

Proverbs 27:4

“But who is able to stand before jealousy?”

LEADS TO REBELLION

Saul house due to Gibeonites

2 Samuel 21:1

Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, “It is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites.”

COMPETING WITH LOVE

Song of Solomon 8:6

“For love is as strong as death, jealousy as cruel as the grave; its flames are flames of fire, a most vehement flame.”

LEAD US TO TURN AWAY FROM TRUE DEVOTION TO GOD

Deuteronomy 32:16-19

“They provoked Him to jealousy with foreign gods.”

1 Kings 14:22

“they provoked Him to jealousy with their sins which they committed.”

SETS ITSELF UP AS AN IDOL

Ezekiel 8:1-5

“There was the seat of the image of jealousy which provokes to jealousy” 5) I lifted my eyes the way toward the north and behold northward at the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry.”

ENVY - Desiring what another has and we don't have. Becomes resentful. Desiring to destroy the other person to take what they have. For example Leah and Rachael **Genesis 30:1** and Joseph's brothers.

Genesis 30:1

Now when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister, and said to Jacob, “Give me children, or else I die!”

Acts 7:9

“And the patriarchs, becoming envious, sold Joseph into Egypt.”

LEADS TO VIOLENCE

Job 5:2

“For wrath kills a foolish man, And envy slays a simple one.”

Proverbs 27:4

“Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?” [KJV]

Matthew 27:18

For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.

CAN AFFECT OUR BODY

Proverbs 14:30

“A sound heart is life to the body, But envy is rotteness to the bones.”

CAUSE US TO FRET

Psalms 37:1

“Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.”

Proverbs 24:19

“Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the wicked.”

BLINDS US

Psalms 73:1-28

“I was envious of the boastful, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. (4) For there are no pangs in their death, but their strength is firm. (5) They are not in trouble as other men, nor are they plagued like other men. (17) Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I understood their end.”

Proverbs 24:1-2

“Do not be envious of evil men, Nor desire to be with them; 2 For their heart devises violence, And their lips talk of troublemaking.”

MAKES US ENVY SINNERS

Proverbs 23:17

“Do not let your heart envy sinners, But be zealous for the fear of the LORD all the day.”

AFFECTS OUR WISDOM

James 3:14-16

“But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth. (15) This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic. (16) For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.”

LEADS TO EVIL

Romans 1:29-31

“being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, 31 undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful.”

DEFILES OUR MOTIVES

Philippians 1:15

“Some indeed preach Christ even from envy and strife, and some also from good will.”

1 Timothy 6:3-5

“3 If anyone teaches otherwise and does not consent to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which accords with godliness, 4 he is proud, knowing nothing, but is obsessed with disputes and arguments over words, from which come envy, strife, reviling, evil suspicions, 5 useless wranglings of men of corrupt minds and destitute of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a means of gain. From such withdraw yourself.”

Titus 3:3

“For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.”

AFFECTS OUR ATTITUDE TO THE LORD’S WORK

Acts 13:45

“But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy; and contradicting and blaspheming, they opposed the things spoken by Paul.”

COMPETES WITH LOVE

1 Corinthians 13:4

“Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up.”

notes

LIFE APPLICATIONS

What is good about jealousy in your life?

Where has jealousy been destructive in your life?

What is the difference between good and destructive jealousy?

Why does God describe Himself as jealous?

What specific characteristics of God's jealousy do you need in your life?

How do the nations prove jealousy (**Romans 11:11-14**)?

How could this be a good thing?

Where has the church allowed jealousy to become iniquity?

Is there a difference between jealousy and iniquity?

Why doesn't God describe Himself as envious?

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REBELLION ATTACKS

FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS

Malachi 4:5-6

“(6) And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

OUR MOTIVES

1 Samuel 8:4-22

“Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.” (7) And the Lord said to Samuel, “Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. (19) Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, “No, but we will have a king over us, (20) that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles.””

OUR WILL TO OBEY

Jeremiah 2:13

“For My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, The fountain of living waters, To hew for themselves cisterns, Broken cisterns, That can hold no water.

Jeremiah 6:16

“Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; Then you will find rest for your souls. But they said, “We will not walk in it.””

OUR DECISIONS

1 Kings 18:21

“But the people answered him not a word.”

NATIONS

Ezekiel 2:1-8

“(3) And He said to me: “Son of man, I am sending you to the children of Israel, to a rebellious nation that has rebelled against Me; they and their fathers have transgressed against Me to this very day. (4) For they are impudent and stubborn children. (5) “As for them, whether they hear or whether they refuse – for they are a rebellious house -- yet they will know that a prophet has been among them. though they are a rebellious house. (7) for they are rebellious. (8) But you, son of man, hear what I say to you. Do not be rebellious like that rebellious house; open your mouth and eat what I give you.””

Exodus 33:5

“For the LORD had said to Moses, “Say to the children of Israel, ‘You are a stiff-necked people.”

Deuteronomy 9:13

“I have seen this people, and indeed they are a stiff-necked people.”

STUBBORNNESS

Makes people unteachable. Redeemed makes people bold and persistent. Requiring discernment.

WORKS WITH REBELLION LEADING TO IDOLATRY

1 Samuel 15:23

“For rebellion is as a sin of witchcraft and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.”

CAN TAKE HOLD OF OUR HEARTS

Jeremiah 23:29

“Is not My word like a fire?” says the Lord, “and like a hammer that breaks the rock [of most stubborn resistance] in pieces?” (Amplified)

CAN AFFECT OUR MOTIVES AND DESIRES

Numbers 22:1-34

“(12) And God said to Balaam, “You shall not go with them; you shall not curse the people, for they are blessed.” (20) And God came to Balaam at night and said to him, “If the men come to call you, rise and go with them; but only the word which I speak to you – that you shall do.” (32) And the Angel of the Lord said to him, “Why have you struck your donkey these three times? Behold, I have come out to stand against you, because your way is perverse before Me.”

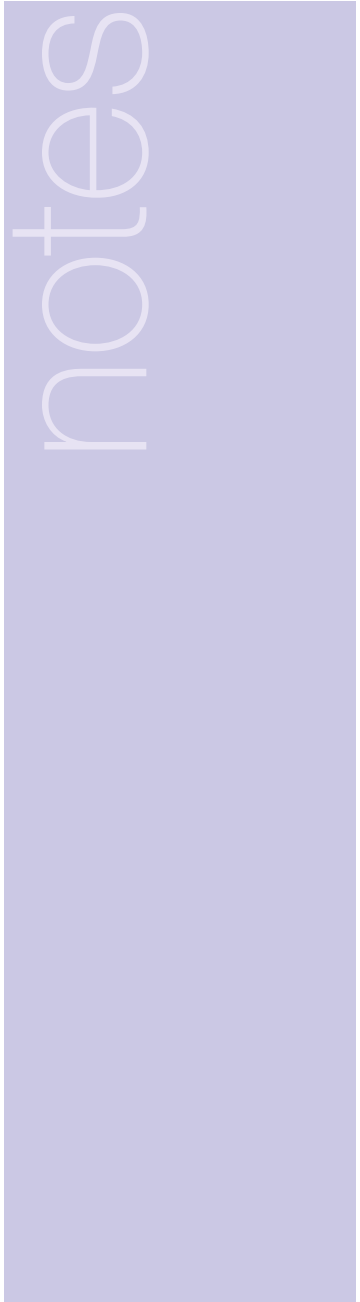
CAN AFFECT OUR PRAYERS

1 Samuel 8:4-14

“Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.” (7) And the LORD said to Samuel, “Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.”

2 Kings 20:1-5

“”Thus says the Lord: ‘Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.’” (2) Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the Lord, saying, (3) “Remember now, O Lord, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight.” And Hezekiah wept bitterly.”



LIFE APPLICATIONS

What can work together with rebellion?

How does a rebel differ from someone who's stubborn?

Give one example of how Israel rebelled against God.

What was a contributing factor in Israel's rebellion against God in **1 Kings 18**?

Give an example of how stubbornness and rebellion can affect a nation.

Give an example of how stubbornness can affect our heart.

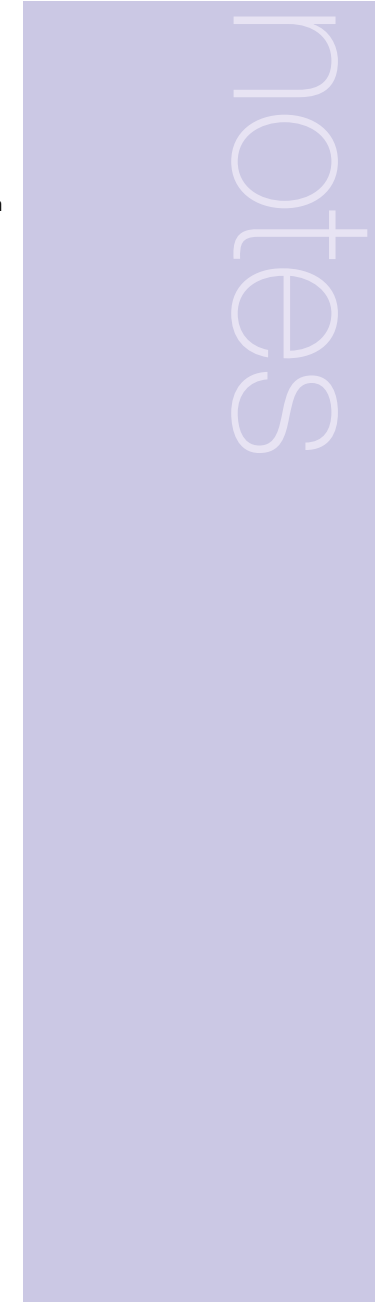
What is a sure sign of stubbornness?

How should we allow God to use a stubborn tendency in our life?

How can stubbornness affect our prayer life?

How can stubbornness enter our lives?

How can our habit patterns affect stubbornness?



THERE IS POWER IN UNITY

Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor. (10) For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, for he has no one to help him up. (12) Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him. And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

ANTI-CHRIST defiles with rebellion.

JEZEBEL dominates, intimidates and manipulates.

DEATH AND HADES try to destroy with accusation.

EGYPT tries to wear us out.

Daniel 7:25

“And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High.”

WHEN ISRAEL BECAME POWERFUL EGYPT PUT THEM TO HARD LABOR. IT STRENGTHENED THEM, THEN WORE THEM DOWN.

Exodus 1:8-14

“Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. (9) And he said to his people, ‘Look, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we; (10) ‘come, let us deal shrewdly with them, lest they multiply, and it happen, in the event of war, that they also join our enemies and fight against us, and so go up out of the land.’ (11) Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh supply cities, Pithom and Raamses. (12) But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew. And they were in dread of the children of Israel. (13) So the Egyptians made the children of Israel serve with rigor. (14) And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage – in mortar, in brick, and in all manner of service in the field. All their service in which they made them serve was with rigor.”

THEN THEY CRIED OUT BECAUSE OF THEIR SLAVERY

Exodus 2:23

“Now it happened in the process of time that the king of Egypt died. Then the children of Israel groaned because of the bondage [slavery], and they cried out; and their cry came up to God because of the bondage [slavery].”

PHARAOH DID NOT WANT THEM TO REST

Exodus 5:1-9

“Afterward Moses and Aaron went in and told Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the Lord God of Israel: ‘Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness.’” (4) Then the king of Egypt said to them, ‘Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people from their work? Get back to your labor.’ (5) And Pharaoh said, ‘Look, the people of the land are many now, and you make them rest from their labor!’”

TACTICS USED TO GET US TO INTO BONDAGE TO SLAVERY

FALSE BURDENS - of men and the enemy, not the Lord

Exodus 5:4-5

“Then the king of Egypt said to them, ‘Moses and Aaron, why do you take the people from their work? Get back to your labor.’ (5) And Pharaoh said, ‘Look, the people of the land are many now, and you make them rest from their labor!’”

The Lord's burden is easy and light

Matthew 11: 28-30

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. (29) Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (30) ‘For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.’”

NEEDS DRIVEN – God never drives us, he leads us – don't try to meet perceived needs. We must know our purpose and appointed work with clear boundaries.

Exodus 2:11-14

“Now it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out to his brethren and looked at their burdens. And he saw an Egyptian beating a Hebrew, one of his brethren. (12) So he looked this way and that way, and when he saw no one, he killed the Egyptian and hid him in the sand.”

We are to meet divine appointments

John 5:1-9 and 19-20

“(2) Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew, Bethesda, having five porches. (3) In these lay a great multitude of sick people, blind, lame, paralyzed, waiting for the moving of the water.” (5) Now a certain man was there who had an infirmity thirty-eight years. (6) When Jesus saw him lying there, and knew that he already had been in that condition a long time, He said to him, ‘Do you want to be made well?’ 19 ‘Then Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner. ‘”

HASTE – being driven and exhausted by the burdens and needs we act out of our own understanding

Proverbs 3:5-6

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; (6) In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.”

Not waiting as we should

Isaiah 40:31

“But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.”

Not properly submitting

Judges 20:19-28

& Joshua 9:14

“Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the Lord.”

Doing a good thing rather than

God’s thing

1 Chronicles 15:13

“For because you did not do it the first time, the Lord our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order.”

BUSYNESS – Jesus was a servant and we are to be servants.

Philippians 2:5-7

“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, (6) who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, (7) but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.”

Keeping the right balance

Luke 10:38-42

“(41) And Jesus answered and said to her, ‘Martha, Martha, [over occupied and to busy] you are worried and troubled about many things. (42) ‘But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.’”

Even though Samuel ministered to the Lord he did not yet know Him in a personal way.

1 Samuel 2:11

“Then Elkanah went to his house at Ramah. But the child ministered to the Lord before Eli the priest.”

1 Samuel 2:18

“Samuel ministered before the Lord, even as a child, wearing a linen ephod.”

1 Samuel 3:1

“The boy Samuel ministered to the Lord before Eli.”

1 Samuel 3:2-15

“(7) (Now Samuel did not yet know (Yada) the Lord, nor was the word of the Lord yet revealed to him.)”

Our service is not as vital as our relationship and obedience to the Lord.

1 Samuel 15:22-23

“Samuel said: ‘Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. (23) For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.’”

We can get so busy with the Work of the Lord that we lose contact with the Lord of the work.

PERFORMANCE – What is our motive for service?

Jesus showed that our works for Him are not as important as Him knowing us.

Matthew 7:21-23

“(22) ‘Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ (23) ‘And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”

Jesus was blessed before He started ministry

Matthew 3:17

“And suddenly a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.’”

And was encouraged.

Matthew 17:5

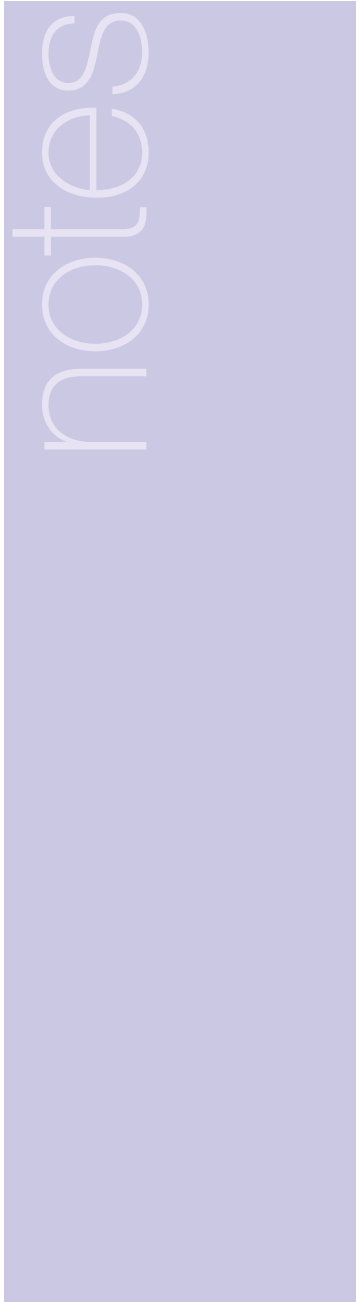
“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!”

PERFORMANCE verses rest. Man was not created to work and then rest, but first to rest.

Anyone can make you work. A father teaches you to lie down and rest.

Psalms 23:2

“He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters.”



All the virgins slumbered and slept and He never knew the foolish ones.

Matthew 25:5

"(5) 'But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. (11) 'Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' (12) 'But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.'"

Jesus wants us to be His friends not His slaves.

John 15:15

"No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you."

LIFE APPLICATIONS

When does this attack of yokes usually come against us?

How does the enemy use burdens against us?

How do you see burdens hindering your intercession?

How does the enemy try to use needs to get at our relationship with the Lord?

How do you overcome being driven by needs?



How can the enemy use haste in our lives?

How do you see yourself overcoming haste?

What was wrong with Martha's service?

How important is our attitude in serving God?

How does performance hinder us from a Yada walk with Him?