

# Sunday July 26, 2009 Inner Wholeness (Part 4) Reorienting Inside Out

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# <u>Review:</u> (Dear Pastors – do a quick 5min recap of the last 3 messages)

# **Today : Reorienting Inside Out**

Today we wish to deal with deep seated deception that has disoriented our perception of life and way of living. This includes

- long-term addictions (alcohol, substance abuse),
- long-term depression, suicidal or other tendencies,
- abnormal lifestyles such as homosexuality, lesbianism,
- religious deception originating in emotional bondage
- other deep seated emotional bondages

Lets talk briefly about what leads people in to these dispositions.

No one is born this way. And yet we know that some people end up in deep emotional bondages.

## 1, long-term addictions (alcohol, substance abuse)

Usually begins in a small way, and eventually leads to addiction.

## Proverbs 20:1

## Wine is a mocker, Strong drink is a brawler, And whoever is led astray by it is not wise.

## 2, long-term depression, suicidal or other tendencies

Pressure of every day life, rejection, other difficult circumstances lead people in to believing that life is not worth living – leading them into deep depression or in to taking their own life.

## 3, abnormal lifestyles such as homosexuality, lesbianism

### Romans 1:20-29

20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

22 Professing to be wise, they became fools,

23 and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man—and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves,



25 who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

26 For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

27 Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers,

Homosexuality is abnormal and the result of lust and the result of a debased mind, i.e. worthless thinking.

We do not want to condemn some one trapped in homosexuality. We recognize that what they are doing is wrong. But we also know that there is freedom, recovery and wholeness even for them, in Jesus Christ. So we need to reach out to such, and welcome them to the transforming power of our Lord Jesus Christ.

4, religious deception originating in emotional bondage

#### 1 Timothy 4:1-3

**1** Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,

2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

3 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth.

### Colossians 2:18,19

18 Let no one cheat you of your reward, taking delight in false humility and worship of angels, intruding into those things which he has not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind,

19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.

### 2 Corinthians 11:3,4,13-15

3 But I fear, lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, so your minds may be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.

4 For if he who comes preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or if you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted—you may well put up with it!

13 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.

14 And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

15 Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.

## **Reorienting**

For us to recover from deep emotional bondage – whether this bondage has taken on the form of addictions, abnormal emotional states, abnormal lifestyles, or religious deception – we need a total reorienting of our inner-person.

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

24 And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient, 25 in humility correcting those who are in opposition, <u>if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that</u> <u>they may know the truth</u>, 26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been taken cantive by

26 and that they may come to their senses and escape the snare of the devil, having been <u>taken captive</u> by him to do his will.

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

31 Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." 36 Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed.

## Isaiah 29:24

These also who erred in spirit will come to understanding, And those who complained will learn doctrine."

## **Repentance**

1, Welcome God to replace lies with truth.

2, Ask God to break the power of sin through the cross of Jesus.

## <u>Prayer Time</u>

There are many all over the world who have been totally reoriented....totally transformed and made whole from deep seated addictions, depression, abnormal lifestyles and religious deceptions.



Today is a day of deliverance. Lets pray for any one who might be present here or for any one you know personally who needs a touch of the Lord. Lift that person up in prayer.

Isaiah 42:7 To open blind eyes, To bring out prisoners from the prison, Those who sit in darkness from the prison house.

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Sermon Notes





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