

"Depart! Depart! Go out from there, Touch no unclean thing; Go out from the midst of her, Be clean, You who bear the vessels of the LORD."

- Isaiah 52:11

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Day Two Conference Notes

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Cleansing Sins of the Soul

One : Deadly Deceptions

Satan's major tactic against leaders is 'deception'.

1 Chronicles 21:1 Now Satan stood up against Israel, and moved ('seduced') David to number Israel.

- 1) Deadly deception of soulish affections (women, money, fame)
- 2) Deadly deception of self - its all happening because of me, I am so anointed, I am better than others, I deserve to be treated special, etc.
- 3) Deadly deception that "I can never be wrong"
- 4) Deadly deception of a unique "revelation"
- 5) Deadly deception of soulish attachments (people, position, recognition)
- 6) Deadly deception of insecurity and control
- 7) Deadly deception of intimidation and manipulation
- 8) Deadly deception of independence - "I don't need any one else"
The Apostle Paul Galatians 1:15-17 Galatians 2:1-2
- 9) Deadly deception of being forsaken - "God has forsaken me"
Elijah 1 Kings 18,19
- 10) Deadly deception of ministry in place of ministering to the Lord
The church at Ephesus Revelation 2:1-4, The church at Smyrna Revelation 3:1-2
- 11) The deadly deception of self-deception
James 1 three forms of self deception (A)that I am being tempted by God (B)Listening to the Word but not doing the Word (C)Religion without self-control (personal discipline)

Two : Regain Your Soul

God wants us whole 1 Thessalonians 5:23

It is not normal for my soul to be in deception.
It is not normal for my soul to be in bondage.

God has given us weapons to engage and regain our soul 2 Corinthians 10:4-6

Some important quotes from Ed Smith's "Healing Life's Hurts"

1, People are in emotional bondage due to two basic factors, belief and choice. These two factors are rooted in the context of deception.

When we believe a lie, our choices are influenced by the lie we believe.

2, When we believe a lie, the outcome will often have much the same consequences as though it were true.

A person feels temporary relief, satisfaction, a temporary high, etc.. which leads him to believe that the lie is the right thing.

3, To be free of the lies we believe, we must identify and own the lies rather than suppress or deny we believe them before we can be free from them.

How would you identify a lie?

a, A lie contradicts the revealed truth of God's Word

b, A lie while promising freedom actually takes control of the will and renders the individual powerless. The individual is no longer free to say "no". When there is a sense of bondage, then you know there is sin and deception.

4, In the midst of our "darkness," we must come to realize how utterly bound we are to the lie and how helpless we are to overcome its debilitating grip on our lives apart from God's divine intervention.

2 Timothy 2:24-26

5, No person, including ourselves, is capable of talking us out of the lies we believe. We will be free only when we receive the truth from the One who is Truth.

John 8:31,32,36 Isaiah 29:24

Three : Breaking Soul Ties

God has called us to love Him with all our soul – mind, will and emotions Mark 12:29-31

Ephesians 5:5 Covetousness, lustful longing is idolatry

Anything that replaces the Lord in our heart or in our soul - is idolatry.

When our emotions are wrapped around something or someone - that causes us to replace God's place with that something or that someone, we are in idolatry.

When are emotions/affections/attachments are bound in such an ungodly/unholy manner, we call this a 'soul tie'.

The path to emotional freedom is often a painful process. It is so much better to prevent such things from happening. We'll talk about this (i.e. "Code of Honor") tomorrow.

Check-up

1. Is your ministry all centered around you?
2. Do you talk about yourself, your family, etc. instead of the Lord and His Word?
3. Do you feel great when compliments come, but very depressed when they aren't that many?
4. Do you enjoy the feeling of power when an audience hangs onto your next point – the 'high' of having people's attention?
5. Do you feel threatened when others on your ministry team/church get attention?

6. Do you only talk about your vision and God moving through you? Do you insinuate, that all others are 'walking in the flesh'?
7. Do you feel threatened when people from your congregation visit other churches, listen to other ministers, read other's books, etc?
8. Do you feel intimidated when your idea or point of view is not supported by all on your team?
9. Do you hesitate to acknowledge that you were helped, taught, assisted, mentored, spiritually guided by someone else?
10. Do you feel entitled to a place, position or role – where ever you go in ministry?
11. Do you feel 'powerful' because of the money, fame or recognition you have?
12. You are married, but you feel emotionally or spiritually close to someone else, other than your spouse?
13. You are married, but you share your secrets, etc., with someone other than your spouse?
14. Do you enjoy 'mentoring' those of the opposite sex and prefer spending time with them, instead of mentoring and nurturing those of the same gender?

Four : Receiving Deliverance

1. Recognize that there is a problem – this is the first step and perhaps the most important. Most of us do not want to accept that we have a problem in our soul/mind/emotions.
2. Recognize the standard and truth of God's Word – understand what God's Word says about that area. As long as we accept our attitude or behavior as normal we will not change. We need to see that there is a higher standard – a better way to live, as described in the Word.
3. Renounce the effect of wrong mindsets or any demonic influence in your life. Bring these areas under the redeeming power of the blood of Jesus.
4. Consecrate you mind, thoughts and affections unto God.
5. Welcome God's Healing work by His Holy Spirit in to your life.
6. Renew your mind with the Word of God – embrace the truth of God's word and make a decision to live according to His Word. Accept God's Word and God's standard as normal.
7. Walk the path, day by day to complete restoration. Renounce ungodly affections and the behaviour they lead to. Cut-off anything that leads you down this path.