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Teaching Notes

The Power of Imaginations

WHAT YOU SEE WITH YOUR EYES CLOSED IS WHERE YOU'RE GOING.

Charles Capps tells a story about taking a walking down his airstrip one morning and walking around his plane. As he walked around the right side of his plane the Lord asked him, "Why did you walk he walk around the right side of the plane?" Charles thought about it and replied, "Because that's what I saw myself doing". The Lord answered, "That's why anyone does what he does; because he, first, saw himself doing it".

God uses pictures to show us our direction. Pictures are our imaginations. They are taken in our spirit but developed in our soul. Our soul consists of: our mind, will, emotions, thoughts, and feelings.

Psalms 25:4: Show me your ways, Lord and teach me Your paths.

“Show” refers to a picture provided by the Holy Spirit.

“Ways” refers to the big picture (our destiny).

Lets say the Holy Spirit “showed” me a picture in my imagination of me, living in a different city. He would be “showing” me the big picture of the way He wanted me to go, and then the Word will teach me His “paths” or how to live successfully once we're there.

11 Corinthians 3:18: But we all, with open face beholding (or looking as in a glass or mirror), we see the glory (or the VIEW AND OPINION OF GOD), we are changed into His image from glory to glory (or from one view and opinion to another view and opinion or little by little), even as BY (not for) the Spirit of the Lord.

Once again, it's a picture that causes us to change into His image and it's BY the Spirit of the Lord and not for the Spirit of the Lord. You can't live “for” something until you've lived “by” something.

Peace “WITH” God vs. Peace “OF” God

Peace with God is referring to the new birth. The peace of God is referring to our understanding or revelation of God's grace. Peace with God refers to our spirit and the peace of God refers to our soul.

111 John 2: Your success in the natural realm doesn't come just because you're a Christian, but because of the condition of your soul.

11 Peter 1:3: We have been given all things that pertain to the two worlds we live in:

1. life (natural) and
2. godliness (spiritual).
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Your spiritual success is because you're born again. However, your natural success is due to the condition of your soul, which is determined by what you renew your mind to.

Natural success comes from the ability to stabilize your soul (your mind, will, emotions, thoughts and feelings) before, during, and after a test and trial.

In Isaiah 33:6: It's wisdom and knowledge,(not the gifts), that become our stability. Knowledge is our part and wisdom is God's part. Once we have knowledge and do what we know, that's wisdom. When knowledge and wisdom meet, we have understanding.

What is truth?

In John 8: 31 and 32, we find Jesus saying that "if" we continue in His Word, we will become disciples. The suggestion is that "if" we don't continue in His Word, we won't become disciples. We will remain converts or baby Christians. And then He says that because we continue in the Word, we **SHALL** know the truth and that truth will set us free (from the usual rules and patterns or bondages of life).

Jesus said in John 1:17 that grace and truth both come by Jesus Christ. Grace is receiving what you don't deserve. Truth is the revelation of knowing grace.

Freedom is becoming free from a lifestyle of performance that keeps you doing something to become something that you all ready are. True freedom is being free from yourself and your need to perform to gain approval.

Fruit of your spirit

In Galatians 5:22, Paul talks about the fruit of the spirit. Where is the FRUIT of the spirit revealed? The different fruit are deposited into your re-created spirit when you are born again. As we renew our mind to the truth that's in our spirit and in the Word and walk that truth out, the fruit of the spirit is manifested through our soulish man or through our natural life. When people see this fruit of the spirit, they see Jesus instead of us.

Proverbs 23:7 says, "As a man thinketh, so is he in his heart". The word thinketh means "gatekeeper". We are the gatekeepers of our lives and the key to the gate is on the inside.

Natural success is having your soul stabilized before, during, and after the tests and trials of life that we face. When our soul is stabilized, we never get shook when we face problems.

Your Perfected Spirit

In Hebrews 10: –14, we find the writer talking about our spirit. In verse 14 the Word says, “For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified”.

Our spirit was been made perfect by the blood of Jesus when we were saved. When this happened, you became successful spiritually.

Becoming Successful Naturally

Now the question we must ask is, “How do we become successful naturally?”

In Hebrews 10: 38-39, the writer tells us that the” just shall live by faith”. He’s talking about faith for righteousness. Then he says that if we draw back His soul will have no pleasure in the fact that we won’t be able to walk in what He has done to bless us.

Question: Where do we draw back? If your spirit is perfect, then it doesn’t draw back. We draw back in our soul.

Why do we draw back? Because what we see with our physical eyes is bigger than what we see with our spiritual eyes.

In verse 39, he goes on to say that he believes that we will not draw back in our soul to our own destruction because our soul is renewed to the truth that’s in our re-created spirit and in the Word.

When we face different test and trials in life, we will draw back to our own destruction if our soul does not know the truth. Our spirit never draws back. God wants us to come to the place where our soul never draws back under pressure. This can only happen when our spirit and soul are connected and believe the same thing.

In Hebrews 11:1, we find a very famous scripture that is oftentimes taken out of context. “NOW faith is...” Now what? Now that (in verse 39) your soul is saved by the truth of the Word you can operate in faith. Without knowledge there will be no faith.

We, sometimes, lose the intended meaning by separating different chapters and verses. Such is the case here in Hebrews 10:39 and Hebrews 11:1.

It’s the Blood for your spirit and the Word for your soul. When these two connect, we have peace and confidence.

Thoughts – Imaginations – Strongholds

In II Corinthians 10:4-7, Paul talks about our thoughts, imaginations, and strongholds. Our thoughts are seeds that we either receive or reject. If we receive them into the soil of our heart, they begin to take root and then begin to develop. This process is called our imaginations. Our imagination is where we begin to develop the picture of our thoughts.

There are two meanings for the word stronghold: 1. a fortress 2. a prison

When someone speaks words (seeds) that are full of fear and we receive those seeds into the soil of our heart (soul), and then we water them with our speech, they produce a prison or stronghold in our mind.

However, when we hear the truths of God's Word (seeds), and receive them into the soil of our heart (soul), they become imaginations or pictures and they become a fortress or stronghold. This is a place of safety and peace and confidence.

In verse 7 Paul asks a question that needs to be answered. **“Do ye look on things after the outward appearance?”** When what we see outwardly is contrary to the Word or what we see inwardly, it affects the way we believe. If what you see on the outside is bigger than what you see on the inside, the picture or imagination is not as clear as it needs to be. Take time with the Lord and His Word to cause the picture to become clearer. The more clear the picture, the greater the strength.

Have you ever wondered why you end up doing something you said you'd never do? It's because you have an imagination, a picture that is attached to your emotions. Your emotions are attached to your will and your will carries you in the direction of what you see. Why do you go in the direction your will carries you; because you see yourself going in that direction. YOU WILL ONLY DO WHAT YOU SEE YOURSELF DOING, NOTHING MORE OR NOTHING LESS.

What Is Power?

Power is more than physical strength. True power is the ability to face a circumstance or a picture on the outside with the truth or a greater picture on the inside. If what you see on the inside is bigger than what you see on the outside, the power of your imagination will cause what you see on the inside to literally change what you see on the outside. THAT'S POWER!

Watching What You “Say”

In Habakkuk 2: 1 – 3, we find that Habakkuk said that he was going to “watch” to “see” what the Lord was going to “say” to him. Generally, you don't “watch to see” what someone is going to “say”, you listen to what they are saying. However, your words paint pictures and others can “see” what you are saying. Once you “see” it, you have faith for it.

Verse 2 says to “write the vision and make it plain”. The word vision, here, means “a sight mentally”. In other words, bring what you see on the inside of you to the outside so others can see it and run with the vision.

Verse 3 tells us that the vision (or sight mentally, imagination) is for an appointed time or a season. Then he says that what you see will speak of your life and it won't lie. What

you do in life is based on what you see yourself doing and in the end that will be your voice in the earth.

In Closing

YOU WILL GO WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF GOING. IF YOU CAN'T SEE YOURSELF DOING SOMETHING, YOU WON'T DO IT.

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Exam

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1. In 11 Peter 1:3, what do the terms “life” and” godliness” refer to in the Greek?
2. Is natural success based on your re-created spirit or the condition of your soul?
3. Peace “with” God is _____ success.
4. Peace “of” God is _____ success.
5. We are a three part being; spirit, soul, and body. Of these three, which one is perfect?
6. Habakkuk 2: 1–3 says, “I will watch to see what he will say”. How can this be?
7. In verse 2, the word vision means what?
8. What is power?
9. In 11 Cor. 10:7, Paul asks the question, “do you look on things after the outward appearance”. What does he mean by this question?
10. Are you limited to what you see?
11. When you close your eyes, what do you see as your destiny?
12. Success is having your soul stabilized the same way your spirit is stabilized. True or False.

How has this lesson helped you?

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Answer Sheet

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1. Life: Natural Life
Godliness: Spiritual Life
2. Condition of your soul
3. Spiritual success
4. Natural success
5. Spirit
6. Our words paint pictures
7. A sight mentally
8. The ability to change what you see on the outside to what you see on the inside.
9. Are we still allowing the outward appearance to control our destiny?
10. Yes
- 11.
12. True