

GRACE For Addictions

A One Step Program

Part 7

JESUS "THE" DOOR

John 10:9a "I am the door..."

There are many doors but only one door to the Father. Jesus is that door. He is the only way to heaven.

WE ARE THE WINDOWS

Malachi 3:10 "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that *there shall not be room enough to receive it.*"

MY TRANSLATION

Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open "you", the windows of heaven, and pour "you" out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

God wants to open you up and pour His identity in your heart. Then He wants you to pour that identity out in the lives of others. When this happens there's not enough room to receive His blessings on you and those you bless.

If Jesus can be the door, you can be a window. People are looking into your life to see if you have anything they need. As they look into a window, they decide if they want what they see in the window. If they see something in you they desire; you can direct them to go through Jesus, the Door.

DAVID'S BROKEN HEART

Psalms 31:9-13 "Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am in trouble: mine eye is consumed with grief, yea, my soul and my belly. For my life is spent with grief, and my years with sighing: my strength faileth because of mine iniquity, and my bones are consumed. I was a reproach among all my neighbors, and a fear to mine acquaintance: they that did see me without fled from me. I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel. For I have heard the slander of many: fear was on every side: while they took counsel together against me, they devised to take away my life."

DAVID WAS IN TROUBLE

David's heart had been broken because Saul had turned people against him. He was running for his life and found refuge in a cave. Being tired, hungry, hurt and disappointed he cried out to God. 'Have mercy on me, Lord, because my heart is broken and I'm in trouble.'

Your heart is your avenue for success or failure in the natural realm. If it's broken, you're in trouble.

THE DEVIL'S TWO TRICKS

Mark 4:17 "And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time: afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended."

The devil has only two tricks; afflictions and persecutions. Afflictions are every day circumstances. Persecutions are "people" problems. If you can learn how to deal with circumstances and people your life will be a lot easier.

SPENDING OR GIVING?

In verse 10 of Psalm 31, David said that his life was spent. There are two things you can do with your life; spend it or give it. When your heart is broken you're spending your life. When your heart is healed and healthy you are free to give your life. They didn't take Jesus' life, He gave it.

THE FOUR WAYS OF A THIEF

In verse 13 we find David dealing with fear. There are four things a thief does:

1. he breaks
2. he enters
3. he steals
4. he leaves

The devil is a thief and he does the same four things to our heart:

1. he breaks the heart
2. he enters the heart
3. he steals your joy (or strength) Nehemiah 8:10
4. he leaves fear

The fear he leaves then controls your life because your joy (or strength) is gone.

HEALING YOUR HEART

Isaiah 40:31 "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint."

The word "wait" means to "minister" to the Lord. The word "renew" means to "exchange." When your heart is broken it needs to be healed. As you minister to the Lord by entering into worship, the Holy Spirit begins to touch your heart and heal the broken pieces. The more you worship the quicker the healing. When your heart is healed it won't break in that place again.

KEEPING YOUR JOY OR STRENGTH

John 15:11 "These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full."

As long as your heart is full of joy, it's full of strength. The only way the devil can begin to overtake you is by stealing your joy.

Acts 20:35c "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

We have always used this verse in relation to giving money. Although that's true, there's another meaning. The way you keep your joy is to give it away. The principle of sowing and reaping works with giving your joy. The more joy you give, the more you receive.

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QUESTIONS

1. If Jesus is the door, what are we?
2. The Devil has two tricks, what are they?
3. The Devil or thief does four things, what are they?

ANSWERS

1. We are the windows.
2. The two tricks of the devil are afflictions (circumstances) and persecutions (people problems.)
3. A thief will:
 1. Break
 2. Enter
 3. Steal
 4. Leave