CH116 - HINDRANCES TO LEADERSHIP I Corinthians 3:10

Victory requires knowledge of various factors.

I. NOT PREFERRING GOD TO ALL OTHERS:
Matthew 22:37-39; Matthew 10:37-38; Luke 6:26

II. NO UNQUALIFIED RENOUNCING OF PERSONAL POSSESSIONS:
Matthew 6:33.

III. INABILITY TO FOLLOW AS DESIRE TO BE FOLLOWED:
- Ignorance of sow/reap principle.
- Followers develop into good leaders.

IV. NOT DOING OTHERS' WORK AS YOU WOULD OWN.

V. UNABLE TO ENDURE REJECTION OR BEING MISUNDERSTOOD:
II Timothy 1:7.

VI. COMPROMISE TO PLEASE OTHERS:
Pressure.

VII. REQUIRE PERSONAL RECOGNITION AND PRAISE FROM MAN TO FUNCTION.

VIII. TOO EASILY IMPRESSED BY NATURAL ABILITY:
I Timothy 3:6, Novice - newly planted.

IX. UNABLE TO STAND ALONE IF NECESSARY:
Lonely life.

X. LACK OF PERSISTENCE:
Shows undisciplined.

XI. JEALOUSY AND SUSPICION.

XII. ATTEMPTING TO RUN DOWN RUMORS AND CORRECT.

CH115 - HINDRANCES TO RELATIONSHIPS

Romans 12:10, "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another."

1. Tenderly loving 2. Born of same womb 3. That which is due
4. Advantage given - lead in yielding.

I. FAMILY HINDRANCES:

1. Husbands and wives: A. Dominating father or mother.
   B. Passive father or mother.

2. Parent - Children: A. No established authority
   B. Untruthful: phone, punish
   C. Establish wrong relationship with them.

3. Brothers-Sisters: A. Respect outsiders more
   B. Age level freedom C. Partiality.

II. PERSONAL HINDRANCES:

1. Idolatry: Not putting God first - Mt. 10:37-38; Mt. 22:37.

2. Self-Seeking: Own ends, honors and pleasures.
   "Love seeketh not her own." Matthew 6:33; Romans 14:17.

3. Self-Importance: Small people attempt through self-assertion by talk, walk, actions.

4. Self-Depreciation: Extra conscious of own inabilities - excuse themselves from service - their cop-out to justify themselves.

5. Self-Vindication: Determined to stand for rights and avenge wrong - quick to detect offense - a respectable form of selfishness.

6. Sensitiveness: Example - plant in India.

7. Self-Seeking: Always from your side and for your good - how to benefit you.

8. Self-Complacency: So satisfied with self that cannot hear others - hide within walls you built - easy for methodical people.

9. Self-Confidence: Relies upon own wisdom, strength and righteousness - Strong common sense and self-reliance - Strong in their opinions and judgments. Falls big.

10. Self-Love: Root of all relationship problems - Can't really love anyone even though can't honestly approve of themselves - Prevents loving others because so wrapped up in self - Form of idolatry.

- These express themselves in every kind of personality: Shy to bold.
- Distorts complete character.
- Opposite of God of love.

CH114 - HINDRANCES TO EMOTIONS Philippians 4:4

Dealing in context of Christianity.

I. NOT RECOGNIZING THE PURPOSE OF EMOTIONS:

1. Man's fulfillment 2. Earthly contact

3. Manifest God's invisible attributes (war)

II. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HAPPINESS AND JOY.

III. RELIGIOUS SYSTEMS' ACCEPTABLE WAY:

- Clasp for clap - duty for delight - silence for shout.
- Sadness for smile - Taught to enjoy everything but Christianity.

- Clasp, duty, silence, sadness for Christianity.
- Clap, delight, shout, smile for other things.

IV. RIDICULE OF MAN BY ACTIONS, LOOKS, AND WORDS CREATING A FEAR OF MAN THAT DEMANDS CONFORMITY FOR ACCEPTANCE:

- Please man rather than please God.

V. NOT KNOWING THE TWO PRIMARY CHANNELS TO THE EMOTIONS:

1. Circumstances 2. People

- Satan influences both.

VI. EIGHT EMOTIONAL DANGER AREAS:

1. Demons can manifest through.

2. Stimulated by needs as God's will.

3. Influenced by situations beyond initial control: auto - weather - others' words.

4. Moved from high to low by changing circumstances.

5. Unsettling effect blocking revelations.

6. Guiding factor in service and worship: happy, you do - despondent, you don't.

7. Inability to function for a season without emotional touch.

8. Attempting to live on past experiences through mind recapturing.

CH117 - HINDRANCES TO ANSWERING THE CALL

I. TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN: II Cor. 4:4, "The god of this world hath blinded the minds (thoughts - considerations) of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ...should shine unto them." Area of gospel, not all thoughts.

- People under his power see him not, even when he is fully revealed. Example - treat devil as a joke, myth, etc.

II. TO SURRENDER TO FULL FAITHFULNESS: I Cor. 4:4.

1. God not first by choice of your will.
   - Substitute your own god: Family - Job - Pleasure.

2. Undisciplined life: Hebrews 11:6; II Timothy 2:15.
   - Permitting old nature and ways to dominate.

3. Spirit of disrespect and rebellion.

4. Cost appears too high: Feel like imposing on your life plans - Interfering with your dreams.

III. TO FIVE-FOLD MINISTRY: Ephesians 4:11-16.

1. No call from God: Jer. 1:5; I sam. 3:4; Amos 7:14; Mark 3:13.

   A. Wrong advice of well meaning religious people.

   B. Over zealous to serve: move in flesh power.

   C. Desire for recognition and position.

2. Mistaking natural ability for God-called.

3. Fear of making a mistake: often rooted in insecurity.

4. Fear of getting ahead of God: good excuse and cop-out.

5. Fear of what people might say.

6. Pressure from wife who did not get called.

   - Her security and way of life is threatened, and brings forth line upon line of natural wisdom - not on purpose, but due to earthly training.

7. Ambitious wife attempting to get her husband into ministry. Usually as a door for her to do more.

8. Power of material possessions.

9. Considering qualifications from natural basis in place of God's call.

CH118 - HINDRANCES TO DISCIPLINE

I. MOODS: Babies cater to moods - A mark of the undisciplined. Revealed in words, "I don't feel like" or actions, neglect duty.

- Defeat with a fixed purpose (Phil. 4:4, James 1:2) and continuous performance of work.

II. EMOTIONS: Subordinate to Word - warm and tender hearts must move in wisdom.

- Purpose is not to defeat and hinder.

III. AFFECTIONS: Too thick friendship hinders.

- Christian and lost person, same sex, opposite sex.
- Mutual respect and confidence is O.K., but a certain reserve must be maintained. Victory always possible, as (example) girl married another.

IV. APPETITES: Subordinate to serve mind.

- Dress - Food - Sleep - Pleasure - Relaxation - Sex
- Paul said, "I keep my body under."

V. WANDERING MINDS: Philippians 4:8; II Corinthians 10:4-5.

- Controlled early in morning through lack of discipline.

VI. SPEECH: Greater discipline to not, than to do. James 1:26, "Bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart." Proverbs 6:2; 18:21.

VII. PRIORITIES:

1. Selection: subordinate the lesser to greater - difference in success or failure. Right choice among claims of life.
2. Exclusion: a doer - leaves the land of good intentions - power to obey knowledge.

VIII. REBELLION: Cult of weaklings - Always unhappy, unsettled, and normally drifters.

- Prevents submission to Word and God's ways.
- Not the solution to being an echo.

IX. FALSE STANDARDS: Neat appearance to world but opposite or disorganized at home.

X. INSTANT HUNTERS: Founded in laziness or pride - Too smart for grind of preparation.

- Think they are special so recognition to come fast.

XI. STABS OF CRITICISM OR RIDICULE: The majority (undisciplined) fire at the disciplined.

XII. DISCIPLINE: Restrictiveness of it.

CH113 - HINDRANCES TO MIND RENEWAL

Philippians 4:8; II Corinthians 10:3-5; Romans 12:2; Isaiah 26:3

I. YOUR GOD GIVEN RIGHT TO CONTROL ALL YOUR BODY - ESPECIALLY YOUR MIND.

II. GOD HAS PROVIDED YOU THE POWER:
Luke 10:19; Romans 8:37; I John 4:4; II Corinthians 2:14; Philippians 4:13

- Mistake to lightly consider these Scriptures.

III. IGNORANCE OF DEMONS AND THEIR WORKS.

IV. WORLD'S PROGRAMMING SYSTEM:
Romans 12:2. Satan controls the heathens and they control radio, TV, press, all levels of education, most business, and the majority of all the conversation (words spoken), which is all planned against God and His work.

- Any breaking of these ways brings attacks that force most to conform to the system.

V. UNCOMMITTED TO MIND RENEWAL TASK:

1. Joshua 1:8, "Thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that 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."
2. Psalm 1:2-3, "His delight is in the word of the Lord; and in his word doth he meditate day and night...and his leaf shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

VI. NOT REALIZING IT IS A PROGRESSIVE WORK TO POSSESS THE MIND (land) SATAN HAS CONTROLLED AND BUILT MANY STRONG HOLDS TO MAINTAIN HIS INFLUENCE.

VII. CONDEMNATION DUE TO IGNORANCE OF WORD OR DISOBEDIENCE TO WORD.

VIII. NOT COMPREHENDING THE DANGEROUS POSITION YOU PLACE YOURSELF INTO AND YOUR FAMILY:

1. Guidance is hard to obtain.
2. Fear can operate easily to destroy faith.
3. Open for deception: I Timothy 4:1.

IX. KNOW REAL LOVE FOR GOD: John 14:21, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me."

John 14:23, "If a man love me, he will keep my words."

John 14:24, "He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings."

- Romans 12:1-2; II Corinthians 10:4-5; Philippians 4:8

CH111 - Hindrances to Fruit of the Spirit (Continued)

VIII. MEEKNESS: James 1:21, "Receive with meekness the engrafted word."
- Personal responsibility to be good soil for the Word.
- Grace primarily toward God that is submissive or yielding to truth, and is reflected manward.
- A lack of inward rebellion and resentment which only God can truthfully discern, but can be detected outwardly by mature growth.

IX. TEMPERANCE: Self-control - Possessing power - to have mastery of one's own desires and impulses: Jesus is perfect example.
- John 14:12; I John 4:4; Philippians 4:13; Mark 11:24.
- Disciplined Christian receives
  1. Body: Servant not master in area of food, sleep, rest both positive and negative.
  2. Mind: What feeds upon or does not.
  3. Tongue: Ceaseless chatter or fear that stops as witness.

CH112 - HINDRANCES TO GUIDANCE

I. MIND NOT RENEWED WITH WORD ON GUIDANCE:
- Psalm 37:23, "The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord."
- Psalm 16:11, "Thou wilt shew me the path of life."
- Isaiah 58:11, "The Lord shall guide thee continually."
- John 14:26, "He shall teach you all things."

II. UNDEVELOPED FAITH IN GUIDANCE: Romans 10:17.

III. MISPLACED TRUST: Jer. 10:23, "I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."
- 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."

IV. LIVING TO PLEASE SELF: Colossians 3:2, "Set your minds on things above, not on things on earth."
- Disobeying Matt. 6:33, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God."

V. UNCOMMITTED WORKS: Proverbs 16:3, "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established." In all your doings.

VI. GOING TO MAN BEFORE SEEKING GOD.

VII. FEAR OF MISSING GOD: I John 4:18, "Perfect love (trust) casteth out fear: because fear hath torment."

VIII. KNOWN SIN IN LIFE: ??????????

IX. UNDISCIPLINED LIFE TO HAVE TIME TO SEEK AND HEAR: Sacrifice pleasures if must - a quiet time - place - mind. Isa. 26:3.

X. DECEPTION AS TO DIVINE GUIDANCE: John 16:13, "The Spirit of truth is come, he will guide you into all truth." Holy Spirit, not needs.
- Holy Spirit, not fleshly circumstances or situations or problems.
- The spirit of man must be trained and taught by the Spirit of God.

CH119 - HINDRANCES TO PROTECTION

I. MINISTRY OF ANGELS UNKNOWN:

1. Protect:	II Kings 6:17	5. Deliver:	Acts 5:19; Mt. 2:13
2. Warn:	Gen. 19:16-22	6. Destroy:	Isa. 37:36
3. Provide:	I Kings 19:4-8	7. Guide:	Mt. 2:13,20
4. Reveal:	Mt. 1:20; Lk.1:26	8. Encourage:	Acts 27:23

II. MISREPRESENTATION AND SUBSTITUTES:
- Man offers assistance after happens.
- God offers assistance from happening.
- Age of education and science has changed man's concept and need to be protected but has not changed God's plan for those who believe.
- Man who gets rich off your fears insists you are unwise if you reject his assistance.
- Health, life, wealth, education, family, business, retirement, etc.

III. FEAR FED BY ADVERTISERS: Radio, TV, paper, tables, and air, food, water (Revelation).
- Psalm 112:7, "He shall not be afraid of evil tidings: his heart is fixed, trusting in the Lord."

IV. CONDITIONS UNMET: Psalm 91:1, "He that dwelleth (lodges-settles) in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

V. CONFESSION UNSPOKEN: Psalm 91:2, "I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust."
- Proverbs 14:3, "The lips of the wise shall preserve them."
- Mark 11:23, "He shall have whatsoever he saith."

1. Luke 10:19, "I give unto you power...over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."
2. Psalm 34:7, "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them."
3. Proverbs 2:8, "He keepeth the paths of judgment, and preserveth the way of his saints."
4. Proverbs 11:8, "The righteous is delivered out of trouble, and the wicked cometh in his stead."
5. Proverbs 30:5, "Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him."
6. Psalm 91:10-11, "There shall no evil befall thee, neither shall any plague come nigh thy dwelling. For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways."
7. Psalm 90:10, "The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years."
8. Proverbs 3:1-2, "My son, forget not my law; but let thine heart keep my commandments: For length of days, and long life, and peace, shall they add to thee."
9. Proverbs 4:10, "Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings; and the years of thy life shall be many."
10. Proverbs 9:11, "For by me thy days shall be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased."
11. Proverbs 10:27, "The fear of the Lord prolongeth days: but the years of the wicked shall be shortened."
12. Psalm 115:11, "Ye that fear the Lord (not insurance might be cancelled or won't pay), trust in the Lord: he is their...shield." Whose?

CH119 - Hindrances to Protection (Continued)

VI. CONTRADICTING ACTIONS: James 2:17, "Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."
- James 2:22, "By works was faith made perfect."
- James 2:26, "For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works (cancel insurance, loosen seatbelts, etc.) is dead also."

CH120 - HINDRANCES TO MATURITY

I. NO REAL VISION OF CHRIST'S WORK:

I John 3:8, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

II. NO REAL VISION OF GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS:

I John 4:17, "Because as he is, so are we in this world."

John 14:12, "Works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do..."

III. RESERVED COMMITMENT.

IV. UNEDUCATED: II Timothy 2:15, "Study."

V. SOUL DOMINATING: Mind, will, emotions.

VI. EASILY OFFENDED: Galatians 6:9 -- Reap what sow.

VII. CRITICAL: Mark 11:23, "Shall have whatsoever he saith."

VIII. COUNTERFEIT: Matthew 23:28, "Outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity."

IX. EVIL SPIRITS: II Corinthians 10:4-5.

X. MATERIALISM: II Timothy 4:10, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world."

- Power of things to draw.

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CH111 - HINDRANCES TO FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT Galatians 5:22-23; Hosea 4:6

John 8:32, "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Comprehend, not hear.

I. LOVE: (Agape) Never to be confused with human sentimentality, which demands no discipline or withholding - Not performance centered, not a trick love.
- Romans 5:5, "...is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost." Love gives - an action.

II. JOY: (Chara) Produced by relationship with God. Has spiritual basis, while happiness is produced by circumstances that continually change, thereby changing you. - Satisfaction in work well done.
- John 17:13, "That they might have my joy fulfilled in themselves."
- Nehemiah 8:10, "The joy of the Lord is your strength."

Joy of new Christian often lost and never regained because of failure to yield obedience beyond initial act of repentance: Consecration is sure road to joy.

III. PEACE: (Eirene) To bind together - tranquility of mind based on consciousness of right relation to God.
- Rom. 8:6, "To be spiritually minded is life and peace."
  - Interest running with interest of Kingdom.
- John 14:27, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you."
- John 16:33, "That in me ye might have peace."
- Phil. 4:7, "Passeth all understanding." (Will must be His will.)

IV. LONGSUFFERING: Deals with people.
- Steadfast under provocation and ill treatment without anger or thought of revenge.
- Essentially Godlike - Love defers judgment.
- Col. 1:11, "Longsuffering with joyfulness." Proper.

V. GENTLENESS: Refers to kindness, a quality that penetrates and mellows all that is hard and harsh. Offsets disappointments of world.
- Never the result of weakness but requires great strength, as weak characters often unkind, hard or harsh to cover weakness.
- Silence is often another cover.

VI. GOODNESS: Quality in one who is ruled by and aims at what is good.
- To be sound, upright, honest, capable of that which is pure.
- Matthew 25:21, "Good and faithful servant" is one Lord singled out for praise and rewarded for right use of talent.

VII. FAITH: Literally faithfulness - Fidelity and trustworthiness produced in life of believer.
- I Cor. 4:2, "Required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."
- Luke 16:10-12, Only faithful in least will be faithful also in much.
- Faithfulness is a full way of life in all.