

PRINCIPLES OF LIVING

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How to live in Victory and Overcome Life's Problems.

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Section A The Basic Cause of Conflict and Problems, and how to live in Victory.

1. As born again Spirit-filled believers we all experience:
 - a. **Times of-great blessing**, success and progress.
eg *Ac 2:4*
Ac 4:31
(*Ac 2:41, Ac 8:5,6, Ac 16:5, Ac 11:21*)
 - b. **Times of trials**, struggle, upset, conflict, failure.
eg *1Cor 3:3*
1Cor 4:11
Mat 16:23
(*Jam 1:2, Jam 4:1,2, 2Tim 3:12, Rom 5:3,4*)

2. **The major cause of conflicts**, upsets and trouble is not from the devil or other people, but from the old nature of sin and, self that we are all born with. (Adam blamed Eve, Eve blamed) The Bible calls this the “old man”, the “flesh”, the “carnal nature”, and it causes rebellion, argument, evil report, strife, pride, lust, hate, division, upset, confusion, envy, etc.
eg *Mat 15:19*
Eph 4:22
Jer 17:9
Rom 8:7
(*Col 3:5, Gal 5:19-21, Jam 4:8, 2Tim 2:21-23, Rom 6:6, Gal 5:16,17*)

3. **God did not make man with a sinful nature.** *Gen 1:26,27,31.*
Man became this way as a result of the “Fall”. *Gen 3:1-6, 1Tim 2:14.*

In Creation God made man perfect.

- a. righteous, like God, *Gen 1:26,27,*
- b. in fellowship with God, *Gen 2:19,*
- c. to live and not die, *Gen 2:17,*
- d. to love and serve God - with a pure heart, *Gen 1:28, Gen 2:19,20,*
- e. under the authority of God, *Gen 2:15-17.*

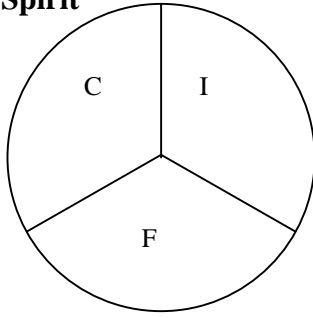
In the “Fall” man became: *Is 53:6, Rom 3:23, Rom 1:29f.*

- a. unrighteous, *Rom 3:10, Rom 5:19, Ps 14:1-3,*
- b. out of fellowship with God, *Gen 3:23,24, Is 59:1,2, Eph 2:13,*
- c. under death, *Gen 2:17, Rom 5:12,17, Rom 6:23,*
- d. sinful in his heart, *Jer 17:9, Mat 15:18,19, Eph 4:22,*
- e. under Satan's authority, *Eph 2:2, 1Jn 5:19, Jn 14:30, 2Cor 4:4.*

In “Christ” we become: *2Cor 5:17.*

- a. righteous, *Rom 5:9, 1Jn 1:9, 2Cor 5:21, 1Cor 1:30,*
 - b. God's children in fellowship with Him, *2Cor 6:18, Jn 1:12,*
 - c. possessors of eternal life, *Jn 3:16, Jn 5:24,*
 - d. possessors of a new heart to love, serve and obey God, *Heb 8:10, Ezek 36:25-27, Rom 7:22,*
 - e. those under the authority and rule of Christ, *Col 1:13, Rom 12:1,2*
4. **The great need of man** is to be born again.
Jn 3:3,5
1Pet 1:23
Repent, acknowledge sins, confess sins, turn from sins.
1Jn 1:9
Mat 3:8
Pro 28:13
Ac 2:38
Jer 31:18(KJV)
(Ac 3:19, Pro 1:23, Jam 4:8)
Believe in Christ as Saviour *Ac 16:31, Jn 3:16, 1Cor 15:3,4.*
 Ask for and receive forgiveness *Is 1:18, Ps 51:7-9.*
 Receive Jesus Christ as Lord of all *Rom 10:9,10, Lk 6:46.*
Confess Christ to others *Mat 10:32, Rom 10:9,10.*
 Be baptised in water *Gal 3:27, Ac 2:38, Mat 28:19.*
 Witness to others *Ac 1:8, Is 44:8, Lk 5:10.*
5. **Recognise the need to be changed**, set free, made new.
- a. **I need to be changed** *Jer 31:18(KJV), Rom 8:29, 2Cor 3:18.*
Jam 4:8
2Cor 7:1
Rom 12:2
Eph 4:22
 - b. **I am willing to be changed** *Is 1:19.*
Ps 51:10
2Chr 7:14
Ps 139:23,24
Lam 3:40
Jer 17:9,10
 - c. **God will change me** to be like Him as I believe His promises.
Rom 6:6
Rom 6:11
Rom 6:14
Jn 8:31,32
Phil 2:13(GNB)
Ezek 36:25
(1Jn 1:9, 2Cor 3:18, Rom 8:2)
6. **Where is the "old nature of sin"** in us? ("the flesh")
1Thes 5:23,24 says we are "spirit - soul – body".
 The old nature of self love, the "flesh", is in the soul and body. The new nature of Christ is in our spirit when we are born again. *1Cor 3:16, 1Cor 6:17, Eph 3:16, Lk 1:47.*

Spirit



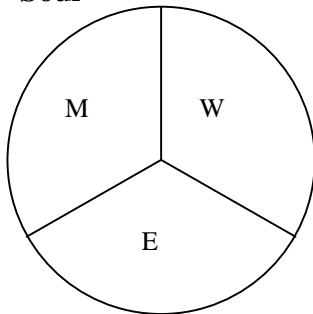
Rom 7:22

C = conscience *Rom 9:1, 1Tim 1:5*
 I = intuition, hearing God's Voice *1Cor 12:8*.
 F = fellowship with God *Phil 2:1*.

Our spirit (pneuma): is God's headquarters in the believer,
 is the centre of man's being where God's Spirit dwells in the
 believer's spirit,
 is where our spirit contacts God's Spirit.

1Cor 3:16
1Cor 6:17

Soul

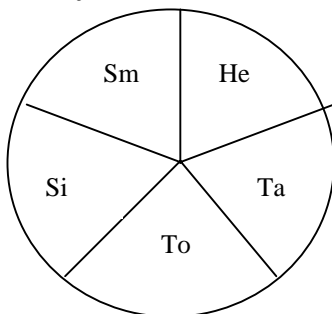


M = mind *Rom 12:2* untruth - truth
 W = will *Phil 2:13* self will – God's will
 E = emotions *Mk 12:30* love self - love God

Soul (psuche): has to be renewed by the Spirit and the Word.
Rom 12:2
Eph 4:23
 (*Col 3:2, Rom 8:5, Jn 8:31,32, Lk 9:23, Phil 2:13, Josh 24:15,*
Deut 30:19, Mk 12:30)

Our soul is our personality and contacts other people.

Body



He = hearing
 Si = sight
 Ta = taste
 To = touch
 Sm = smell

Five senses contact
 the world of
 physical surroundings.

Body (soma): has to be brought under the control of the Spirit and the Word.

Rom 12:1, 1Cor 9:27

7. **Being changed and becoming like Christ.**

We need to get rid of sinful habits and be changed into the likeness of Christ.
1Pet 1:22

Rom 6:12

2Cor 7:1

Gal 5:24

Heb 12:1

1Jn 3:1-3

(*2Tim 2:21, Jam 4:8, Deut 10:12,13, Deut 6:4,5, Deut 11:8-13,22, Gen 4:7, Ps 24:4,5.*)

Some main areas of change:

- a. **Unthankfulness** must change to **thankfulness** and contentment. We need to be set free from discontent, resentment, complaining, murmuring, self pity, being critical.

1Thes 5:18

Eph 5:20

Col 3:17

- b. **Pride** must change to **humility**, forgiveness and service to others. We need to be set free from self-righteousness, legalism, judging others, criticism of others, unforgiveness and domination.

Lk 18:14

Lk 22:27

Mat 20:28

(*Jn 13:4-15, Eph 4:32, Eph 4:2*)

- c. **Fear** must change to **faith**, love, power, and a sound mind. We need to be set free from doubt, unbelief, worry, anxiety, insecurity, inferiority and anger.

Is 41:10

2Tim 1:7

Is 43:1-3

(*Jn 14:1f*)

- d. **Lies and untruth** must change to **truth and honesty**. We need to be set free from wrong ideas, own imaginations and wrong teaching.

Eph 4:15

Jn 8:31,32

Jn 16:13

(*Jn 14:26, Jn 17:17*)

- e. **Lust** must change to godly **self-control**. We need to be set free from greed, laziness, all immorality, envy, jealousy, covetousness and stealing.

1Thes 4:3

2Tim 2:22

1Cor 6:9-11

1Cor 9:27

- f. **Self will** must change to **choosing and doing God's will**. We need to be set free from rebellion, disobedience and our own ways.

Phil 2:13

1Thes 2:13

Lk 9:23

Sin is:

- a. unrighteousness, *1Jn 5:17, Rom 1:29, 1Cor 6:9.*
 b. transgression of God's law, *1Jn 3:4, Mk 12:30,31, Jn 13:34.*
 c. doing what is not of faith, *Rom 14:23, 1Tim 1:5.*

- d. falling short of God’s glory, *Rom 3:23*.
- e. Knowing to do good and not doing it, *Jam 4:17*.

Steps to Freedom *Jn 8:31-36*

- a. Acknowledge sin and confess it, *Pro 28:13, 1Jn 1:9*. Be honest.
- b. Repent. Turn from the sin, refuse it, and reject it. *Pro 8:13, Pro 28:13*.
- c. Admit you cannot set yourself free. Only God can set you free. *Rom 7:19, Rom 8:2*.
- d. Fully give your life to God, *Pro 23:26*.
- e. Cry out to God to set you free, *Rom 10:13, Ps 51:7, Ps 34:17*.
- f. Go and apologise to others, *Mat 5:23,24*.
- g. Make restitution where you can, *Lk 19:8*.
- h. **BELIEVE** God’s promises to set you free, *Ezk 36:25-27, Jn 8:31,32, Rom 6:1-14*.
- i. Keep alert and resist temptation. *1Cor 10:13, Rom 6:12, 2Tim 2:22*. (*Rom 6:1-14, 1Jn 1:9, 1Pet 2:24, Heb 13:20,21, Jn 8:31-36*.)

8. **There are TWO WAYS** *Mat 7:13,14*

GOD’S WAY

MAN’S WAY

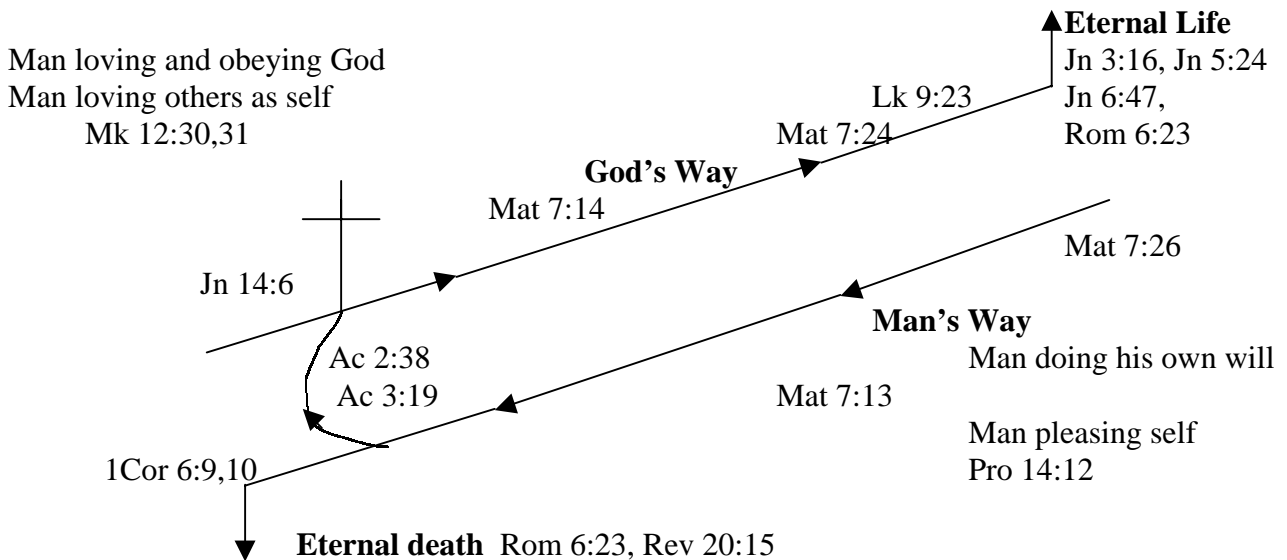
Is 55:8,9, Jn 14:6

Pro 14:12, 16:25, 16:2, 30:12

starts at the Cross
 starts at new birth
 it is the way of the Cross
 it is as narrow as God’s will
 it ends in eternal life in
 the city of God’s Presence

starts at human birth
 it is the way of human will
 it is as wide as human desire
 it ends in eternal destruction
 in the lake of fire

*Ps 18:30-32, Mic 6:8, Pro 4:18,
 Gal 5:16, Ps 119:30,32,35,105,
 Rom 8:14*



9. **Our attitudes** of the heart and mind control our behaviour.
Pro 4:23
Pro 23:7
Mat 15:18,19

The way we think determines what we say and do.

Col 3:2

Phil 4:8

Eph 4:23

Section B Relationship with Self. i.e. How I see Myself.

1. **Accepting myself as I am.**

If I had the power to change something about myself, is there anything I would change?

Maybe: Name, family, history, race, gender, brothers, sisters, parents, social class, caste, mental ability, appearance, birth order, time in history, height.

Some people want to change these things because they believe they would then, be a success.

Because they can't change these things, they feel inadequate, useless, discouraged and disappointed.

THESE ARE UNCHANGEABLES.

Self rejection leads to unhappiness, conflict, upset, inferiority, disappointment, lack of confidence and hinders faith.

GOD'S ANSWER IS SELF ACCEPTANCE BY GOD'S WORD.

Gal 3:28

2Cor 10:12

Ps 139:13-16(LB)

Jer 1:5

Is 64:8

Ps 119:73

By faith receive this truth - God has made me as He wants me to be, so praise and thank Him, and confess His Word when doubts arise.

Self Worth.

I am very precious to God. He loves me with an unfailing love and an unchanging love.

Jer 31:3

Is 49:15,16

Rom 8:15-17

Ps 118:6

(Eph 1:6,(KJV), Lk 1:28, Rom 8:38,39, 1Jn 4:10,11)

Significance

I am vitally important to God, to do His work in the place He has put me, and to build His Kingdom.

Jn 15:16

1Cor 12:18

1Cor 3:16

Col 3:22-24

The world and Satan may mock me, and laugh at me, but God says He is working through me to change things.

(2Chr 7:14, Rev 1:6, 2Chr 16:9, 1Pet 2:9, Is 41:8-10, 1Cor 3:9)

Identity. - Who I am in Christ

God reveals my identity in Christ, in His Word. Make a list of my identity in Christ. e.g.:

2Cor 5:17

1Jn 3:2

Rom 8:37

2Cor 5:21

1Cor 3:16, etc

It is important for me to have a secure identity in Christ.

2. **God looks on the heart**, not on the outside appearance.

1Sam 13:14

1Sam 16:7

Pro 23:26

If my heart is right, God will use me to do His work. What does God look for in my heart?

Is 66:1,2

Mic 6:8

Pro 4:20-22

Mk 12:30,31

(Heb 11:6, Ac 13:22)

3. I need a vision of God's plan for my life - personal goal.

Pro 29:18

Jer 29:11(NIV)

(Phil 3:13,14, Hab 2:1-3, Gen 37:5-10)

God has a plan for my life.

a. **Being changed to be like Him:**

Rom 8:29

Gal 2:20

(2Cor 5:9, Ps 105:17-19, Gen 39+40 – Joseph's change)

b. Marriage

Mat 19:4-6

Gen 41:45,51,52

c. Work and career

Col 3:22-24

Ps 105:21,22, Gen 41:40-49

d. Ministry as a Christian

Rom 12:3-8

Gen 42-45 Joseph's ministry to his family.

4. **God reveals His plans for my life as I:**

a. keep daily times of prayer and Bible reading, *Ps 119:105, 2Chr 26:5.*

b. record what He says to me and remember it, *Jer 31:21.*

c. am led by the Holy Spirit, *Jn 14:26, Ac 13:2, 1Jn 2:27.*

d. receive revelations from the Holy Spirit and prophecy.

2Chr 20:15-17

Ac 16:9

Gen 37:5

- e. listen to wisdom from godly church leaders who love me.
- f. follow His peace in my heart.

Col 3:15

Is 55:12

- g. obey what He has already told me to do.
Believe His Word, *Heb 11:6*. Act on His Word, *Jam 2:20, Jam 1:22*.

5. **How can I find God's plan for my life?**

- a. Know God has plan, *Jer 29:11(NIV)*.
- b. Call on God to show me His plan, *Jer 33:3, Mat 7:7*.
- c. Surrender to His will each day, turn from my own ways.
Jn 7:17
Lk 9:23
- d. Seek - God each day, *Amos 5:6, Is 55:6, 2Chr 26:5*
- e. Listen to His voice, *Is 55:3, Jn 10:27*.

6. **Steps to enter my ministry.**

- a. Start small and be faithful in small things.
Lk 16:10
- b. Be faithful in my use of money, for wife, taxes, tithes to God.
Lk 16:11
Mal 3:10
- c. Support my present leaders. Serve them willingly.
Lk 16:12
- d. Keep busy serving the Lord, no matter how small *1Cor 15:58*.
- e. Don't try and start at the top. Be a servant, *Jn 13:1-14*
- f. Do not be in a hurry but wait for God's time. Let God prepare me *Ps 105:19*.

7. **Keep God's standards.**

- a. Holiness - be separate from evil and close to God.
1Thes 4:3-7
1Pet 1:15,16
Heb 12:14
2Cor 6:14-16
2Cor 7:1
Be clean spiritually, mentally and in my behaviour.
- b. **Overcome temptation**
We are all tempted to sin, *1Cor 10:13*.
Jesus was tempted as we are but He did not sin, *Heb 4:15*.
Temptation is not sin, and we do not have to sin.
Fight against temptation, *2Pet 2:9*.
Flee temptation to lust, *2Tim 2:22*.
God will not allow temptation to be too strong, *1Cor 10:13*.
When temptation comes to us: *Jam 1:14,15*
 it tries to draw us away from God,
 it entices us to sin,
 if it does then the desire to sin is conceived.
 Sin occurs and brings death.
Cut off temptation as soon as it comes. Resist it.

Claim: the Name of the Lord Jesus, *Rom 10:13*
 the Blood of Jesus to set you apart, *Heb 13:12*
 the Word of God, *Eph 6:16* and the Power of the Spirit, *Is 10:27*.

- c. **Obey my conscience.**
1Tim 1:5
Rom 14:2,3,14,23
 Conscience is God's voice in me, that tells me whether or not what I am going to do is what I believe to be God's will.
8. **Avoid bad company.**
1Cor 15:33(NASB)
Rom 16:17
1Cor 5:9
2Cor 6:14
2Thes 3:6,14
9. **Keep right attitudes to authorities** God has established.
- a. **To God's Word** - Hear the Word of God and do it.
Lk 8:21
Ps 119:11
Mat 7:24
Jn 14:15
- b. **To the Government** - Respect, obey and pray for them.
Rom 13:1,2
1Tim 2:1,2
Mat 22:21
- c. **To Parents** - Respect and honour them.
Eph 6:1-3
 Children are under parents' authority until they become mature, leave home or marry.
Ex 20:12
- d. **To marriage partner**, by love serve one another. *Gal 5:13*.
Eph 5:22
Eph 5:25
- e. **To church leaders** - obey them unless the Word of God is being denied.
Heb 13:17
1Thes 5:12
- f. **To employers** - obey as unto Christ.
Eph 6:5
Col 3:22
10. **Surrender my rights to God**, and be free to serve God.
 Rights: possessions, job, time, future, friends clothes, music, house, plans, books, career, reputation, position, salary.
Mk 10:21
Mk 10:29
Lk 12:15
 Unyielded rights become stumbling blocks to my progress in God.
 If I hold my rights too tightly there is conflict! Hold things lightly as a steward for God.

11. **Become a disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ.**

Mat 28:20

Lk 6:46

Lk 9:23

Keep seeking God, serving God, praising and thanking Him.

Deny self will and choose His will.

Witness to others about Christ *Ac 1:8*.

Serve Christ and the Church.

12. **Use your TIME God's way,**

Eph 5:16

Col 4:5

Everyone has 168 hours/week.

hours/week

Seek God each day (*Am 5:6, Is 50:4*)

Sleep (*Ps 127:2*)

Working/home making (*2Thes 3:10, Pro 31:10-28*)

Family meals (*1Tim 4:3-5*)

Family prayers, singing, Word (*Eph 6:4, Deut 6:7-9*)

Washing and being clean (*Jn 13:10, Num 19:19*)

Church worship (*Heb 10:25*)

Exercise to be fit (*1Tim 4:8*)

Relax, read, be refreshed (*Mk 6:31*)

Time left over for family time. Do things as a family.

Do not leave your family while you do your own thing.

Section C Our relationship with God as our Father.

In Jn 14,15,16, Jesus calls God, "Father" 40 times.

1. **God is our Father** - Jn 17:26 – God's Name is "Father".

Our Father God: provides, teaches, heals, protects, helps, leads, guides, saves, comforts, cares, loves, chastens us.

1Pet 1:3

Is 63:16

2Cor 6:18

Jn 20:17

(*Heb 12:5-11, Lk 11:2-4, Rev 3:19, Eph 3:14,15*)

"begotten" = causes us to be born(into his family). Save the orphans and bring them into God's family *Mat 18:6,10,14. Lk 15:11-32* - The Father and the younger son.

2. **We relate to God our Father by His Word**, through faith.

a. **By recognising and honouring His Word.** *2Pet 1:20,21.*

2Tim 3:16

Lk 24:25-27

Ps 119:11,89,160

b. **By obeying His Word.**

Jn 14:21

Lk 8:21

Lk 6:46

Jn 15:14
Mat 21:28-31

- c. **By reading His Word** daily, and meditating in it.
 “meditate” - to think about something by talking aloud to yourself.

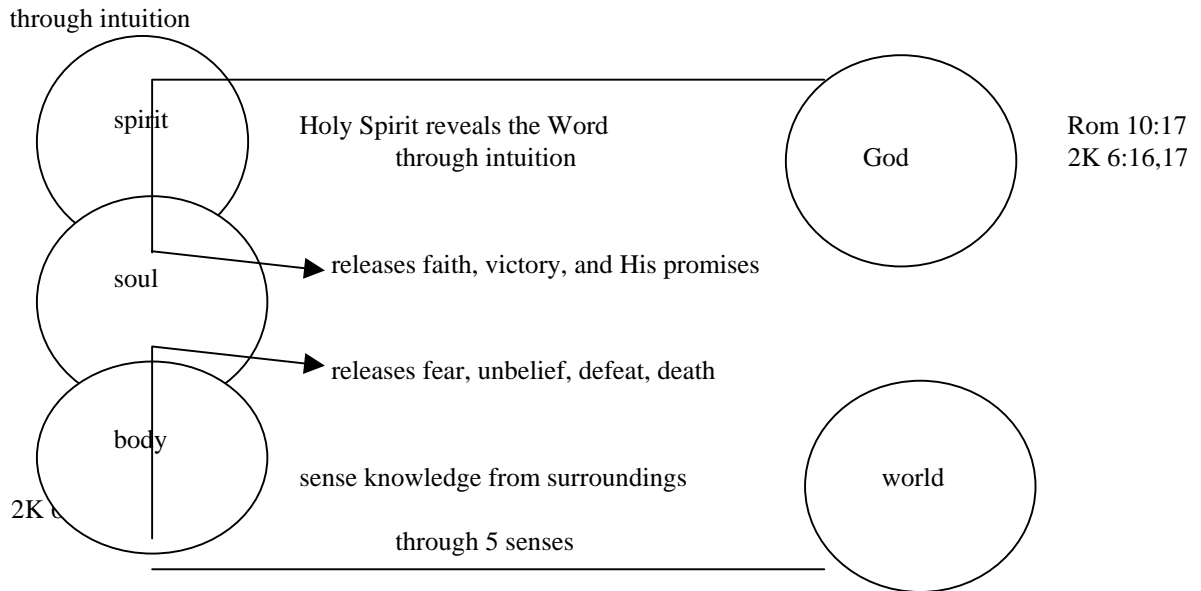
Ps 1:1,2
Pro 4:20-22
Jn 8:31,32
2Tim 2:15
Ps 119:11
Jer 15:16

- d. **By knowing, believing and confessing His promises.**

2Pet 1:4
2Cor 1:20
Heb 6:12
Num 23:19, Heb 10:23

Confession of the promises gives possession of the blessing.

3. **We understand God’s Word by Holy Spirit revelation.**



Revelation knowledge, or **sense** knowledge.

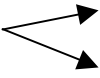
2Cor 4:18
Jn 20:25
Mat 9:24,18, Mat 14:27-30, Num 13:31-33.

4. **God’s power is in His Word** , and it is released. by faith with confession. As Jesus spoke God’s Word, God’s power was released.

Mat 8:8,13
Mat 8:16
Heb 4:12, Heb 11:3, Ps 33:6-9, Is 55:11.
Lk 1:37(AMPV) “No word from God shall be without power.”
Ac 3:6, Ac 9:34, Ac 9:40, Ac 14:8-10.
 As we speak God’s Word in faith, His power is released also.
Mat 17:20

Mk 11:23

5. **Be careful about the words you speak.**

Words have power for  life, health and faith
or death, unbelief.

Pro 18:21

Pro 15:4

Pro 10:11

Do not say: “This thing is driving me..... “I can’t do it!” “This will be the..... of me!”

Confess: Truth, Faith, GOD’S WORD NOW!

Section D Love is the heart of all relationships.

1Jn 4:7-11

1Cor 13:1-8

“Love” = unselfish action in which we set aside our own concerns to reach out and meet the needs of others.

Jn 3:16

Jer 31:3

Love proves we belong to a loving God

Jn 13:34,35

Mat 25:35,36,40.

GOD’S FIRST COMMAND

Mk 12:30

Jn 14:21-23

Jn 15:9,10

GOD’S SECOND COMMAND

Mk 12:31

Gal 5:14

The Good Samaritan’s Love *Lk 10:30-37*

- a. He forgave the Jew (Jews hated Samaritans).
- b. His compassion.
- c. He bound up his wounds.
- d. He clothed him with shirt and pants.
- e. He carried him on his donkey to the inn.
- f. He cared for him in the inn.
- g. He paid 2/3 days’ wages to the innkeeper.
- h. He sacrificed his time, money, schedule.

Everybody needs love. God has made us to need love. Boys, girls, mothers, fathers, wives, husbands, widows, orphans, strangers, prisoners, sick, lonely, sad, old people. Without love we become sad, depressed, hurt. With love we become secure, confident, strong.

Hindrances to Love.

1. **Guilt** - shame due to personal responsibility for an offence.
Mat 5:23,24. Go to the person, admit your fault. say “sorry”, ask for forgiveness.
2. **Fear** - a painful feeling, caused by expectation of harm.
1Jn 4:18
Rom 8:35
Ps 27:13
Ps 62:5
Rom 5:5
2Tim 1:7
Love is a secure feeling caused by an expectation of good from God and other people.
3. **Unforgiveness** - holding people guilty for their offences.
Mat 6:14,15
Mat 18:21-35
Mk 11:25,26

Section E Relationships in the Family.

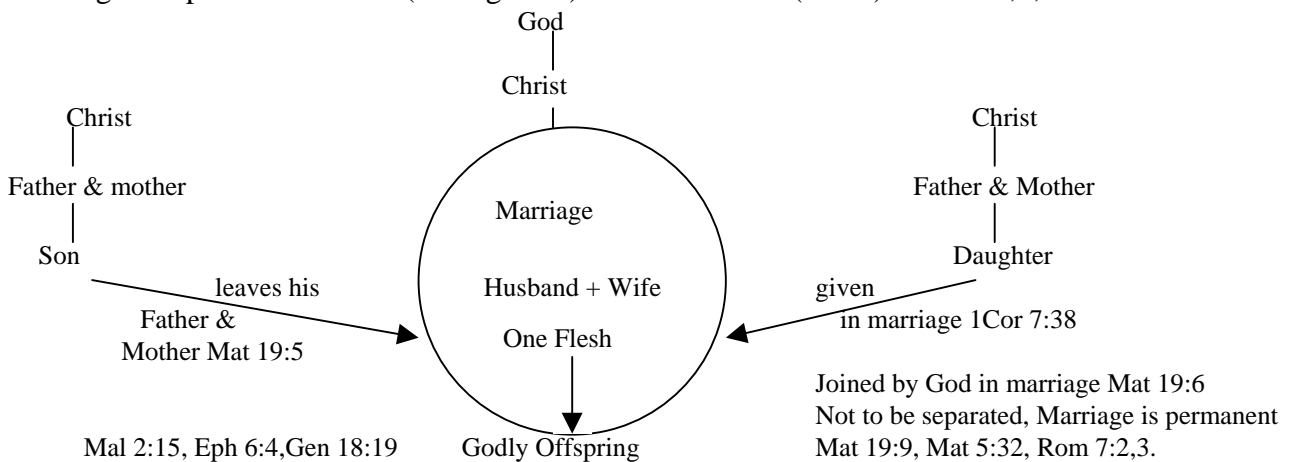
1. **God is the Father** of His family (See Section C no 1).

2. **Family and Marriage** *Gen 2:18,25.*

v18
v22
v24
Mat 19:4-6

Marriage is God’s plan for men and women.

Marriage is a picture of Christ (Bridegroom) and the Church (Bride) *Rev 19:7,8,9.*



3. **Marriage is permanent.**

Mat 19: 6
Mal 2:13-16
v 13
v 14
v 15
v 16

1Tim 3:2 A pastor must have a sound marriage and family.

4. **Children are blessings from God.**

Ps 127:3-5

Ex 23:26, Ps 113:9.

God will save your children and make them mighty servants of God, to build His Kingdom, as we pray for them, train them in God's Word and in God's ways and, claim God's promises for them daily.

Is 54:13

Is 49:25

Is 44:3,4

5. **Happiness in the family.**

Recognise that men and women are different in nature and we must be understanding and caring.

	Men - Husband	H	Women - Wife
H	concerned for job, money, work and career	E	concerned for home, family, relationships
E	have harder feelings to fight for a living	A	have tender feelings to care for children and home
A	maybe too busy to spend time with wife and children	R	is looking for companionship and friendship and communication
D	so need to change and make time	T	needs time with her husband

God says:

"Husbands love your wives."

Eph 5:25-28

Col 3:19

1Pet 3:7

"Wives love your husband and children and be the homemaker. *Tit 2:4,5*

If the husband does not love his wife, to care for her, the marriage and family will suffer greatly.

6. **Practical points** in loving one another in marriage.

- a. **Communication.** Spend time together to talk, pray, and share in God's Word. Be open and honest, kind and tender, helpful and encouraging.
- b. **Companionship.** Be involved in doing things together. Go out together. Help each other in the home and family. Husbands do not go off and leave your wife alone frequently.
- c. **Make a decision before God to love one another** and make your marriage work.
- d. Remember: **only marry a believer** *1Cor 7:39, 2Cor 6:14.*
- e. **Keep God's order in marriage.**

Eph 5:22-26

Col 3:18

1Pet 3: 1,7

It is God's decision who is to lead in marriage. Accept it. *1Cor 11:3*

Husband and wife are **EQUAL** before God in every blessing but God has established an order. The husband must be the leader in the family.

[Note also that in the Godhead there is Equality and Order. The Father, the Son, the Holy Spirit are equal members of the Godhead but in our redemption the Son submits to the Father, and the Holy Spirit submits to the Son and the Father]

- f. **Husband's authority must operate through servanthood**, not "bossyness". Be a helper to your wife.
Mat 20:28
Gal 5:13b
Lk 22:27
- g. **Wise use of money.**
 The money the husband earns is to be used for the benefit of the whole family. Tithe to God. Buy what you can afford.
 Be careful with the Credit Card. Buy only what you need.
 Believe *Phil 4:19*. Buy the cheaper item.
- h. **Be faithful to each other.**
1Thes 4:3
2Tim 2:22
 Control your eyes, ears, and mind. Cut off temptation. Avoid evil, lustful magazines, TV, videos, evil people. Do not counsel a woman on your own, if you are a pastor. Only look at your wife/husband with affection.
Job 31:1
Mat 5:28,29
- i. **Training children in God's ways**
Gen 18:19
 The fulfilment of God's plans for Abraham depended on him training his family in God's ways.
Tit 1:6
1Tim 3:4
Deut 6:4-9
Eph 6:4
 When you tell your child to do something make sure they do it. When a father tells a child to do something the wife needs to support him. Train your child to tell the truth, not to lie, steal or swear.
Pro 13:24
Pro 22:6
 If your child is disobedient, explain that God requires you to discipline and punish him, 1Sam 3:13. God judged Eli for not disciplining his family.
- j. **Attend family worship as a family.**
Heb 10:25
 Be in the Lord's House on the Lord's Day to worship the Lord Jesus Christ, God the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Section F Finding the Marriage Partner God has Prepared for you.

Gen 24:1-67 - Finding a wife for Isaac.

Note:

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| v3 | Do not take a wife from unbelievers <i>Deut 7:3</i> |
| v12-14 | Pray for God to prepare and lead you to your partner, v 26, v27, v 52. |
| v5,8,39,58 | The woman had free will and could refuse. |
| v41,51 | Rebekah's family had the right to refuse to give her in marriage too. |
| v 27 | As we walk in the Lord's Way He will lead us by His Spirit. |

If your parents wish you to marry an unbeliever:

- a. Explain to them
1Cor 7:39

2Cor 6:14

Deut 7:3

and tell them this is against God's Word.

- b. Call the pastor of your church and some elders to support you and explain God's Word to your parents.
- c. God's Word is more important than culture, and traditions.

1Pet 1:18,19

Section G CHRIST IS THE ONLY WAY

All religions seek to answer the question: "How can a man be right with God?"

All religions, except one, say that a man gets right with God by doing good works (eg Islam, Hindu, Judaism).

But Christianity says a man can never get right with God by doing good works but only by faith in Jesus Christ. *Eph 2:8-10, Gal 2:16, Rom 3:20-28.*

Jesus said: "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No man can come to the Father but by Me." *Jn 14:6.*

"Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven, given among men, by which we must be saved." *Ac 4:12.*