



Sunday July 12, 2009
Inner Wholeness (Part 2)
Uprooting Issues

Series Overview

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Review: Inner Wholeness Part 1: Rebuilding Your Self-Image

(Dear Pastors – do a quick 5min recap of the first message)

Numbers 13 : The 12 Spies

Even though God had spoken to the people of Israel promising them the land, ten out of the twelve spies still has a grasshopper image of themselves when they saw the giants. Joshua and Caleb, instead, through the promise of God, saw the same giants and saw them as “bread” – ready to be eaten, ready to be conquered.

Acknowledge – recognize as a fact – every good thing that is in you in Christ.

Today : Inner Wholeness : Uprooting Issues

By “issues” we are talking about “**Roots**” of **wrong attitudes and behavior** – that are unhealthy, which limit us and trouble others.

We are not talking about an occasional slip up in some area, but an ongoing, recurring problem that is indicative of a deeper cause for such attitude or behavior.

What Are Some Common Issues (roots of wrong attitudes and behavior)

*(Dear Pastors – for each of the areas below, give some examples of how this expresses itself in real life and how this affects the individual and troubles others. Many of these are found in **church and ministry** – so please address that as well. We must not allow any of these “issues” in church and ministry. Also, the following is only a representative list. Deal with other areas if you see the need to do so.)*

1. Self

Self-centeredness, selfish ambition, selfish motives, etc

Philippians 2:3,4

3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.

4 Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

2. Jealousy

James 3:14-16

14 But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.

15 This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

16 For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.



3. Pride - Condescending of others

Romans 12:16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

Manifests in several different ways:

Being un-teachable – not willing to learn from others

Being defensive or self-justifying – I cannot be wrong,

4. Lust

Any uncontrolled desire especially dealing with fleshly appetites (flesh, eyes). Could also be lust for money, power, influence, other addictive behaviours, etc.

Romans 13:12-14

12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

5. Bitterness

Hebrews 12:15

looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled;

6. Anger

James 1:19,20

19 So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath;

20 for the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

7. Rebellious / Disrespect for authority

Passive rebellion is putting up a pretense that you respect authority but you still go out and do your own thing.

Romans 13:1,2

1 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.

Hebrews 13:17

Obey those who rule over you, and be submissive, for they watch out for your souls, as those who must give account. Let them do so with joy and not with grief, for that would be unprofitable for you.

8. Critical

Being a scorner. Being critical of others.

9. Pessimistic

Always looking at life in a negative way. Always expecting the worst to happen. See the glass half-empty and not celebrating what you do have.

An important virtue of the believer is "hope" which is positive expectation.



10. Depression

A lack of joy, and purpose for living.

Other areas such as Insecurities, Control, etc.

How do these things take root?

- Past Experiences
- Misconceptions and wrong mindsets – we believe a lie and keep reinforcing it, deceiving our own selves
- Demonic – sometimes there are demonic influences and control in certain areas causing such issues.

Receiving Wholeness

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, that we are carrying issues within us.
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 past experiences or 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.

(Lead people in to a time of prayer)

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