

WAKE UP!

TIME IS RUNNING OUT VOLUME II

Growing Up Spiritually

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Dedication

The primary purpose of the WAKE UP! series is to give God's children an opportunity to examine their spiritual foundations, make corrections where necessary, and grow up spiritually. To Christians who are hungering, thirsting, and seeking to change, I dedicate this series to you.

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Introduction

As I began to work on WAKE UP! TIME IS RUNNING OUT, VOLUME II, I had mixed emotions. It is not enough for me to hear **what God is saying** through the Spirit and **why He is saying it**. I need to **feel the heart of God** in order to share what He has given me for His children.

I am blessed that He instructed me to write this book. At the same time, I am saddened that He waited so long. I asked God about His reasons for the delay. He said, *The majority of those who have read WAKE UP! TIME IS RUNNING OUT, VOLUME I have not allowed the Holy Spirit to solidly lay their spiritual foundations. They have refused to give up their lordship and will not trust Me with all of their hearts. They have not allowed the Holy Spirit to reveal the reasons they do not trust Me. Many are determined to continue believing the lies satan has sown in their hearts rather than believe the truth. This grieves the Spirit of God. Others have made an effort to allow the Holy Spirit to teach them, some with fairly good results and others with very little results.*

If you have not yet read VOLUME I, I strongly suggest that you do so before reading this book. Follow its instructions carefully. This will help build a solid spiritual foundation in your life. Then read this book, expecting those foundations to deepen and be strengthened. You can expect to see consistent spiritual growth.

Be Encouraged

To those of you who have been consistent in trying to lay solid spiritual foundations, **be encouraged**. If you keep trying, even if you stumble at times, you will force satan to reveal his accesses to you. You will begin to see the thoughts he brings to your mind that cause you to doubt or be misdirected in ways that seem right.

The Holy Spirit will show you how to change each stumbling block into a stepping stone.

WAKE UP! TIME IS RUNNING OUT, VOLUME I focused on truths that establish your spiritual foundation. In VOLUME II, the focus is on confirming the strength of your spiritual foundation, building on it, and growing up.

Jesus Christ made the way for you to inherit eternal life (John 17:1-3). I have quoted this many times, but it is a good idea to review it. Look up these scriptures and ask the Holy Spirit to show you more revelation about the gift of eternal life. You can enjoy eternity with the Father and His Son and inherit God's Kingdom while you are still in this life.

Never make assumptions about where you are spiritually. Make sure you are in the Spirit and ask Him to show you where you are and where you are not.

If you realize you have not grown much spiritually, satan may immediately overwhelm you with condemnation. He may present **true** statements about where you have missed the mark, but do not listen to him! The devil should have **nothing** to do with spiritual revelation, conviction, or repentance! Refuse to accept what he says.

You may realize satan has stolen your inheritance because you chose fleshly comfort instead of paying the price to follow Christ. Perhaps you have suffered loss because you are spiritually apathetic or have left your first love. It is time to address these problem areas because time is truly running out.

It is one thing to suffer loss because you are ignorant, but when you have enjoyed fellowship with God and then traded it to ease your flesh, you have listened to the devil's lies. Do not be like Esau. He sold his birthright because he was hungry. When he realized what he had done, he could find no place of repentance even though he sought for it with tears (Hebrews 12:17). Have you ever been an Esau? Do you continue to be an Esau? **Are you selling your birthright to be comfortable in the flesh?**

How much of your inheritance has the enemy stolen from you? You may have heard truth but ignored it. Hebrews 3:15 says, *While it is said, To day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.* Have you hardened your heart to the Lord's voice? What losses have you suffered because of your rebellion?

When you stand before the judgment seat of Christ, it will be too late. You will face judgment and suffer eternal loss. Is that what you want? Please note that I am **not** talking about salvation but rather the loss of eternal blessings as a consequence of your unfaithfulness.

When satan steals from you, do you consider the loss in eternity, or are you more focused on the temporal realm? When you deny your flesh but see others enjoy what God may not let you have, do you sell your inheritance to be more comfortable now? The spiritual blessings you have given up produce loss in this life and the next.

Is part of your inheritance being stolen? This is a simple question. It is important to know what you are missing. This book will help you identify the reasons you are not enjoying the fullness of what God has for you.

Important Instructions

If you do not have consistent communication with God and trust Him completely, He cannot do the work in you that needs to be done. If your spiritual life does not work properly, either you do not want to walk with God or you are ignorant of His provision for you.

WAKE UP! TIME IS RUNNING OUT, VOLUME I reviews the basic foundations of walking with God. Those instructions were never meant to be complicated. Walking with God is simple if you believe and obey Him until they are well established in you.

I encourage you to review each truth presented in VOLUME I, and ask the Holy Spirit to answer the following questions.

- ⇒ Am I selling my inheritance in any way?
- ⇒ Do I enjoy consistent communion with God?
- ⇒ Am I suffering spiritual losses in my life?
- ⇒ Am I letting satan steal from me because I refuse to deal with my flesh?
- ⇒ What has my flesh cost me in this life and eternity?

One of my goals is to expose the accesses satan uses to hinder God's children who are trying to walk with Him. God is on our side, and He wants us to be successful in His Kingdom. **If we do not enjoy the work of maturing spiritually, we must examine the underlying root of our lordship.** The only way to accomplish this is to move out of the flesh and into the Spirit. The devil is a cunning deceiver, and he never stops his efforts to steal from those who are serious about their walk with God.

The Biggest Problem

Most believers are trained to rely on their natural minds while trying to walk in the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:14 says, *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.* This truth will never change.

I often minister from 1 Corinthians 2 because understanding the difference between the natural and the spiritual man is essential. **You must realize that you will never understand God's truth from your natural mind.**

You must be in the Spirit to discern truth. Your responsibility is to agree with the Word of God and make the adjustments to obey it. This requires confessing your sin, repenting, and moving into the Spirit.

Attitude Toward Conviction

WAKE UP! TIME IS RUNNING OUT, VOLUME I was written simply, but you will definitely be convicted as you read it. Many Christians feel overwhelmed by the truths in the book. Instead of being excited about the opportunities to repent, they react from

their natural minds and resist conviction.

Most believers have not been taught how to process conviction and be free from their sin. They are not taught how to repent of the lies they believe and release their faith into the truth. Many believe conviction is a negative experience. They think conviction means God is angry with them. This deception makes it impossible for them to hear truth and repent.

God is not mad at you when He convicts you. In fact, the opposite is true. Your Father chastens you because He loves you (Hebrews 12:6). He chastens every son He receives. If you are not chastened, you are considered illegitimate (Hebrews 12:7-8). **Conviction is a tremendous blessing because it leads to repentance.** Confession of sin and repentance bring you back to right standing with God.

WAKE UP! TIME IS RUNNING OUT, VOLUME II is intended to take the simple foundations of VOLUME I and encourage believers to be **doers of the Word**. It is time to build on the foundations the Holy Spirit has laid in your life. Even if you only obey one or two instructions, growth will take place. You will begin to see the benefits conviction can produce in you.

When you are convicted and repent of one sin, God gives you eyes to see many other truths you are not obeying. Matthew 13:16 says you are blessed if you have eyes to see and ears to hear what the Spirit is saying. As I said before, many Christians think conviction is a curse instead of a blessing, so they resist hearing truth that convicts. How do you react to conviction? What do you believe about conviction? If you believe conviction is negative, what is the source of that belief? It cannot be God!

Who is the Problem?

2 Timothy 4:3 says that in the last days, people will not want to hear sound doctrine. They will want the benefits of being a Christian but not the responsibilities. Today, the world leans toward irresponsibility. No one wants to be responsible for their

own actions. This problem has also infiltrated the church. Many people say, *I am not the problem. I am not to blame.* They blame the devil, the pastor, or someone else instead of taking responsibility for themselves.

Each of us will stand before the judgment seat of Christ. Romans 14:12 says, *So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God.* You and I will give an account for our lives. You can continue to ignore the truth, but there is a great cost if you do. Resisting conviction costs you now by stealing your inheritance, and it costs you in eternity as well.

If you want a deeply satisfying relationship with your Father, it is foolish to avoid the very thing that is necessary to receive it. If you want to move to greater spiritual levels, you must embrace conviction because it is an important part of the learning process.

You enjoy what you are willing to pay the price for. You may want your inheritance in the Kingdom of God, but you are unwilling to meet the conditions to receive it. Sometimes, you do not want the responsibilities. It is time to be honest with yourself and repent.

Two Basic Conditions

I often preach about **the fear of the Lord** and **submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ**. Most Christians do not want to hear about either of these truths. They are connected because if you do not fear the Lord, you will never completely submit to Him. You must develop a reverence for our Lord and Master.

You must recognize who the Lord is and how foolish it is to fight against Him and His purposes. The **fear of the Lord** is generally defined as, *to be put in fear, alarm or fright:—be afraid, + exceedingly, fear, terror* (G#5401). The fear of the Lord is basically a holy reverence for God, His ways, and His Word.

How long will He put up with such foolishness? The time is coming when all is fulfilled, and God's cup of wrath will overflow (Revelation 14:10).

It has been filling up for generations. Although no one wants to believe it, the time will come when there is no longer an opportunity to repent. It will be too late.

When you read Revelation, you get a glimpse of what will happen when the Father's wrath is poured out. He will destroy the heavens and earth in a moment. This is the same God we distrust and mock with our rebellion. How foolish can we be? We dishonor Him, use His very name in vain, and act as if there are no consequences for such arrogance.

Are You an Heir?

If you are a child of God, you are an heir to His Kingdom. **You have been given the opportunity to enjoy God's Kingdom now.** This is a simple but profound truth.

Romans 8:16-17 says, *The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

As heirs of God, we are also joint-heirs with Christ. Everyone who has accepted Jesus Christ as Savior is an heir of God's heritage. In other words, His heritage is available to us. However, there are certain parts of His heritage that are conditional. If you want to enjoy your inheritance, you must meet His conditions.

Most Christians do not read the last half of Romans 8:17, ***if so be that we suffer with Him that we will also be glorified together.*** This part of the scripture explains a condition for the promise. Suffering for Christ fulfills the condition to be glorified together with Him.

Revelation 17:14 says that those who are with the Lord when He makes war against the beast are called, chosen, and faithful. Revelation 2 and 3 gives detailed accounts of blessings and eternal rewards for those who overcome.

It is obvious that some promises in God's Word are received when His conditions are met. **I hope you are excited about the opportunity to meet God's conditions and receive the fullness**

of your inheritance.

2 Timothy 3:12 says, *Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.* This is another conditional promise. If you are godly, you will suffer persecution in some way. When you suffer for Christ, who is actually suffering the persecution? He is! **If you are never persecuted, He is not doing much through you.** This is a sobering thought so stop for a few moments to meditate and pray about this.

Take a moment to answer these questions, and ask the Lord if you need to make adjustments in your attitude or your willingness to suffer for Him.

- ⇒ Have I ever suffered for Christ?
- ⇒ If I have not suffered for Him, why not?
- ⇒ If no one has ever negatively reacted to who I am as a Christian, why not?
- ⇒ Am I willing for the Lord to allow a situation where I might suffer?
- ⇒ Even though I may not be required to suffer like someone else, am I willing?
- ⇒ Am I willing to be wounded for His sake?
- ⇒ If I am criticized for my faith, am I able to stay in the Spirit?
- ⇒ Can I let the nature of Christ shine through me or do I return the attack?
- ⇒ Do I try to protect myself from being uncomfortable?

Conditional Promises

Many wonderful promises are authorized for us as God's children that include a condition or conditions. Most ministers do not teach on the conditions to the promises, which leaves the impression there are no conditions. Therefore, people wait for God to manifest His promises and get offended at Him when they do not receive them.

You will never receive God's conditional promises if you do not fulfill His conditions. You may blame your pastor if he did

not explain the conditions, but the problem is with you. It is your responsibility to read the conditions instead of merely focusing on the promises.

2 Timothy 2:15 says to **study to show yourself** so you can be approved by God. Obviously, this needs to be done at the direction of the Holy Spirit. **You have no excuse if you are unwilling to study as God has commanded.**

A Review of Faith

Christianity is faith-based. As children of God, we are required to walk by faith, not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7). Faith is necessary to receive the gift of salvation and every other blessing from God. This principle alone makes Christianity different from all other religions.

Many believers adjust their Christianity to match what they think they can prove. They eliminate the parts of the Bible they cannot prove. Even theologians go through the Bible and ask, *Did Jesus actually do this?* They discount everything miraculous in the Bible. Even though they claim to be Christians, they do not believe the Bible if they cannot prove it.

Salvation is based on faith and without faith it will not work. You did nothing to deserve salvation. You cannot **decide** to be saved. John 6:44 says, *No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.*

Faith is the condition for being saved. God pours out His grace on everyone, and each person has the opportunity to get saved. Every person has been given the measure of faith they need to get saved (Romans 12:3). God has provided everything we need to come to Him, including the faith through which we receive grace. Our job is to release faith back into Him.

2 Corinthians 13:5 says, *Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?* The responsibility of whether or not you live by faith is yours alone.

No one can make this decision for you, and God will not force you to trust Him.

If you struggle to trust God with your whole heart, you need to examine yourself to see if you are actually in the faith. This is too important to ignore. Do you trust your Father or not? Does your faith remain constant in all circumstances? Does your faith waver when God does not do what you want Him to do?

We are not limited to redemption, forgiveness, and receiving the Holy Spirit as the earnest of our inheritance (2 Corinthians 1:22). God constantly works to save us from every hindrance in us. He wants to restore all that has been stolen from us. (See details on working out your salvation in Chapter 5.)

Galatians 3:3 says, ***Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?*** Are you being foolish like the Galatians were? Are you changing what began in the Spirit by faith and trying to perfect it in the flesh? Do you try to mature on your own without seeking the Lord and obeying Him? That is what most Christians do.

Stop right now and **examine yourself** to see if you are in the faith. Are your decisions based on what God says to you? Are you living in the spiritual realm, trusting Him, and doing what He says, which allows you to function in His Kingdom? Or are you in the flesh, controlled by your reasoning and opinions?

Living by Faith

*Now faith is the **substance** of things hoped for, the **evidence** of things not seen* (Hebrews 11:1). 2 Corinthians 13:8a says, *For we can do nothing against the truth.* You can choose to believe that God's Word is not the truth, but your unbelief does not change anything. **You can do nothing against the truth.**

Romans 3:3-4 says, *For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith of God without effect? God forbid: yea, **let God be true, but every man a liar**; as it is written, That thou mightest be justified in thy sayings, and mightest overcome when thou art judged.* Do all of the unbelievers in the world make

our faith in God ineffective? Of course not!

Most Christians fail because they go along with the majority. In today's society, if the majority of people believe it is right, then it must be right. **It is not right if it does not line up with God's Word.** This is evidence of unbelief, but unbelief does not affect the truth.

The Word of God is truth. I am not talking about our interpretations of what the Word says but what the Author of the Book confirms is the truth. **Any doctrine contrary to clear scriptures is a lie.** This statement may offend you, but it is the truth.

The just shall live by faith (Romans 1:17b, Galatians 3:11b, and Hebrews 10:38a). There is no other option. If you want to be justified, you must live by faith. If you call yourself a Christian, but do not live by faith, you are not justified in the eyes of God. You were justified the moment you were saved by grace through faith.

At the moment you exercised faith in Jesus and His redemption, you were translated out of the kingdom of darkness and into the Kingdom of light (Colossians 1:13). You were justified (Romans 5:1).

The basic definition of **justified** is, *just as if I had never sinned*. When you are justified by faith, you do not have spots, wrinkles, or blemishes because you are part of the Bride (Ephesians 5:27). This is a work of faith, and justification remains if you continue to live by faith.

What is the simple definition of *living by faith*? **It is trusting God that He is trustworthy to do what He says He will do.** It is not enough to trust what He says through the Bible or directly by the Spirit. **You must trust Him!**

Because I trust God, I trust what He says. I have no trouble believing what He says because I do not require explanations from Him. I want to hear from Him so I can exercise my faith. Is that how you approach Him?

Romans 3:28 says, *Therefore we conclude that a man is*

justified by faith without the deeds of the law. People mix the law with faith and do good works to try to earn justification. This verse says we are justified by faith **without** the deeds of the law.

Our righteousness is in Christ alone.

Romans 14:23 says, *And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin. Anything that we do that is not of faith is sin.* Faith is necessary for salvation, and it is the source of every gift from God, both now and in eternity.

James 1:6-7 says, *But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. If you do not ask God in faith, you will not receive anything from God.* Do you believe this? Does your life show you believe it?

The Trying of Your Faith

James 1:3 says, *Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.* Part of the definition of **trying** is, *testing, trial, trustworthiness* (G#1383). Because our faith needs to grow and be strengthened, God tests our faithfulness in everyday situations. Luke 16:10 says, *He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much.*

Christians often make mistakes in this area. They try to be faithful in something important but do not practice faithfulness in everyday life. You must begin where you are. Choose to trust God in the areas He is working on today. Seek Him for direction. Obey what He says because you love Him. Prove your faithfulness by trusting Him with the little things in your daily life.

1 Peter 1:7 says, *That the **trial** of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ. Trial* is defined as, *a testing; by*

implication, trustworthiness:—trial, trying (G#1383). Precious means, valuable, i.e. (objectively) costly, or (subjectively) honored, esteemed, or (figuratively) beloved:—dear, honourable, (more, most) precious, had in reputation (G#5093).

If you hope to honor God and become Christ-like, you need to expect and embrace the trial of your faith. Are you peaceful and happy when your faith is tested? Or do you lose your joy when God brings trials to perfect you?

James 1:2-4 says, *My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.* In this scripture, **temptations** means, *a putting to proof (by experiment (of good), experience (of evil), solicitation, discipline or provocation); by implication, adversity:—temptation (G#3986).*

God-planned trials unlock your inheritance. When people pray for patience, they are actually asking God to send trials because that develops patience. After patience is worked, you become *perfect and entire, wanting nothing*. If your faith wavers, you will not receive **anything** from God (James 1:6-7). This is what the Word says, so why not believe it?

You are commanded to trust the Lord with your whole heart. If you desire to walk in greater spiritual levels, your faith must be operational. If your faith does not work, you must find out why; then repent and make the necessary corrections.

Do not be afraid when the Lord allows a little pressure and you stumble. As your faith deepens, new realms of your inheritance will be revealed. Faith is the key for walking in the fullness of what is available for you. This ongoing process will continue throughout your Christian life. 2 Corinthians 3:18 says, *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord.*

Reference Verses for Introduction

John 17:1-3
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Hebrews 3:15
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1 Corinthians 2
Hebrews 12:6
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Romans 14:12
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Revelation 3
2 Timothy 3:12
2 Timothy 2:15
2 Corinthians 5:7
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Luke 16:10
1 Peter 1:7
2 Corinthians 3:18

Chapter 1

Who Are You?

Examine Yourself

2 Corinthians 13:5 says, *Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?* This verse is a commandment, not a suggestion.

Most Christians examine themselves from the position of being a good lord. They say, *I go to church and I do good things. I must be a good Christian.* They judge themselves to be good but may be completely deceived.

When God blesses you with ears to hear the truth, you will look at what you believe in a different way than you have before. Instead of processing with your natural mind, you will receive revelation from the Holy Spirit.

1 Corinthians 2:14 says, *But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.* Your natural man cannot understand the things of the Spirit. **If you decide what a scripture means, you deceive yourself.**

Are You Wise or Foolish?

The best way to become a fool and a liar is to disagree with God. Are you wise in the eyes of God? Or are you a fool in the eyes of God? Are you a liar in the eyes of God? If you agree with and obey what God says, you are wise (Matthew 7:24-25). If you disobey what the Word says, you are foolish (Matthew 7:26-27). You can be wise one moment and foolish the next. Carnal believers move back and forth between the two.

When you are wise and obey what God says, godly fruit begins to manifest. Changes first take place in your **attitude**

toward the Lord; the way you think changes. This is part of the process of allowing the Holy Spirit to do His work in you. He changes what you believe, think, and how you act to agree with the Word of God.

Typically, those who function from the natural realm begin with a conclusion they believe is the truth. If they find clear scriptures that contradict their belief, their reasoning rejects them. **They adjust what the Word of God says to agree with what they have already chosen to believe.** This deception is rampant in the church today. Preconceived notions of what is true will deceive you every time.

It is the Holy Spirit's job to tell you the truth. You are required to study to show yourself approved unto God, a workman that does not need to be ashamed, **rightly dividing** the Word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15). Your natural mind cannot and never will be able to rightly divide the truth.

Truth is revealed and confirmed by the Spirit of God. Everything you believe should be confirmed by the Spirit before you release your faith into it. **Remember: what you think you know hinders you from knowing what God wants you to know.**

The Greatest Stumbling Block

The truth that causes most believers to stumble is **establishing the Lordship of Jesus Christ.** In fact, this is the **greatest** stumbling block for every person. You might think that after all this time God would change His mind about requiring this of His children.

Why is God so immovable? Because He is God and He does not change (Malachi 3:6a). He is unrelenting because He is always right. We are the stubborn ones. Thinking we are right does not make us right.

Who Are You?

Who are you? Normally your response would be from the natural realm. *I am a plumber. I am an electrician. I am a teacher. I am a farmer. I am a preacher.* We respond based on what we think is important about who we are.

You may have a business card. Do you include fifteen things you are that are not so important? Most likely you only include your greatest title. What do you consider your greatest title? Is it based on the natural realm or the spiritual realm?

Paul and Peter described who they were when they addressed their letters. They began their letters as a *servant of the Lord* and an *apostle* of Jesus Christ (Romans 1:1, Titus 1:1, and 2 Peter 1:1). They put the title *servant of the Lord* higher than *apostle*.

Do you consider being God's servant your highest calling? Do you value what **you** have accomplished as more important than what **God** has done in you? Jesus said in Mark 9:35, *And he sat down, and called the twelve, and saith unto them, **If any man desire to be first, the same shall be last of all, and servant of all.*** That was not the answer they wanted to hear. In the flesh, we do not want to hear it either. Jesus said those who are the servant of all will have the highest ranking in His Kingdom.

This is the opposite of what most churches teach today. It shows how successful satan has been in deceiving God's people. Are you deceived in the same way? Do you resist being a servant of all? What is on your spiritual business card?

Christians who embrace being servants scare the devil. Your other titles do not make him nervous. If Jesus Christ is the literal, functional Lord of your life, satan cannot defeat you. Living in the Kingdom allows you to defeat him and helps defeat him in others.

When God tells you to do something in His Kingdom, He backs up whatever He tells you to do, and the devil knows it. *A servant of the Lord* is the last title satan wants you to have. He

does not care if you are a bishop or have a Doctorate of Theology degree, as long as you are not a servant of the Lord.

Who Do You Want to Be?

Do you want to be who your flesh and satan want you to be, or do you want to be who God wants you to be? satan wants you to be ignorant of who you are in God's Kingdom. He wants your faith to be released into the negative. If you struggle with condemnation and believe you are a failure, you believe what satan says. He does not care if you are a good or bad lord, as long as you are not who God says you are.

1 Corinthians 12:18 says that God sets every member in the Body as it pleases Him. **God alone decides who you are.** You do not get to vote on it. Your pastor, church group, or spouse does not vote on it. **God decides.** Your only choice is whether or not you agree with Him.

When God looks at you, He sees the end from the beginning (Isaiah 46:10). Right now you may be in seed form. God looks at the seed in you and knows exactly who and what that seed is intended to become. He plants the seed of who you are meant to be on earth and in eternity. The only condition is that you follow His instructions.

It is exactly the same as God seeing a mature oak tree when He looks at a tiny acorn. All the necessary elements for the mature tree are found in the seed. In fact, the seed contains the genetic make up for that unique oak tree. God sees the unique individual you are destined to be even when you can only see the seed.

Who do you truly want to be in your heart? Do you want to be the person your flesh wants you to be? That nature is yielded to satan, either consciously or subconsciously. It is the nature that lives in the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. The sinful nature has already been judged and condemned by God. Is that

who you want to be? Your fruit reveals your heart's desire, so what does your fruit reveal?

Where Do You Live?

Romans 8:3 says all sin is condemned in the flesh. **You cannot refrain from sinning while in the flesh.** Is that where you want to live? Your flesh has already been condemned. Just because you know or do good things occasionally does not mean you are in the Spirit. You are merely in the *good side* of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, but satan has access to both sides of that tree.

What we do in this life determines our eternal rewards. God gives us the opportunity to serve Him every moment of every day. We need to grasp the difference between what has temporal value and what has eternal value. This understanding will change our lives.

Every single thing you do in the Spirit has eternal value. The same work that is done in the good part of the carnal nature has temporal value. It will burn up. Obedience to everything God initiates will reap a reward. It has nothing to do with the act itself. If you obey God when He tells you to wash dishes, you receive an eternal reward. If He tells you to minister in a foreign land, you receive an eternal reward.

Do not limit your obedience to what you think of as being spiritual. Glorify God in all you do. The question to ask is, *Do my actions bring glory and honor to God?* Glory is credit due God, and God does not want credit for anything He does not do. He wants to manifest **through you** in every part of life, but no one deserves to have God manifest through them.

If you take credit for what God does through you, then you rob Him of His glory. Isaiah 48:11 says, *I will not give my glory unto another.* In 2 Samuel 6:6-7, when Uzzah touched the glory of God, he dropped dead on the spot. It is obvious that touching God's glory is a serious offense.

The devil's Tactics

satan comes as an angel of light to deceive us (2 Corinthians 11:14). He tempts us to use our natural minds to understand the Gospel. If he can persuade us to use natural learning methods, it is easy for him to take us captive with ways that seem right. These methods only work in the old nature.

When you live in the new nature, every tool satan has is useless. He has no access to destroy you. He can only get access through a lie he has already established in your mind. He does not have access to your spirit. This is why the battle for victory is fought in your mind. This is why you are commanded to bring every thought captive to Christ (2 Corinthians 10:5). You will never defeat satan if you do not allow your thoughts to be changed and renewed by the Holy Spirit.

Your spirit was sealed when you were saved (2 Corinthians 1:22). Before salvation, satan had full access to your mind. You yielded to him, whether it was through anger, rebellion, fear or any other sin. It could have been ways that seemed right or self-righteousness.

He uses these accesses in your carnal nature. If he cannot stop you from becoming a child of God, his number one priority is to stop you from growing up in God's Kingdom. He never stops trying to steal, kill, and destroy (John 10:10a).

The devil does not want us to learn about the Kingdom of God, our inheritance, or the gift of eternal life. He does not want us to know who we are in Christ. He does not want us to understand the new nature and how it is developed in us. He wants us ignorant of the fact that **God is making an original, unique creation in each of us.**

Two kingdoms exist in the spiritual realm: the Kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness. You have a choice. You can choose to stay in the old nature, but there are consequences for that choice. You were born in that nature, but you can reject that

nature, move into Christ's nature, and embrace who God wants you to be.

God chose you before you were born. God has already provided whatever is needed for you to become who He called you to be in His Kingdom. **It is impossible to be who God wants you to be while you are in the Adam nature.**

One of satan's deceptions is to convince you there is a third choice. He tries to make you believe that as long as you are doing good works, you are good. **You are not good because there is no third choice.**

Your choices are not evil, good, or best. They are evil or best. **The enemy of the best is good, not evil.** If you are evil, you know you are wrong. At least you are honest about it. If you are deceived, you believe you are good, but you are not! Righteousness is only available in Christ.

Great in the Kingdom of God

The Lord said the least one in the Kingdom is greater than John the Baptist (Matthew 11:11). John the Baptist came before the Kingdom manifested by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Jesus said the least in the Kingdom is greater than John the Baptist.

Do you consider yourself insignificant in the Body of Christ? Do you not believe what Jesus says about you? **You are part of His Body.** He knows what your part is worth. If you consider yourself as the least, your potential is still greater than anyone who is outside the Kingdom. The Spirit came **on** the prophets of old, but He lives **inside** you.

When you are humble, Jesus is the absolute Lord of your life. He directs every step of your life; therefore, every step has eternal value. Jesus said in Luke 19:17 that those who were faithful in the little things would be made rulers over many cities. Where you will rule in eternity has nothing to do with having a high calling. It has to do with being who you are called to be and your faithfulness to that calling.

Revelation 17:14 tells us that those who come with the Lamb when He wages war with the enemy have three specific qualifications. They are **called**. They have been invited to be a specific part of the Body of Christ. They are **chosen**. They have allowed Jesus to transform them into who they are called to be. They are **faithful** to function as that person in His Body.

Those who will rule and reign with Him must meet these conditions. Faithfulness is not determined by having a successful Christian ministry. It is based entirely on being faithful to the specific plan God has ordained for you as an individual.

Give satan No Place

You do not belong to satan! He did not create you! **Stop identifying with your old nature**. You are who God says you are even if His work in you is not complete. Believing what God says is the key to reaching the fullness of your inheritance.

It does not matter if you know what God called you to be or not. It matters that your lump of clay stays on the potter's wheel. Are you letting Him do what He wants to do in you? He has a vision of who you are, and He is removing everything that does not agree with what He already sees. His Spirit is authorized to teach you everything you need to know to fulfill His purposes for you.

One of my favorite hymns is Have Thine Own Way, Lord. One verse says,

*Have Thine own way, Lord. Have Thine own way.
Thou art the potter, I am the clay.
Mold me and make me after Thy will,
While I am waiting, **yielded and still.***

Never forget that God sees in fullness. Isaiah 46:10 says God sees the end from the beginning. If you are yielded to the Holy Spirit, neither satan nor any other power in the world can stop God from doing what He has authorized to be done. It does not

matter if you just began or are nearing the end of your life. Simply stay on the potter's wheel.

If you stay on the potter's wheel and submit to the Lord, God looks at the fullness of your decision. The opposite is also true. You will suffer loss if you refuse to let God do His work in you. Have you already suffered loss? Now is the time to humble yourself, confess your sin, and repent. This will dramatically change your future.

Story of Dr. Keith Jenkins

Dr. Keith Jenkins is our international coordinator and one of the apostolic ministers I have trained. He did not come from a state of rebellion like I did. He was a *hotshot* minister while he was getting his PhD. He prayed for people, saw people healed, and led many to the Lord. The Spirit of the Lord moved on him and a lot of good things happened through him.

The problem was, he was the lord of his ministry and was proud of what he did. When he heard me teach, he could not accept that what he had done from his lordship was going to burn up. He saw the fruit of what happened through him, and it had value to him. It was hard for him to face the fact that his works did not have eternal value.

Aaron Ross and I had a long conference in his home in Derby, England. The living room of the house was tiny. Three people came the first night: Keith, his landlord, and his fiancée, Louise. Because there were only three people the first night, I asked the Lord if we were to cancel the other meetings. He said, *No. Keith advertised the conference, and you are to preach every session he advertised.* I ministered five days. After the first session, it was only Aaron, Keith, Louise, and me.

Even after five days, he kept thinking, *Surely there must be something good in all that I have done.* It did not take long for Keith's pride to be exposed. He finally cried out to God and said, *I cannot believe I did nothing that had value.* The Holy Spirit

came on him strongly and God spoke clearly. *Everything **you have done** in My name is as filthy rags in My sight (Isaiah 64:6). It has no value whatsoever in the Kingdom.*

Keith completely gave up, and his lordship problem was dealt with that day. He was easy to train because he never looked back. He went on to be ordained as an apostolic minister. He chose to embrace the truth, confess his sin, and repent from his heart. He had been deceived because he spent time with those who were thought to be mature. In the process, he learned ways that seemed right.

New Creation

Paul feared that having preached to others, he would become a castaway (1 Corinthians 9:27). The Amplified Bible (Classic) says, *But [like a boxer] I buffet my body [handle it roughly, discipline it by hardships] and subdue it, for fear that after proclaiming to others the Gospel and things pertaining to it, I myself should become unfit [not stand the test, be unapproved and rejected as a counterfeit].* He saw that being cast away for unfaithfulness was possible.

What about you? Do you have this kind of the fear of the Lord? You can make excuses for your old nature. You can ignore the truth that God condemned all sin in the flesh (Romans 8:3). Or you can believe the truth and repent.

You have a new nature. You have been commanded to bury the old nature and live only in the new nature. You were not designed to have two natures. Joshua 24:15a says, *choose you this day whom ye will serve.* It is simple. You either choose your old nature or your new nature, which is the nature of Christ.

From the moment you were saved, God began the process of making you a new creation in Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, *Therefore if any man be **in Christ**, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. **New creature** means, **original formation** (properly, the act; by*

*implication, the thing, literally or figuratively):—building, creation, creature, ordinance (G#2937). Notice this verse says you become new **in Christ**. Do not make a career of old things passing away. Stay in Christ and receive this promise!*

Expect your mind to be renewed as it is washed by the water of the Word (Ephesians 5:26). You can have the mind of Christ even though you were carnally minded in the past. In Christ, **satan has no place**. This does not mean you are perfect. It means you are **consistent**.

Of all the saints in the past, present, or future, **there will never be another person like you**. Who you are is as rare as a snowflake. We all have the potential to have Christ's nature and be part of His Body, but no two parts are exactly alike. **You are an original, unique, one of a kind creation in God's Kingdom**.

Glory to Glory

2 Corinthians 3:18 says, *But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, **are changed** into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord*. When you are faithful where you are, then more will be given to you (Matthew 13:12). The Lord intends for you to be changed and moved from glory to glory.

When God called me into the ministry, my first calling was as a student. The Spirit of the Lord enabled me to be a good student. I expected Him to teach me what I needed to know. If I had a question, I asked Him and believed He would answer me. I dealt with my doubts, so my faith worked consistently. I wanted to eradicate any area the devil could use to keep me from being who I was called to be.

I am a part of the Body of Christ and so are you. I am called to be a part of the Bride and so are you. I am uniquely different from everyone else in the Body and so are you. I glorify God in my life and so can you. The Father's will is done in my life because of the choices I have made. The same can be true for

you. I cooperated with God, and the Holy Spirit removed anything that tried to stop me. You can do the same thing and receive the same results.

The Right Attitude Toward the Old Nature

I do not identify the old nature as being me. I count it dead like Paul instructed in Romans 6:11. Anything from the old nature that originated from satan, either directly or indirectly, I renounce. I may have yielded to it in the past, but I renounce it now. Any part of me that was formed through the Adam nature and is not who God says I am, I count as dead. The man satan influenced is not who I am.

Paul considered his old nature as dead even though the entire work had not been completed. If it worked for Paul and it worked for me, it will certainly work for you. You must answer these questions honestly to find out where you are spiritually.

- ⇒ Have I made the choice to count my flesh as dead? Why or why not?
- ⇒ What is hindering me from following Jesus with my whole heart?
- ⇒ What lies from my old nature continue to hold me captive?

The new creation formed in you reflects the level of your trust in Jesus as your Lord. Most people do not trust the Lord with their whole heart, and that limits how much He can do. If you want to change quickly and dramatically, you must trust Him with all of your heart. Why not begin now? Choose to trust Him and He will do His work in you.

Many believers think that trusting God with all of your heart means every part in you trusts Him. I know this sounds like the same thing, but it is not. I made the **choice** to trust Him with all of my heart, and then He dealt with the areas in me that were not in agreement with this choice as He renewed my mind.

The Hotel Parable

To explain trusting the Lord with all of your heart, I use the illustration of a large hotel having a thousand rooms. Every room is some part of your nature. Maybe in fifty of those rooms you trust God, but you have nine hundred and fifty rooms you do not trust Him with.

We tend to open the doors one at a time. In one decision I chose to give God the master key, which opened all one thousand rooms. He can open any door He wants, any time He wants.

satan tried to deceive me. He said God would open all the doors at once, and it would be overwhelming. He said everything I did wrong would be brought to light at the same time. **God does not do that.** He starts with one room and has fellowship with you there. Then He deals with another room that hinders you from going to the next level until that room is cleared out.

There could be one room with fifty things in it that must be dealt with before that whole room trusts God. He gives you the grace to work on one area at a time. When He decides it is no longer time to work in that room, He shuts the door and locks it. Everything else in that room is covered by grace until it is time for the Spirit to deal with it. It is not held against you.

God already sees what is behind every door in your hotel. **Why not give Him the master key so His work can be completed in you?** In this way, you are renewed day by day and become like Christ. It is time to be honest and admit what you have allowed satan to do because of ignorance, unbelief, or rebellion.

Your Choice

In 1 Timothy 1:13-14 Paul says about himself, *Who was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: but I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief. And the grace of our Lord was exceeding abundant with faith and love*

which is in Christ Jesus. Paul persecuted the church but received more abundant grace because he did it ignorantly.

God does not judge or condemn you. He is trying to keep you safe from eternal judgment. The Holy Spirit helps you see which works originate from satan. Why would you want to defend something satan did? You should want to get rid of satanic, fleshly works so they can be replaced with God's work.

God gives everyone the opportunity to choose Him. He does not override your freedom to choose, but He influences your decision. satan does the same. He cannot make you choose the wrong direction, but he tries to influence you as well.

If you are not yielding to God, you have already yielded to satan. You are in his kingdom, and he has access to you. There are limits to what God will allow satan to do, but he can make your life miserable. The choice is yours. You alone will stand before God and receive the consequences of your choice.

We are warned in Revelation 3:5, *He that overcometh, the same shall be clothed in white raiment; and I will not blot out his name out of the book of life, but I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels.* This scripture will put the fear of the Lord in you. Why would He say He will not blot out your name unless it is possible? Your guarantee is found in overcoming your flesh and satan. **The decisions you make now determine your position in eternity.**

The Age of Grace

We are living in the age of grace, but what happens when grace runs out? What if God decides to end His grace? In the Old Testament, when they broke certain laws, they were stoned to death. Deuteronomy 18:20-22 tells us that if a prophet spoke a false prophecy one time, he was put to death. How many professing prophets today would still be alive under that rule?

In Acts 5:1-5, Ananias and Sapphira lied to the Holy Spirit and dropped dead on the spot. The time between when they

sinned against Him and when judgment took place was instant, and that was in the church age.

We have been in the church age for over two thousand years. The time between disobedience and judgment has been drawn-out. Whether you notice it or not, it is now becoming shorter. The time for procrastination is decreasing. 1 Peter 4:17 says, *For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?*

We tend to ignore the scripture that says, *Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God* (Romans 11:22a). We disregard Matthew 10:28, *And fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather **fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.*** You cannot demand grace.

Exodus 33:19 says, *And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of the LORD before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy on whom I will shew mercy.* This truth is repeated in Romans 9:15 and 18. If everyone in the world thinks God ought to give someone grace and He does not, it is His decision to make. He is the Lord God. Who do we think we are to question Him? God will make His choices; now is the time to make your choice.

The Decision is Yours: Who Are You and Who Will You Be?

Who you serve determines who you are. God has already decided who you are. **Are you going to become who God already says you are?** If you are, then Jesus must be the functional Lord of your life consistently. If you will not trust Him, yield to Him, and are unwilling to change, you have already made your choice. Thankfully, repentance is available and you can make a different choice.

You are God's child and He has a glorious plan for you. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you revelation about who you are.

- ⇒ What are the reasons I do not trust God?
- ⇒ Why do I resist being made into the unique person I am called to be?
- ⇒ Who am I and who do I want to become?

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