

# 18 Inclinations of MAN

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the Wrong Thing - To Build Upon Old Foundations - To Make Straight That Which is Crooked - To Please Man - To be Discouraged

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## Introduction

What do you know about the Enemy's way of taking the natural inclination of man and driving it for all it's worth? Can the moments of anger, envy, suspicion, or guilt be traced to "seed thoughts" found in the inclination of man that the Deceiver is exploiting? Do you want to be empowered to spot the tactics of the Enemy to overcome him?

### *Why Are We Inclined To . . .*

Why are we inclined to hold onto anger, resentment, blame, and guilt?

Why are we inclined to project for peace and security?

Why are we inclined to think negatively?

Why are we inclined to shield ourselves with aspiration?

***The inclination of man explains*** to us the natural rhythm that tends to occur in our thinking pattern that God challenges in our growth cycles. These are habits of thinking, acting, and behaving that we are attracted to and come back to over and over again. This is an ingrained way of thinking that has become such a part of us that we don't see it, and need God to give us a new perspective.

***The Inclination of Man is not new.*** We have known for a long time that there is the natural rhythm that tends to occur in our thought patterns because of the motions of the 5 facets of the flesh. (Romans 7:5)

The 18 Inclinations of Man are:

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Which inclination(s) do you feel you relate to the most? Which inclination are you the most interested in learning about? Which inclination do you feel is the most damaging?

A two-fold principle should be recognized about the inclination of man. First, it's where the natural man is vulnerable. And second, it is what God is addressing for healing.

***Where are you vulnerable?*** The tie between your vulnerability and the 18 inclinations of the natural man is something you experience every day. Where the mind leans, the will follows. God had not intended that you stay a prisoner to the inclination of man. Knowledge about the inclination of man paves the way to true discernment and deliverance.

## **Inclination Workshops**

A special series of workshop courses will teach you about 18 inclinations that are common to man and equip you through a 5-step planning process to (1) identify the inclination, (2) assess your vulnerability, (3) identify the deception, (4) identify God's perspective, and (5) overcome to gain the victory in Christ. The emotions change when we allow God to challenge the natural man.

The purpose of the workshops is to make you aware of your natural inclinations, to prepare you to recognize that challenge and choose Christ as your shield. You'll be given opportunities to discuss the connection between our vulnerability and what we are inclined to do, or say, or assume, and how you are inclined to think and react.

***The inclination of man explains*** where we are prone to go in our thoughts. God mercifully challenges this habit of mind by providing. . .

1. truth as the new pattern for our mind to go back to over and over again;
2. the record of Christ is our new history, and
3. righteousness is our new state of being.
4. We are no longer empty, for God fills us with the substance of His kingdom as we reflect on His knowledge.
5. We no longer lack anything, for the tools of Christ increase the soul in His virtue.
6. We are no longer naked, for God has clothed us in the robes of the righteousness of Christ.
7. We no longer build for ourselves, but for God.
8. We now trust faith to the tools,
9. We are drawn by grace to identify with the new man.

We are brought before the same choice every day. We will either choose to go with the rhythm of the Spirit or the rhythm of the flesh.

Many times we are asked to discern in the dark and that's the worst thing a Christian can do. What do I mean by "discern in the dark"? I mean that you're asked to take a look inside your heart to find reasons why God might not be answering your prayers and changing the problems around you. What that does is start you off on a journey with the moral code, looking for the fruits of iniquity, when in fact, this is the job of the Holy Spirit.

The Apostles taught that it is the Holy that searches the heart when we pray in tongues. Romans 8:26-28 reveals to us this precious promise of God:

<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: for we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

<sup>27</sup> And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, because he maketh intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

<sup>28</sup> And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

A thorough study “The Seal of the Spirit” is available as a free downloadable eBook and will provide more valuable insights into God’s special plan for the tool of tongues:

[www.s8wministries.org/ebook.php?id=118](http://www.s8wministries.org/ebook.php?id=118)

Dear friend, for true discernment to take place, we must turn on the light. God wants to free you from the mindset that drives you to pursue the well being of the natural man. God’s purpose for you is to bear the fruit of Christ in the inner man (John 15:8). Our heavenly Father is asking you to focus your faith on bearing the fruit of Christ in the inner man.

That means that we must have a clear understanding of the 18 Inclinations of Man. God will reveal how the Deceiver takes captive the heart. Once you gain that understanding, you can understand what God is addressing in the soul for healing, and work with the Holy Spirit to overcome yourself, the world, and the devil. This is normal Christian living. It is the true Christian path. It is a blessed process that takes place daily, and not something God is asking you to do to get barriers out of the way in order to get Him to work out your problems.

## **Spiritual Workout Results Guide (SWRG)**

You’ll have the opportunity to track the results of your daily spiritual workouts. This will help you stay on target with your goals and motives. You can download your free copy here:

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## **SWRG Users’ Manual**

You SWRG Users’ Manual will lead you step-by-step and show you how to use your SWRG as a daily planner, to plan your spiritual workouts and track your results. You can download your free copy here: <http://s8wministries.org/specialty-pdf/SWRG-Users-Manual.pdf>

The theme of each Inclination Workshop is John 16:33. Jesus said, “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

Use this study of the 18 inclinations of man along with your workshop lesson plan as we dig into each inclination to see what God is teaching you.

## The 18 Inclinations of Man

### 1) *The Inclination of Man – To Emotional Profiling*

Often times when a person is asked, “How was your day?” Or “How was the meeting?” they may respond positively saying that it was a good day or a good meeting, and then add a “but” to the conversation and then begin to drop names and opinions about people: “So-and-so was there and I didn’t think ...” The opinion, 9 times out of 10 is negative and reflects an emotional profile of the person that is then transferred to others to have them reciprocate the emotional prejudice.

The flesh is prejudiced by a lifetime of observing what we think is right and comparing that to the actions of others (the moral code is seen in this measure not Christ). The need for reciprocation is understood when the imprint of the God-Code upon the soul is understood. Because God desires all things to mirror His pleasure (and we were made in the image and likeness of God) we also have a drive that all things mirror our pleasure. The drive for reciprocation is seen in this aspect of “mirror”. A form of validation is gained.

***God teaches us Satan’s wiles:*** The Deceiver deceives by working with man’s inclination to work with *the moral code and God-Code* to set judgments that favor our own equity and the expectation for others to reciprocate this prejudice (mindset of the moral code). We are inclined to do this. This is what the flesh learned to do.

The God-Code is complaining that everything is not as it should be. Everything does not mirror the mindset of our perfection and become frustrated first with the imperfection and next with others who do not mirror our displeasure, thinking them to be uncaring when the reciprocation is not gained.

“But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man's judgment: yea, I judge not mine own self.” ~1 Corinthians 4:3

### 2) *The Inclination of Man – To Distrust God*

The operation of God in faith is to place trust in God Himself when we engage our fellowship with Him on the grounds of Jesus Christ. This fellowship is never breached or broken. God makes known the consistency of His love and care, which we experience consistently when faith operates with the tools of Christ. Trust is first built in each of us individually and then built into the body with one another by this same operation.

The inclination of man, though, is to place trust in the voice that secures the drive of his aspiration rather than his love for God (as Adam did in the garden). That is the pattern of the fall. The inclination of man is to follow that pattern and this is why the natural man places trust in his logic. He test spiritual things on the grounds logic working with aspiration. He allows the hands of his logic to explore to confirm to his senses that spiritual things are lining up with his perception. On the other hand, God calls faith to reason with grace, putting the hands of logic into your pockets.

Precognition is an interesting word that is useful in the discussion of the inclination of man. I am not referring to knowledge of a future gained through extrasensory means. Let's examine the other definition of precognition: (1) The examination of witnesses and other parties before a trial in order to supply a legal ground for prosecution. (b) the evidence established in such an examination. (*dictionary.reference.com*)

Precognition is a great word to use to describe the muscle memory of the flesh. A natural rhythm tends to occur when you do something repetitively. It is easy enough to envision the motion of life: when you exercise, when you shop, when you work. It's easy to go through the motions because you know what to expect, you know what is coming up. The natural man works trust by precognition of the flesh, trusting the natural rhythms around him to gather evidence that can be used as grounds to say, "I can trust because I know what is going to happen next". God calls this a projection of the imagination.

Be careful that these points being made here about the natural man needing to know what is going to happen next does not switch your mindset into thinking that faith is blind (not needing to know what comes next). I don't want your focus to shift like that. What is being pointed out here is the inclination of man to build his own pattern for trust, which works against the pattern God set in Christ for trust to take place.

***God teaches us Satan's wiles:*** The Deceiver deceives by putting a voice to your logic that agrees with your aspiration and cleverly placing this voice within the natural rhythms of the flesh. This counterfeit trust detracts from Christ. When we are in the resistance movement of our spiritual growth cycle and it is time to judge God as competent to heal the soul, the inclination of man is there to testify that it knows what is going to happen next based on the rhythm of the flesh.

The Deceiver has the mind playing out different scenarios. The mind is warring against the soul and there is a tug of war taking place between the mind and the emotions. Our choice of faith is to reflect on God's daily provisions of grace and how grace has never failed to draw faith from the heart, grace has never failed to bring the equity of God between soul and spirit. And grace has never been void of God's power to strengthen the will for obedience.

"For when we were in the flesh, the motions of sins, which were by the law, did work in our members to bring forth fruit unto death." ~Romans 7:5

### ***3) The Inclination of Man – To Build Faith on Human Relationships***

The Deceiver uses the power of human relations to presents the shadow of turning to man (turning away from the relationship provided through covenant to a relationship provided by the mind and emotions). Man's inclination is such that he easily follows those who builds his ego because they add to the value to his aspirations. Many are familiar with the expression "birds of a feather flock together". Human relations are like that.

Human relationships are based on emotional and intellectual exchange for bonding. As long as your friends perceive you in the way in which you built your image, you can feel good about



yourself and the relationship prospers, but as soon as perceptions change and offenses arise, the aspiration is no longer satisfied, and human relations crumble.

Human kind is as the waters of the sea. For as the sea is never still, but continually changes from calm to storm, so the condition of the sea of humanity continually changes from intense caring and love to intense hatred and murder with all the different stages in between.

There are many endearing qualities in human nature that are easy for a person to observe and wish to emulate. Discretion, piety, prudence, and charity. You may be surprised when I say that these are “human” characteristics, but remember what we learned about the moral code. God wrote within each heart a code of conduct for social order.

There are similarities between the natural course of the moral code and the fruit of the Spirit. Satan knows this and ascribes faith to build a relationship with God based on the qualities the moral code can relate to and seeks after for validation, rather than build faith upon Jesus Christ through the 12 Foundation Stones.

***God teaches us Satan’s wiles:*** The Deceiver deceives by working with man’s inclination to build a relationship with God with the stones of the moral code to gain a witness from the flesh that is similar to God, but does not carry His power. Satan works hard to help you apply what you know to be true about human relationships to faith, hoping that you will work faith with your natural inclinations, knowing that when you feel betrayed by human relationships, he will hold your mind captive. The adversary of your soul wants you to feel as if God betrayed you or that God let you down.

Always remember: True faith reciprocates the likeness of Christ. But the 12 Foundation Stones, fixed to the needs of the flesh, take on the nature of man and the nature of Christ is lost.

“But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in another.” ~Galatians 6:4

#### ***4) The Inclination of Man – To Justify the Flesh***

Saul is the negative role model God uses to help us to recognize the spirit of Jezebel in the inclination of man. Saul had a long held pattern of inventing revelation and then looking for confirmation from other people, including Samuel, God’s prophet (1 Samuel 15:24-31). By this we can observe how aspiration constructs a string of false justifications. In time Saul began to sympathize with the flesh, believing his own false revelations. He could hear the applause when others confirmed it.

***God teaches us Satan’s wiles:*** The Deceiver deceives by sympathizing with our desires, as he did to Adam in the garden. Satan sympathized with Adam’s desire for a short cut to divinity. He then provided Adam with justification to believe his word over God’s word. The Enemy works to help us align our desire to the confirmation of others. Man is inclined to find his own witness and to find those who will confirm it. A building is taking place, but not of faith. Here I’d like to

point out why so many flock to Christian conferences. Just as the Philistines choose a champion in Goliath to stand against the nation of Israel, so too does the flesh choose a champion to stand for it.

The next time you go to one of these conferences I want you to picture in your mind the wires attached to the speaker's arms and legs to see the Puppeteer at work. Begin asking yourself some questions: How is the flesh being confirmed? What facet of the flesh is Satan manipulating? How is the speaker using her/his own mistakes and trials as a pattern for faith in place of Jesus Christ? What voice do I hear? Are the 12 Foundation Stones fixed to Christ or to the flesh? How is Satan disguising the voice of the aspiration with scripture? What inclination of man do you see exploited?

“Wherefore the Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward me is taught by the precept of men.” ~Isaiah 29:13

### ***5) The Inclination of Man – To Judge***

Did you know that the presence of death has an influence over how you think? Because the presence of death is oppressive we have an inclination to want to change it, dominate it, and prove ourselves superior to it whenever see it or hear it.

The inclination is to change or influence what is happening TO US or AROUND US. The first thing we do is “JUDGE”: “I don't think they should have done that,” “I think if so-and-so would have done this-or-that it would have been a lot better for us all,” “I think that there is trouble down the road for so-and-so because of what they are involved with.” “I don't think so-and-so is very spiritual because I saw them....” “I heard that so-and-so is a bad business manager. I once heard that she did-this-or-that.”

The inclination is to think that our voice matters. In each of the cases above where we thought we had a voice, we really did not. God does not wait at our gates for wisdom, we wait at His gates; and in order to receive His wisdom we must be willing to die to our own.

***God teaches us Satan's wiles:*** The Deceiver deceives by working with man's inclination to draw from his own experience to judge his neighbor. The knowledge you use to measure your neighbor is the knowledge God will use to measure you. What we thought was gossip was simply the outflow of the inclination of man to judge.

God's perspective is this: Use the knowledge of Christ as your measure and God will reciprocate the same. Each time we make a choice of faith, God rewards us with more of His power.

“Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man.” ~John 8:15

“And shall make him of quick understanding in the fear of the Lord: and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither reprove after the hearing of his ears.” ~Isaiah 11:3

## **6) *The Inclination of Man – To Procrastinate***

Procrastination is in not immediately dealing with the thoughts of the mind, weighing them circumspectly, to direct our thoughts as we ought. Did you know that Satan stands each day with gifts at the passage of your mind, waiting for you to accept what he offers? Each gift is packaged so as to attract your attention, so that you will stop and gaze and consider the value of what he is presenting to you. Right or wrong, just or unjust, pleasure or displeasure, increase or decrease, opportunity, flattery, the honor of man, oppression, escape, promise, dreams. . .

It would be interesting if we had a device that could calculate all the lovely presents Satan offers each day. And then another device that lets us know how long it takes for us to realize what is happening and to then reject the gift, refuse the inclination to turn aside into the broad way.

Whenever procrastination is going on, know that the Deceiver is working to distract you from the altar of Christ. Procrastination is a distraction. Distraction is Satan's detraction of Christ to divide the attention from God's chosen object, Jesus Christ to the object of Satan's knowledge, which is self and the world.

As priests we are the salt of the earth manifesting truth's consistency in thought, word, and deed whereby we possess the work of the Spirit rather than pursue the elusive promises of the adversary.

It might be hard at times to know when procrastination is taking place because the Deceiver works hard to keep the mind busy reaching for the flesh. But, just as the paragraph above states, there is a continuity of at the altar of Christ that makes one think of "abiding" in that which God supplies through Christ rather than reaching for the things one does not possess.

When procrastination and distraction are working, the continuity of faith is broken and we normally hear these kinds of comeback statements:

- I have decided that I am pressing into His Word, or
- I am determined to draw even closer to His presence, or
- I am determined to activate my faith to new levels, or
- I have decided to access what is in heaven and experiencing it upon the earth.

These comeback statements, as I like to call them, testify to the breakdown of faith. It tells me that a person is reaching to build in the flesh the evidence of Christ and faith is distracted from the altar of Christ where heaven is the common experience. Believers commonly experience the powers of the world to come as they labor at the altar of Christ. The experience is unbroken, as it is a constant flow from God's throne to your heart.

When a person lacks this experience there is a tendency to "decide" to "press in" (see the reaching here). So these are things people say to describe how they feel, separated from the true altar of Christ where faith is made living. These are words that describe the condition of procrastination. Christ is put off to allow the flesh to be put on. And later, when the soul is empty and dry and the will is weary, new determinations are made.

When procrastination is taking place and a person is distracted from Christ this is often delineated by expressing the desire to “draw even closer to His presence” (as stated above). In reality, Christ makes Himself known powerfully on a daily basis and that experience is something you learn to build with. People yearn for what they lack. God had not intended you to lack His presence. That should be a warning sign!

It is easy to see that when faith is in the wrong movement with procrastination the God-Code in you is going to fire up and you feel “determined” to activate your faith to new levels. Examining that statement in the light of procrastination that detracts from Christ we can see a “drop off” in faith’s progression. You normally experience Christ (the heavenly gifts of His power) as faith is activated every day in the same way. There are no new ways to activate faith. What I see happening often is that procrastination has resulted in a person ignoring their normal cycles of growth. The flesh is going to step in and offer new ways to activate your faith to “new heights”. Don’t let that happen to you my friend. Resist the inclination to procrastinate. Build with faith at His altar.

***God teaches us Satan’s wiles:*** The Deceiver deceives by working on two fronts: (1) The adversary of your soul works to occupy your mind with the judgments you have passed upon others or the judgments others have passed upon you, assessing and reassessing each scenario. He works to occupy the mind with the needs of the flesh and the frailty of the flesh. Know this: when the adversary occupies your mind, he has taken your mind captive. He is hoping to detain you from the altar of Christ where your faith would bring you into rest.

This unnoticed and unchecked inclination of man to procrastinate is easily understood by the analogy of cooking a frog in a pot of water by slowly turning up the heat. The frog does not notice the gradual change in temperature or realize the imminent danger until it is too late. Don’t let this happen to you, dear friend.

(2) The adversary of your soul works to interrupt the continuity of faith at the altar of Christ where we have free access to God and His heavenly gifts. And then when the emptiness is felt within, the adversary occupies the mind with comeback statements.

Always remember: God gives us the covenant of Jesus Christ for faith to labor to enter into His rest. When faith is distracted from the altar of Christ the Deceiver will move in point out this loss and fill your mind with useless ways reach God.

“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.” ~Hebrews 11:6

### ***7) The Inclination of Man – To View Faith From the Perspective of Life***

Most Christians have been wrongly educated to define life by the needs of the body, the issues, situations, circumstances, and problems that unfold from day to day. You will notice that when believers come into agreement that life is defined by the issues they face, then the Bible is falsely read, looking for God’s promises or principles to remedy the issues of the flesh. Faith is assigned

the task of turning things around for you and this message is commonly preached from the pulpit.

Messages about “the anointing”, “God’s blessing”, “the blessing of Abraham”, “overcoming power”, “expect a miracle”, “how to sow the seeds for your blessing”, “finding God’s purpose”, “the abundant life”, “digging deeper”, etc. are the voice of the flesh trying to sound like faith.

A certain level of excitement and anticipation grows as the mind projects (imagination) for outcomes to alignment with desire. But this excitement (aspiration) replaces the grace of God and projection replaces reflection and carnal things replace spiritual things. We can now begin to understand why this inclination of man is so dangerous.

***God teaches us Satan’s wiles:*** The Deceiver deceives by working with man’s inclination to value the increase of the flesh. Reality is then measured on life’s scale rather than the scale of Jesus Christ.

“For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.” ~Romans 8:6

### ***8) The Inclination of Man – To Focus on the Wrong Thing***

Satan’s job is to detain you in your thoughts, to clutter up your thought life with:  
 thoughts of fear. . . thoughts of resentment. . . thoughts of doubt. . . thoughts of suspicion. .  
 . thoughts of sadness. . . thoughts of obtaining peace by the measure of the world. This is the history of Satan.

God allows Satan to make these suggestions to the mind for you to perceive the challenge and overcome him to receive the reward. Satan seeks to be the one who counsels your heart to set your focus on the history of the flesh, to tell you what is real. He wants you to ruminate and chew on doubt, and fear, and resentment. He wants you to hold this mirror before the conscience to defile it.

The misconception that God recreated the human spirit upon conversion removed the processes necessary for the believer to experience new life in Christ. When thoughts of fear, resentment, or doubt present themselves, Christians are led to “command Satan to go away”. The devil does not flee at our command. He flees upon our obedience to grace.

***God teaches us Satan’s wiles:*** The Deceiver deceives by working with man’s inclination to focus on Satan’s testimony rather than labor in the priesthood with the testimony of Christ, thus turning our trust from God to man.

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” ~James 4:7

### ***9) The Inclination of Man – To Build Upon Old Foundations***

What does it mean to build upon old foundations? It means that the mind goes back to a place in our history to sort out who, what, where, when, and why. Our orientation is our first history. This means that we are vulnerable to build again the things which God is busy destroying (Galatians 2:18).

Man's tradition is to build upon the foundation stones Satan set within the pattern of our thinking and within the heart. These old foundations are the things the Spirit of God breaks down at the altar of Christ, but Satan seeks to continue to build in us anew.

Most are familiar with the expression "digging up the past". God doesn't want you to do that. In Exodus 23:10-11 we read a command from God that is actually a type and shadow of the rest God fulfilled in Jesus Christ.

***Exodus 23:10-11***

<sup>10</sup> And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof:

<sup>11</sup> But the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie still. . .

The land represents man's toiling with the soil, planting and reaping according to the seasons of life for survival. When we take this to the mind we understand how the mind labors with the past to produce a harvest of aspiration, principle, and imagination to sustain the flesh. This is why God commands us to let the land lay fallow. Don't dig up the past.

Satan has built a character for you based on your history. There is a memory to history connection that God wants to challenge and break. The mind works with your history and your history reflects the state of your conscience. You reflect on your past and ask, "Where do I fit in this? What went wrong? How can I make it better/right? The mind starts sorting out details to gain clarity about who you are. The mind goes where the history goes and the heart follows.

The mind is working with your natural history and you set your heart upon it. This is commonly known as "living in the past". What happens when you go over old ground in your mind? It's like a fire trap. The first thought triggers many others and pretty soon you're standing in the middle of a ring of fire with no escape.

You need to know that there is a history memory connection in the mind. And because this history is connected to your first birth it is connected to sin, which is Satan's kingdom. Your history speaks to you about transgression. From this you can understand that, that when your mind works with your natural history your conscience is defiled.

Your history and your heart are under reconstruction. And for that reconstruction to take place you need the mind of God according to Jesus Christ, which is His grace. Not the mind of God according to you, but the mind of God according to Jesus Christ.

Satan wants you to forget God so he continues to give you a steady diet of imagination, aspiration, and principles to identify yourself. By having you continue to build upon old foundations, going over old ground, Satan keeps you in familiar surroundings. Your experience of his influence all your life has *sensitized* you to his knowledge.

Sensitization is a really good word to help us understand the condition of the mind while in Satan's kingdom. Let's briefly understand what sensitization is. For example, drug sensitization

takes place when a person becomes dependent on a drug due to repeated doses. Satan's knowledge can be said to be addictive. Due to repeated, lifetime doses of Satan's knowledge, the human race has become dependent on the way in which Satan's knowledge stimulates the God-Code, the moral code, our signature, and our hopes to reverse the fruits of iniquity he nurtures in the soul. Only the grace of God can deliver the soul from this addictive mindset (desensitizing the thought patterns).

So then, sensitization is a learning process wherein we become sensitive to the knowledge Satan offers to bridge our separation from God. Satan's knowledge is harmful stimuli because his therapy leads us to depend on his knowledge to define ourselves, thus leading us away from God to depend on the traditions of the flesh. However, death works in that knowledge. We see that death upon the curtains of our mind when these thoughts begin to dominate our thinking:

1. What will happen to me? What will I do?
2. It seems as if no one listens to me!
3. How could this happen to me?
4. Things will never change!
5. Things like this happen to me all the time!
6. All my efforts are lost!
7. I will never trust that person again!
8. I will never overcome this barrier in my life!
9. This does not make sense to me!
10. This is not right! This is too much for me to handle!

***God teaches us Satan's wiles:*** The Deceiver deceives by working with man's inclination to build upon old foundations, to trust what is familiar (the learning process while in the kingdom of the flesh), thus disallowing the Spirit of God to form Christ within.

Satan speaks into the circumstances of life, drawing from the past to confirm your history, to tempt you to dig up the old ground when God calls us to let it rest.

“But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.” ~2 Timothy 2:20-21

### ***10) The Inclination of Man – To Trust the Moral Code***

The moral code is like a quilt that is sown of the many scraps of life. Every circumstance and situation is represented in the quilt of life through the perception of the moral code. So then, when things transpire in life or new situations come up, one's finger is seen to trace the familiar images of the quilt to see where the patterns are that can be trusted.

When a person sees a flaw in their thinking, or in their choices, or in the way they have processed a situation, they adjust their views, they begin to think differently, they try to change

their orientation toward a new mindset. These new mindsets are learned after a number of mistakes are made. And this also is sown into the quilt of life.

The moral code labels every patch and catalogues them for future reference. Paths of destruction are identified, feelings that you were not true to yourself are labeled “Hypocrisy”. Times of difficulty and times you have fallen are labeled “The Dark Valley”. On the journey of the moral code one meets friends like Unbelief, Doubt, and Flattery and an imaginary walk with God is drawn from the details of the moral code. The quilt becomes the roadmap to discover oneself.

***God teaches us Satan’s wiles:*** The Deceiver deceives by working with man’s inclination to trust the design of the moral code to challenge mindsets and gain new insights, thus placing our confidence in the flesh rather than God. Adamites took a liking to this knowledge. They felt this knowledge empowered them for projection, but grace is the power, not the moral code.

Each person carries within their own conscience the eternal seed of God; knowing that they are destined to something great. They pursued these things, but they also felt the power of frailty and the vexation upon the soul. And they tried to resolve that conflict with this false knowledge.

But God resolves that conflict with truth. Satan was trying to resolve this; in order to keep Adamites in cycles of death unto death (14), Satan provided false knowledge. And (of course) he put his finger upon the scale of the moral code in order to give those under his spell a sense of progression.

That's like spinning yourself around in a circle; you feel yourself moving, but you're not really going anywhere. Satan loops the imagination with this false knowledge in order to keep the soul in a hypnotic state, as if you are going somewhere, when in reality, you're going nowhere.

“The God of my rock; in him will I trust: he is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour; thou savest me from violence.” ~2 Samuel 22:3

### ***11) The Inclination of Man – To Make Straight That Which is Crooked***

The problem is that which is crooked, whether it is something someone said, or something someone did, a situation that is pressing, a need that is wanting, these are all things that offer opportunities to be straightened out (fixed). These are things that are not aligned with our desires or needs, so they are present themselves to the moral code as being crooked.

Ecc.1:15, “That which is crooked cannot be made straight: and that which is wanting cannot be numbered.” Here Solomon speaks about the vexation of life. There is no end to crooked things that appear to need our help to straighten (fix) them.

The problem is that even though the moral code volunteers itself to make that which is crooked straight, it does not have the power to do it. The mind is cluttered with thoughts, ideas, impressions, and judgments and gung-ho to give it all you’ve got. Take note of what is motivating your faith. Your faith is being driven to fix what you perceive to be broken in your life.



As you learn more about the armour of your Christian priesthood and how to approach the presence of the Lord and His altar you'll notice that God does not address your life. God motivates your faith to reflect the image of Christ. This focus of faith will give you confidence in your Christian walk and expose the error of Bible psychotherapy and religious psychology that loops your soul to a defiled conscience searing it instead of freeing your soul to Christ's righteousness.

***God teaches us Satan's wiles:*** The Deceiver deceives by working with man's inclination to fix things. The adversary of your soul asks you to examine your present circumstances and asks, Are you satisfied with the level of breakthroughs you have experienced? Notice how the Deceiver uses faith to address life situations (Inclination #7-8), thus motivating faith make straight that which is crooked.

True faith addresses only Jesus Christ. When faith follows His record and pattern there is a constant stream of answers to prayers and daily breakthroughs as we overcome ourselves, the world, and the devil. While the Deceiver points out the things in your life that needs fixing (breakthrough), constantly stirring up yearning and emotions of lack and fear, God points out the things of Christ that are freely given to us to engage Him in a nonstop, every increasing relationship!

“He that trusteth in his own heart is a fool: but whoso walketh wisely, he shall be delivered.”  
~Proverbs 28:26

## ***12) The Inclination of Man – To Measure Ourselves by That Law That Condemns***

You can't find equity with the moral code, but that does not stop a person from trying! The moral code is all about tracking the history and testimony of our transgressions. Satan uses the moral code to order man's perspective. When faith is anchored to the moral code then faith is motivated to fight against condemnation. In reality, faith is about making application with the knowledge and tools of Christ to reciprocate Him.

As application is made with the moral code to heal the wounds of the soul, the God-Code is progressing in you. As long as you are pursuing a goal you feel like there is a purpose to life (to resolve this conflict). But the God-Code is progressing with the wrong thing (the flesh).

Your whole life you are going through the same cycle with the paradoxes of the moral code and the drive of the God-Code, trying to prove your love for God and your neighbor, trying to resolve the issues of life. Every time you think you have improved, it loops you back to Delilah (the deception of the moral code that works with the imagination) where you are trying to find equity with the things that please you (moral code) instead of equity by Christ (covenant).

***God teaches us Satan's wiles:*** The Deceiver deceives by working with man's inclination to loop himself to the paradoxes of the moral code to entrap himself with Delilah. When you think you have the moral code aligned with the Law and your behavior is falling into place there is a

moment of clarity where the God-Code (The Flesh) shouts, “I have just resolved the problem!” But God says, “Stand in my light. Don’t stand in the imagination of the moral code.”

“But we will not boast of things without our measure, but according to the measure of the rule which God hath distributed to us, a measure to reach even unto you.” ~2 Corinthians 10:13

### ***13) The Inclination of Man - To Please Man***

To please man means to look to people for these things:

1. Confirmation
2. Reciprocation
3. Identity
4. Favor
5. Advancement

To do this means that we stand in the fear of man. A person fears the loss of confirmation, the loss of reciprocation, the loss of identity, the loss of favor, and the loss of advancement.

A good example of this is found in Balaam. Because he stood in the fear of man he sought to please man and fell prey to Satan’s wiles through Balak. An angel was sent from God to teach Balaam not to follow his natural inclination to please man.

***God teaches us Satan’s wiles:*** The Deceiver deceives by working with man’s inclination to gravitate to the confirmation of man and to use this to measure where he stands. Satan addresses man’s fear to keep the soul in bondage.

Adam originally experienced perfect peace and security in the light of God’s presence. He found himself in God. But when Satan drew him away from God, peace and security was removed from God to the working out of outward circumstances.

“Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. ~Romans 8:34

### ***14) The Inclination of Man - To Remain Independent of God***

God is not bringing us into subjection to men, to please men, but to Himself, to please God: “Do we now persuade men or God?” God’s purpose is to return all mankind to Him. We belong to God. We are to be joined to the Spirit to bring forth the fruit of Christ in the inner man by the Spirit.

The confirmation of this mating call is heard by all men as each seeks (in their own way) for this mating process to begin. The result of this seeking without submission to God’s grace produced diverse kinds of religions and philosophies.

Herein we see Satan's temptation, to lead a person to believe they can join themselves to God with anything that sympathizes with their frame of mind. Satan supports this persuasion of man with

- a system of knowledge and
- a system of confirmation to act as a false witness of knowledge.

***God teaches us Satan's wiles:*** The Deceiver deceives by teaching man how to exist independent of God; to be his own testimony and to be his own witness; to use God to bring equity to yourself rather than harmonize with Him. This is a habit learned from birth that we cannot escape until we come into covenant with God.

“But he that is JOINED unto the Lord is one spirit.” ~1 Corinthians 6:17

### ***15) The Inclination of Man – To be Discontent***

Once Satan sees that you cannot destroy the Body of Christ from without, he will begin to work to destroy it from within, to break the seal of your faith. He does this by undermining God's work in you, by rewriting your history, and by setting you against your brother in a matter.

The little foxes can be seen as the little irritations one saint can pick up about another saint. Personal habits, culture, taste, differences of opinion, differences in how one would go about doing things. We are all unique in our personalities because God made us this way. If we are not careful we begin to put a voice to what we see: “Can you believe that someone can wear shoes like that ..... is he out of his mind to ..... no one in his right mind will think of ..... I know just how to handle a person like that .....”

This is very close to emotional profiling but not quite. It is called DISCONTENT. Discontent is voicing displeasure, which in turn gives voice to how we wish things were. These are the perfect scenarios that we believe would bring us happiness. Discontent can be voiced about ourselves, our jobs, our spouses, our children.

- Discontent or displeasure that the aspiration is not being fed.
- Discontent or displeasure that the image we hold in our minds is not reciprocated.
- Discontent or displeasure that our signature skills and talents are not what we perceive they should be or appreciated like others.
- Discontent or displeasure that our labor is producing so little or is taken by others.
- Discontent or displeasure that our expectation fell short of our desire.
- Discontent or displeasure over the past.

You can hear the voice of religious advisors counseling the aspiration, cheering it on, “Don't be discouraged, God made you special and He'll help you fulfill your dreams and be everything He created you to be.” Your training kicks in and you can discern that this is not the voice of God's grace, this is the echo of the aspiration trying to console itself to live again another day.

***God teaches us Satan's wiles:*** The Deceiver deceives by working with man's inclination to be discontent, which leads to voicing displeasure (complaining). The adversary of your soul is working to exploit the God-Code again. Whatever your soul has an appetite for, you will

experience a drive to taste it. Because death is upon the God-Code right now you are going to experience the frustration if you work the God-Code with the flesh (your signature, the knowledge of this world, the moral code, and the fruits of iniquity).

The inclination of the man to be discontent is a natural part of man that must be put off. When the source of that frustration is understood it is easy to remove it by simply cutting the mental and emotional connections Satan makes for your peace and security and well being. The righteous refuse to give voice to the *discontent* that Satan attempts to sow within the heart.

Just as unity starts first within the soul as God brings union between the soul and spirit, and then works outward to the brethren as this uniting takes the form of charity, division works the same way. That which divides and plunders the soul, when expressed, divides the body.

“Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.” ~ Hebrews 13:5

### ***16) The Inclination of Man – To Not Care For the Things of God***

God created us for Himself, but man by his fallen nature, does not care for God, he cares for himself. If it is well with him he is happy, if he can see his future increase he is happy, if he can control what goes on around him he is happy. God though calls us to for Him, to care about Him.

It is the natural inclination of man to set aside as unnecessary those things that do not bring immediate pleasure and gratification. This speaks of labouring for oneself. Jesus addressed this in Peter when He said “feed My sheep”. Peter’s natural appetite was for the fish he caught. When he labored all night and caught nothing, Jesus was pointing out to him that the signature of the soul produces no eternal results. It cannot feed the soul. But at Jesus’ word the fish swam into the net and the catch was so great that nets began to break (John 21:5-12).

You can imagine Peter’s joy and happiness at such a catch. Through this example, Jesus is teaching us that it is His Word that holds the power of life and that we will find our purpose of life and fulness only at His Word. This is why Jesus followed this visual aid by inviting His disciples to come and dine with Him, meaning that His purpose for us was not to fulfill our signature, but to find our purpose in Him.

You have to care *about* someone before you can care *for* them. So the Lord teaches us about Him so we can care for His Him and His sheep. The current Christian culture practices a priesthood of the flesh and so they emphasize fleshly relationships and teach how to get to know a person so that you can appreciate them and properly care for each other.

But we know that God called us to a heavenly priesthood where He is giving us His perspective to share and reciprocate. God is teaching us to care for Him, to take care to build His house. He is teaching us that when we are in the same mind as He is then we are in the same mind with one another. Grace carries this power. We no longer have to find common ground in the flesh, we see the face of Christ in each other. The work of Christ in you is this image of Christ that God honors, which we then honor as well.

**God teaches us Satan's wiles:** The Deceiver deceives works with the natural man's inclination to only care for the things that have to do with his immediate pleasure and signature, and to value the priesthood of the flesh, to reciprocate on this level.

“Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you.” ~ 1 Peter 5:7

### **17) The Inclination of Man – To Seek Equity in the Flesh**

Equity has to do with inner harmony and inner balance. Satan took ownership of these words to teach man how to experience (pseudo) harmony and (pseudo) balance. The adversary uses the word inner means self (flesh). True equity is with God, not self. True equity is the down payment of our inheritance. God brings us into harmony with Him by first bringing us into the same mind, the same kingdom, and shares with us His plan. He gives us His Spirit and spiritual tokens of praise to share with us the depth, the height, the breadth, and length of His love through Jesus Christ.

Equity does not take place just because we accept this to be a fact. Equity takes place because we choose to remain in that calling wherein we are called. 2 Timothy 1:9, “Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.”

For us to experience equity with God we must first accept that our faith is perfect in Jesus Christ and needs nothing of the flesh to complete it. The inclination of man is to doubt the quality of faith that is perfect in Christ Jesus and to then seek equity in the flesh.

**God teaches us Satan's wiles:** The Deceiver deceives by working with the inclination of the natural man to measure his faith against himself to keep faith within the bounds of the flesh where man is most familiar. Seeking equity within self requires that we align our desire to our signature skills to find that place of peace and security where all seems right in our world. This expectation send faith off course. Faith becomes weak as the flesh becomes strong.

When the mind is laboring with the knowledge of the kingdom of darkness, it is working with the wrong knowledge and Satan is using your imagination to *struggle* with your circumstances to *enter into rest* (this is what God calls you using aspiration to gain false equity). God wants you to use the knowledge of Christ to enter into rest.

“He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.”  
Matthew 10:39

**18) The Inclination of Man – To Expect the Worst**

It is wrapped up in the psyche of man to expect the judgments of God's wrath because of sin. After Satan's counsel was heeded, after the tether to God was broken, after sin was introduced, man reacted to this breach between him and God by standing in expectation of God's judgments.

As a result, the natural man/woman is inclined to expect the worst of someone, or a situation, and of themselves and is therefore prone to feelings of inferiority, is suspicious of the motives of others and tends to worry that bad news is coming.

Worse yet, the natural man, expecting God's judgments, is in a constant state of feeling unworthy of God's love. The natural man often tries to deal with this by submitting himself/herself to spiritually flogging, beating God to the punch so to speak. The natural man uses works of contrition to demonstrate "surrender" "brokenness" and "humility", looking for ways to be found worthy of God's love.

The inclination is to find worthiness in the flesh. Each day is an opportunity to establish and then test one's worthiness. Worthiness is tested by seeing our worth through someone else's eyes. How does it pass through the filter of the prejudice of another? How is it weighed up? Who agrees with me? What does someone's disagreement mean?

Worthiness, when it is found in the flesh, is weak and suddenly undone by the inclination to mentally afflict oneself, to judge oneself as unworthy. This paradox cannot be escaped except in Christ. So no matter what you do or who agrees to it, it is undone by this act of mental flagellation. The mind comes back to this: "But am I worthy? No! You are not worthy! You are deserving of God's judgments! You are insufficient!"

Who said that? It was Satan, the accuser of the brethren that said that to you. The adulterer is calling you a fornicator (untrue to God) based on the inclination to expect the wrath of God because we are deserving of the wrath of God.

**God teaches us Satan's wiles:** The Deceiver deceives by working with man's inclination to expect the worst. Here we see that Satan works his deception into the psyche of man. He merely tells the lie that is agreeable to the separation you experienced with God when you were not in covenant.

**Always remember:** We bring forth the substance of the things we reflect on. If we want to bring forth the substance of Christ then we must show faith in God by reflecting on Jesus Christ according to His truth, and yield to His Spirit.

"Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.." ~Colossians 3:2