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Escrow blessings and the results of positive and negative decisions toward what the Lord provided.

When you see the word *heart* in the Bible, it usually means the right lobe of the soul, the place where we do our thinking.

This is why the Bible tells us that GOD wants our *heart*, because it is the place where you think. This is how we live the spiritual life; by taking advantage of the

escrow blessings that GOD provided in eternity past.

PRO 4:23, “Watch over your heart with all diligence, For from it {flow} the springs of life.”

Today we have a small pivot because believers are not glorifying GOD is because of **2TI 3:5, “Holding to a superficial form of the spiritual life, but they have denied its power; avoid such men as these.”**

How is it possible for a believer to be constantly exposed to accurate teaching of the Bible and have no advance in their spiritual life? Well, here are some reasons:

Failure to metabolize doctrine.

Failure to make Bible doctrine number one priority in the life.

Failure to learn and apply the ten problem solving devices resulting in the prevention of outside pressures of adversity becoming the inside pressure of stress in the soul.

Stress in the soul or sin nature control of the soul is a major source of garbage in the soul.

Garbage in the subconscious developed before salvation or after salvation does not remain in the subconscious, but bleeds into the stream of consciousness when there is no spiritual strength from metabolized doctrine.

Garbage in the subconscious is described by psychologists under the term defense mechanisms. Defense mechanisms are

designed to hide or to relieve the conflicts and stress that cause anxiety, hysteria, fear, worry, or other categories of the emotional complex of sins, the worst being guilt.

Look at So, we continue once again in 2CO 3:12-13 which says, **Having therefore such a hope or confidence, we use great boldness in our speech, And not as Moses, who kept on putting a veil over his face to prevent the sons of Israel from looking intently at his face while the radiance was fading away,**

Moses would hide his face behind a veil because the glory of GOD was too much to see.

Moses had seen the transformation that was taking place in his life.

The glorification of God comes by means of the Church (EPH 3:20-21) and occurs when the believer attains spiritual adulthood and moves to spiritual maturity.

EPH 3:20-21, Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

This is when the believer is said to be **“filled with all the fullness of God,”**

The believer glorifies God when he parlays the life beyond gnosis (EPH 3:19) into the life beyond dreams (EPH 3:20).

The Pre-designed Plan of God (PPOG) is divided into two categories.

- a. The life beyond gnosis, EPH 3:19.
- b. The life beyond dreams, EPH 3:20.

Spiritual growth is not measured in works; spiritual growth is measured in momentum. When there is momentum, there will be production. That is the production that will be gold, silver, and precious stones. That is what will be rewardable at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

The pattern of rehabilitation is the pattern of the three R's.

Reception of Bible doctrine is the #1 priority. Therefore, your #1 priority is the daily reception of the mystery doctrine of the Church-age.

Retention refers to the metabolization of Bible doctrine, so that epi-gnosis doctrine in the right lobe is the basis of momentum in the PPOG.

Recall is comparable to the concept of wisdom; it refers to the application of doctrine.

There are three categories of suffering for blessing because of the three R;s .

Providential preventative suffering.

Momentum testing.

Evidence testing.

Providence preventive suffering is a form of undeserved suffering which prevents the believer from becoming arrogant and self-righteous. In fact, Paul addressed

this point which has to do with this subject in 2CO 12-7.

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2CO 3:14, but their thinking was hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is only removed by Christ.

The veil speaks of the hardness of man's heart. The left and right part of the soul are called:

2CO 3:15, But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil covers their heart;

The veil that covers the heart of the weak believer denies him of the strength that he needs to go through the situation that

he needs to be strong in time of weakness.

2CO 3:16, but whenever it [it is the corrected translation which is a reference to the Jewish heart] a man or woman turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

Now, how does all this happen?

2CO 3:17, Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty or freedom [spiritual freedom].

This means that the power and the liberty that the Lord gives us up to is more than sufficient and is all of power that we need.

2CO 3:18, But we all, with an unveiled face looking into a mirror [which is to

produce a reflection] - **of the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory [the model spiritual life of our Lord] to the glory of the [Church-age believer], just as from the Lord, the Spirit.**

This is the glory of GOD doing all the work to empower us to be able to change.

The Doctrine of the Glorification of God.

Point 1, How the Believer Glorifies God.

The glorification of GOD by means of the Church (EPH 3:21) occurs when the believer attains spiritual adulthood and moves to spiritual maturity.

GOD is to be glorified *"in the Church"* just like HE was glorified by means of the LORD Jesus Christ.

At that point the believer is said to be **"filled with all the fullness of God,"**

EPH 3:19, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God.

Under the three categories of spiritual adulthood there are different manifestations.

At **spiritual self-esteem** the believer has knowledge and self-confidence.

At **spiritual autonomy** the believer has the strong independence from depending on man. Instead depending upon GOD.

At **spiritual maturity** the believer has cognitive invincibility and can be manufactured into an invisible hero.

This happens when the believer glorifies GOD as he parlays the life beyond gnosis (EPH 3:19) into the life beyond dreams (EPH 3:20).

EPH 3:19, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge [gnosis], that you may be filled up to all the fulness of God.

EPH 3:20, Now to Him who is able to do exceeding abundantly beyond all that we ask or think [the life beyond our fondest dreams], according to the power that works within us,

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spiritual adulthood and moves to spiritual maturity.

EPH 3:21, to Him [God the Father] **be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus** to all generations forever and ever. Amen.

So, you must understand the mystery doctrine of the Church-age which is found in the New Testament epistles, for it contains all the mechanics for the plan of God in this dispensation.

The only Christian service and production that counts is the production that **results from perception of that doctrine.**

Therefore, Christian service and Christian works are **not the means** of attaining spiritual maturity or of glorifying God.

Spiritual growth is not measured in works; spiritual growth is measured in momentum.

And when there is momentum, there will be production. That production will be gold, silver, and precious stones and it will be rewardable at the Judgment Seat of Christ.

We get the principle of escrow in EPH 1:3-4 which says, **Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ,**

The Greek word for *has blessed us* which is the aorist active participle of *eulogeo* correctly translated “has blessed us” or “has graced us out” or “has provided for us.”

The aorist tense speaks of when God the Father blessed us with blessings back in eternity past.

The active voice, the subject, God the Father, produces the action of the verb in eternity past.

This is why God wants your heart because it is the beginning of giving you the opportunity to live the spiritual life.

How? By taking advantage of the escrow blessings that He provided in eternity past. This all comes from doctrine in the heart.

PRO 2:10, For wisdom will enter your heart, And knowledge will be pleasant to your soul;

PRO 3:1, My son, do not forget my teaching, But let your heart keep my commandments;

PRO 23:26, Give me your heart, my son, And let your eyes delight in my ways.

Now, how is it possible for a believer to be constantly exposed to accurate teaching of Bible doctrine and experience no growth, no advance in his spiritual life? It is possible because they have rejected the word of God for years and it has finally caught up with them. And there are two areas that take place here that we all need to note.

The first one is stress in the soul or sin nature control of the soul which is a major source of garbage in the soul.

Garbage in the soul or garbage in the subconscious develops before salvation or after salvation and does not remain in the subconscious but bleeds into the stream of consciousness when there is no spiritual strength from metabolized doctrine.

Garbage in the subconscious is described by psychologists under the term ”**defense mechanisms.**” Defense mechanisms are designed to hide or to relieve the conflicts and stresses in the soul that cause anxiety, hysteria, fear, worry, or other categories of the emotional complex of sins, the worst being guilt.

Defense mechanisms are designed to bury any reaction you might have, any lack of esteem, any explanation for

impulsive behavior or failure on your part.

And there are many defense mechanisms that people use. For example, consider the following:

1) Acting-out. Acting out is a defense mechanism in which a person acts without regard for negative consequences. They're going to do what they want and they don't care what the consequences are. They feel totally justified in doing what they're doing. And if they happen to hurt innocent people along the way...well, that's “too bad.”

Problem solving devices like Grace orientation #4, and Doctrinal orientation, #5 would handle this problem.

2) Autistic fantasy. Autistic fantasy is a defense mechanism in which a person substitutes excessive day dreaming for the pursuit of social relationships.

In fact, soap operas really feed this need in people! Social interaction through day dreaming is much easier than direct and effective social intercourse and the use of the problem solving devices.

Problem solving devices #6, A personal sense of destiny would handle this problem.

3) Denial is a defense mechanism in which a person fails to acknowledge some aspect of external reality that is obvious and apparent to others. Denial is a false perception of reality.

This false perception of reality is necessary for some people because they must be good, they must be self-righteous, they can never be wrong, they must always be right.

Problem solving devices #1, the Rebound Technique would handle this along with PSD #4, Grace orientation.

4) Dissociation or withdrawal is a mechanism which is employed when a person doesn't want to deal with a situation so they run away and withdraw from those in the situation. This is strongly characterized in the last days as noted in 1TI 4:1 where there is a dissociation from “The faith.”

1TI 4:1, But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away

from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons,

Problem solving devices #1 The Rebound Technique, PSD #4, Grace orientation, PSD #5, Doctrinal orientation, PSD #8, Impersonal love for all mankind, would solve this problem.

One of the many benefits of living the spiritual life that God has provided just for you is to rid your soul of the garbage it has stored up throughout the years.

All of us have stored or accumulated garbage in our soul, especially in the subconscious.

The subconscious is that part of our soul where we are not wholly or fully conscious of all the things that are there.

Defense mechanisms are designed to bury any reaction you might have, any lack of esteem, any explanation for impulsive behavior or failure on your part.

Defense mechanisms can resist all attacks of human viewpoint, human ability, human power; but God has provided in grace divine equipment and weapons to demolish these defense mechanisms in the soul.

The greatest weapon we have in both spiritual warfare and life is what we think. No matter how you slice it, the factor that motivates, empowers and

strengthens a believer is his thought pattern.

If the believer is thinking human viewpoint, he is open to satanic infiltration. Furthermore, he is useless, miserable, and indistinguishable from the unbeliever.

On the other hand, the believer with doctrine in the right lobe has divine viewpoint on the launching pad ready for application in order to assault any defense system in this intensified stage of the angelic conflict.