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***Depraved mind:***

DEPRAVED: adjective, marked by corruption or evil; especially: perverted

DEPRAVITY: noun, someone in a state of immorality, wickedness, or corruption.

***Romans 1:28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper…***

***2 Timothy 3:8 Just as Jannes and Jambres opposed Moses, so these men also oppose the truth, men of depraved mind, rejected in regard to the faith.***

***Depraved,*** ADOKIMOS (**ἀδόκιμος**) unqualified, worthless, base. This is a compound word using the alpha negative plus DOKIMOS which means acceptable or pleasing.

*In the ancient world there was no banking system as we know it today, and no paper money. All money was made from metal, heated until liquid, poured into moulds and allowed to cool. When the coins were cooled, it was necessary to smooth off the uneven edges. The coins were comparatively soft and of course many people shaved them closely. In one century, more than eighty laws were passed in Athens, to stop the practice of shaving down the coins then in circulation. But some money changers were men of integrity, who would accept no counterfeit money. They were men of honor who put only genuine full weighted money into circulation. Such men were called “dokimos” or “approved”.*

*Donald Barnhouse* James Strong, Enhanced Strong’s Lexicon (Woodside Bible Fellowship, 1995).

When David was in carnality, he depended on his on knowledge to deliver himself and of course it ended in disaster. He went to Gath, the capital of his enemies, the Philistines. He pretended that he was mentally unstable, insane, in order to save himself. ***1 Sam. 21:10-15***

*“A faithful man is of high value to God. Solomon asks, “Who can find a faithful man” (Proverbs 20:6). In the final analysis this will be the “bottom line.” God will not judge us on the basis of our success but on the basis of our faithfulness.*

*This is an excellent approach to mental health. We cannot all be successful, but we all can be faithful.”*

Joseph Dillow, Final Destiny, n.d.

*“The carnal Christian is a contradiction to the unique spiritual life of the Church Age. Perpetual carnality is related to the Hebrew word SHAGAON, meaning “madness”. When we get out of fellowship through sin nature control of the soul, we become two people. We have a split soul personality. This can result in mental illness.” R. B. Thieme Jr., Doctrines, Spiritual Dynamics, 1332.*

*”Your personality changes depending on whether you are living the spiritual life or living in carnality. Personality is not an issue in spirituality as such. It is very definitely an issue in carnality.”*

*ibid*

The best way to have good mental health is to learn, think, and apply Bible doctrine:

***Proverbs 8:32 "Now therefore, O sons, listen to me, For blessed are they who keep my ways. 33) "Heed instruction and be wise, And do not neglect it. 34) "Blessed is the man who listens to me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at my doorposts. 35) "For he who finds me finds life And obtains favor from the LORD. 36) "But he who sins against me injures himself; All those who hate me love death."***

*“Over six months at Cornell University in 2009-10, six students took their own lives. With the reputation of being a “suicide school,” school officials and mental health advisors launched a massive effort to find the problem and stop it. College students and others need something to live for. The Bible teaches that our hope for the future is in Jesus Christ.*

*Jim L. Wilson and Rodger Russel; “Six Suicides in Six Months at Cornell,” in 300 Illustrations for Preachers, ed. Elliot Ritzema, 2015.*

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***Romans 15:13 Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.***

*“A great danger … is to become stale, stunted, or stilted in our mental life. We must avoid this at all costs. The only positive and practical way to ensure the freshness and fullness of mental health is to “devour” good books, appreciate great music and art, and interact with people of intellectual ability as well as spiritual maturity.*

*Concomitant with this is listening to anointed expository preaching and attending institutes and seminars where such preaching is taught and modeled. These mental exercises will not come fortuitously; they must be carefully planned and pursued.”*

*Stephen F. Olford and David L. Olford, Anointed Expository Preaching (Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers, 1998), 54.*

***Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things.***

**DISCERNMENT 63** (10-25-16)

We’ve covered physical health, mental health, and now we will cover:

**SPIRITUAL HEALTH**

Believers have three parts, body, soul, and spirit. We are responsible for the wellbeing of all three, however, it is the spiritual part that is most neglected.

***1 Thessalonians 5:23 Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved complete, without blame at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.***

**SPIRIT:** noun [from Latin spiritus, literally, breath, from spirare to blow, breathe](14 definitions)

1 : an animating or vital principle held to give life to physical organisms

2 : a supernatural being or essence: as

a : capitalized : HOLY SPIRIT

b : SOUL

c : an often malevolent being that is bodiless but can become visible; specifically : GHOST

d : a malevolent being that enters and possesses a human being

3 : temper or disposition of mind or outlook especially when vigorous or animated 〈in high spirits〉

4 : the immaterial intelligent or sentient (conscious) part of a person

5 a : the activating or essential principle influencing a person 〈acted in a spirit of helpfulness〉

b : an inclination, impulse, or tendency of a specified kind : MOOD

6 a : a special attitude or frame of mind 〈the money-making spirit was for a time driven back*.*

*(J. A. Froude〉*

b : the feeling, quality, or disposition characterizing something 〈undertaken in a spirit of fun〉

7 : a lively or brisk quality in a person or a person’s actions

8 : a person having a character or disposition of a specified nature

9 : a mental disposition characterized by firmness or assertiveness denied the charge with spirit〉

10 a : DISTILLATE : as

(1) : the liquid containing ethyl alcohol and water that is distilled from an alcoholic liquid or mash; often used in plural

(2) : any of various volatile liquids obtained by distillation or cracking (as of petroleum, shale, or wood) often used in plural

b : a usually volatile organic solvent (as an alcohol, ester, or hydrocarbon)

11 a : prevailing tone or tendency 〈spirit of the age〉

b : general intent or real meaning 〈spirit of the law〉

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12 : an alcoholic solution of a volatile substance 〈spirit of camphor〉

13 : enthusiastic loyalty 〈school spirit〉

14 : capitalized, Christian Science : GOD

*Inc Merriam-Webster, Merriam-Webster’s Collegiate Dictionary (Springfield, MA: Merriam-Webster, 1996).*

**SPIRITUAL:** *adjective* [Middle English, from Latin, of breathing, of wind, from spiritus]

1 : of, relating to, consisting of, or affecting the spirit : INCORPOREAL〈man’s spiritual needs〉

2 a : of or relating to sacred matters 〈spiritual songs〉

b : ecclesiastical rather than lay or temporal 〈spiritual authority〉〈lords spiritual〉

3 : concerned with religious values

4 : related or joined in spirit〈our spiritual home〉〈his spiritual heir〉

5 a : of or relating to supernatural beings or phenomena

b : of, relating to, or involving spiritualism : SPIRITUALISTIC

6 spir•i•tu•al•ly adverb

spir•i•tu•al•ness noun

**SPIRITUAL** *noun*

1 plural : things of a spiritual, ecclesiastical, or religious nature

2 : a religious song usually of a deeply emotional character that was developed especially among blacks in the southern U.S.

3 : capitalized : any of a party of 13th and 14th century Franciscans advocating strict observance of

a rule of poverty for their order*ibid*

Can anyone be spiritual?

Can unbelievers be spiritual? or Can unbelievers become spiritual?

Are unbelievers spiritual beings?

Can unbelievers become spiritual beings?

Can unbelievers understand the things of the Spirit? *1 Cor. 2:14*

If unbelievers cannot understand spiritual phenomena, how can they understand the gospel? ***Matt, 16:17****,* ***1 Thes. 1:5****,* ***John 16:7-8***

Are all believers spiritual?

Do religious feelings confirm that one is spiritual?

**DISCERNMENT 64** (10-27-16)

Can a person be partially spiritual and partially carnal? ***1 Cor. 3:1-3***

Is every Church Age believer indwelt by the H.S.? (Yes or no?))

How do you know? ***1 Cor. 12:13****,* ***Romans 8:9***, ***6:19*** We are never commanded to be indwelt with the HS. It is unique to CA bels., ***Psa. 51:11.*** Promise of the indwelling of the H.S., ***Jn******14:16-17.***

Can a baby believer be spiritual?

Can a mature believer be carnal by quenching, ***1 Thes. 5:19***, or grieving, ***Eph. 4:30*,** the H.S.?

Can you tell when a believer is carnal and when he is spiritual?

Can a believer tell if he is carnal or spiritual? ***Gal. 5:19-23***

Only believers need to be concerned about spiritual health because unbelievers do not have a

“The basic metamorphosis which is achieved by a birth from above—a generating wrought by the Holy Spirit—though actually now entered by all who are saved, is too often and for want of due consideration almost wholly misapprehended. The conception that regeneration by the Holy Spirit is an indefinite influence for good in the individual’s present life is far below the conception set forth in the New Testament. There it is taught that a new and eternal order of being is created with indissoluble filial relations to the Creator of all things.”

*Lewis Sperry Chafer, Systematic Theology, vol. 6 (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 107.*

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The human spirit is the immaterial part of man designed by God so that man can understand spiritual phenomena and have a relation- ship with Him.

Unbelievers have no relationship with God and they cannot under- stand spiritual matters (*1 Cor. 2:14*). They are constantly under the influence of their OSN and can produce only sin and human good.

We receive a human spirit when we are born again (regenerated). Believers cannot lose their human spirit nor the indwelling of the H.S. We become spiritually dead when we are born physically and we receive a human spirit when we are born again spiritually.

Every believer is classified as being either spiritual (under the influence of the H.S.) or they are carnal (under the influence of their OSN). A believer in carnality is not in danger of losing his human spirit.

***1 Cor. 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual people but as to carnal, as to babes in Christ***

We are commanded to walk by the Spirit. We could not obey that command without a human spirit. The H.S. communicates with our human spirit and motivates us to think and apply divine viewpoint.

***Galatians 5:16 Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.***

We are commanded to “be filled with the H.S.” We could not do this without a human spirit.

**DISCERNMENT 65** (11-1-16)

***Ephesians 5:18 And do not be drunk*** [v. ppm]  ***with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled*** [v. ppm] ***with the Spirit…*  PP**

Example of another present passive imperative verb: ***Eph. 6:10-11***

So how do we obey this command? When we sin we are to acknowledge our sins to God the Father and He will forgive our sins.

***1 John 1:9-10 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

**DISCERNMENT 66** (11-3-16)

**Circles PP** We need to learn what the Fruits of the Spirit are found in ***Galatians 5:22-23***.

**DISCERNMENT 67** (11-8-16)

**Operation Z PP**

**DISCERNMENT 68** (11-15-16)

What are the seven ministries of the Holy Spirit? **PP**

**PRAYER** plays a major role in staying spiritually healthy. If you want to know how spiritually healthy you are, all you need to do is consider what your prayer life has been like lately.

Prayer is the place where we fight spiritual battles. Prayer doesn’t have to be eloquent, but it does need to be earnest. It doesn’t have to be stirring; it has to be honest. It doesn’t have to be done with emotion, but it does have to be done with faith.

***1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 Rejoice always; 17) pray without ceasing; 18) in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.***

I submit to you that no one will rejoice always or in everything give thanks unless they are praying often and on a regular basis.

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***James 1:2-8 Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, 3) knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. 4) And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. 5) But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. 6) But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. 7) For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, 8) being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.***

So James gave one reason here why prayers are not answered and he gave more reasons in chapter 4:

***James 4:2-3 You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel. You do not have because you do not ask. 3) You ask and do not receive because you ask with wrong motives so that you may spend it on your pleasures.***

This verse gives us two more reasons why so many believers do not have what they want out of life and it gives two reasons why:

1. We don’t ask the Lord for anything. Upon waking each and every morning, ask for greater positive volition, for wisdom, direction, and to please Him throughout that day.

2. We ask for the wrong things or we ask for the wrong reasons.

*“When we as believers learn to be thankful to the Father every morning for the new day He has given us to worship and serve Him, then we are spiritually mature enough to face the trials and tests that we will face on that given day. This means that through the consistent filling and guidance of the Spirit, we can make every day our own personal Thanksgiving Day.”*

*Grace Military Ministries Special Newsletter #3 November, 2016, by John Eichmann*

**DISCERNMENT 69** (11-17-16)

***Colossians 1:9-12* [PP] *For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled*** 1 [v. aps of PLEROO] ***with the knowledge*** [EPIGNOSIS] ***of His will in all spiritual*** [adj. PNEUMATIKOS] ***wisdom*** [*SOPHIA*] ***and understanding*** [SUNESIS,intelligence] ***10) so that you will walk*** [inf. aa] ***in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respects, bearing*** [pt. pa] ***fruit in every good work and increasing*** [pt. pp] ***in the knowledge*** [EPIGNOSIS] ***of God; 11) strengthened*** [pt. pp of DUNAMOO] ***with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously 12) giving thanks*** [pt. pa of EUCHARISTEO] ***to the Father, who has qualified*** [pt. aa] ***us to share in the inheritance of the saints in Light.***

We saw last time that most believers act as if they have never seen or heard of these passages. What they are missing is **D4 =** **Daily Diligent Digestion of Doctrine**

***May be filled,*** is in the passive voice and means that we can’t take credit for the doctrine we learn apart from the teaching ministry of the Holy Spirit and Operation Z. Without G.H.S. to help us understand spiritual phenomenon, we would remain spiritually ignorant.

The subjunctive mood means that acquiring the knowledge of God’s will is only a potential. Every believer can acquire spiritual knowledge, but not every believer will do it. It all depends on their volition. Spiritual limitations are never placed on us by God, we place them on ourselves. If we are not filled with spiritual knowledge, it’s our own fault. It is never God’s fault !

So what are the two types of Christians?

Can one Christian be more spiritual than another one?

Is it possible to be filled with the H.S. without a great knowledge of the Word of God?

**DISCERNMENT 70** (11-22-16) DISCERNMENT, pg. 110

Clarification on ***2 Cor. 5:7 for we walk by faith, not by sight--***

*The point at issue is vitally important if the by-faith principle is to be exercised in the believer’s life. It is natural to conclude that, if another than the believer himself undertakes for him the conflict with the world, the flesh, and the devil, the believer must retire from the encounter and*

*become no more than an interested spectator; but there is no retiring from this threefold impact. The trusting Christian remains in the heat of the battle with no immediate consciousness of the presence of the Spirit on whom he depends. However, the presence of the Holy Spirit is made evident by the fact that the will is making choice of that which honors God and by the fact that victory is experienced in place of defeat.*

*Lewis Sperry Chafer, Systematic Theology, vol. 6 (Grand Rapids, MI: Kregel Publications, 1993), 196.*

There are times when we may have no sense of the presence of any member of the Godhead. So how can we reconcile the underlined sentence above with the following scriptures?

***Romans 8:15-16 For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have received a spirit of adoption as sons by which we cry out, "Abba! Father!" 16) The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,***

What give us the confidence to address God as “Daddy” “Father”? “Abba” is transliterated from the Aramaic word for father. It is more of a term of endearment.

It is the Holy Spirit that enables us to identify God this way:

***Galatians 4:6 And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"***

It was the H.S. who cried out “Abba” in our hearts first which enables *us* to cry out “Abba”.

*“Would it not be amazing if a newborn baby looked up and greeted his father! First, the Spirit says, “Abba, Father” to us (Gal. 4:6), and then we say it to God. (“Abba” means “papa”—a term of endearment.)”*

*Warren W. Wiersbe, The Bible Exposition Commentary, vol. 1 (Wheaton, IL: Victor Books, 1996), 540.*

We would still have the fear of death and have no spiritual victories which would cause us to be super insecure if we were doubting whether we were truly God’s children. So when we have confidence in God and courage towards men when facing trials, it bears witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.

Believers depend on the Holy Spirit’s power and guidance to execute God’s commands but He holds us personally responsible to carry out what He expects of us.

*So far as the believer’s consciousness is concerned, it is not a matter of lazy withdrawal from reality and responsibility, but rather of the zest of victory through a more effective action of the will, moved, as that will must be, by a more vivid appreciation of and vital determination to attain to every divine ideal. The conflict is not a test of physical strength in a match against an outside foe. It is a battle within and the Christian who is defeated discovers that he has no will power sufficient to determine the issues; still, when strengthened by the Holy Spirit he not only has the will power, but sees clearly and with balance of mind all the features of the problem in which he is involved.*

*The parallel of this divine method of dealing with the human will is to be seen in the salvation of those who are lost, in which instance the choice of Christ by the action of the heart is developed by the Spirit to a point of passionate desire, but all the same the human will acts without compulsion and the unalterable truth is preserved that “Whosoever will may come.” Thus the spiritual life is the result of a voluntary choice of God’s will and consequently it may be said that “Whosoever will may attain to victory over every foe.”*

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*As the unsaved do not and cannot make* [the] *choice of Christ until moved to do so by the action of the Holy Spirit working in the heart, in like manner Christians do not and cannot make choice of the things of God which constitute spirituality until moved to do so by the Spirit working in the mind and heart. Living the spiritual life on a faith basis is not in reality a cessation of works, rather it is the gaining of ability to perform “every good work.” Just as James emphasizes the fact that justification before men rests on a works basis, there is a sense in which it is true that spirituality must be demonstrated by the fruit that is borne.*

*Ibid 196-197*

**DISCERNMENT 71** (11-29-16)

A believer who has a healthy spiritual life not only has a robust defense against the world, the flesh, and the devil, but also is vigilant in producing an abundance of divine good.

*The work of the Holy Spirit in and through each believer is both negative (a victory over the world, the flesh, and the devil) and positive—an output from within of that which is good; furthermore, the filling of the Spirit, while it does provide for a triumph over what is evil, has as its more important objective a positive, vital life and service which only God the Spirit can achieve.*

*Ibid 198*

The hymn “*It is Well With My Soul*” illustrates the mental attitude of a believer who is spiritually strong and healthy.

BACKGROUND:

"*It Is Well With My Soul*" is a hymn penned by hymnist Horatio Spafford and composed by Philip Bliss. First published in Gospel Songs No. 2 by Sankey and Bliss (1876), it is possibly the most influential and enduring in the Bliss repertoire and is often taken as a choral model, appearing in hymnals of a wide variety of Christian fellowships.

This hymn was written after traumatic events in Spafford's life. The first was the death of his son at the age of 2 and the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which ruined him financially (he had been a successful lawyer and had invested significantly in property in the area of Chicago that was extensively damaged by the great fire). His business interests were further hit by the economic downturn of 1873, at which time he had planned to travel to Europe with his family on the SS Ville du Havre.

In a late change of plan, he sent the family ahead while he was delayed on business concerning zoning problems following the Great Chicago Fire. While crossing the Atlantic, the ship sank rapidly after a collision with a sea vessel, the Loch Earn, and all four of Spafford's daughters died. His wife Anna survived and sent him the now famous telegram, "Saved alone …". Shortly afterwards, as Spafford traveled to meet his grieving wife, he was inspired to write these words as his ship passed near where his daughters had died.

Bliss called his tune Ville du Havre, from the name of the stricken vessel. The Spaffords later had three more children. On February 11, 1880, their son, Horatio Goertner Spafford, died at the age of four, of scarlet fever. Their daughters were Bertha Hedges Spafford (born March 24, 1878) and Grace Spafford (born January 18, 1881). Their Presbyterian church regarded their tragedy as divine punishment. In response, the Spaffords formed their own Messianic sect, dubbed "the Overcomers" by American press. In 1881, the Spaffords, including baby Bertha and newborn Grace, set sail for Ottoman-Turkish Palestine. The Spaffords settled in Jerusalem and helped found a group called the American Colony.

Lyrics: ***“IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”***

1. When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
When sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.

**REFRAIN:** DISCERNMENT, pg. 112

It is well [It is well], with my soul [with my soul],  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control,  
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

3. My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!—  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

4. For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live:  
If Jordan above me shall roll,  
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life  
Thou wilt whisper Thy peace to my soul.

5. But, Lord, ’tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait,  
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;  
Oh, trump of the angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!  
Blessed hope, blessed rest of my soul!

6. And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul.

A believer who is spiritually healthy takes the doctrines he has learned and applies them to his current circumstances. He triumphs over the attacks of the world, the flesh and the devil by keeping his relationship with God his number one priority. He takes in doctrine on a daily basis so he doesn’t get distracted by the details of life. This enables him to have maximum confidence in God and courage towards men. His spiritual momentum doesn’t waver because he has a personal sense of eternal destiny which means he lives his life on the basis of what will happen after this life rather than living it on the basis of what will happen today. His happiness does not depend on his circumstances because he has learned how to be content no matter what happens.

Every believer wants to be spiritually healthy but few are. Why you ask? The number one reason why the majority of believers are critically ill spiritually is because they are NOT CONSISTENT !!!

They have a hit or miss attitude towards studying the Word of God so they miss a lot more than they hit. Therefore, they are continually confused, afraid, unstable, and often angry. They have a difficult time making or keeping friends because they are hypersensitive and judgmental. They hold grudges and are unforgiving because they live by their emotions rather than by doctrine.

They have little use for such things as impersonal/unconditional love or thinking of others more highly than self. They have little, if any, capacity to love others because they are consumed with self. They are miserable even when things are going their way because they are never satisfied and they never will be until they get their spiritual life back on track. But most never do so their life remains a train wreck. Why you ask? You know why: NO CONSISTENCY ! ! !

***Philippians 2:3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself…***

The good news is that anyone who can identify himself or herself with the description above can change things immediately. You decide whether you will live the full abundant life God has designed for you by consistently studying His Word, or you can continue to ignore Him by putting everyone and everything else first. By the way, how has that been working out for you?

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Yes you can live that full abundant life which has nothing to do with money or stuff but which has everything to do with no longer being enslaved to your circumstances. You can experience joy and contentment even when the worst happens. You can consider it all joy when you encounter various trials and give thanks in all things but you must first be consistent in taking in God’s Word.

You can’t be consistent by gritting you teeth and saying “I am going to do this, I will be consistent in learning God’s Word!” You can’t do it by you own power but you can ask the Lord to help you and He will. The hardest part is getting started but after a while, it will become more important to you than anything else and you will want others to see what they are missing.

Learning Bible doctrine and applying it to your circumstances and then seeing it work is very exciting! It is unfortunate that so many believers never find out how thrilling this is and do you know

**So get on board THE GAIN TRAIN before it’s too late!**

**You have nothing to lose and everything to gain. The train leaves the station every day and the way to board it is to study the Word. That’s the ticket!**

**Subjects Covered So Far**

**Religion Family**

**Politics Friends**

**Government Health**

**Marriage Business/Employment**

**BUSINESS/EMPLOYMENT**

This is the sixth subject we have covered so far.

Whether we own a business or are employed by a business, the work we do for a living is a very important part of our lives. Many people get to choose their career but many do not. Some don’t really know what they want to do in life. Some think they know, but find out later that their real interest lies in something else. Many people are not doing what they would prefer but are working just to make ends meet. Others are looking for work, any work, but are unable to find a job. Then there are a few who are born into wealth who don’t need to work. Some of these work anyway and some do not.

All of these different situations have something in common. They really don’t have the control they may think they have in directing the way that they make a living.

***Proverbs 16:9 The mind of man plans his way, but the LORD directs his steps.***

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