

Beneath the Surface

Disappointments and hurts both feed our doubtful attitudes and these attitudes disrupt our ability to clearly discern things properly because we are operating in the flesh and out of our emotions. Did you know that when you allow disappointments or hurts to affect you, they are like spiritual termites eating away at you?

Any time you allow your flesh or emotions to dictate your thought processes, spiritual termites begin operating in your heart. And friends, they work diligently beneath the surface in your life, trying to render you useless unless you surrender that disappointment or hurt to the Lord.

Spiritual termites cause a lot of damage in a believer's life because they operate with doubt and unbelief, creating inner turmoil. Your heart is who you are on the inside. It is what you think, your motives, and your desires.

Every heart has a nature that seeks self-gratification and fulfillment apart from God. Your attitude is a precious commodity and plays a big part in your hearts function, your life and how you grow, or causes you to become stagnant.

“For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged 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” (Hebrews 4:12).

Today is reminder that you need to guard your heart from spiritual termites. You need to check your heart regularly to see if you have allowed anything to creep in and infect you. You need to protect your heart and keep constant control of your flesh. You cannot allow your flesh to control your words or your actions.

“I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law” (Galatians 5:16-18).

Renewing the mind is an important and necessary part in walking in the Spirit of God. Being led by the Spirit is always possible since it involves the Holy Spirit and your own human spirit.

The Lord wants to destroy those things that bring division against His ways. He wants to cut through those things that have become embedded in your heart and life. As He brings those things to the surface, allow Him to do what He wants with what comes out.

Anything we hear must line up with truth of God's word – and anything from Holy Spirit always will.

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Reveal the hidden things

Thank You Lord Jesus for bearing my sin in Your body on the cross so that I might die to sin and live for righteousness. Thank You for the provision of healing found in Your great sacrifice. Forgive me I pray, for the times I treat casually the freedom I have in You, do not live for righteousness, and allow myself to become enslaved again to the yoke of sin. Have mercy on me Lord and heal me, for I know I have sinned against You. Destroy pride in me, and everything that holds me back from sharing my pilgrimage with my brothers and sisters in Christ, confessing my sins and finding healing. I praise You, Lord, for You are the One that heals me! And I trust in You for healing of my body, mind and soul. These things I pray with confidence Lord Jesus, because of Your finished work on the cross. By Your Spirit, teach me what it means to “live for righteousness” – to “seek righteousness”, that You, Jesus, may be seen in me more and more, and that lasting spiritual fruit may be born out of my life. Keep me from outwardly drawing near to You with words and actions and yet keeping my heart closed off to You. I ask, Lord Jesus, that You open every closed chamber of my heart – places I am even unaware of – and expose them by the light of Your Spirit. Remove every cobweb. You alone can heal the broken and wounded places of my heart. Where I am blind to my own sin, restore my sight, I pray. Where the enemy is oppressing me and holding me back from a deeper relationship with You, release me Lord! I ask that You, my Healer, grant me complete freedom in areas of my life that have not yet been captured by Your great love (pause and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the hidden things of your heart to you) Only You can bring healing to the hidden places of my heart and I invite You, Holy Spirit, to change me until I am conformed to the image of Christ. Amen.

Prayer take from- Pray the Word

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=obi5ZGujiuU>

Read: 1 Peter 2:24; Galatians 5:1;

Psalms 41:4; Zephaniah 2:3;

1 Peter 2:24; John 15:16;

Isaiah 29:13; Psalm 147:3;

Romans 8:29; James 5:16;

Exodus 15:26