Welcome to Spiritual Wisdom Knowledge and Understanding

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This message focuses on Dealing with Self

Here's a recap of the last two weeks. The first video upload focused on salvation. You need to watch that before continuing here. You need that to understand the rest of this. If you haven't watched it, please stop and watch that video now and then you can resume this video.

The second video upload focused on water baptism showing you the new creature you became when the seed from Jesus merged with you, a pile of dirt. Now you are just this little leaf sprouting for the first time. You are in God and He is in you. What next?

Next, we focus on 'self'. You need to become self-controlled so that you can recognize and deal with outside intervention from Satan and anyone else under his influence.

How do we do that? First, let me make sure you understand that you cannot make decisions based on 'feelings'. Your self is ruled by feelings. Note, you will never feel like doing something you don't want to do. For example, take out the trash, clean your room, do something nice for someone you don't know because it intervenes with how you feel. In some people, they want to do these things but again, it's based on the feeling or desire to do it because they have an expectation of the same in return. That's not healthy.

Letting emotions drive you will make you a person who reacts to everything but you can be a person who can control the outcome of anything.

Self-control is part of the gifts of the Holy Spirt. Who and what is the Holy Spirit?

The Holy Spirit is the part of God that moves around unseen.

When Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit came upon Him.

Matthew 3:16 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹⁶ When He had been baptized, Jesus came up immediately from the water; and behold, the heavens were opened to Him, and He^[a] saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting upon Him.

Footnotes:

a. Matthew 3:16 Or he

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The same thing happened to you when you were water baptized. Now you have the Holy Spirit on you.

That means His gifts are yours for the taking.

Here are His gifts:

Galatians 5:22-23 New King James Version (NKJV)

²²But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

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See, self-control is one of those gifts. You can have self-control.

Now remember from the first video, I showed how to apply the salvation principle by declaring Lord Jesus with your mouth and you became saved. I showed you a mystery with that...you can declare Lord Jesus over anything and you will be saved / delivered from it.

Romans 10:9 New King James Version (NKJV)

9 that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

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That means you can declare Him Lord Jesus over your 'self'. It's not so much in being saved from your 'self' but it is allowing the Holy Spirit and you to work together to control the emotions that currently rules your life.

It's simple. Say this prayer with me:

Dear Heavenly Father, I declare You Lord Jesus over my 'self'. I request that the gift of self-control from the Holy Spirit be upon me. Thank You. In Jesus' name, amen!

Now you're probably asking why we had to do that. Let me explain. Are you currently praying to God asking Him to get you out of your bad financial situation as an example? First, yes God wants to help fix that situation but He has to deal with the root of the problem first and you are that root problem.

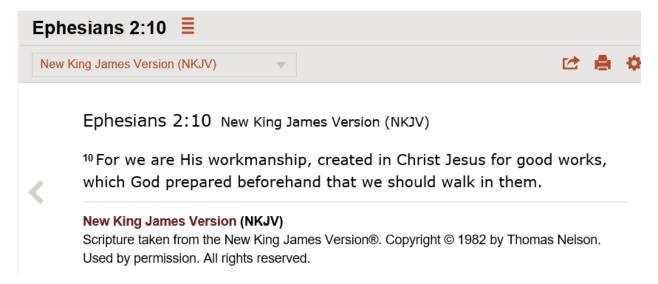
Let me ask you this, who got you into that bad financial situation? Did Satan hold a gun up to your head and force you to buy things you couldn't afford? No. Sometimes we give too much credit to Satan. In this case, you wanted something and you bought it even though you couldn't afford it. That's not being in self-control and you were the root problem in getting yourself into this situation.

So for Him to answer your prayer request for a better financial situation, He has to fix you.

The prayer we spoke out loud a bit ago allows Him to start fixing you and the situation. You can think of it like a chain reaction. Now that He has fixed you, He will open the doors to clear your debt knowing you won't put yourself back in that situation.

But how did it work and are we sure it worked? Oh yes it worked, especially if you wanted it to. You are realizing that you have a purpose here. You are starting to see and understand that God is trying to build you into the mighty powerful Christian He sees in you.

Let me show you Ephesians 2:10 again...I've used this first in my previous videos and it is still quite applicable to what we're trying to achieve with this message:



We are His workmanship.

Now that you made Him Lord over you and your finances (continuing to use that as an example here), He's going to make you into a testimony to show others that you can live in self-control by being in zero-dollar debt. And God will achieve that because if you want, He will move...note, you need to take the steps to do this. And remember what I said in the beginning, you never feel like wanting to, especially in the heat of the temptation. That's why you need to make Him Lord over your feelings so He can take control and help you make better decisions with your finances so He can answer your prayer requests long before you even reach the heat of temptation

You see, He's going to change you from the inside out and it's like planting a seed and watching it grow. It will take time but it will happen.

The seed that is germinating in you is part Him and part you. He wants His light to shine through you and in order for that to happen, you need to start making wise decisions. Continuing to use finances as the

example here, He will show you how to keep your eyes on the goal of the shopping trip and not be side-tracked with things that only causes you to throw money away. And if you really desire to change, you can start to take small steps, like making a list and sticking to the list...then rewarding yourself with something small until your new shopping habit has developed.

John 8:12 New King James Version (NKJV)

¹²Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."

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As you can see from John 8:12, Jesus wants you walking in the light. To be there, you need to start taking the steps of getting your 'self' under control.

The above steps get you there. I truly hope you desire to be that better person to walk in the light. Note, being in the light means that you, your 'self' is not giving fuel / fire to those who want to harm or accuse you of something.

You see, by walking in the light, you have nothing to hide. Most of the problems you are probably facing today is because others want to find something, and have found something to harm you in one way or another.

Don't give them that something. If you think you need to keep something secret, then it's probably wrong. Don't do it. Take the above prayer and apply it to your 'self' and to the situation and God will deliver you from yourself and from others.

Let's close in prayer...Dear Heavenly Father, I praise You and Honor You for the wisdom knowledge and understanding You've given us today. Thank You! Again, I declare You Lord Jesus over my life. Keep me in the light and don't let me fail and give something to my enemy to accuse me with. You are my God. In Jesus' name, Amen!

May God richly bless you.

If you get the chance, please come and like the House of Faith Ministry Facebook page so can receive the latest announcements and little words of wisdom posted by Pastor Marcos. You will truly be blessed by his messages.

And check out the revised House of Faith Ministries website. If you are already a regular visitor to our site, note the archive page is still under construction. I have some of the archive messages uploaded in there but my dad Pastor Marcos has been posting messages since 2008 and wow, that's a lot of messages. My goal is to get them all uploaded in there over the next few weeks. Both my dad and I will continue to work on uploading them.

Thank you and God bless you!