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CONQUEST OF THE MIND SERIES

CM101 - MARKS OF AN IMPROPER FOUNDATION--Part 1
CM102 - MARKS OF AN IMPROPER FOUNDATION--Part 2

- Salvation is instant, but conquest of the mind is progressive. The key to receiving revelations from Holy Spirit and to be translated into action to glorify God is to conquer the mind and bring it under control of the Word of God.

I. WRONG MOTIVES: Produce wrong action that exposes roots. Matthew 6:33, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

Key Thoughts:
* Desire to have "things" - overrides Word that requires foundation.
* Lust for benefits is revealed in no preparation.
* Unwillingness to pay the cost to establish reception foundation discloses roots of insincerity - laziness - lust.

II. CONFORMITY: Romans 12:2, "Be not conformed to this world."

1. "Be not" - Present imperative verb that forbids the continuance of an action already going on - requires an immediate shift in directions - a warning of the result of a continuation of direction.
   - Plea of an all-knowing God to His beloved children who don't know.

2. "Conformed" - Outward expression that does not come from within, nor represent Holy Spirit.
   - Patterned after some definite thing.
   - Expression formed from position without Christ.
   - Masquerading in the mannerisms, speech, expression, styles, habits of this world which you no longer represent.

3. "To this world" - Spirit of the age: floating mass of thoughts, opinions, speculations, hopes, impulses, aims, aspirations, current in the world at any time, which it may be impossible to accurately define, yet it constitutes an effective power of influences.

III. CONFUSION: II Thess. 2:2, "That ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled...by spirit,...word, nor by letter as from us."

Key Thoughts:
* Warns against mental agitation, disturbance of poise, off balance or swayed by senses.
* Points to outside force causing rocking motion as: building by earthquake, ship by storm or ship blown away because insecurely anchored, but to be controlled by a mind enlightened by revelation of God's Word.

IV. FALLING: Hebrews 12:3, "Be wearied and faint in your minds."

1. "Faint in your minds" - Reverse of vigor, cheerful.
   - When faith is not operative we are left to cope with situation with power of natural mind, which cannot stand pressure of enemy.

2. "Wearied" - Exhausted - despondent - sinking of spirit through power of difficulty and opposition.

Result is: Partial or complete abandonment of vows and stand.

V. TALKATIVENESS: Proverbs 29:11, "A fool uttereth all his mind, but a wise man keepeth it in till afterwards."

1. Untrained mind will spit forth: bad confessions, gossip, foolish things, irrelevant things.

2. Often can be hidden, but pressure reveals.

VI. INSTABILITY: James 1:8, "A doubleminded man is unstable in all his ways."
- Unsteady - Fickle - Wobbles - Reels as drunk, or cork on water to shore and away - Cannot choose decisively.
- Two results (God made the rules):
  1. Disqualifies himself from much. James 1:7, "Let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord."

  2. Hypocrisy or abandonment.

VII. MISDIRECTION: Ephesians 4:17, "Walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind."

1. "Walk not" - Conduct or order one's behavior in direction of heathen's Walks after same things - Matthew 6:33, "added."

2. "Vanity of mind" - That which is aimless, resultless, futile except in mind of ungodly - void of real worth. Beckoning of fantasy which appears to be real and satisfying, of value, but upon reception has no satisfying influence.

Galatians 3:1, "O FOOLISH Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth (Word)."

Matthew 6:33; Romans 12:2; II Thessalonians 2:2; Hebrews 12:3; Proverbs 29:11; James 1:8; Ephesians 4:17

Conquest of the mind is progressive, and the key to receiving revelation from Holy Spirit, to be translated into action to glorify God.

I. AN HONEST MIND: I Chron. 28:9, "Serve him with a perfect heart (II Cor. 5:17) and with a willing mind: for the Lord searcheth the hearts and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts."

1. An honest mind knows Scriptural disobedience can be with the mind.
2. Failure not revealed by outward evidence signifies an inward problem.

II. A TEACHABLE MIND: Acts 17:11-12, "These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind and searched the scriptures daily whether those things were so." Therefore, many of them believed."

1. Noble: True spirited - positive, not negative with Word.
2. Readiness of mind: Came to believe - eager - open.
3. "Believed": Result - verdict - spontaneous outcome.

Romans 8:6, "To be carnally minded (hostile to Word - flesh and world controlled) is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace." What you receive locates you.

III. A TRANSFORMED MIND: Romans 12:2, "But be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind."

1. A two-fold process of renovation and rewiring.
2. Steady advancing to follow God's spiritual truths.
3. Continual ordering of behavior within sphere of Word.
4. A new mentality that no longer judges or understands as it once did. Now it is keyed to finding and following God.
5. Gives knowledge to avoid conformity to this world.
6. Conduct reflects pilgrims, not citizens of this world.
7. Knows howling with wolves is costly.

IV. A POWERFUL MIND: II Cor. 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."

1. Casting down: wrecking - demolishing - put to sword - cut off
2. Imaginations: reasoning - argument - question as all are hostile devices, schemes and concoction to Word.
3. Thought: product of intelligent mind - result of thinking. "Against the knowledge (Word) of God." Always trouble.

V. A DISCIPLINED MIND: Nehemiah 4:6, "The people had a mind to work." Study is work - strenuous - requires energy, so most do very little.

II Timothy 2:15; Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:2; I Peter 1:13;

Philippians 4:7; Isaiah 26:3

CM104 - PURPOSE OF CONQUEST, Part 1 Romans 12:2

I. ERASE SATAN'S PROGRAMMING: Romans 8:7, "Carnal mind is enemy of God" Romans 12:2 must come.

II. DESTROY SATAN'S CONTROL ABILITY. Philippians 4:8.

III. ESTABLISH A COMMUNICATION LANGUAGE.
- John 16:13, "Spirit of truth." Speaks in line with Word.

IV. INCREASE ABILITY TO OBEY WORD: James 2:17, "Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone."
- Prevents manifestations.

V. FREES FROM CONDEMNATION: Romans 8:1, "Who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."
- Satan condemns, <u>but</u> God convicts.

VI. ELIMINATES DEMON EFFECTIVENESS: As the unrenewed mind is an open door - green pasture.

VII. DECREASES POSSIBILITY OF DECEPTION:
Galatians 3:1, "O FOOLISH Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth (word)."

II Peter 2:19, "For of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage."

II Peter 2:2, "Many shall follow their ways."

VIII. INCREASED GUIDANCE: II Peter 2:9, "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations."

IX. PROPER JUDGMENTS: Word, not senses, as to who you are, what to do, blessings, etc.

- II Corinthians 2:15, "He that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man."

X. ENABLES TO ENDURE BOMBARDMENT OF MIND: By devil, demons, people and situations.

- Hebrews 12:3, "Consider him that endured such opposition and hostility, so that you may not grow weary, exhausted, losing heart and fainting in your mind."

XI. PREVENTS COUNTERFEITS OF FAITH: Romans 10:9, "Confess with thy mouth...and...believe in thine heart."

XII. DEFEATS FEAR IN SOULISH REALM: Knows fear is not in spirit of regenerate - II Corinthians 5:17.

XIII. VOIDS LAW OF OLD ATTRACTIONS: Mind, desires, lusts, etc.
- New view of all.

XIV. ESTABLISHES A TEACHABLE MIND TO BIBLE CONCEPTS: New area of understanding and acceptance of Word.

XV. INCREASES POSSIBILITY OF PROSPERITY:

1. Spiritually
2. Physically
3. Financially
4. Relationships

XVI. BIRTHS STRONG ASSURANCE AND CONFIDENCE.

CM106 - METHODS OF CONQUEST

I. KNOW YOUR RIGHT TO CONTROL YOUR MIND:
II Corinthians 10:5, "Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ."

II. KNOW ENEMY WILL RESIST GIVING UP TERRITORY HE HAS CONTROLLED FOR YEARS.

III. KNOW YOUR ENEMY'S TACTICS.

IV. KNOW JESUS DESTROYED SATAN'S POWER OVER US:
I John 3:8, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."
- Control of mind for evil purposes.

V. KNOW YOU HAVE POWER OVER SATAN NOW:
Luke 10:19, "I give you power...over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."
- Satan-controlled mind can.

VI. KNOW THE WEAPONS YOU USE ARE NOT EARTHLY:
Ephesians 6:12, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood."
II Corinthians 10:4, "The weapons of our warfare are not carnal."
- God's Word in your mouth is your spiritual weapon.

VII. RENEWING YOUR MIND IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY, NOT GOD'S:
- You change your thought pattern with Word food:
  Romans 12:1, "Ye present your bodies...which is your reasonable service."
- Philippians 4:13; Philippians 4:19.

VIII. KNOW RENEWING YOUR MIND IS A PROGRESSIVE, NOT INSTANT, WORK:
- Continuous effort.
- Diligent application.

IX. ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A CONFESSION OF YOUR RIGHTS, POSSESSIONS, POSITION, AND PURPOSE.

CM107 - ADVANTAGES OF CONQUEST Romans 12:1-2

I. TEACHABLE: Romans 8:6, "To be spiritually minded is life and peace."
- Able to understand more <u>so</u> God is able to reveal more.

II. STRONG: Hebrews 12:3, "Lest ye be wearied, and faint in your minds."
- Word controlled minds endure.

III. SOUND: Romans 4:20, "Staggered not at the promise of God."
- James 1:8, "A doubleminded man is unstable in all his ways."

IV. DOER OF WORD: James 1:22-25.
James 1:25, "...he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."

V. DRAWS GOD'S LOVE AND REVELATION: John 14:21, "He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he ...shall be loved of my Father, and I....will manifest myself to him."

VI. PEACE: Isaiah 26:3, "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee."

VII. SATAN'S KNOWLEDGE IS NOT EXALTED ABOVE GOD'S.

VIII. NOT EASILY STOPPED IN FAITH'S OPERATION IN ANY AREA:
- Renewed mind an absolute for victory in any or all areas.

CM108 - WORDS OF WISDOM IN CONQUEST

This subject requires insights into various truths:

I. PROPER CONCEPT: Proverbs 23:7, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he." Never contradicts Word.

II. DELIVERANCE: II Peter 2:9, "The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations."

III. ANSWERS: Proverbs 15:1, "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger."
- Pride and passion - Both wills demand.

IV. CONTENTION: Proverbs 13:10, "Only by pride cometh contention."

V. PRIDE: Proverbs 16:18, "Pride goeth before destruction, and an haughty spirit before a fall." Climber.

VI. HUMILITY: Proverbs 15:33, "Before honour is humility."
- Preserving grace - I Peter 5:6, "Humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time."

VII. OFFENSIVE: Proverbs 18:19, "A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city: and their contentions are like the bars of a castle."

VIII. STABILITY: Proverbs 16:3, "Commit thy works unto the Lord, and thy thoughts shall be established."

IX. PERCEPTION: Proverbs 16:2, "All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes."

X. SNARE: Proverbs 29:25, "The fear of man bringeth a snare."

XI. FLATTERY: Proverbs 28:23, "He that rebuketh a man afterwards shall find more favour than he that flattereth with the tongue."

XII. PROMOTION: Psalm 75:6-7, "Promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south. But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another."

XIII. KNOWLEDGE: I Corinthians 8:1, "Knowledge puffeth up, but love edifieth."

XIV. TALKING: Proverbs 10:19, "In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise."

XV. USABLE: Matt. 20:26-28, "But whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister; And whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant; Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."

XVI. FUTILITY OF HUMAN EFFORT TO PRODUCE ANY SPIRITUAL RESULTS.