

Redeem Christian Church of God School Of Disciples Training Dominion Chapel

LESSON 1

WHO IS A DISCIPLE?

“We have suffered from the preaching of cheap grace. Grace is free, but it is not cheap. People will take anything that is free, but they are not interested in discipleship. They will take Christ as Savior but not as Lord.”

– Vance Havner

Read 2 Timothy 2:15

“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”

Disciple – a disciplined follower, an imitator; a person who is an adherent of the doctrines and teachings of Jesus Christ.

“If there is no one to follow, there can be no disciples”

1. A disciple must deny himself

Matthew 16:24 (New King James Version)

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me.

2. A disciple must always seek to grow spiritually.
There is tremendous danger in stagnancy.

Read: - Philippians 3:12-14

A disciple must always bear fruit.

Bearing fruit is a guaranteed result of being a disciple of God. As you seek to do God’s will in your life and seek to follow after Jesus, you ultimately will bear fruit. Each fruit contains seed for more fruit.

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LESSON 2

CCG CORE VISION

RAs received by the General Overseer (G.O.), Pastor E. A. Adeboye, and communicated to the Headquarters leaders, our vision and mission statement shall remain intact, with a qualifying addendum in view of the peculiarity of the demography in the North American region.

To make heaven - 2 Peter 3:9

To take as many people with us – Luke 5:17

To have a member of RCCG in every family of all nations on earth. – Romans 12:5

- To accomplish No. 1 above, holiness will be our lifestyle.

- To accomplish No. 2 and 3 above, we will plant churches within five minutes walking distance in every city and town of developing countries and within ten minutes driving distance in every city and town of developed countries.

- We will pursue these objectives until every Nation in the world is reached for the Lord Jesus Christ.

RCCG DOMINION CHAPEL WORKERS CODE OF CONDUCT

RJoel 2:7 - They charge like warriors; they scale walls like soldiers. They all march in line, not swerving from their course.

The transfer of workers / volunteers between parishes - there should a release letter from the current pastor to the new pastor before being accepted to serve in any capacity. And to further engender unity amongst pastors, the two pastors should communicate before the transfer.

Any pastors requesting for a worker/ minister to serve in his program or church must request from the Pastor of the worker.

A worker/volunteer traveling out of state/country or not available to serve must inform the minister or head of ministry upfront so that prayers can be rendered for journey mercies and adequate alternative to cover the duty post can be put in place.

A minister, not available in church to serve, must inform the parish pastor ahead of time so that prayers can be rendered for journey mercies and alternative arrangement can be made to cover the minister's duties in his/her absence.

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LESSON 3

UNDERSTANDING WHO YOU ARE

God's Desire for You

“God's heart's desire is to impart His life into man so that man could express Him. It is for this purpose that man was created with three parts: a spirit to contact and receive God, a soul to magnify God, and a body to glorify God.”

You are important to God because without every member of the body working together, the work of God will slow down.

God is mindful of you and recognizes your importance!

Psalms 8:4-5

“What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honor.”

2. God visits you **REGULARLY** to show you His love.

1 John 4:8

He who does not love does not know God, for God is love. In this the love of God was manifested toward us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

3. God created you for a purpose.

Ephesians 1:4-6

He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love, ⁵ having predestined us to adoption as sons by Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the good pleasure of His will, ⁶ to the praise of the glory of His grace, by which He made us accepted in the Beloved.

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LESSON 4

EXPRESSING GOD'S LOVE

“Love wasn't put in your heart to stay. Love isn't love until you give it away.”

With the knowledge of some of the expressions of God's love, it is important that you take the example of God's love and apply it to every aspect of your life.

Love God in return - God is a jealous God! He desires that His creation love Him too! It is only out of love for God that you will see the need to be obedient to His calling of service.

Mark 12:30

And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.

Love Yourself - Whosoever God loves is worthy of the love of anybody else, and if God loves you, you in turn should learn to love yourself.

Psalms 139:13-15

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made...”

Love Others - It is only after you choose to love yourself that you can choose to love others

1 John 4:20-21

If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

Personal Reflection - Do I express each of these types of love effectively? In what way can I improve on this?

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LESSON 5

CASTING OUT FEAR

“Love is what we were born with. Fear is what we learned here.”

To love is to be like God, because God is love. However, one of the greatest deterrents of both receiving God’s love, and expressing God’s love, is fear. Fear is not something that we are innately born with. It is a part of our sinful flesh that was introduced by Satan when sin was first committed.

Fear of Shame, Failure, or Rejection:

People are afraid that who they were without Christ will overshadow who they are in Christ.

Exodus 3:10-13 “So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”

Fear of Change:

People do not like to do what will require them to step out of their comfort zone.

Matthew 19: 21-24

Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.”

When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.

Fear of Pain, Suffering, or Death – We hold onto our lives as if we created it.

1 Kings 19:1-4

So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.” Elijah was afraid and ran for his life.

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LESSON 6

P RAYER AS A FOUNDATION

**“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.”
– Martin Luther King Jr.**

Prayer is talking to God. Any relationship grows through communication, and that same concept originated in communication with God through prayer.

Why should a disciple pray?

Prayer draws you nearer to God - If you do not talk to God, you can never learn more about who He is. To understand the heart of God, we need to pray. To lead a life in intimacy with God, we need to pray.

Numbers 12:6-8

Not so, with My servant Moses, he is faithful in all My household; with him I speak mouth to mouth, even openly, and not in dark sayings, and he beholds the form of the Lord.”

Prayer is POWER - Prayer gives us the strength and the faith to finish the race marked before us in this life.

Matthew 21:18-22

So Jesus answered and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what was done to the fig tree, but also if you say to this mountain, ‘Be removed and be cast into the sea,’ it will be done. ²² And whatever things you ask in prayer, believing, you will receive.”

Prayer Changes You - The more time you spend with God, the more your face will shine with the radiance of God. Prayer changes us from the inside, which soon gets reflected on the outside.

Psalms 37:3-6

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LESSON 7

DISCIPLINE AS AN ACT OF LOVE

“God trains His soldiers, not in tents of ease and luxury, but by turning them out and using them to forced marches and hard service. He makes them ford through streams, and swim through rivers and climb mountains, and walk many a weary mile with heavy knapsacks on their backs. Does this not account for the troubles through which you are passing?”

God demonstrates His love by chastening. Love and discipline always go together, because true discipline comes from deep genuine love.

Discipline comes with chastisement – Chastisement seeks to correct the sin committed. If done out of true love, it produces redemption, not condemnation. God desires that we partake in His holiness, and as such there cannot be compromise in chastisement.

Hebrews 12:3-11

If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; for what son is there whom a father does not chasten? . . . Now no chastening seems to be joyful for the present, but painful; nevertheless, afterward it yields the peaceable fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Discipline maintains order – An army that is not disciplined cannot stand. A church member who is not disciplined creates a weakness in the ranks, and the enemy can infiltrate through the weakened chain.

Mark 3:24-27

If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand . . . No one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man. And then he will plunder his house.

Discipline brings wisdom – those who seek to increase in wisdom must first realize that it comes through discipline, love, and chastisement. It is developed, not automatic.

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LESSON 8

HUMILITY AS A FOUNDATION

“What makes humility so desirable is the marvelous thing it does to us; it creates in us a capacity for the closest possible intimacy with God” – Monica Baldwin

A disciple has to be like Jesus in humility because Jesus was the embodiment of humility. He washed the feet of His disciples, was born in a manger, and ate with people considered “untouchable”. Yet He performed miracles that are still spoken about today. Humility opens the door for intimacy with God.

Humility leads to a lifting up – the way up is actually the way down. The degree to which a disciple is willing to humble himself/herself is the degree to which God can use him/her.

Matthew 23:12

For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

Humility strengthens the foundation – The humble disciple, like a foundation, is quiet. The foundation is neither seen nor heard, yet it carries the greatest weight of the house. So is the humble disciple.

1 Samuel 2:8

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap; he seats them with princes and has them inherit a throne of honor. “For the foundations of the earth are the LORD’s; on them he has set the world

Humility is a choice – God has given each disciple the free will to choose whether or not to humble himself/herself before God. In some cases however, it may be necessary for God to forcefully humble you as a form of discipline, which should be seen as an act of love.

James 4:6-10 But he gives us more grace. That is why Scripture says: “God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.” Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. . . Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

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LESSON 9

THE ZEAL OF A DISCIPLE

“Do all the good you can, in all the ways you can, to all the souls you can, in every place you can, at all the times you can, with all the zeal you can, as long as ever you can” – John Wesley

Zeal – fervor for a person, cause, or object. Enthusiastic diligence, a burning desire to get or accomplish a task at hand.

Jesus said that whatever He saw His Father in heaven doing, He would do the same on earth. The Father is zealous, so is Jesus the son, and so must each disciple be zealous. But the zeal of a disciple must be with knowledge and wisdom.

Zeal in Faith – Our faith must be the kind that will cause a stirring in others and challenge them to increase in their faith as well.

John 6:28-29

Then they asked him, “What must we do to do the works God requires?” Jesus answered, “The work of God is this: to believe in the one he has sent.”

Zeal in Witnessing and Ministering – the faith of a disciple is not meant to be kept to himself or herself. The zeal of a disciple is to get the word of God to the people. Jesus always spent time feeding the multitude spiritually as well as physically.

Jude 1:3

Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints.

Zeal in Good Works – It should be the desire of each disciple to seek to do things that will be pleasing to God.

Galatians 4:18

But it is good to be zealous in a good thing always, and not only when I am present with you.

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LESSON 10

PRAYING ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD

Praying According to the Will of God

“We can only learn to know ourselves when we surrender our will and fulfill God’s will in us.” – St. Theresa

When you pray, do not black mail God. Rather learn to pray according to His will. It is when you pray according to His will that He answers. His will is what is written in His word. Always remind Him of His word, and He will honor it.

What is the will of God concerning our lives?

Prosperity and health – The righteousness of God in Christ Jesus has made you righteous, and irrespective of the circumstances, God will make all things well for you.

3 John 1:2

“Beloved, I wish above all things that you may prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers.

Sanctification and victory over sin – prayer according to this equips you to take battle against the works of the devil.

1 John 3:8

“He that committeth sin is of the devil: for the devil sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.”

Prayers of thanksgiving – in all things give thanks unto God, and not only when things are going seemingly well.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

“ In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.”

Pray according to the will of God, as it is written in the Bible. When you pray according to His will, nothing will be able to hinder your miracle. Jesus, in the garden of Gethsemane ended His prayer with “not my will, but Your will be done.” Make it a habit to include this in your daily prayers.

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LESSON 11

TIME

“Time is free, but it is priceless. You can't own it, but you can use it. You can't keep it, but you can spend it. Once you've lost it you can never get it back.”

Although a disciple is a being created with the consciousness of eternity, a disciple must still be aware of time and how time is spent. To everything there is a time and a season. A disciple must be aware of the season and act accordingly.

Time to Plant and Harvest – There can be no harvest of souls or blessings if time is not first taken to plant the seeds. The seed that is to be planted is the word of God in the form of witnessing to unbelievers and encouragement to believers.

Luke 10:2

“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Time to Uproot and Remove – The disciple must know when to uproot every plant that the Father has not planted, such as demonic infiltration. Compromise when the time of uprooting can lead to weeds that choke and prevent the growth of the seed planted.

Judges 2:1-3

“And you shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; you shall tear down their altars.’ But you have not obeyed My voice. Why have you done this? ³ Therefore I also said, ‘I will not drive them out before you; but they shall be thorns in your side,^[a] and their gods shall be a snare to you.’”

Time to Weep and Celebrate – Our prayers are often in the form of tears and crying when we are going through tough times with no apparent solution. But these prayers are always followed by celebration of overcoming those tough times.

Psalms 30:5

“Weeping may endure for the night, but joy comes in the morning.”

Time cannot be repeated. A disciple must know that the time spent on earth is for a greater purpose. It is mismanagement when a disciple is doing the right thing at the wrong time. Let it be your daily prayer to always use your time with wisdom.

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LESSON 12

THE DISCIPLE'S SOURCE OF STRENGTH

“If God sends you on strong paths, He will provide you with strong shoes.” – Corrie Tenboom

The work of a disciple cannot be completed without strength. Strength is what provides the endurance to press on with the mandate and calling of a disciple. However, as a disciple you must come to understand that the source of your strength must come from God and God alone. Should you begin to rely on your own strength, you will quickly find it inadequate. God provides strength in various forms.

Joy and Mercy of the Lord – Replacing sorrows with the joy of the Lord will provide unforeseen peace and strength to endure even the most sorrowful trials.

Nehemiah 8:10; Romans 9:16

“The joy of the Lord is your strength.”

“So then it is not of him, who wills, nor of him who runs, but of God who shows mercy.”

The Name of Jesus and the Word – There is a reason why every prayer is sealed with “In Jesus name the name of Jesus provides authority to carry out heavenly assignments here on Earth. It is source of our prayers. In addition the Word of God is what every disciple should stand on because it is forever settled and cannot be changed.

Philippians 2:9-11

“Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

The Blood of Jesus – The life of a man is in the blood. It was the sacrifice and the shedding of the blood of Jesus that saved mankind from permanent separation from God. There is healing in the blood of Jesus.

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LESSON 13

THE CONSISTENCY OF DISCIPLESHIP

“Remain steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished by your brethren that are in the world.” – 1 Peter 5:9

There are certain facts that you need to know. The devil knows very well that if you cannot remove the trunk of a tree, you can at least get the branches. As a disciple, you must understand that the enemy is constantly targeting you. As such it is important that you keep guard of what you do and say. It comes at a cost.

Consistent Soberness – It is important as a disciple that you hear from God regularly. You cannot hear from Him if you are always running around. It is important to be still so that He can speak to you and direct you.

1 Peter 1:13-15

“Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; ¹⁴ as obedient children, not conforming yourselves to the former lusts, as in your ignorance; ¹⁵ but as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct...”

Consistent Resistance of the flesh – That you were victorious yesterday does not mean that there will be no battle to fight today. It requires that you are constantly resisting thoughts that are not of God and renewing your mind. Addictions always begin with a thought and a lack of resistance.

James 1:14-15

“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death.”

Consistent Vigilance – You are a soldier of Christ. That means that you are in a war against powers and principalities. You cannot accomplish victory if you are not fighting against the things that will deter God’s purpose from coming to pass in your life or the lives of fellow disciples. Once an instruction has been given, it is important to actively follow instructions.

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LESSON 14

THE DISCIPLE AND THE MASTER

“Remain steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished by your brethren that are in the world.” – 1 Peter 5:9

When you became a disciple you chose to separate yourself for the purpose of following Jesus Christ. As a follower of Jesus Christ, you must come to understand the dynamics of your relationship with Him.

Son and Friend – You were called to be sons and daughters of God through Jesus Christ, not slaves. A child of God receives the benefits of being in God’s family. A child can boldly come into the presence of his or her father. Friends share secrets with each other, and they know each other closely.

Romans 8:16-17

“The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,¹⁷ and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.”

Student and Teacher– The disciples that followed Jesus were students of His teachings. They asked questions about the things he said, and learned while Jesus was on earth. When Jesus was about to ascend into heaven He gave them the mandate to teach all that they had learned to all nations in the world. It is a mandate still occurring today.

Matthew 28:18-20

“And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth.¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you”

Worker and Soldier– This is a dual role that every disciple must balance. A disciple is at war with spiritual powers in order to save souls as well as themselves. A disciple is a worker in all other areas.

1 Timothy 6:12

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LESSON 15

UNDERSTANDING THE ANOINTING

“The anointing empowers a disciple to function in a role.”

In simple terms, the anointing is the presence of the Holy Spirit being given to someone. It is the overflowing life of Jesus, which imparts supernatural strength enabling an individual to perform a special task or function in an office he or she is called into. If one is not called, there is no anointing given.

Must be Called – A disciple can only walk in the anointing of a role if he or she is called to be in that role. It is important to understand that each disciple is called to function in a specific role, and it is only when he or she is in the God - given role is there an anointing to empower.

Acts 19:11-17

Then some of the itinerant Jewish exorcists took it upon themselves to call the name of the Lord Jesus over those who had evil spirits, saying, “We exorcise you by the Jesus whom Paul preaches.” And the evil spirit answered and said, “Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are you?” Then the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, overpowered them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house naked and wounded.

Levels of Anointing– For every role there is a certain level of responsibility. With every level of responsibility there is a level of anointing.

Romans 12:3

“For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the measure of faith God has given you.”

Anointing Can be Taken Away – This is a very important fact to note. As a disciple, the anointing that you are given is meant to be used for a purpose. If that purpose is not fulfilled, there is no need for the anointing, and it can be taken away. Take heed!

Judges 16:20

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LESSON 16

TRANSFERRING THE ANOINTING

“The anointing, like heat, can be transferred.”

Anointing is unique in that it can be transferred in order to perform a task or provide a miracle. It is possible for the transference of anointing to be either temporary like to provide healing, or it can be a permanent transferring of anointing such as someone being called to carry on the task. There are three ways that an anointing can be transferred.

Conduction – This indicates that there is physical contact between the person possessing the anointing and the one in which the anointing is going to be transferred.

2 Kings 4: 32-34

When Elisha came into the house, there was the child, lying dead on his bed. ³³ He went in therefore, shut the door behind the two of them, and prayed to the LORD. ³⁴ And he went up and lay on the child, and put his mouth on his mouth, his eyes on his eyes, and his hands on his hands; and he stretched himself out on the child, and the flesh of the child became warm.

Convection – This indicates that the anointing is transferred temporarily to an object and then the object carries the anointing until it reaches the person in which the anointing is to be transferred to.

Acts 19: 11-12

Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, ¹² so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.

Radiation – This is anointing that is transferred without any physical contact from a person or and object. Just like a stone is thrown in the water and it radiates outward from the point where it hits the water, so the anointing can radiate from a person.

Matthew 8: 8-13

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LESSON 17

HEARING AND KNOWING

You may pray for an hour and still not pray. You may meet God for a moment and then be in touch with Him all day.

-Fredrik Wisloff

A disciple is a child of God. The Father-child relationship can be deepened in quality through constant fellowship with God. You are a child of God. A child can get closer to the Father. Because a child can choose how close he or she wants to get to the Father, there are some children of God that are closer to Him than others. As a disciple it is up to you how close you want to get to God. How you handle the voice of God through your spirit can give an indication of how close you are to Him.

Hearing –The first level of closeness is being able to hear when God is speaking. God is always speaking to His children. Unfortunately, many of His children are spiritually deaf to His voice when He speaks.

1 Samuel 3:3-5

“...and while Samuel was lying down, ⁴ the LORD called Samuel. And he answered, ‘Here I am!’ ⁵ So he ran to Eli and said, ‘Here I am, for you called me.’ And he said, ‘I did not call; lie down again.’ And he went and lay down.”

Knowing – It is one thing to hear a voice. It is another thing to know the voice of who is speaking. A deeper level of closeness with God the Father is when He speaks; being able to know that the voice you hear is His voice.

1 Samuel 3:8-10

Then Eli perceived that the LORD had called the boy. ⁹ Therefore Eli said to Samuel, ‘Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, ‘Speak, LORD, for your servant hears.’ So Samuel went and lay down in his place. ¹⁰ Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, ‘Samuel! Samuel!’ And Samuel answered, ‘Speak, for your servant hears.’

Understanding – When you know the voice of who is speaking, but cannot understand what is being said, there is still confusion. The deepest level of closeness to God is

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LESSON 18

PREPARATION FOR MIRACLES

Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see.

- C.S Lewis

When you are charging a battery in preparation to use it, the battery must remain in one place out of action for a period of time, as well as stay connected to an electrical source. Anybody looking at the battery will say it is idle, but it is being loaded with power. So when God wants to use a man or woman for a miraculous ministry, He will first take the person away so that he or she can be charged. Some examples of people in the Bible who were ready after being charged:

Moses –Because God wanted to use Moses for forty years, He took him away and kept him in the backside of the desert for an initial forty years, so that when God would call Moses, he would be charged up to carry the mandate.

Exodus 3:3-4

Then Moses said, “I will now turn aside and see this great sight, why the bush does not burn.”

So when the LORD saw that he turned aside to look, God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, “Moses, Moses!” And he [Moses] said, “Here I am.”

Elijah – Because God wanted to use this man to bring down fire from heaven, call down rain and raise the dead, He isolated Elijah for several months beside a brook, and later in the house of a widow for several years. In both cases Elijah was recharging his battery.

1 Kings 17:2-5

Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “Get away from here and turn eastward, and hide by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan. And it will be that you shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.” So he went and did according to the word of the LORD, for he went and stayed by the Brook Cherith, which flows into the Jordan.

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LESSON 19

REMAINING CHARGED PART1

“An active mind cannot exist in an inactive body.”

- General George S. Patton

The previous lesson taught the importance of being separated in order to be recharged. The next two lessons will discuss how to remain charged. How does a disciple remain charged? In order to remain charged, a disciple must not allow his spiritual battery to run down. It seems like a simple answer, but the truth is many disciples do not take the time to recharge their battery. There are two ways that disciples can run down their battery

Inactivity—Each disciple needs to know that if you leave a battery on the ground without being used for a long time, it is going to run down. What is true of the physical is also true of the spiritual. No matter how well charged your battery is, if you don't use it to do something, it will run down. It does not matter the gifts of God in you. If you do not use these gifts, they will run down.

Matthew 25:14-30

Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. And likewise he who had received two gained two more also. But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money. But his lord answered and said to him. . . “So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has ten talents.”

Use Without Recharging – The other extreme that leads to a disciple running out of battery life is to continuously use up energy without recharging. No matter how long a battery is charged, if you use it without recharging it, it will still run down. There are several activities that use up energy.

Healing – If you heal the sick, some of your energy is used up. **Mark 5:30**

Moving Mountains – A mountain cannot be moved by itself. **Zech 4:6-7**

Witnessing – You need power to witness. **Acts 1:8**

Physical Exertion – Not all energy usage is done spiritually. **1 Corinthians 3:16-17**

It is important as a disciple that you take active steps to be aware of your battery life. In your walk and service to God, you cannot forget to examine these two categories and how much of an influence they play in your life. Should they play a larger role than the time spent to recharge, you cannot function to your full potential.

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LESSON 20

REMAINING CHARGED PART 2

“An active mind cannot exist in an inactive body.”

- General George S. Patton

The previous lesson taught the areas in which the energy a disciple has charged in his or her life can be used. This lesson takes a look at areas where a disciple can generate power. You need power to heal the sick, raise the dead, cast out demons, or perform any activity as a disciple. Where does a disciple generate such power?

Prayer – The fundamental source of power generation is through communication with God in prayer. If one studies the stories of the great men and women of God in the Bible, one thing that is common in every person’s life is that they prayed continuously. It is through the prayer that they were given power to carry out a task. After they carried out the task, they went back to God in prayer.

Luke 18:1-8

Then He spoke a parable to them that men always ought to pray and not lose heart. . . And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will avenge them speedily.

Fasting and Worship – Fasting denies the body of pleasure in order to recharge and focus the spirit. It is intended solely on creating and recreating spiritual energy. As a disciple, fasting has to be a part of your lifestyle. Often times the magnitude of the task at hand will influence the magnitude to which a disciple must fast.

Matthew 6:16-18

But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

Bible Study – The Word of God is quick and full of power. Jesus said that His words are Spirit and life. When you study the Bible, you assimilate life.

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LESSON 21

SPIRITUAL POWER FAILURE PART 1

**“An active mind cannot exist in an inactive body.”
- General George S. Patton**

Anointing is like electricity, so the disciple should know how to deal with power failures. Anointing can be interrupted, it can be diverted or it can be stopped completely. The enemy knows this and he will do all that he can do to make sure that it happens to the disciple. That is why this lesson is very important! There are several reasons for power failure:

Run Down Battery – Elijah just brought down fire from heaven after three years of drought on Mount Carmel. But that same man ran away when Jezebel threatened him. Why? Because his battery had run down without him recharging.

1 Kings 19:4

But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, “It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my father’s!”

Damaged Conductor – The conductor is the person who is transferring the power. One faulty reason or another can damage that conductor. It is dangerous to have a damaged conductor because, just like a faulty wire cannot properly transfer electricity, a faulty conductor cannot properly transfer spiritual power. Recall the story of Jephthah.

Judges 11:30-31

And Jephthah made a vow to the LORD, and said, “If You will indeed deliver the people of Ammon into my hands, then it will be that whatever comes out of the doors of my house to meet me, when I return in peace from the people of Ammon, shall surely be the LORD’s, and I will offer it up as a burnt offering.”

Blown Fuse – There could be a power failure because the fuse is broken or blown. The fuse serves as a control to the power, so that if the power becomes too great the fuse will blow, disconnecting the power so that damage can be prevented.

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LESSON 22

SPIRITUAL POWER FAILURE PART 2

**“An active mind cannot exist in an inactive body.”
- General George S. Patton**

Anointing is like electricity, so the disciple should know how to deal with power failures. Last lesson three reasons were looked at as to why a disciple can have a spiritual power failure. This week we will look at three more reasons.

Short Circuiting – This occurs when one wire crosses another wire in a place that it should not cross at all. This crossing causes power conducting to reduce or stop completely.

Joshua 7:6-12

And Joshua said, “Alas, Lord GOD, why have You brought this people over the Jordan at all—to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us? . . . So the LORD said to Joshua, “Israel has sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them. For they have even taken some of the accursed things, and have both stolen and deceived; and they have also put it among their own stuff. “

Diverted Current – Current can be diverted from one source to another. As a disciple, you must be careful that you walk according to God’s instruction, because He can take your anointing and give it to someone else. If you use your anointing wrongly, the power can be diverted.

1 Samuel 16:1

Now the LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from reigning over Israel? Fill your horn with oil, and go; I am sending you to Jesse the Bethlehemite. For I have provided Myself a king among his sons.”

Total Disconnection – The worst thing that could happen to a disciple is for the connection to be lost completely. Even worse is for a disciple to lose complete connection and not be aware of it. When this happens, the disciple is on his or her own. This can happen after numerous warnings, or because the disciple is negligent.

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LESSON 23

CORRECTING SPIRITUAL POWER FAILURE

“An active mind cannot exist in an inactive body.”
- General George S. Patton

The last two lessons have discussed the sources of spiritual power failure in the lives of disciples. So you have concluded that there is a power failure in your life that falls underneath one of the mentioned categories. How do you fix it? This lesson looks at some ways a disciple can regain his or her power.

Blown Fuse – The best way that this power failure can be corrected is through worship. Worship brings a disciple back into right order and mindset with God, so that the power can be reconnected.

2 Kings 3:15

But now bring me a musician.” Then it happened, when the musician played, that the hand of the LORD came upon him [Elisha].

Short Circuit – The best way a short circuit can be corrected is by first identifying who or what is causing the short circuit. Once that has been identified, it is important that you separate yourself from that person or thing. It may not be the easiest to do, but it must be done.

Joshua 7:16-25

So Joshua rose early in the morning and brought Israel by their tribes. . Now Joshua said to Achan, “My son, I beg you, give glory to the LORD God of Israel, and tell me now what you have done; do not hide it from me... And Joshua said, “Why have you troubled us? The LORD will trouble you this day.”

Total Disconnection – You serve a God of forgiveness. A disciple that has been completely disconnected from the source can be reconnected through genuine repentance. It is after repentance that God will reconnect you.

Judges 16:20

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LESSON 24

DISCIPLES AND MOUNTAINS

“Never measure the height of a mountain until you have reached the top. Then you will see how low it was.”

Many believers have an understanding that every mountain they come across must be removed. Mark 11:23-24 even says that faith gives you the ability to move mountains. But as a disciple, you must come to understand that every mountain has its usefulness. One such usefulness is drawing you nearer to God. This lesson looks at what can happen when you climb a mountain to meet with God.

Total Surrender – Abraham had to climb the mountain in order to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Mountains give you the opportunity to completely surrender your will to God.

Genesis 22:1-19

Then He said, “Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” So Abraham rose early in the morning and saddled his donkey...

Total Sanctification – Moses was asked several times to climb the mountain in order to meet with God. One such time he fasted forty days and nights, and His encounter was such that when he returned his face had to be covered for the people could not look at him directly. Mountains allow you to have total separation unto God, and you return sanctified.

Exodus 34

So Moses chiseled out two stone tablets like the first ones and went up Mount Sinai early in the morning, as the LORD had commanded him...When Moses came down from Mount Sinai with the two tablets of the covenant law in his hands, he was not aware that his face was radiant because he had spoken with the LORD.

Total Power – Many people go to the top of the mountain to receive power through communication and meeting with God. Elisha, Moses, and Elisha all received power from God on the top of the mountain.

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LESSON 25

BE AWARE OF SATAN'S METHODS

'There is no neutral ground in the universe; every square inch, every split second, is claimed by God and counter-claimed by Satan.'

- C S Lewis

In any warfare it is critical that a soldier be aware of the enemy. As a disciple and a soldier, it is important that you are aware of your enemy. Satan is the enemy of God, and as such is your enemy. You must be aware of the tactics that Satan uses to infiltrate into the lives of God's people.

Deceit – Satan is the creator of deceit, and he uses it well. You must guard your mind against letting Satan's deceit creep into your thoughts.

1 Corinthians 4:3-4

If the Good News we preach is hidden, it is hidden to those who are lost in sin. ⁴ The eyes of those who do not believe are made blind by Satan who is the god of this world. He does not want the light of the Good News to shine in their hearts.

False Doctrine – Satan is aware of the religious nature of many people, so he will try and twist what God says in the Word to make it seem like truth. The fall of man was due to Satan twisting God's truth.

Genesis 3:4-6

Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate.

False Prophets – The teachers of false doctrines are already beginning to infiltrate into the ranks of God's people. Take heed and beware of such people!

2 Peter 2:1-2

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LESSON 26

DEALING WITH DOUBT

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Believe your beliefs and doubt your doubts.

-- F.F. Bosworth

Every disciple at one time or another will wonder if Jesus is truly who He says He is, or will question whether or not He is able to do what He says He will do. This often times becomes greater when you act on something in faith, and it doesn't turn out the way you were thinking it would. But it is important to know how to deal with doubt when it arises.

Remember the Past – Anytime you are faced with concrete doubt it is important to remember what God has done for you in the past.

Psalms 106:9-10

Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make His mighty power known. He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it dried up; so He led them through the depths, as through the wilderness. He saved them from the hand of him who hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy.

Correct View of God – It is not your place to worry about the miracles that God will perform. That is God's business. It is your business to acknowledge God as the God of miracles.

Daniel 3:16-18

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to him, "King Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to deliver us from it, and he will deliver us^[e] from Your Majesty's hand. But even if he does not, we want you to know, Your Majesty, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up."

Check Your Foundation – God never gives you doubt. It starts with you. It is important to check where your foundation is built. Is it built on the rock or on the sand? Have you totally surrendered your will to Him? Are you remaining stagnant in your own spiritual growth?

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LESSON 27

PERSONAL REVIVAL

Revival is a renewed conviction of sin and repentance, followed by an intense desire to live in obedience to God. It is giving up one's will to God in deep humility.

- Charles Finney

In the deepest sense, revival means a fresh encounter with God. Every disciple needs to have a personal revival every so often, because every disciple needs a fresh encounter with God. Revival exposes areas of shortcomings and leads to restoration and renewal. As a disciple there are signs that you must take note of that indicate the need for a personal revival.

Self Contentment – The moment that you feel you have made it spiritually, or you have reached your goal in your service to God, is the moment that you should realize you need a personal revival.

2 Peter 3:17-18

You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; ¹⁸ but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Bible Study – When spending time in God's Word becomes a chore to you, then it may be an indication that you are in a need for personal revival.

Joshua 1:8

This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

Luke warmth – This may be something that you may not notice, or may refuse to acknowledge, but when you begin to casually do things for God and your heart is no longer doing it out of love for Him, it is an indication of a need for personal revival.

Romans 12:1-2

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LESSON 28

UNDERSTANDING FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD

U Human fellowship can go to great lengths, but not all the way. Fellowship with God can go to all lengths.

- Oswald Chambers

One of the main reasons that God created man was so that there could be fellowship with God. God created you in His image so that He can have fellowship with you. Inside every man is a deep longing for fellowship. In understanding fellowship with God, you must know the dynamics of fellowship with God.

God the Father – This is done through praise and worship. When you enter into His gates with thanksgiving, praise, and worship, this is fellowship with God the Father.

Psalms 100

Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; we are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

God the Son– This is done through salvation and calling His name. Jesus is the foundation of your salvation, as well as the sealant in every prayer. In addition, several names are used to describe who He is. The Way, the Truth, the Life are just a few.

Philippians 2: 9-11

Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,¹¹ and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

God the Holy Spirit – This is done through daily communication, including speaking in tongues. The Holy Spirit is sent to be your Helper, and as such it is the Holy Spirit that walks with us on a day-to-day basis.

Acts 15:8-9

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LESSON 29

DESTRUCTION OF FELLOWSHIP

Human fellowship can go to great lengths, but not all the way. Fellowship with God can go to all lengths.

- Oswald Chambers

The devil fears fellowship between God and man. As such one of Satan's greatest areas of attacks is in the area of fellowship. Division destroys fellowship, and as such if the devil is able to separate you from God, he can isolate you from the fellowship between you and God. This lesson looks at why fellowship is such an important part of a disciple, and therefore why it is a target of the enemy.

Exposes Weakness – The devil is able to infiltrate through weaknesses. When you are in constant fellowship with God, He is able to show you the areas where you are in need of His holy strength. Once your strength has been renewed, you are able to withstand.

Isaiah 40: 29-30

He gives power to the weak, and to those who have no might He increases strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, And the young men shall utterly fall, But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; They shall mount up with wings like eagles, They shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

Battles Fought– When you are in fellowship with God, you no longer have to fight your battles. He is able to come in and fight your battles for you. And no one can beat you should God fight for you.

Exodus 14: 13-14

And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Standstill, and see the salvation of the LORD, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever. ¹⁴ The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.”

Showers of Blessing – You need to know that business is spiritual warfare. The devil knows that if you prosper, you will be able to help the course of the kingdom of Jesus Christ.

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LESSON 30

FELLOWSHIP AS A WEAPON OF WARFARE

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- Oswald Chambers

The devil fears fellowship between God and man. The previous lesson explained how fellowship with God can be used in our defense. One of the other reasons why the devil fears fellowship is because it can be used as a weapon of warfare. This lesson takes a look at how.

Power – It has been discussed in previous lessons. Fellowship with God equips you with the power that is required to confront and defeat the enemy.

1 Samuel 30:7-8

Then David said to Abiathar the priest, Ahimelech's son, "Please bring the ephod here to me." And Abiathar brought the ephod to David. ⁸ So David inquired of the LORD, saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?" And [God] answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all."

Boldness– You can have all the power that you need, but until you have the boldness to actually confront the enemy on the battlefield, the power remains useless. Fellowship gives you the boldness to know that you can confront the enemy.

Acts 4:13-14

Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. ¹⁴ And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it.

Technical Know How – It is important to know how to confront the enemy. Power and boldness without wisdom can be dangerous. Fellowship with God gives you insight into the plans of the enemy and how to infiltrate.

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LESSON 31

DIVINE VISITATION

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Human fellowship can go to great lengths, but not all the way. Fellowship with God can go to all lengths.

- Oswald Chambers

What will happen if God should pay you a visit? It is one thing to go visiting with God through worship and praise, but it is another thing for you to worship God so intensely that God Himself decides that He wants to come and visit with you. God cannot visit you and leave you the same.

Promises are Fulfilled – When God chooses to come and visit you, those promises that you have waited for so long will be fulfilled. As far as God is concerned, it does not take Him a year to perform a miracle.

Exodus 3:7-8

And the LORD said [to Moses]: “I have surely seen the oppression of my people who are in Egypt, and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. ⁸ So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land,

Prayer turns to Discussion– at His visitation, you now have the ability to just talk to Him, and in turn you are able to just sit and listen to Him.

Exodus 33:11

And it came to pass, when Moses entered the tabernacle, that the pillar of cloud descended and stood at the door of the tabernacle, and the LORD talked with Moses . . . So the LORD spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend. And he would return to the camp,

Future is Revealed – It is often when God visits that the events of the future are revealed. Should He come and visit you, He will share with you of what is to come. It only takes one revelation to change your life.

Exodus 7:2-4

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LESSON 32

KINGDOM OF SATAN

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- Oswald Chambers

A war will always have at least two sides fighting against each other. It is the same for spiritual warfare. As a disciple you are a part of this warfare, and you are fighting as a soldier in the kingdom of God. However, Satan has his own kingdom, and here are some of its characteristics.

Read Matthew 12: 22-30

From reading this passage, there are some key points that can be learned.

Satan has a kingdom – As a disciple fighting a war, there has to be another kingdom to which you are fighting against. That kingdom is the kingdom of Satan.

Satan is the ruler of his kingdom – Every kingdom has a ruler, and until you are aware who the ruler is, you cannot be victorious. Once the ruler has been conquered, the kingdom will fall.

Satan has an army – Any kingdom has an army to protect against attacks as well as to infiltrate. In the same way, Satan has his army. The army is every member in Satan's kingdom.

The kingdom of Satan is highly organized and highly disciplined. It is for this reason that we as Christ's soldiers must work towards the disciplining and ordering of ourselves in order to keep the army of the Lord together. If Satan is able to come and create disorder in the army of the Lord, he will be able to infiltrate. We must pray and work against such things!

Personal Reflection –

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LESSON 33

P RAYER AND VICTORY

"The most important thing a born again Christian can do is to pray." - Chuck Smith

We have discussed in previous lessons the role of prayer. Today we want to go a little further into looking at the problems of unanswered prayers. What are some of the reasons why prayers are not answered? Let us take a look:

God Cannot Hear – There are some prayers that do not even reach God. These prayers do not reach God because of sin. The presence of sin muffles and mutes all prayers from reaching God.

Isaiah 59:1-2

Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.

God Cannot Answer – God is able to know the heart behind a prayer, and often times we ask with the wrong motive. God will not answer a prayer that has the wrong heart behind it.

James 4:3

You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.

You Cannot Hear – Often times when you pray God delivers an answer. However, if you are not able to hear when God answers, it causes you to think that God has not heard. In actuality, it is you that has not taken time to sit and LISTEN for God's answer.

Hebrews 3: 7-9

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says: "Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness, where your fathers tested me, tried Me, And saw my works forty years.

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LESSON 34

THIS OUR GOD PART 1

“I want to know how God created this world. I am not interested in this or that phenomenon, in the spectrum of this or that element. I want to know His thoughts; the rest are details.” – Albert Einstein

A disciple cannot begin to fathom or fully understand who God is. The more you as a disciple seek to know who God is, the more that you will come to realize that you know very little about who He is. The next two lessons will cover some of the basic character traits of God.

God is Powerful – Before time began, God existed on His own. He did not acquire His power from any source, but gave power to all creation. The preciseness and exactness of all things in this universe still fall short in comparison to the power and glory of God.

Hebrews 1:1-4

“...whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; ³ who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high. . .”

God is Supreme – this indicates that God is above any and all things . . . past, present, and future. No one can begin to give Him counsel concerning what He has made up His mind to do.

2 Chronicles 20: 5-6

O LORD God of our fathers, are You not God in heaven, and do You not rule over all the kingdoms of the nations, and in Your hand is there not power and might, so that no one is able to withstand You?

God is Faithful– God’s faithfulness extends to all your generations to come because His name is great. His faithfulness can never fail you.

Deuteronomy 7:9

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LESSON 35

THIS OUR GOD PART 2

“I want to know how God created this world. I am not interested in this or that phenomenon, in the spectrum of this or that element. I want to know His thoughts; the rest are details.” – Albert Einstein

The last lesson discussed some of the basic character traits of God. It discussed His power, supremacy, and His faithfulness. This week we will discuss three more traits.

God is Self-Sufficient – Man is limited by the fact that he will die. You can only be in one place at one time. He grows tired, he falls asleep, and he forgets. This is not the same with God. God has always been.

John 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

God is All Knowing – there is nothing that can be hidden from God. He knows the past, the present and the future. He knows your thoughts before you think them. There are no secrets that can be hidden from God.

Psalms 139: 2-12

¹ O LORD, You have searched me and known me. You know my sitting down and my rising up; you understand my thought afar off... Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from you, but the night shines as the day; the darkness and the light are both alike to you.

God is Merciful – Part of God’s unending wealth is His unending mercy over you. Each step, each day that you are able to see, it is indication of the mercy of God over your life.

Psalms 136

¹ Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the God of gods! For His mercy endures forever. Oh, give thanks to the Lord of lords! For His mercy endures forever

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LESSON 36

GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

"When circumstances seem impossible, when all signs of grace in you seem at their lowest ebb, when temptation is fiercest, when love and joy and hope seem well-nigh extinguished in your heart, then rest, without feeling and without emotion, in the Father's faithfulness."
– D. Tryon

God is not only powerful and supreme; He is also dependable, for He never fails. The Word says that God keeps His covenant up to a thousand generations. God cannot deny Himself. He remains faithful because of His great name, power, and supremacy. Some areas that God is faithful include:

God's Promises – Once He has spoken on a situation, that situation is settled. Whatever He has to do to keep His promise He will do it. This is faithfulness that you can trust.

Numbers 23:19

God is not a man, that He should lie, Nor a son of man, that He should repent. Has He said, and will He not do? Or has He spoken, and will He not make it good?

God's Discipline – by the time God has taken you through the fire of purification, even as He is disciplining you, He will still be faithful to correct you when you need to be corrected, and you will never be too great to be corrected.

Proverbs 3:11-12

My son, do not despise the chastening of the LORD, Nor detest His correction; For whom the LORD loves He corrects, Just as a father the son in whom he delights.

God's Forgiveness – Perhaps this is the greatest faithfulness of God in your life. He chooses to forgive you not once or twice, but every single time that you have fallen short of His desires through the sins that you committed. Even more, He forgets what you have done!

Matthew 18: 21-22

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LESSON 37

DISCIPLE AS AN EAGLE

When eagles walk, they stumble. They are not what one would call graceful. They were not designed to walk. They fly. And when they fly, oh, how they fly, so free, so graceful. They see from the sky what we never see. - Unknown

The eagle did not become the most powerful birds because it wanted to be. God designed the eagle to be the king of the birds. The eagle has cunning capabilities that set it apart from the rest of the birds of the world. As a disciple, God has designed for you to be kings of the world.

Eagle's Dominion – The eagle has very few enemies to contend with because it has dominion over its territory. You as a disciple must have dominion over your territory, because God designed you to have dominion over your territory.

Genesis 1:26

Then God said, “Let Us make man in our image, according to our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all^[2] the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

Lives on the Highest Point – another reason the eagle has very few enemies is that it occupies its dwelling at a much higher point than almost all animals that could pose as potential enemies. You must dwell at a level higher than your enemies.

Colossians 3:1-2

If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God.² Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth.

Must Learn to Soar – An eagle is the master of soaring. Flying requires your efforts to maintain flight. Soaring uses the winds of life to carry you. To soar is to go beyond just flying. As a disciple, seek to soar like the eagle.

Isaiah 40:31

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LESSON 38

THE EAGLE AND THE STORM

While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it.
- Unknown

Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come. When the storm hits, the eagle sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. The eagle does not escape the storm. It simply uses the storm to lift it higher.

Face the Storm – It is not enough for you to be born again. After submitting yourself to God, you are to face the storm that will come your way. You are not meant to run away from you storms.

Philippians 4:11-12

Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: ¹² I know how to be abased and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.

Ride the Storm – God expects you to ride through the storm, because He has designed and equipped you with all that you need to be able soar above every storm.

1 Peter 5:10

But may^[d] the God of all grace, who called us^[e] to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you.

Rejoice over a Storm – Many disciples are unaware that storms provide unique opportunities to display God's glory. When you rejoice in the midst of storm, you allow God's power to lift you above it.

Nahum 1:3

The LORD has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet.

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LESSON 39

DISCIPLE AND CHRIST

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“All God's plans have the mark of the cross on them, and all His plans have death to self in them.”

--E. M Bounds

By now it should be clear what it means to be a disciple. A disciple is a follower of Christ. Christ saves you that you may walk with Him and build a relationship with Him. This lesson will take a look at the areas in which you as a disciple walk with Christ.

Christ's Crucifixion – The life walk of a disciple starts with the cross. It is the cross that separates a person from who he or she was and brings him or her into that relationship with Christ. It is from there, that a person becomes a disciple.

Romans 6:5-11

“...knowing this, that our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin.⁷ For he who has died has been freed from sin.”

Christ's Resurrection – The completion of the work of God for the sins of the world came about because of His resurrection. As a disciple, you resurrect with Christ when you go through the crucifixion of Christ.

Romans 6:5-11

Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with Him,⁹ knowing that Christ, having been raised from the dead, dies no more. Death no longer has dominion over Him.¹⁰ For the death that He died, He died to sin once for all; but the life that He lives, He lives to God.

Christ's Ascension – Jesus promised that He was going to prepare a place for those who choose to follow Him. The final goal of all disciples is to be ascended into heaven with Christ, and to bring as many people along as possible.

John 14:2-3

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LESSON 40

DISCIPLE AND THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST

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You know that you have to be born again to make it to heaven, and thank God for the salvation of your soul. Jesus Christ says that if you try to keep your life, you will lose it. Anything you do not surrender to God, you can lose it. In order to gain your life, you must be willing to crucify yourself with Christ. In order to accomplish this, you must do these three things:

Deny Yourself – Often times the biggest hindrance to God’s plan and purpose unfolding in your life is you. Your plans, your desires, your goals can interfere with God’s greater purpose for you. Unless you are willing to deny yourself, God cannot move through you.

Matthew 16:24-25

Then Jesus said to His disciples, “If anyone desires to come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ²⁵ for whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Take Up Your Cross – The carrying of the cross indicates the crucifixion of yourself. It represents your sinful nature, your own desires, and your own selfish motives. It represents the “old” you.

Matthew 10:38-39

And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. ³⁹ He who finds his life will lose it, and he who loses his life for My sake will find it.

Follow Jesus Christ – The life that Jesus lived is the life that you as a disciple are to imitate. Once you have denied your own will, it is His will for you that you are to follow.

Mark 10:17-22

Then Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, “One thing you lack: Go your way, sell whatever you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and

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LESSON 41

DISCIPLE AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

“Without the victory of the resurrection, the death of Jesus would have been in vain. For death by itself is no victory, no matter how well-meaning the sacrificial lamb, no matter how noble the cause.”

--Katherine Walden

The resurrection Himself is Jesus Christ. Jesus said that the true children of God are the children of resurrection. In other words, if you are not a child of the resurrection, you are not a child of God. The resurrection is key in that it creates in the children of God a new body.

Incorruptible Body – If you die with Him and resurrect with Him, you will have an incorruptible body. A body that is incorruptible has power over death, as well as power over sin.

1 Corinthians 15: 51-52

Behold, I tell you a mystery: We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed—⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Spiritual Body – If you die and resurrect with Him, you will have a spiritual body. The resurrection awakens the spiritual being that was dead due to sin. The crucifixion kills your fleshly nature and resurrects the spiritual being.

1 Corinthians 15:44-45

It is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body.⁴⁵ And so it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being.”^[d] The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

Glorious Body– If you die and resurrect with Him, you will have a glorious body. A glorious body is one that is not worried about today, tomorrow, or even the trials and tribulations that come your way. A glorious body radiates the peace of God.

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LESSON 42

DISCIPLE AND ASCENSION OF CHRIST

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To be ever looking for the Lord's appearing is one of the best helps to a close walk with God."

~ J.C. Ryle

The ultimate goal of any disciple is to make it to heaven. You can serve in church, serve in the community, be a leader of many people, and yet still miss heaven. Jesus promised that He would return to take His church home. So you as a disciple must be ready when He comes.

Take Heed: If you think that you have already made it, take heed, lest you fall in your pride. Guard your heart, your mind, and your walk with God fiercely.

Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for His good pleasure.

Body Transformation: Your ascension to heaven will begin first with the removal of the old body to be replaced with a body the glories like Christ's body.

Philippians 3:20-21

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, ²¹ who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

Finish Your Race: How you start is not as important as how you finish. It is important that you always keep in mind the end of your race, and let your actions lead you to the completion of your race.

Philippians 3:13-14

Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, ¹⁴ I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

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LESSON 43

K NOW YOUR ENEMY PART 1

“There is an election going on all the time... the Lord votes for you and Satan votes against you, and you must cast the deciding vote.”

There are three forces that operate on earth. The positive and pure force is that operated by God. Satan operates the negative, malevolent force. The third force is the neutral force, operated by you. This neutrality gives you the free will to choose which side you will allow to operate through you. This lesson takes a look at the enemy of God, which is Satan.

Worldly Wisdom – You can call Satan a liar, a murderer, or a thief. These are all attributes of his character. But Satan is not a fool. He is cunning and deceptive, and uses worldly wisdom to infiltrate into your mind and heart.

James 3:13-17

Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom . . . ¹⁶ For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there. ¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy.

Prideful – This is an area that has been emphasized tremendously. Pride will not take you anywhere but will ultimately lead to your downfall. Satan’s pride was what led to his ultimate downfall.

Isaiah 14:12-15

How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer,^[b] son of the morning! How you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! For you have said in your heart: “I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will be like the Most High.” ... Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, to the lowest depths of the Pit.

Violent – There is no reference in the Bible that says Satan does anything calmly. Satan may approach subtly, but he attacks violently with the sole purpose of destroying you and your destiny.

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LESSON 44

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