

TURNING PHYSICAL DRIVES INTO SPIRITUAL POWER

Wednesday Night Bible Study – July 7, 2010

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.

Rom 7:22 For I delight in the law of God after the inward man:

Rom 7:23 But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members.

Rom 7:24 O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?

Rom 7:25 I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

Rom 7:23 But I see another law in my members,.... That is, he saw, he perceived it by experience; he felt the force and power of inbred corruption working in him, and as a law demanding obedience to it; and which he might well call "another law", it being not only distinct from, but opposite to the law of God he delighted in; the one is good, the other evil.

Mat 15:18 But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man.

Mat 15:19 **For out of the heart proceed** evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies:

Mat 15:20 These are *the things* which defile a man: but to eat with unwashed hands defileth not a man. (**Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God**).

Gal 5:16 *This* I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.

Gal 5:17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would.

Gal 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

Gal 5:19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are *these*; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

Gal 5:20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

Gal 5:21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told *you* in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

Gal 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

Gal 5:23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

Gal 5:24 And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Gal 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Works of Flesh:

Adultery-Sexual relations of a married person with someone other than her spouse; **Fornication** – Immoral sexual conduct, sex outside of marriage, living together; **Uncleanness** – Sexual sins, evil deeds, including thoughts and desires of the heart; **Lasciviousness** – Sensuality, followings one's passions and desires to the point of no shame or public decency; **Idolatry** – worship of spirits, persons, or graven images, also a trust in any person, institution, or thing as having equal or greater authority than God and His Word; **Witchcraft** – Sorcery, separatism, black magic, worship of demons and use of drugs to produce "spiritual experiences"; **Hatred** – intense, hostile intentions and acts; extreme dislike or enmity. **Variance** – quarreling, antagonism, a struggle for superiority; Emulations – resentment, envy of another's success; **Wrath** – Explosive anger or rage which flares into violent words and deeds; **Strife** – Selfish ambition and seeking power; **Seditious** – Introducing divisive teachings not supported by the Word of God; **Heresies** – Division within the congregation into selfish groups or cliques which destroy the unity of the church; **Envyings** – resentful dislike of another person who has something that one desires; **Murders** – Killing a person unlawfully and with malice; **Drunkenness** – Impairing one's mental or physical control by alcoholic drink; **Revellings**; excessive feasting, revelry, a party spirit involving alcohol, drugs, sex, or the like.

But Such Were Some Of You:

1Co 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,

1Co 6:10 Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

1Co 6:11 **And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.**

PHYSICAL DRIVES AND DESIRES ARE LIKE NUCLEAR ENERGY

1. **Our physical desires are like nuclear energy.** They can be unleash with devastating destruction, or they can be brought under control and thereby bring benefit to multitudes.
2. **Ye shall receive Power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:**

Act 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

The Scripture warns us to:

2Ti 2:22 Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Pro 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it *are* the issues of life.

Mar 8:34 And when he had called the people *unto him* with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

TWO BIRDS LET OUT OF THE ARK

(One was the raven and one was a dove)

1. The raven and the dove have been thought to stand for the believer's two natures: the "**Old Man**" satisfied with a world under judgment; the "**New Man**" finding satisfaction only in things of the new creation.

2. **As a Christian, we cannot live in both worlds.** We are going to either feed the flesh and become a carnal Christian or feed the Spirit of God in our lives and become a Spiritual Man.

STEPS TO DEPRIVITY AND REPROBATION

1. **The Word Reprobation:** Means a mind void of righteous judgment, that cannot discern good from evil, and have justified evil to the level of good.

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

Rom 1:29 Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,

Rom 1:30 Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents,

Rom 1:31 Without understanding, covenantbreakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful:

Rom 1:32 Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them.

2. **God gave Israel over to their own lusts and evil desires,** because that they wanted a king, so they could be like the other nations.

1Ti 4:1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

1Ti 4:2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; **having their conscience seared with a hot iron;**

1Ti 4:3 Forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

1Ti 4:4 For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing to be refused, if it be received with thanksgiving:

THIRTEEN STEPS TO MORAL SLAVERY

1. Natural curiosity
2. Awakening of conscience
3. Sensual focus
4. Questioning God's Word
5. Violation of Conscience
6. Awakening of Guilt
7. Response to guilt
8. Incomplete Repentance
9. Frustration over drives
10. Religious compensation
11. Re-examine Scripture
12. Justify immorality
13. Argumentation

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE MORAL FREEDOM?

1. Moral freedom is having your physical drives under the control of the Holy Ghost. Moral freedom is transforming physical drives into spiritual power so that from your inner person will come life-giving benefits to others.

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

2. **Moral freedom is not the right to do whatever you want; but it is the power to do that which we ought.** It is being "...strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith..."

GOD DESIGNED YOU WITH THREE BASIC DRIVES

1. **God gave you three basic drives:** When a person receives the Baptism of the Holy Ghost, he designed that the spiritual drive to be the strongest. You have to have the Spirit before you can please God.
 - a. **Spiritual:** **To be Dominate** – Be Strong in the Lord, and in the power of His Might.

- b. **Psychological**: In harmony with the Spiritual
- c. **Physical**: Under control of the Word and Spirit.

2. **These three drives are found in 1 Thess. 5:23:**

1Th 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.

1Th 5:23 And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and *I pray God* your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

3. **When a person is filled with the Holy Ghost, God's Spirit is united with your human spirit, and God gave you the potential of being mighty in spirit.**

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, *even* to them that believe on his name:

Joh 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

WHAT TAKES PLACE IN YOUR SPIRIT?

1. It is God's Power working in you to give you victory over every challenge of the flesh and mind that would like to try to bring you back under to the law of sin and death.
 - a. Christ in you the hope of Glory
 - b. Greater is He that is in you.
2. The transforming power of God will make you look at Moral Laws the way that God sees them.

Rom 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, *which is* your reasonable service.

Rom 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.