

## Introduction

Minister: To give aid: Serve. This manual is designed to teach Christian ministers how to give aid to those in need, and to provide the tools necessary to properly administer the biblical principles of becoming a servant as recorded by Matthew.

Matthew 28:19-20 "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

And viewed from the ambassadorship angle, since we are emissaries of His peace.

2 Corinthians 5:18 "All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:" NIV

The principles that we will teach here are to apply first to oneself because you cannot give that which you do not possess, and then to others. Once you have received the Lord's aid, then the Lord will bring to you those in need for you to aid.

Here is a basic but powerful outline of the ministry to which we are called.

Matthew 10:8 "Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

## Heal the Sick

3 John 2 "Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers."

True healing begins from within, as we mature in spiritual health, our physical bodies will manifest outwardly that spiritual health within us. That health emanates from our spirit being led by the Holy Spirit and it will be projected outward toward those who are in need and seek our counsel. We give of that which has been given to us.

James 5:14-16 "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."

The process is two-fold: Salvation that leads to deliverance (from sins and its consequences) and then restoration of sanity to the mind that brings the outward manifestation of physical healing and the restoration of the body.

An elder is one who has maturity in the Word of God and has experienced personally many of the needs of those who come to him/her for help. Their experience in the Word of God has brought to them deliverances and victories over time, and they are able to testify of the faithfulness of the Word of God to those who faithfully endure and conquer in the battle of faith. So that when they counsel others of their need to let go of the things of the world that hinder their deliverance, they can speak with a forceful anointing that points them not to us, but rather to the Word of God.

2 Timothy 2:8-10 “Remember that Jesus Christ, of the seed of David, was raised from the dead according to my gospel, for which I suffer trouble as an evildoer, even to the point of chains; but the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure all things for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.”

#### Cleanse the Lepers

Exodus 4:6-7 “Furthermore the LORD said to him, ‘Now put your hand in your bosom.’ And he put his hand in his bosom, and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, like snow. And He said, ‘Put your hand in your bosom again.’ So he put his hand in his bosom again, and drew it out of his bosom, and behold, it was restored like his other flesh.”

Leprosy is a type of our sinful nature and is always lurking within us. As Moses was being called to his ministry, he was made very much aware that it wasn't his righteousness that he was called to proclaim, but God's. A minister is but a simple vessel that channels the divine anointing which is being poured upon him/her.

2 Peter 1:5-11 “But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

The message that Peter is saying is very simple: As we work faithfully to receive the knowledge and virtue of self-control through perseverance in our pursuit of godliness, not for the purpose of flaunting our “righteousness” but for the goal of brotherly kindness; being able to help others overcome in their struggles. As we begin to abound

in those spiritual qualities, we will not be barren nor unfruitful. But furthermore, an entrance will be supplied to the one seeking those spiritual qualities into the everlasting kingdom: this door is the ministry of deliverance into which our Savior calls us as part of our Christian ministry.

### Raise the Dead

Ephesians 2:1 “And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins.”

When Paul preached, he preached Christ crucified. The simplicity of the Gospel is so amazing that we have the tendency to make it look harder, but it's not! We were dead and on our way to hell, when we heard the Gospel we responded yes, and now we are alive and on our way to heaven. And our new life has a definite impact on those around us of which we are to take advantage of for Christ's sake.

John 11:25-26 “Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?’”

We have the tendency to accept the notion that if some ministry or minister has raised people from physical death, that their ministry is a great miracle working ministry and thereby superior to other ministries. But in reality, every single time that a sinner repents at the preaching or teaching of the Word of God they are raised from the dead. If you raise someone from the dead who was not saved, and afterward they do not get saved, they will die again. However, one converted sinner who truly repents will never die again. So, tell me, which ministry is greater?

Though the raising of someone from the dead is a sign of a great apostolic anointing upon the ministry or minister, it should not detract us from serving God by thinking of our work for the Kingdom of God as inferior. For indeed God knows the afflictions that His children suffer, and He takes great pleasure when one of His saints takes upon himself/herself the mantle of our Lord's compassion and ministers to the needs of others, no matter how menial or insignificant their work may seem to the world. For to our Lord the rescue and comfort of one of His least known or deserving little ones is as important as the deliverance of one of His mighty saints.

Hebrews 4:14-16 “Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”

## Drive out Demons

Exodus 4:2-5 “So the LORD said to him, ‘What is that in your hand?’ He said, ‘A rod.’ And He said, ‘Cast it on the ground.’ So he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from it. Then the LORD said to Moses, ‘Reach out your hand and take it by the tail’ (and he reached out his hand and caught it, and it became a rod in his hand), that they may believe that the LORD God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you.” (parenthesis not added by me)

Jesus the last Adam restored the dominion back to man that the first Adam lost when he failed to trust the Word of the Lord. Jesus demonstrated His power over the devil by destroying all of his works:

1 John 3:8 “...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”

Then He said to us to follow His example and do what He did: Mark 16:17 “...In My name they will cast out demons...”

The rod in Moses’ hand represented the authority of God’s Name and of His Word: the Hebrew letters that spell God’s Name, Jehovah: Yod Hay Vav Hay; the Yod represents the hand, the Vav represents the rod or hook which connects the promises of God represented by the Hay twice; for the promises of God are Yes and Amen! Moses was to execute God’s power over God’s enemies in the authority of God’s Name and of His Word. Just as it is for us today in Jesus Name and in accordance to His Word.

## Freely Give

Galatians 5:1 “Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”

Ministry is service, not slavery. One of the tricks of the enemy is to tie down a minister under a load of obligations and maybe fear of what would happen to those he or she is currently ministering to, if he or she were to move on to where the Holy Spirit is now leading them to. We are just vessels. Let’s not forget; we must be under the flowing in order to emanate. As with Moses, when the cloud moved, they simply followed; so, it is with us in ministry. It is His ministry not ours!

## The Foundation

The first layer in the foundation to minister is found in:

2 Corinthians 13:5-6 “Examine yourselves to see whether you are in the faith; test yourselves. Do you not realize that Christ Jesus is in you--unless, of course, you fail the test? And I trust that you will discover that we have not failed the test.” NIV

The foundation is the most important part of the building, and the devil will exploit any weaknesses in your foundation, especially selfish ambitions (What will I get out of this?), or lack of self-confidence (Did God really call me?). You cannot truly discern the spirits that influence others until you learn to discern the spirits that influence you.

1 John 4:1 “Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God.” NIV

We need to test our motives; we need to identify the spirits that either drives us to minister or hinder us from ministering.

Christ Jesus is in you: should provide you with His compassion and drive.

Christ Jesus is in you: meeting all your personal needs should compel you to minister to the needs of others.

We fail the test when the spirit of Belial (Beli = without, Yaal = usefulness) is present within us.

2 Corinthians 6:15-16 “And what accord has Christ with Belial? ...For you are the temple of the living God...”

Since you are saved, Christ Jesus in you, and you are His temple. How could you say:

“I am not qualified to minister”, or that “I am useless (without usefulness, Belial) when it comes to ministry.” (parenthesis / italicized added by me; and going forward and except where noted)

What God has worked in you; you should be working out in others. True ministry flows out of the purity of a heart that is truly grateful of God’s mercy, and such ministry will not be discouraged or hindered by the absence of positive results. Longsuffering and compassion are the trademarks of the Holy Spirit. Having the proper motives will ensure that we will not give up in the face of apparent failure.

Here then, we arrive at the conclusion that the more that we allow God to work in us, the better that He will be able to work through us. The more that we learn how to become a conduit for the Holy Spirit, the greater the personal benefits that we will receive from the Holy Spirit.

Matthew 6:33 “But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.”

Romans 14:17 “For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit.”

Luke 17:21 "...For indeed, the kingdom of God is within you."

### The Kingdom of God is Within Me

I Peter 1:9 "Receiving the end (*goal*) of your faith--the salvation of your souls."

Salvation: Deliverance, Aid, Victory, Prosperity, Health, Help, Welfare, Preservation, Rescue, Restoration, Safety, To get the victory. (Definitions from Greek and Hebrew words for salvation in the Bible.)

It is obvious that this is the salvation that ministers should administer to others, the gospel of good news.

Romans 7:20 "Now if I do what I will not to do, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me."

It is also obvious that there is within us a "...sin which so easily ensnares us..."

Hebrews 12:1 "...let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

Our Christian duty is to get rid of the sin that dwells in us, so that we can help others to get rid of theirs. The more inclined that we are to help others, the greater the victories that we will receive for ourselves.

Luke 6:42 "...First take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye." NIV

Matthew 15:10-11 "Hear and understand: Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man."

In order to get rid of the sin that dwells in us, we need to focus on the root cause and not the symptoms. We need to ask ourselves this question:

What type of sin dwells in me? Is it anger, hate, unforgiveness, envy, fear, lust, greed, perversion, malice, contentions, vice, torment, worthlessness? All these and the many more sins that we face daily are spirits. Once the root spirit is removed the symptoms die.

Matthew 15:12-13 "...Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying? But He (*Jesus*) answered and said, 'every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted.'"

And it is our job to allow our heavenly Father to do it. If we are offended when He tries to remove these things from us, then, this is what Jesus said.

Matthew 15:14 “Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind...”

Hebrews 6:7-9 “For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; but if it bears thorns and briers, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned. But, beloved, we are confident of better things concerning you, yes, things that accompany salvation, though we speak in this manner.”

### Removing the Curse

The root cause of all worthlessness (not bearing good fruit) is Adam’s curse. Satan reinforces that curse against us with continuous accusations made before God.

Revelation 12:10-11 “Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, ‘Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they (*us*) overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.’”

What right does Satan have to accuse us before God?

Exodus 20:5 “...For I the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me.”

Iniquity: Perversity, to make crooked. Out of balance, not equal, or to deviate from original setting.

God has vested us with legal power to challenge and defuse the accusations that Satan makes against us before the courts of Heaven, due to the corrupt nature that we have inherited in the first or old Adam. As we put on Jesus, our salvation; the last or new Adam, we now have power in the Blood of Jesus to cancel the power of worthlessness caused by the iniquity that we had inherited in the old nature, because of our new nature in Christ has replaced our old nature. But it requires that we testify before God’s heavenly court, for that is where the accusation is made!

Psalms 8:2 “Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have ordained strength, because of Your enemies, that You may silence the enemy and the avenger.”

Ordinance: An authoritative decree or direction.

John 20:23 “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them...”

God authorized us (given an ordinance to), His children, with the spoken word to forgive the sins brought forth from the power of iniquity (our own or that which we inherited

through generational curses). We now have authority not only to silence Satan our enemy, but also to disarm (remove the right of the avenger) his power over the consequences of sin; ours and the sins of others.

Isaiah 55:11-13 "...So is My word that goes out from My mouth: It will not return to Me empty..." NIV

Isaiah 65:16 "So that he who blesses himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth (*God of Amen*); and he who swears (*testifies*) in the earth shall swear by the God of truth (*God of Amen*); because the former troubles (*Iniquities*) are forgotten, and because they are hidden from My eyes."

The reason why we need to come in agreement with the Amen God is to break off the power of iniquity from our lives and others. When we come into agreement with the Word of God down here on earth, God hears His Word being declared and proclaimed and He Amen's it; (He sends forth angels to enforce the ordinances declared within His Word). Then the promises contained within that proclamation become a reality for those who declare it here on earth.

Luke 3:5-6 "Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill brought low; the crooked places (*iniquity*) shall be made straight and the rough ways smooth; and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

In order to enforce it, we must believe that which God has declared!

James 1:8 "He is a double-minded (*an evil forgery of the original*) man, unstable in all his ways."

Psalms 66:18 "If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear."

So, if I am to grow in the Lord and in the power of His calling; Iniquity must be removed and the consequences of iniquity must be disarmed.

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."

To Forgive: Remove guilt.

To Cleanse: Remove consequences of iniquity.

Balance is restored by speaking what we believe in our hearts Jesus has done for us.

Romans 10:8-10 "But what does it say? 'The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart' that is, the word of faith that we preach: that if you confess with your mouth the



Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness (*removal of guilt*), and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation (*deliverance: removal of consequences*)."

Revelation 12:11 "And they overcame him (*disarmed Satan*) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony."

We need revelation from the Word of God that generates faith in our hearts and motivates us to speak the word of faith that brings us into deliverance from the curse.

Romans 10:17 "So faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Romans 10:13 "For whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Released from the power of iniquity!

Revelation 3:14 "...These things says the Amen (*God*), the Faithful and True Witness, the Beginning of the creation of God."

II Corinthians 5:17 "...If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation..."

Galatians 6:15 "Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is a new creation." NIV

Ephesians 3:20 "Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us (*His Word*), to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

Matthew 16:19 "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven (*having been bound in heaven*), and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed (*having been loosed*) in heaven."

Our enemy has already been defeated; it is up to us to procure the victory. By our words of agreement with God's Word we must remove the curse!

Curse: Ill will, accusing, condemning words.

An un-removed curse give demons the authority to operate against us. Curses represent their legal authority or marching orders. Without them, demons are not allowed to operate. They, the demons have to have a legal right; and it is up to us to cancel their orders!

Isaiah 54:17 "No weapon formed against you shall prosper, and every tongue (*cursing words*) which rises against you in judgment you (*we in agreement with God's Word*) shall

condemn (*make it un-inhabitable*). This is the (*our*) heritage of the servants (*ministers*) of the Lord, and their righteousness is from Me, says the Lord.”

Galatians 3:10/13 “For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse...Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law...”

Our sins, as well as our ancestors’ sins, are a violation of God’s law. The penalty for our and their transgression is the reason for the curse. And it is that curse that give demons the right to operate against us, but by faith in God’s grace and the power of His Word we can nullify their right to torment us, when we testify in agreement with the Word of God that Jesus Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law.

#### Under One Condition

Proverbs 26:2 “Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, so a curse without a cause shall not alight.” NKJV

Proverbs 26:2 “Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse does not come to rest.” NIV

A curse cannot take effect without a direct violation of God’s law!

Matthew 6:14-15 “For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.” NIV

The one requirement to the authority that has been given to us in the name of Jesus is forgiveness of others and of ourselves. Refusal to forgive, knowingly or unknowingly reinstates the curse. If we are praying for someone who is tormented, or if we are praying for ourselves to be set free from demonic torment, and the tormentors refuse to leave, it is probably because of unforgiveness.

Matthew 18:33-34 “Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you? And his master was angry, and delivered him to the torturers (*tormentors*) until he should pay all that was due to him.”

Isaiah 30:15 “For thus says the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel: ‘In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength.’ But you would not.”

Sometimes there are stages to truly forgiving someone or oneself. When the hurt that was inflicted, traveled deep within our souls, it requires several steps of forgiveness, sometimes at different occasions. It begins with our will. We must make a conscious decision with our minds, even if our heart is not in it at the time, to forgive the

perpetrators, simply out of obedience to God's Word. As we begin to speak forgiveness to those who betrayed our trust and begin to pray blessings upon them with our mouth, those forgiving and blessing words do not return to us void, because they penetrate the hardened walls that protect our hearts.

Ephesians 2:14 "For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation."

As we begin the process of forgiving those who hurt us, in compliance with the Word (law) of God, life giving energy is released within our tormented soul that allows for true healing to take place so that the conflict within us is quickly terminated and we have real peace.

Hebrews 4:12 "For the Word of God is living (*life giving*) and powerful (*energy*), and sharper than any two-edge sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart."

No matter how impossible or improbable a situation may appear, once the Word of God is spoken over that situation or difficulty, tremendous power is released for the breaking down of any obstruction that will hinder us from receiving the blessings of God's Word.

Luke 6:27-28 "But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you."

Habakkuk 3:2 "...In wrath remember mercy."

As we proclaim in obedience to the Word of God, and apply God's Word over any situation, the Amen God, Amen's His Word. And the second that Jesus Amen's His word, holy angels rush to perform it, then the demons must flee.

#### How Do We Do It?

We confess our sins and acknowledge our iniquities:

Psalms 32:5 "I acknowledge my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord,' and You forgave the iniquity of my sin."

Psalms 38:18 "For I will declare my iniquity; I will be in anguish over my sins."

As we confess our sins before God and acknowledge that we really don't know or understand the imbalance in the foundation of our souls because of iniquity, that's when our spiritual eyes open.

Psalms 82:5 "They do not know, nor do they understand; they walk about in darkness; all the foundations of the earth are unstable."

Spiritual (psychological/soul) problems cannot be solved through physical means. Only the Holy Spirit is qualified to work within the very complexities of our inner man.

John 3:6 “That which is born of flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.”

John 6:63 “It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”

We confess our ancestors’ sins and release ourselves from their iniquity:

Daniel 9:4-5 “And I prayed to the Lord my God, and made confession, and said...we have sinned and committed iniquity, we have done wickedly and rebelled, even by departing from Your precepts...”

Daniel 9:16 “...I pray, let Your anger and Your fury be turned away from Your city...because for our sins, and the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and Your people are a reproach to all those around us.”

The umbilical cord represents our connection to the flesh. It was our life line for our first nine months, and what we’ve become came through that generational line; in a way we are still connected to it, as far as our human nature is concerned.

John 7:38-39 “He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake He of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)” KJV (parenthesis not added by me)

When we became born-again, we severed our spirit’s connection to the flesh (natural) by the process of being born of the Spirit, and as we go through deliverance, we are severing the sensual (physical senses) connection to our souls (mind, will and emotions). Being led by our recreated spirit instead of our inherited physical emotions and dependencies is the spiritual fruit of self-control.

Isaiah 11:3 “His (*Jesus*) delight is in the fear of the Lord, and He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, nor decide by the hearing of His ears.”

Jesus was not led by His physical senses but by the Holy Spirit.

James 3:15-17 “This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly (*natural*), sensual, demonic. For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. But the wisdom that is from above (*spiritual*) is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits (*Spiritual fruit*).”

We forgive and release from the heart all those who have done us wrong:

Colossians 3:13 “Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.”

Luke 23:24 “Father forgive them, for they do not know what they do.”

When it comes to forgiveness, sometimes it is harder to forgive those to whom we have had soul ties with. Soul Tie: Deep emotional connection. Parents, grandparents, siblings, spouse, children, loved ones, friends, teachers, school mates, pastors, people who betrayed us, people who abused us, people whom we trusted.

But if we do not break those soul ties, we will never be released from those emotions. We will continue to be prisoners of the flesh and manipulated at will by the circumstances around us.

We renounce Satan and all the works of darkness.

One of the names of Satan is the accuser of the brethren (Revelation 12:10), and he does the accusing day and night. When a person is accused in a court of law, it is up to the accused to answer those charges. Jesus is our advocate, our defense attorney before the court of God. Not only does He defend us before the Father from the accusations of the enemy, but He paid for the penalties of our wrongs.

I John 2:1-2 “My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin.

And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation (paid in full) for our sins...”

So that after we have repented from our sins, we are to renounce before the court of heaven the connection that we had with Satan because of our sins.

I John 3:8 “He who sins is of the devil...For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.”

Ezekiel 14:6 “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Repent! Turn from your idols and renounce all your detestable practices!’” NIV

Daniel 4:27 “Therefore, O King, let my advice be acceptable to you; break (*renounce*) off your sins by being righteous, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the poor...”

A renouncement of Satan and of all his detestable works before the court of God, legally rescinds all of the devils’ rights over those areas of our soul that he controlled. He must

try to get us to sin again so that he can reestablish legal jurisdiction over our soul, by the controlling or manipulation our physical senses.

As the devil tries to reestablish the connection over our soul, it will expose to us those areas where we are weak and need strengthening in the Lord. So that his very actions can motivate us to seek from the Lord strength, His deliverance and preservation through the knowledge of Him who saves us.

Proverbs 24:25 “But those who rebuke the wicked will have delight, and a good blessing will come upon them.”

### The Conclusion

Proverbs 11:9 “The hypocrite with his mouth destroys his neighbor, but through knowledge the righteous will be delivered.”

Satan has put a contract (cursing words) on each one of us, but through revelation knowledge from the word of God, we annul the contract and receive God’s blessing of salvation.

Psalms 103:2-5/17 “Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction, who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle’s...But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and his righteousness to children’s children.”

Proverbs 20:27 “The spirit of a man is the lamp (*candle*) of the Lord, searching all the inner depths of his heart.”

We open the inner depths of our hearts (Revelation 3:20 “I stand at the door and knock”) to the Lord and allow Him to bring out and expose any hidden thing that will hinder our ability to minister to others in His name.

Proverbs 20:30 “Blows that hurt cleanse away evil, as do stripes the inner depths of the heart.”

We faithfully endure the trials and testing that are required in order to expose those hidden faults.

Psalms 89:32-33 “Then I will punish their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him, nor allow My faithfulness to fail.”

We encourage in the fact that God is our loving Father, and in His perfect love brings correction to our benefit and for his glory.

I Peter 1:6-7 “In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved (*distressed*) by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

Our human tendency is to avoid those hidden things that have been pushed back into our inner man. Yet, those hidden things have an impact in our daily lives. How we deal with them will ultimately decide whether we receive the end or goal of our faith, which is the salvation (deliverance) of our souls.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all. For God will bring every work into judgment, including every secret thing, whether good or evil.”