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Christian SEEKING Identity Newsletter



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Our ministry in 2013 began with four days of teaching in the new CBC school in Raleigh North Carolina. We were so blessed by the students and by their hungry response to the message that God gave us to give to them. In this newsletter we would like to share a very brief summary of those teachings.

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CBC Raleigh Student Body

✘ Just a Baby ✘

RIGHT UP UNTIL A FEW YEARS AGO I WAS ON A ROLLER COASTER WALK WITH GOD. I WAS UP ONE MINUTE, AND DOWN THE NEXT.

Every little bump in the road seemed to rock my boat. I wanted to rest and put everything in God's hand, but I did not know how! I was a 50 year student of God's word. I should have been a seasoned, mature Christian, but I was a spiritual baby. I was continually looking for the one thing that would somehow set me free from the prison of condemnation, guilt, and fear that held me captive. There did not seem to be an answer! Perhaps you can relate!

Hebrews 5:12 For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat.

Hebrews 5:13 For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word of righteousness: for he is a babe.

Hebrews 5:14 But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil.

I want to tell you how God set me free because he says that we are all alike! What held me captive may very well be the thing that is holding you captive.

The answer was two fold: There was something that I had to come to an understanding of, and I had to start a spiritual exercise program.

I had been listening and responding to two opposing voices all of those years and I had to learn to tell the difference between what the Holy Spirit was telling me and what the deceiver was telling me.

God spoke to me that I would learn to tell the difference when I became a so-called expert in knowing both how to hear the Holy Spirit, and what to hear. I had to learn to recognize the real thing before I could recognize a counterfeit. With this in mind, my journey began.

God revealed to me that the things of the flesh and the things of the Spirit were opposites.

1 Corinthians 2:9-12; Romans 8:6

The things of the spirit cannot be intellectually heard or understood.

They are not about the things of the flesh.

Spiritual things have to be spiritually heard. The Holy Spirit is my God connection or spiritual interpreter. He makes things real to me by revelation, not observation.

In other words, God makes things real to me by giving me God moments where he internally quickens or makes the word real to me.

In order to keep from being deceived by a voice that was not God, I also had to personally know just what I could expect the Holy Spirit to talk to me about.

I learned that it is the Holy Spirit that makes us God conscious. He makes us aware of every good thing in us in Christ Jesus [Philemon 6]. The Holy Spirit reveals God's love to us [Romans 5:5], fills us with hope and joy [Romans 15:13] and comforts our anxieties [John 14:16-17]. The Holy Spirit reveals truth concerning God's purposes, plans and character [John 16:13-15]. If Jesus did not come to condemn [point out faults] the world, then the Holy Spirit does not speak condemnation because Jesus does not speak condemnation [John 3:16-17]. The Holy Spirit writes on our hearts that we have been perfected forever [Hebrews 10:14-17] and that God is not sin conscious. The Holy Spirit reveals that we were created in God's image and reveals the glory of God in us [2 Corinthians 3:16-17].

The voice of the enemy on the other hand makes us sin or self-conscious and focuses on the things of the law or the flesh that bring condemnation. He works through our natural understanding and conscience because that can be manipulated depending on one's circumstances and performance. He puts the burden of accessing the things of the kingdom on our ability to conform through our own will power [Romans 7:18]. When that becomes the point of focus, we all fall short of God's glory [Romans 3:23].

I learned that I could spot the voice of the enemy by paying attention to the fruit that the voice produced. When I found myself feeling condemned, worthless, guilty and anxious I could tell that I was not listening to the right voice because the correct voice always produced a sense of righteousness, peace and joy. [Matthew 7:16-18, John 10:10]

Knowing these things did not automatically set me free. I had to begin to exercise myself to godliness. When I perceived bad fruit I had to ask myself what it was that I was believing that was causing the negative emotion. Then I had to ask myself, "What does God say about this?" I had to learn to rehearse God's opinion or what he was saying about the matter rather than what the negative circumstances were screaming. I had rehearsed negative opinions fueled by my circumstances and emotions for so long that it had become a bad habit and that habit had to be broken. It was a process. It did not happen overnight! The more I exercised spiritually discerning things, the stronger I became and the easier it became to spot the counterfeit and tune it out.

I believe that this is the number one problem that Christians have to deal with. Until they learn to tell the difference between the two voices, and until they begin to exercise themselves unto godliness, they will never grow up. Once I learned that truth, was I able to quit my exercise program? No, exercise has to become a lifestyle in order to be effective. I still have occasional negative thoughts and emotions, but I know the source and I know the exercise routine and they no longer control me.

If you want to read more about this, go to our web site www.christianseekingidentity.com, click on teaching articles and scroll down to miscellaneous teachings.

Open the first one entitled Steps to Renewing Your Mind.

Suzan getting a little Grandma time with grandson Kinsey.



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