

Outline
The Friction of Conviction

1. We all have areas in our life that are inconsistent with Christ, His word, will and way.

Flesh: The flesh is the human nature that all people possess, whether saved or unsaved.

Types of Conviction:

1. Conviction of Sin:

John 16:7-11

Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. 8 And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: 9 concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; 10 concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; 11 concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.

“The Holy Spirit convicts the world in two senses. First, like a prosecuting attorney he secures a verdict of “guilty” against the world. But then, second, the Holy Spirit also brings this guilt home to the human consciousness so that men and women are disturbed by sin and seek alleviation from it.” James Boice

John 7:37-39

On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, “If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, ‘Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’” 39 Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

“Since this member of the Trinity is called the Holy Spirit, it is not surprising to find that one of his primary activities is to cleanse us from sin and to “sanctify” us or to make us more holy in actual conduct of life.” Wayne Grudem

2. Conviction of truth

John 16:12-13 a

“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.

3. Conviction of Conscience

Galatians 5:16

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Galatians 5:17

For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.

Principle:

When we succumb, either passively or actively, to the flesh there is to be an inner tension and outward expression.

Galatians 5:19 a

Now the works of the flesh are evident:

4 Categories of the flesh:

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, 21 envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Sexual Sin:

sexual immorality "Porneia" – all forms of forbidden sexual relationships and activities

impurity (akatharsia) – all moral uncleanness in thought, word, or deed

sensuality (aselgeia) – licentiousness, indecency, shameless display of sensual behavior

Religious sin:

Idolatry – worship of anything other than God, and all that is involved in that worship.

Sorcery (pharmakeia) – witchcraft, the use of certain influences to aid in the practice

Relational Sins:

Enmity – quarrels, hatred, seething hostility

Strife – antagonistic behavior and attitude

Jealousy – self-centered animosity

Fits of anger – outbursts of rage, wrath, punching, hitting, kicking, screaming

Rivalries – divisions between people caused by selfish ambition, putting others down to get ahead.

Dissensions – Divisions between people, groups of people

Divisions – Divisions over issues of personality, divisions based on differences

Envy – the plaguing desire to have what others have

Sins of overindulgence:

Drunkenness – excessive use of intoxicants, getting high or inebriated

Orgies – (a term that makes us blush...doesn't mean quite what we think it means) – parties involving excessive eating and drinking.

Gluttony – excessive use of food

- And just in case we start to think that certain things are acceptable because they are not on the list..

and things like these.

Principle: When we submit and humble ourselves to the person of the Holy Spirit there is an inner peace and an outward expression.

The Fruit of the Spirit:

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

But the fruit of the Spirit is . . . (singular fruit)

Love – sacrificial affection for others, vertical and horizontal love.

Joy – deep-seated gladness regardless of circumstances.

Peace – inner quietness and stillness regardless of circumstances

Patience - restraint even when provoked

Kindness – gracious spirit

Goodness – serving and reaching out to others

Faithfulness – reliable and trustworthy

Gentleness – submission to authority, considering others

Self-control – ability to master the self.

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Tension should motivate action:

2 Corinthians 7:8-9

For even if I made you grieve with my letter, I do not regret it—though I did regret it, for I see that that letter grieved you, though only for a while. 9 As it is, I rejoice, not because you were grieved, but because you were grieved into repenting. For you felt a godly grief, so that you suffered no loss through us.

“Godly grief is therefore not to be regretted. It cracks the whip that motivates us to go to God, and our salvation takes root in it. John Chrysostom argued that sorrow is good for nothing but sin. It fails to mend most ailments. For example, sorrow over the loss of money does not restore the money. Sorrow over the loss of a child does not bring the child back to life. Sorrow over sickness does not cure the sickness. Sorrow over sin, however, can be positive when that sorrow kindles repentance. It incites us to seek to do something about the problem...”D.E. Garland

Application:

1. Restoration (getting back on track)

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.

2. Refining (Smoothing out/chipping away/heating up – friction)

3. Revelation: knowing what is right

The Holy Spirit wants to bring about conviction

1. The conviction of sin:

That we are separate from God.

2. Conviction of truth:

God’s word

3. Conviction of conscience:

Knowing what is right, and setting out to live it through the power of the Holy Spirit

2 important observations:

1. The overly conscious conscience

2 Corinthians 7:10

For godly grief produces a repentance that leads to salvation without regret, whereas worldly grief produces death.

2. The underly conscious conscience

Next week **“Feeding the Monster”**