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BSM 104 SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE
Text: John 16:13-15
The Spiritual Learn To Hear From God

I. GIVE DUE RECOGNITION TO HOLY SPIRIT AND HIS MINISTRY. He will fulfill His minsitry as surely as Jesus did His. John 16:13-15.

II. GOD SPEAKS TO OUR RECREATED SPIRIT, NOT MIND.

III. GOD ALWAYS SPEAKS IN LINE WITH HIS WORD.
- Knowledge of God's language in head and heart.

IV. NORMALLY SPEAKS CONTRARY TO WORLD'S CONCEPTS:
- Satan as god of this world has trained its people as Stalin did the Communists: perverts truth always.

V. SATAN SPEAKS TO THE MIND, NOT RECREATED SPIRIT:
- Word in heart can reveal who is speaking and where.
- Diligence and time help teach each difference.

VI. DOUBT IS IN HEAD, NOT BORN AGAIN SPIRIT:
II Corinthians 5:17; I John 3:9

VII. DO NOT LIMIT AREAS OF GUIDANCE:
- Basically you do by knowledge of God's language.

VIII. HOLY SPIRIT NEVER PEDDLES DOUBT OF GOD'S WORD: "Did God say?"

IX. OBEDIENCE VITAL KEY IN HEARING: Gives more to those who will do.
- I John 2:5, "But whoso keepeth His word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: Hereby know we that we are in Him."

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BSM 101 - THREE CLASSES OF PEOPLE
Text: Jo 3:6

I. THE NATURAL MAN:
- A. He has never known God - only about Him. John 3:6
- B. He is ruled by his five senses because he has not the Spirit of God to guide him.
- C. He walks according to the course of the devil. Ephesians 2:1-3; 4:17-19.
- D. He cannot understand spiritual things: I Corinthians 2:14, "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."

II. THE CARNAL MAN:
- A. He is a new creature in Christ, yet still controlled-governed-guided by his five senses.
- B. He hears, learns, yet never arrives: Acts 28:26.
- C. He remains a baby (undeveloped) and shows the carnal nature: I Corinthians 3:1-4. Often falls.

III. THE SPIRITUAL MAN:
- A. He knows what God hath given him. II Peter 1:2-4.
- B. He lives by the Word, not senses: Hebrews 10:38.
- C. He dominates over Satan: Luke 10:19; I Corinthians 2:14.
- D. The fruit and gifts are present.
- E. He ministers to himself and others.

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BSM 102 - THREE DIMENSIONS OF A PERSON
Text: I Thessalonians 5:23

I. THE FIRST DIMENSION IS SPIRIT: Genesis 1:26; John 10:33-38.
   A. Man's spirit is the part that knows God because God is a spirit; same category.
   B. Man's spirit knows no age: eternal, like God.
   C. We worship God in spirit: John 4:24, "tongues."
   D. "Spirit" and "heart" are used interchangeably.
      I Peter 3:4 "The hidden man of the heart."
      II Cor. 4:16 "The inward man is renewed day by day."
   E. He is as educable as the outer man.
   F. He is as real in spirit world as this one -- more.

II. THE SECOND DIMENSION IS SOUL: mental realm.
   - Man's intellect - part that reasons and thinks.
   A. Our responsibility: Romans 12:2; II Cor. 10:4-5; Philippians 4:8.
   B. Spirit is instantly recreated at new birth, but the mind and body are not touched.
   C. Train the mind with God's Word and draw truths teachers gain from hours and years of study.

III. THE THIRD DIMENSION IS BODY: Minor.
   A. The shell or house for the inner man, I Corinthians 6:19-20.
   B. Treat it as the temple it is: not over or under.
      I Corinthians 9:27, "I...bring it into subjection."

It is God's will for the inner man (spirit) to dominate and rule the outer man. Divine order: Holy Spirit, human spirit, soul, body - No reverse.

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BSM 103 DEVELOPING SPIRITUALLY
Text: I Jo 5:14-15

I. A PERSONAL THING EACH HAS TO DO: Romans 12:2 and Romans 10:17.

II. A DAILY THING: II Cor. 4:16, "Inward man is renewed day by day."

III. A PROGRESSIVE THING: I Peter 2:2, "Desire the sincere milk of the word, <u>that ye may grow thereby</u>."

IV. DILIGENCE AND DETERMINATION IS AN ABSOLUTE: Proverbs 4:20-22.
   1. "Attend to my <u>words</u>" - Steadfast, unremitting care, intense.
      - Not casual reading or superficial acquaintance.
   2. "Incline thine ear unto <u>my sayings</u>." Mark 4:21-25.
   3. "Let them not depart from thine eyes." Look at <u>Word</u>, not circumstance, feelings; you have to hold to.
   4. "<u>Keep them</u> in the midst of thine heart." John 15:7, "My <u>words abide in you</u>" - dwell, remain, and control comes so.
      A. Speak right: Matthew 12:33-37. B. Act: James 2:17.
   5. "For <u>they</u> are life <u>unto those that find them</u>, and health to <u>all</u> their flesh." Hidden <u>for</u>, not <u>from</u>.

V. DEMANDS OPERATION OF PATIENCE (Constant in all circumstances) AND LONGSUFFERING (toward people).

VI. BRINGS PROSPERITY AND SUCCESS: Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-3.

- James 1:22-27: Your decision; You pay the price; You reap the rewards as you sow.

VI. DILIGENCE IS REQUIRED TO REAP REWARDS:
-- Hebrews 10:23, "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering." James 1:6-8.
== Hebrews 10:38, "If any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him."
-- Hebrews 12:3, "Lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."
-- James 2:17, "Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."
-- II Cor. 1:20, "All the promises of God in him are yea, and in him Amen, unto the glory of God by us."
-- Hebrews 11:6, "He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

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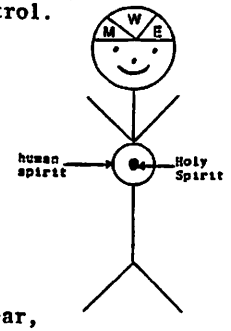
BSM 204 Spiritual Mature's Emotions
Text: Mt. 11:29, Lk. 21:19

MIND: ORGAN OF THINKING AND REASON
WILL: ORGAN OF CHOICE AND DECISION
Requires we understand various truths.
EMOTIONS: SENSATION LIFE OF FIVE SENSES - Channel into you.

SATAN OUTSIDE
EYES
NOSE
MOUTH
EARS
FEELINGS
PEOPLE & CIRCUMSTANCE
See Below:

I. PURPOSE FOR EMOTIONS:
1. Man's fulfillment and function earthly.
2. God's manifestation of His invisible attributes - "Godliness"

II. GUIDANCE BY EMOTIONS INACCURATE: Outside causes shape--External elements arouse -- Stimulations you cannot control.
1. Spiritual work originates with God.
2. Needs do not constitute God's will.
3. Unstable: Move from high to low by circumstances - Atmosphere flow.
4. Undependable: Influenced by unreliable sources - Actions lead to regret, condemnation.
5. Undesirable: Shape work and worship. Happy, you do--Despondent, you don't.
6. Unsettling: Blocks revelations.



III. SYMPTOMS OF EMOTIONAL INTERFERENCE:
1. Mind and actions obey emotions of anger, fear, resentment.
2. Value feelings higher than Word. Phil. 4:4; Mt. 8:17; Philippians 4:19.
3. Attempts to live on past emotional experiences.
4. Unable to consistently function without emotional touch.

IV. VALUE OF EMOTIONS:
I Peter 1:22, "Purified your souls in obeying."
1. Encourages, inspires; does not build faith--Romans 10:17.
2. Settled, established, peaceful life for you.
3. Holy Spirit controlled, influences others for Jesus.

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BSM 201 The Spiritually Mature
Text: I Thess. 5:23

I. KNOWS NEW BIRTH IS INSTANT, BUT NOT SPIRITUAL MATURITY: Dedication, determination, diligence, patience.
- Stars may come to recognition over night, but years behind.

II. HAS PRESENTED HIMSELF TO GOD AND ACTS ACCORDINGLY: Romans 12:1 - Not rededication, but further, with more light.

III. HE IS PEACEFUL, NOT PASSIVE: Peaceful, as his ways and actions are pleasing to God. Passiveness is usually wrapped up in inactivity and nonchalance. Peace is between you and God, but Satan is stirred and fighting because you are conquering for Christ.

IV. KNOWS AND FOLLOWS PROVERBS 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." Just meet conditions. Also Proverbs 3:7-10.

V. KNOWS GOD'S LANGUAGE AND CONSISTENTLY RENEWS HIS MIND:
1. II Timothy 2:15. Not so much cram as for test, but regularly as food. One bite at a time will fill as you stay with it.
2. Romans 12:2; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:3 - On meditation come into operation. - Again no hurry or push, but not neglectful but regular.

VI. ENLARGES HIS HEART KNOWLEDGE THROUGH GOD'S PRINCIPLE:
Proverbs 4:20, "Incline thine ear unto my sayings." Others and you.
Romans 10:17, "Faith cometh by hearing...the word of God."
- Reject Satan's use of need to talk to others so much; and feeling ridicule as you confess Word boldly.

VII. MANIFESTS THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT: Galatians 5:22-23
- Matthew 7:16, "Ye shall know them by their fruits."

VIII. FLOWS IN THE GIFTS: I Corinthians 12:8-10 - A sign of obedience to God's Word (12:1, 31; 14:1, 12, 22, 31, 39) AND love for fellowman (14:3). Recognize value.

IX. DISCERNS GOOD FROM EVIL: Heb. 5:14, "But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil." Read in amplified.

X. PREVENTS SATAN THE ACCUSER FROM HAVING ANY LEGAL PLACE OR REASON TO ACCUSE HIM:
- I Cor. 11:31-32, "For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged. But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord."
- I Cor. 2:15, "But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man."
- I Tim. 5:24, "Some men's sins are open beforehand, going before to judgment; and some men they follow after." Show up - catch up.

XI. WORD CONTROLS:
1. HIS LIFE: Center point for him and he builds all else around it. Something has to be the hub.
2. HIS MIND: II Cor. 10:4-5
3. HIS SENSES: Rom 5:3; Phil. 4:4; James 1:2 (Singleminded)

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BSM 202 Spiritually Mature's Mind
Text: Rom. 8:6-7
- Guidelines to check yourself by:

I. THE UNSPIRITUAL MAN'S MIND: (Unrenewed)
1. Unable to recognize he is programmed by the world and its god - Thinks he is his own production.
2. Cannot consider beyond this world's system of logic and reason: Matthew 5:44; Luke 6:38; John 14:12, I Cor. 14:2; Phil 4:4.
3. Sense Knowledge Operator: Seeing is believing. Mark 11:24.
4. Fights and rejects truths of God with his rationality: Rom. 8:7, "Carnal mind is enmity against God."
5. Destroying itself: Romans 8:6, "To be carnally minded (sensual-earthly) is death." Fear, worry, victory, sick.
6. Easily deceived: II Cor. 11:2-3, "As the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds...corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ."
7. Counterfeits faith: Romans 10:10, "With the heart man believeth unto": Salvation, healing, peace, family unity, prosperity.
8. Doubleminded whenever attempts spiritual: James 1:6-8. Continuous frustration and defeat.

II. THE SPIRITUAL MAN'S MIND: (Renewed)
1. Progressively being renewed: Romans 12:2; II Timothy 1:7, Joshua 1:8, "But thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.:
- There is a price to pay -- Time and Effort.
2. Selective: Censors, sorts, analyzes, catalogs the digestive thoughts by Philippians 4:8, think only upon the true...honest... just...pure...lovely, and things of good report.
- Who taught and told you to think on the others?? World's god.
3. Controlled: II Corinthians 10:5, "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ (Word)."
4. Solid - Strong: Hebrews 12:3, "Lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds."
- Romans 4:20, "Staggered not at the promise of God."
- Philippians 4:13 - Really believe.
5. Responsive - Teachable: Romans 8:6, "To be spiritually minded is life and peace." John 16:14; John 15:16.
- Kicks out, rejects regardless, if does not agree with the Word - Diligent, continuous student.

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BSM 203 Spiritual Mature's Language
Text: Isaiah 50:4
-- This subject presupposes knowledge of various truths:

I. THREE LANGUAGES AMONG ALL PEOPLE:
1. Unregenerate: worldly.
2. Carnal Christian: worldly mixed with Bible.
3. Spiritual Christian: Biblical. Ephesians 4:29.

II. KNOW LANGUAGE PRINCIPLE: ALL words when spoken start a law into force. Matthew 12:37, "For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned."
-- Mark 11:23, "But shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith."
-- You open the door for Satan's work to become effective when you believe his lies and speak.
-- God's and Satan's ability to do for or to you is limited to what they can get you to say.

III. DISCIPLINE IS REQUIRED TO LEARN GOD'S LANGUAGE:
-- Psalm 119:11, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." HOW? Talking incorrectly.
-- Jeremiah 15:16, "Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart."
-- Proverbs 12:14, "A man shall be satisfied with good (none or evil) by the fruit of his mouth."
-- II Timothy 2:15, "Study to show thyself approved."

IV. ADVANTAGES OF SPIRITUAL MAN'S LANGUAGE:
Prov. 12:18, "The tongue of the wise is health."
15:23, "A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth."
16:21, "Sweetness of the lips increaseth learning." Obey.
16:24, "Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul."
15:1a, "A soft answer turneth away wrath."
13:2, "A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth."
20:15, "The lips of knowledge are a precious jewel." Guard.
21:23, "Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles."
10:20, "The tongue of the just is as choice silver."
12:6, "The mouth of the upright shall deliver them."
10:11, "The MOUTH OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN IS A WELL OF LIFE."

V. PROBLEMS FROM NOT KNOWING SPIRITUAL MAN'S LANGUAGE:
Prov. 15:1b, "Grievous words stir up anger."
16:30, "Moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass."
10:19, "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin."
10:21, "The lips of the righteous feed many: But fools die for want of wisdom."
15:7, "The lips of the wise disperse knowledge; but the heart of the foolish doeth not so."
15:14, "The mouth of fools feedeth on foolishness." Eph. 5:12
18:16, "A fool's lips enter into contention, and his mouth calleth for strokes."
18:7, "A fool's mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul."
18:8, "The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly."