

PARENTING BY THE BOOK

THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OVERCOMING GENERATIONAL SIN PATTERNS

1. REVIEW

A. DISCUSS: SPIRITUAL DNA

1. THE REPETITION OF NEGATIVE PATTERNS OF SIN THAT ARE TRANSFERRED FROM ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER THAT CREATE SPIRITUAL SCARS ON OUR SOULS, AS WELL AS THE SOULS OF OTHERS.
2. THE PROBLEM: OUR CHILDREN NOT ONLY OBSERVE OUR NEGATIVE PATTERNS... THEY OFTEN REPEAT OUR PATTERNS AS ADULTS.
 - a. THEREFORE: THE CYCLE OF SIN CAN BE TRANSFERRED FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION TO GENERATION....
3. THESE NEGATIVE SIN PATTERNS CREATE NEGATIVE RESULTS:
 - a. IN OUR OWN LIVES, AND
 - b. IN THE WORLD AROUND US.

B. QUESTION... IF WE PASS TO OUR CHILDREN THE SINS THAT WE OBSERVED IN OUR PARENTS... HOW CAN THAT PROGRESSION BE STOPPED?

1. Galatians 3:13-14 (NASB) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE"— in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.
2. NOTE: JESUS' DEATH AND RESSURECTION REMOVED SATAN'S AUTHORITY.
 - a. BUT... JESUS' DEATH DID NOT REMOVE SATAN'S POWER.
 - 1) HIS POWER WILL BE REMOVED WHEN JESUS RETURNS TO EARTH
3. REMEMBER: SATAN CANNOT CONTROL CHRISTIANS
 - a. WHY... BECAUSE HE NO LONGER HAS AUTHORITY OVER US.
4. SO... HE HAD TO COME UP WITH ANOTHER SCHEME TO GET US TO SIN AGAINST GOD IN ORDER TO SEPARATE US FROM GOD BY SINNING.

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- a. HIS GOAL IS TO SEPARATE US FROM GOD.
 - 1) HIS MEANS IS TO GET US TO SIN.
- b. ***SATAN'S SCHEME IS TO DECEIVE US IN ORDER TO GET US TO DO WHAT HE CAN NO LONGER DO TO US***
 - 1) WHAT HE NO LONGER HAS THE AUTHORITY TO FORCE US TO DO.
- c. SATAN'S SCHEME IS TO PLANT THOUGHTS IN OUR MIND SO WE ARE DECEIVED INTO THINKING HIS THOUGHTS ARE OUR THOUGHTS ENCOURAGING US TO SIN:
 - 1. ESPECIALLY IN THE AREA OF GENERATIONAL SIN PATTERNS.
 - a. SO THAT PAST GENERATIONAL SIN PATTERNS BECOME OUR PRESENT SIN PATTERNS, AND MAY BECOME OUR FUTURE SIN PATTERNS WITHOUT OUR RELIANCE ON THE HOLY SPIRIT.
 - 2. WHAT THEN... ARE WE HELPLESS AND HOPELESS TO BE VICTORIOUS OVER SATAN'S SCHEMES?
- d. NO!!! JESUS HAS GIVEN US THE HOLY SPIRIT... AND THE HOLY SPIRIT CAN SET US FREE!!!
- e. THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT
 - 1. There are MANY WAYS that the HOLY SPIRIT WORKS IN THE LIVES OF CHRISTIANS... AND THEY ALL SHARE ONE COMMON GOAL: TO MAKE US MORE LIKE JESUS CHRIST.
 - 2. THAT PROCESS IS CALLED SANCTIFICATION.
 - a. SANCTIFICATION IS THE PROCESS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT STRIPPING AWAY OUR SINFUL HABITS AND MAKING US MORE LIKE JESUS.
- 2. HOW IS THE HOLY SPIRIT RELATED TO HELPING CHRISTIANS AND THEIR CHILDREN OVERCOME GENERATIONAL SIN PATTERNS?
 - A. FIRST... WE MUST KNOW WHAT OUR SIN PATTERN(S) ARE.
 - 1. PRAYERFULLY LIST THEM.
 - B. SECOND... KNOW WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS ABOUT THE SIN.

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1. LOOK UP SCRIPTURE RELATING TO THE SIN AND **WRITE IT DOWN.**
 - C. **THIRD... REPENT OF THE SIN AND ASK GOD TO FORGIVE YOU.**
 - D. **NOTE: WE CAN TAKE THOUGHTS CAPTIVE BEFORE WE SIN.**
 1. **2 Corinthians 10:3-6 (NASB)** For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, or the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and **we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ**
 - a. **HOW?... "IN THE NAME, AND THE POWER, AND THE AUTHORITY OF MY SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST I GIVE NO CONSENT TO THAT THOUGHT. ...AND IN HIS NAME, SATAN, YOU MUST GO... N O W!"**
3. THE **HOLY SPIRIT**
- A. **WHY DISCUSS THE HOLY SPIRIT IN THE CONTEXT OF OVERCOMING GENERATIONAL SIN PATTERNS?**
 1. BECAUSE HE IS OUR **"HELPER"** SENT TO HELP US **OVERCOME SIN PATTERNS** THROUGH THE **SANCTIFICATION OF OUR SOULS.**
 - B. THE **HOLY SPIRIT** IS THE **THIRD** MEMBER OF THE **TRINITY**
 1. **GOD THE FATHER** WAS THE POINT PERSON OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.
 2. **JESUS CHRIST THE SON** WAS THE POINT PERSON DURING HIS LIFE ON EARTH.
 3. **GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT** IS THE POINT PERSON IN THIS CURRENT PERIOD CALLED **THE CHURCH AGE...** AND HE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE **FATHER** AND THE **SON** ON EARTH.
 - C. **John 16:5-15 (NASB)** "But now I am going to Him who sent Me; and none of you asks Me, 'Where are You going?' "But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. "But I tell you the truth, **it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper (the Holy Spirit) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.** "And He, when He comes, will convict the world concerning **sin** and righteousness

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and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged. "I have many more things to say to you, but you cannot bear *them* now. **But when He, the Spirit of truth, comes, He will guide you into all the truth;** for He will not speak on His own initiative, but whatever He hears, He will speak; and He will disclose to you what is to come. "**He will glorify Me, for He will take of Mine and will disclose *it* to you**" All things that the Father has are Mine; therefore I said that **He takes of Mine and will disclose *it* to you.**

D. JESUS REFERED TO THE HOLY SPIRIT AS **"THE ANNOINTING"**.

1. **Luke 4:18 (NASB)** "THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME, BECAUSE HE **ANOINTED** ME TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO THE POOR. HE HAS SENT ME TO PROCLAIM RELEASE TO THE CAPTIVES, AND RECOVERY OF SIGHT TO THE BLIND, TO SET FREE THOSE WHO ARE OPPRESSED,
2. **1 John 2:20 (NASB)** But you have an **anointing** from **the Holy One**
3. **1 John 2:27 (NASB)** As for you, **the anointing** which you received from Him **abides in you**, and you have no need for anyone to teach you; but as **His anointing** teaches you about all things, and is true and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you **abide** in Him.
4. **Acts 2:37-38 (NASB)** Now when they heard *this*, they were pierced to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, "Brethren, what shall we do?" Peter *said* to them, "**Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**"
 - a. **EVERY CHRISTIAN HAS "THE ANNOINTING" THE INDWELLING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHEN WE ACCEPTED JESUS CHRIST AS OUR SAVIOR.**
 - b. **YOU CANNOT BE A CHRISTIAN AND NOT HAVE "THE ANNOINTING" OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**,,
 - 1) **THE INDWELLING PRESENCE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT DESIGNED TO DO THE WORK OF THE FATHER AND THE SON IN OUR LIFE.**

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- 2) **1 Corinthians 6:19 (NASB)** Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?
- c. **THE KEY:** IS FOR CHRISTIANS TO **KNOW WHAT** THE “**ANNOINTING**” OF THE HOLY SPIRIT **IS** AND **HOW** TO USE IT... SO WE CAN **BENEFIT FROM IT**.
 - 1) **TODAY:** **WHAT** THE ANNOINTING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS.
 - 2) **NEXT SUNDAY:** **HOW** TO USE IT TO OVERCOME GENERATIONAL SIN PATTERNS... AMONG OTHER THINGS.
- E. ONE OF THE **WORKS** OF THE **HOLY SPIRIT** IN THE LIFE OF THE **BELIEVER** IS TO RECEIVE DATA FROM GOD THE FATHER WHO IS IN HEAVEN AND GIVE IT TO US DOWN HERE.
 1. ****** IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT MANY CHRISTIANS DO NOT KNOW THAT THEY HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT.. NOR DO THEY KNOW HOW TO USE THE HOLY SPIRIT... THEREFORE, THEY DO NOT GET THE BENEFIT FROM THE HOLY SPIRIT, EVEN THOUGH THEY POSSESS THE HOLY SPIRIT! ******
 2. THE **HOLY SPIRIT** GIVES US THE CAPACITY TO **COMMUNICATE WITH GOD**.
 3. **HOW THE ANNOINTING FLOWS:**
 - a. THE **HOLY SPIRIT** (“**THE ANNOINTING**”) ENTERS OUR **HUMAN SPIRIT** AT OUR **SALVATION**.
 - b. OUR **HUMAN SPIRIT** WHICH IS NOW **ANNOINTED** BY THE **HOLY SPIRIT** SENDS **DATA** TO OUR **SOUL** WHICH IS COMPRISED OF OUR **MIND, WILL, AND EMOTIONS**.
 - c. OUR **SOUL** SENDS THAT DATA TO OUR **BODY** TELLING OUR **MIND** WHAT TO **THINK**, OUR **EYES** WHAT TO **SEE**, OUR **EARS** WHAT TO **HEAR**, AND OUR **FEET** WHERE TO **GO**.
 - d. **SPIRIT TO SOUL TO BODY**.
- F. THE **PROBLEM:**
 1. WE HAVE **INFECTION** IN OUR **SOUL** BECAUSE OUR **HUMAN SPIRIT** HAS BEEN **INFECTED** BY **SIN**.
- G. THE **SOLUTION:**
 1. THE **HOLY SPIRIT**

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- a. **ANNOINTS** THE **HUMAN SPIRIT** MAKING THE **HUMAN SPIRIT** **ALIVE TO GOD.**
- b. OUR **HUMAN SPIRIT** **ANNOINTED** BE THE **HOLY SPIRIT** GIVES OUR **SOUL** NEW **DATA FROM GOD.**
- c. OUR **SOUL** GIVES THAT **NEW DATA** TO OUR **BODY.**
- d. OUR **BODY** NOW **FUNCTIONS DIFFERENTLY** **BECAUSE IT HAS** **NEW DATA.**

H. THE **RESULT:**

1. THE **PROCESS** OF **SANCTIFICATION**

4. **1 Corinthians 2:9-3:3 (NASB)** but just as it is written, "THINGS WHICH EYE HAS NOT SEEN AND EAR HAS NOT HEARD, AND *which* HAVE NOT ENTERED THE HEART OF MAN, ALL THAT GOD HAS PREPARED FOR THOSE WHO LOVE HIM." (Isaiah 64:4) For to us God revealed *them* through **the Spirit**; for **the Spirit** searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except **the spirit** of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except **the Spirit of God**. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but **the Spirit who is from God**, so that we may **know** the things freely given to us by God, which things we also speak, not in words taught by human wisdom, but in **those taught by the Spirit**, combining **spiritual thoughts** with **spiritual words**. But a natural man does not accept the things of **the Spirit** of God, for they are foolishness to him; and he cannot understand them, **because they are spiritually appraised**. **But he who is spiritual appraises all things**, yet he himself is appraised by no one. For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, THAT HE WILL INSTRUCT HIM? **But we have the mind of Christ**..... And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. I gave you milk to drink, not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?

A. PAUL IS SAYING THAT WHEN THE **ANNOINTING** OF THE **HOLY SPIRIT** IS TURNED ON AND TURNED UP WE **WILL:**

1. **SEE THINGS** THAT WE WOULD NOT SEE NATURALLY
2. **HEAR THINGS** THAT WE WOULD NOT HEAR NATURALLY
3. **THINK THINGS** THAT WE WOULD NOT NATURALLY THINK

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- B. BECAUSE THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TAKE US BEYOND THE PHYSICAL REALM AND INTO A NEW SPIRITUAL REALITY BY:
1. SHOWING US WHAT OUR EYES DON'T NORMALLY SEE.
 2. LETTING US HEAR THINGS THAT OUR EARS DON'T AUDIBLY HEAR.
 3. PERCEIVE THINGS THAT WE DO NOT NORMALLY THINK.
- C. 1 Corinthians 2:10-11 (NASB) For to us God revealed *them* through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God. For who among men knows the *thoughts* of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so the *thoughts* of God no one knows except the Spirit of God.
1. THE HOLY SPIRIT IS LIKE A SEARCH ENGINE ON THE WORLD WIDE WEB... GOOGLE!
 - a. THE HOLY SPIRIT "GOOGLES" GOD!
 - 1) HE KNOWS THE DEEP THINGS ("DEPTHS") OF GOD.
 - b. AND ONE OF HIS JOBS IS TO TRANSFER GOD'S THOUGHTS INTO OUR MIND.
 - c. THE JOB OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IS TO REACH INTO THE MIND OF GOD AND TRANSFER GOD'S THOUGHTS INTO OUR EYES, EARS, AND THOUGHTS.
 - 1) TO MAKE GOD'S THOUGHTS OUR REALITY AND OUR EXPERIENCE.
 - d. NOT JUST FOR INFORMATION... BUT FOR TRANSFORMATION!
 - e. SANCTIFICATION....
 - f. ... THE ABILITY TO OVERCOME GENERATIONAL SIN PATTERNS!!
5. HOW?... SEE YOU NEXT WEEK!
A. CLUE: "ABIDING"
6. MY PRIMARY SIN PATTERN:
7. WHAT GOD'S WORD SAYS ABOUT THAT SIN:

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8. **REPENT** OF THE SIN AND ASK GOD AND THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN AFFECTED TO **FORGIVE** ME.

A. "WILL YOU PLEASE **FORGIVE ME** FOR _____?"

9. TAKE **THOUGHTS** CAPTIVE **BEFORE** I SIN.

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