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IMPORTANT: Course Prerequisite

In order for us to cover all of the following material, we require all attendees who are new to The Inclination Workshop to have viewed the basic tutorials and practices regarding your cycles of growth found in the courses “Why Christians Suffer” and to have read “The God-Code” and “Moral Code”. These are important building blocks for your understanding. We also require attendees to study the curriculum prepared for this workshop.

Why Christians Suffer: <http://www.s8wministries.org/course.php?id=15>

The God-Code: <http://www.s8wministries.org/lesson.php?id=111&lesson=the-god-code>

The Moral Code: <http://www.s8wministries.org/lesson.php?id=112&lesson=the-moral-code>

The Inclination Workshop Curriculum

The Inclination Workshop was created as part of God’s Intelligent Design for Christ-Centered Spiritual Transformation® (IDCCST®) Christian education offered by Second 8th Week Ministries to provide believers with the right tools to understand how to overcome themselves, the world, and the devil as the Bible says, “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” (1 John 4:4)

This curriculum can be used as an individual study guide or facilitated through group discussion. It supports both the “Win the Battle for Your Mind” course and “Why Christians Suffer” course and is designed to work with the “Spiritual Workout Results Guide” (SWRG). It is meant to be flexible, allowing you to work from any particular focus presented in either course. You are encouraged to track your daily results using your SWRG as the workshop progresses.

Workshop Goals

(1) The Inclination Workshop steers believers through a 5-step planning process designed for them to overcome themselves, the world, and the devil. (2) Learn how to use the Spiritual Workout Results Guide (SWRG) to track results. (3) Understand the 8 Steps used by the natural man to build new shields. (4) Course is based on the 3-phase cycle of growth: revelation, resistance, and reward. The course is meant to assist believers as they move into the resistance phase to identify the natural rhythms that tend to occur.

The Inclination curriculum will cover 18 separate inclinations of man in 7 sessions. Why is it important to learn the 18 inclinations of man? Because God called us to overcome. The first step and the hardest is to overcome is ourselves. We are our own worst enemy. We have to find out why that is.

Materials

- 1) Course curriculum: Lesson 02:
Download here: <http://s8wministries.org/direct-downloads/inclination-workshop-lesson-02.pdf>
- 2) Resource: 18 Inclinations of Man. Read inclinations #1:
Download here: <http://www.s8wministries.org/general.php?id=52>
- 3) Resource: The 12 Facets of the God-Code:
View the lesson here: www.s8wministries.org/lesson.php?id=111&lesson=the-god-code
- 4) Spiritual Warfare Wheel: The 5-Step Planning Process
Download here: <http://s8wministries.org/direct-downloads/spiritual-warfare-wheel.doc>
- 5) 8 Steps to Building New Shields
Download here: <http://s8wministries.org/direct-downloads/8-steps-to-building-new-shields.doc>
- 6) Spiritual Workout Results Guide (SWRG)
Download your free SWRG here:
<http://s8wministries.org/speciality-pdf/spiritual-workout-results-guide.pdf>
- 7) SWRG Users' Manual
Download your free SWRG Users' Manual here:
<http://s8wministries.org/speciality-pdf/SWRG-Users-Manual.pdf>
- 8) Power Point Presentation:
Download here: <http://s8wministries.org/direct-downloads/inclination-workshop-lesson-02.ppsx>

S1) Open Power Point to slide #3 and State the Learning Goal

Opening Scripture: Bible says, “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.” (1 John 4:4)

Workshop Goals: The goal of Inclination Lesson 02 is to discuss the first inclination of man: Emotional Profiling. Attendees will (1) use the Spiritual Warfare Wheel (5-Step Planning Process) to assist them to overcome themselves, the world, and the devil, (2) track their results using the Spiritual Workout Results Guide (SWRG), and (3) utilize the 8 Steps to Building New Shields chart to break down barriers. This course is based on the 3-phase cycle of growth: revelation, resistance, and reward. The course is meant to assist believers as they move into the resistance phase to identify the natural rhythms that tend to occur.

S2) Open Power Point to slide #4: The Inclination of Man #1 –Emotional Profiling

Read the text: What is Emotional Profiling? It is an opinion that, 9 times out of 10, is negative and reflects an emotional profile of a 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, to then express that to whoever will listen, and expect reciprocation. Reciprocations is used to validate self.

S3) Open Power Point to slide #5:

Read the text: The need for reciprocation is understood when the imprint of the God-Code upon the soul is considered. God desires all things to mirror His pleasure and because 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 to validate self is seen in this aspect of “mirror” (the 12th facet of the God-Code).

S4) Slide #6 Discussion#1

1. Discuss the inclination to emotionally profile. Why do we have a compulsion to do that? You may draw from other inclinations of man. For example, inclination #18, the inclination to expect the worst.
2. Where does the prejudice come from? Why is it trusted? Why should we question it? Where does it lead? What path does it take us down?
3. What is another word for this inclination of man to emotionally profile others? Gossip. How many of you learned from experience that things that are said about other people, 9 times out of 10 are not true, and always carry the prejudice of another person’s mind? Yet the Bible says that we are to carry the mind of Christ (1 Corinthians 2:16).

S5) Slide #7 How to Get At The Inclination of Man

There are 2 ways to go about getting at the inclination of man that God challenges in our growth cycles. We can either discuss why Emotional Profiling is hurtful to ourselves and hurtful to others, stressing that God desires us to love one another and point out certain scriptures to back that up, or we can go at this another way. Or, we can look at the underlying appetite and drive of the soul that makes us inclined to Emotional Profiling. We would then discover the natural rhythm that tends to take place, assess our vulnerability to that, Satan’s Deception, gain God’s perspective, and overcome.

S6) Slide #8 Discussion #2

Discuss why the first avenue of approach does not lead to victory. I want you to dig deep. If you don’t want the Enemy wasting your time, leading you down the wrong path, you’ll need to fortify yourself against it. Here are a few points for discussion:

1. A person might initially feel badly about their behavior and respond by taking it to God in prayer, but not being equipped with the tools of Christ, fall back into the same frame of mind.
2. The first approach leans upon the moral code. The moral code likes to chastise your thoughts and behavior, but this is not the chastening of the Lord. It is in fact the moral code that has an insatiable appetite for validation. The moral code is needy. Each cycle of growth God challenges the validation addiction of the moral code.
3. Another response that is quite common is for a person to say that gossip does not glorify God and then say, “I want to glorify you, Jesus with the words of my mouth.” But just saying that doesn’t change anything. God is glorified when we turn on the priesthood.

S7) Slide #9 Discussion #2 continued

4. Another response that is quite common is for a person to try to think about all the positive points of another person, to counter the negative with the positive. This response does not please God because only faith pleases God and faith is the likeness of Christ, which you reciprocate in your priesthood.
5. The need to allow God to author the fruit rather than the moral code.
6. Going to the God-Code, you get more answers that work. You can turn off what the Enemy is trying to turn on and gain the victory. (see slide 10)
7. Turning off the God-Code and turning on the priesthood, you turn away from expressing that which is in rhythm with yourself to instead expressing Christ.
8. Turning off the God-Code and turning on the priesthood, you also turn away from the Enemy when he emotionally profiles YOU to yourself.

S8) Slide #10 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 flesh learned to share its prejudice in place of sharing Christ from the foundation of truth.

The God-Code is complaining that everything is not as it should be. Everything does not mirror the mindset of our perfection and becomes frustrated first with the imperfection it sees in others 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

S9) Slide #11 Spiritual Warfare Wheel: Step 1: Identify the Inclination

Take out your Spiritual Warfare Wheel. We're going to use this workshop to go through the 5 steps to gain some experience with it. This diagram illustrates the 5-Step planning process to overcome ourselves, the word, and the devil: (Step 1) identify the natural rhythms that tend to occur, how they are inclined to follow that rhythm, (Step 2) assess our vulnerability to the inclination, (Step 3) identify the deception, (Step 4) identify God's perspective, and (Step 5) overcome.

STEP ONE: Identify the Inclination: Emotional Profiling. When you identify this option offered by Satan to the imagination that God is challenging for healing, record this challenge in your SWRG.

S10) Slide #12 Record Your Results: Identify the Inclination

Turn to your SWRG and find the section that asks you to identify the Inclination of Man. You are asked to record 1 or 2 inclinations you experience when your cycle moves into resistance. This will help you discern the vulnerability God is addressing for healing.

As you see in this slide, the inclination to Emotional Profiling often works with the inclination to expect the worst, so we've penciled in #18 along with #1. Training yourself to become aware of the nature rhythm that tends to take place is a necessary first step.

You might want to discuss what other inclinations might be at work with the inclination to Emotional Profiling. For example, the inclination To Make Straight That Which is Crooked (#11), or the inclination to Focus on the Wrong Thing (#8). You are not asked to "get them all". These exercises are designed for you to grow in your awareness of these windows (of the imagination) when they are open, to equip you to go and shut them. You'll have to think mentally about what is happening. These exercises are designed to help pin point why your inclinations leave you so valuable!

What we did further was to discern what facet of the flesh was firing up. Let's say for example, you noticed your inclination to Emotional Profiling when signature skills are being compared. You'll want to make a note of that and check the appropriate box. Or if you discerned that your inclination to Emotional Profiling was triggered by the moral code and God-Code (as discussed earlier) then you'll want to check those boxes as well.

As you check these boxes physically, you're learning to do this mentally so that when the time comes, you'll mentally come back to this section in your SWRG and kick in your reflection and discernment.

Scripture: “For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.” (2 Corinthians 10:3-4)

S11) Slide #13 Spiritual Warfare Wheel: Step 2: Assess Your Vulnerability

STEP TWO: Assess your vulnerability. Go back through your discussion notes from discussion 1 & 2 and your vulnerability becomes clear. We are vulnerable to the God-Code and moral code. Add to that Satan’s promise that is imbedded in the flesh and we understand what we are pursuing and why we are vulnerable to Satan’s promise.

Satan promises we will find rest, closure, discover ourselves, and find equity in the flesh. Emotional Profiling is one way of getting at that promise. Emotional Profiling has to do with moving the competition out of the way or using them to compare yourself to assess how close you are to your goal.

Add to that the natural man’s way of dealing with his vulnerability is to build new shields, we can add that to our assessment. We are vulnerable to build new shields. Let’s look at the 8 steps to building new shields. Each step continues to further identify our vulnerability.

S12) Slide #14 Discuss the Promise of Satan in Emotional Profiling

Discuss the promise of Satan in Emotional Profiling. Then use the 8-Steps To Building New Shields to discuss the path Satan’s promises take. At what point can Satan’s promise be understood as a lie? For example, the promise of self discovery is seen as a lie when the path leads to suspicion and feelings of inferiority. Do you discern a lack of substance in Satan’s promise?

From your SWRG users’ Manual pp 14 - 15:

It’s great to be able to discern the inclination when it is in action! By following the 5-Step Plan we not only overcome the inclination, but prevent the building of new shields. When the inclination of man is put into practice we will always observe a chain of events taking place:

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| 1. Vulnerability | 2. Suspicion | 3. Projection | 4. Aggravation |
| 5. Inferiority | 6. Reasoning | 7. Breach of Trust | 8. Building of New Shields |

Let’s back up a bit to find out what a “shield is”. A shield is like a mask that we wear on the outside to protect what we don’t want others to see on the inside. At the core of our vulnerability lies the fact that the soul, separated from God, is naked. When we come to Christ we are clothed in His righteousness and carry the shield of faith to protect us from the fiery darts of the devil.

The Adversary will come and challenge that shield of Christ and he does this by shooting arrows at your vulnerability. He wants you to go through the 8 steps to build new shields of the flesh. Any of the 18 inclinations will make us feel vulnerable, upon which we will feel suspicious as we begin to ask what, when, where, why, and how about this vulnerability (by the way, suspicion is the flesh's way of finding equity). Because we can't find equity in the flesh, the mind next projects with the imagination outcomes that will guarantee our peace and security.

Ask Yourself: How do I respond to the temptation to build new shields?

1. Do I follow through on suspicion to finding equity in the flesh or do I follow through on the 5 Step Process of transformation to find equity in Christ?
2. Do I allow God to challenge the way in which my mind builds new shields?
3. Do I respond to feelings of inferiority by building new shields to project a new image of myself, or do I allow God to dismantle the shield by addressing the inclination of man?

Scripture: “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”

~Romans 8:37

S 13) Discussion Point

In what way is Emotional Profiling a distraction?

Scripture: “And this I speak for your own profit; not that I may cast a snare upon you, but for that which is comely, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without *distraction*.” (1 Corinthians 7:35)

S14) Slide #15 Record Your Results: Identify the Emotion

You're now going to record your results on your SWRG. Scroll up in your Guide to identify which emotions you experience when Emotional Profiling is being targeted by God for healing. Do you experience guilt or hopelessness? Are you sad, suspicious or experience frustration? Discuss how this is *not* a direct result of words said, but the inclination to emotionally profile and the lack of substance in Satan's promise.

I know, it seems like we are working backwards in our Guide, but I want you to see that it can work either way for you. You could first identify the emotion that tips you off that God is challenging what Satan is building, or you could identify the inclination and connect it to the emotion. This gives you a better idea of understanding what we mean when we say that Satan's promises hold no substance. He targets your lack or loss and through Emotional Profiling points that out to you in others, which then comes back on you.

You are asked to place a check mark next to the emotions that apply to your challenge. Remember, this is an exercise for your discernment, not a lie detector test. Use the “others” box in your SWRG to record other emotions not provided in the Guide. You may be surprised to learn how often the same emotions pop up from day to day when challenges occur. So use your SWRG to spot the pattern.

S15) Slide #16 Spiritual Warfare Wheel: Step 3: Identify the Deception

STEP THREE: Identify the Deception. Have you discerned the Deceiver’s Deception? If you have been paying attention, you have spotted the Enemy. God wants to uncover that for you. That is one purpose for Him authorizing your cycle of growth. God will challenge Satan’s false knowledge to show you that Satan’s promise is a deception. This discernment comes out in our day-to-day experiences at the altar of Christ and in our cycles of growth.

From your SWRG Users’ Manual pp 17 - 18:

The knowledge of this world competes with God. God created us to reciprocate to Him, but the knowledge of the world is used for reciprocation, robbing the heart of faith as it replaces the eternal work of God with temporal things.

God promised that He would give substance to the soul: fruit, virtue, glory, and the honor of God, filling the soul with heavenly food. False knowledge promises substance for the soul: the honor of man, the pride of life, the spoils of war, leaving the soul void.

False knowledge promises power, but the Spirit of God does not rest upon it. False knowledge promises to keep you in rhythm with the world, but the soul needs to be in rhythm with God.

The flesh is this earthly perspective that is gained by the knowledge of this world, which carries our own opinion based on our own experiences of life, born of our culture, which is now our prejudice.

Satan’s prejudice is sown in our thought patterns, which God challenges in our cycles of growth. If you find yourself dipping into the well of false knowledge you might notice. . .

Thoughts of anger

Thoughts of envy

Thoughts of pride

Thoughts of displeasure at God’s will

Thoughts of dissatisfaction with life

Thoughts of being discontent. . .for example. . .

- I lack patience
- I don’t feel like God is caring for me.

These thoughts are identified as the option Satan gives through the imagination. The Enemy wants you to accept this knowledge so that you will live by his testimony. This is Satan's testimony:

That God is not enough
 That God does not love you
 That your faith is not strong enough
 That God has abandoned you without hope
 That you have to fight for equity in the flesh
 That God wants you to live by the lower nature
 That God's truth must be supported by your aspiration
 That God's way will never work
 That God's truth requires patience that you don't have
 That God neglected you
 That you are too mixed up to know what real faith is
 That you have to sort this out in your mind

What I want you to do is come back to this section as we talk about the other inclinations of man and apply them to each inclination. If you know how to apply these thought pattern to one, learning the others will not be difficult. Do you see a pattern emerging? Do you see the deception you are overcoming?

Scripture: Neither give place to the devil.” (Ephesians 4:27)

S16) Slide #17 Spiritual Warfare Wheel: Step 4: Identify God's Perspective

STEP FOUR: identify God's Perspective. God's perspective is gained through each revolution of your growth cycle. God is always teaching you something. So pay attention and turn on your reflection and you'll learn from your heavenly Father every day.

Remember to keep your reflections going during the day. Remember that grace is the core of your strength. That's why prayer is so vital. It is the doorway for your experience with God. You'll hear me repeating the same instructions about your priesthood over and over again until it becomes a part of your thinking. You'll hear me repeating the same instructions about your growth over and over again. God brings you into a place of conflict and contradiction to remind you that Satan's promises are empty and his words hold no substance of life.

From your SWRG Users' Manual pp 19:

God continues to bring you back to the priesthood and labor with the tools of Christ to show you that your fulness is in Him and that grace is the greater power. God confirms the need to labor in your priesthood to keep faith strong.

Satan seeks to sever you from God. But God gave us tokens to keep us joined to Him. You will see that in each cycle of growth. God calls His children to be separate in their thoughts. Those of faith use the power of their tether to endure for the promise of the adoption and they keep themselves unspotted from the world. We should not expect an increase of faith if we are not laboring with grace. We should not expect to grow in confidence of the tools of the covenant if we neglect them.

God calls His children to learn how to stand in His grace, in agreement with His testimony. As you grow in the power of grace you will find that you will rule over double mindedness and all the snares of the enemy. Satan would have you appease the doubt of your logic and deflects your faith from working with grace. God would have you reason with grace for faith and directs you to be active with His tools.

S17) Discuss what you learned from your last growth cycle

Here is where you'll learn how important your Reflection Book and SWRG are. Draw from them to discuss the value of learning God's perspective.

S18) Slide #18 Spiritual Warfare Wheel: Step 5: Overcome

STEP FIVE: CONGRATULATIONS! If you're doing this right, if you were choosing faith over the flesh, if you were turning on your reflection and turning off the moral code and God-Code, you overcame yourself, the world, and the devil. You overcame the aspiration of man, the principle of man, and the imagination of man.

Scripture: "And every man that striveth for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. I therefore so run, not as uncertainly; so fight I, not as one that beateth the air: But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway. (1 Corinthians 9:25-27)

S19) Slide #19 SWRG: Identify the Yoke

Refer to pp 28-34 of your SWRG Users' Manual to discuss the yoke you are identifying, the choice you are making, and your reflection.

SWRG Users' Manual (pp 28): The next challenge you are asked to identify on your SWRG is the yoke you are carrying. God does not want us living by the power of our aspiration, principle, or imagination (the yoke of the flesh). Our heavenly Father wants us to live by the power of Christ.

Each growth cycle is designed by your life coach, the Holy Spirit, to teach you to discern the difference between the yoke of the flesh and the yoke of Christ. We are made to understand how Satan yokes believers with the threefold yoke of aspiration, principle and imagination and how each cycle of growth is designed to break this yoke.

We gave each of these 3 yokes a name and personality so you can more easily identify the deception:

Aspiration¹: She is Jezebel. God will challenge the “*The Jezebel Yoke*”

Principle: She is Athaliah. God will challenge the “*The Athaliah Yoke*”

Imagination: She is Delilah. God will challenge the “*The Delilah Yoke*”

Aspiration is the *DRIVE* the soul has to aspire to achieve its own design to gain *peace and security*. God teaches us in scripture how the spirit of Jezebel works. Just as Jezebel needed a witness (flattery) and her prophets were that voice, so the flesh looks for a witness to be its voice of flattery. . .How does that relate to Emotional Profiling?

Principle is the *LAW* that is used to dominate others, to rule over others to maintain one's *peace and security*. God teaches us in scripture how the spirit of Athaliah works. Just as Athaliah destroyed all the royal seed to protect her throne, so the principle of man destroys to protect its own peace and security. . . How does that relate to Emotional Profiling?

The imagination is that power that *PROJECTS* for *peace and security*. Delilah worked with the promise of the lords of the Philistines to project with her imagination her own peace and security. She had to entice faith (Samson) to learn the secret of his strength. So too, the imagination is faith's enemy and will betray you every time. . . How does that relate to Emotional Profiling?

¹ Learn more about the Jezebel Yoke. Free lesson gives amazing insights:
www.s8wministries.org/lesson.php?id=119-lesson=aspiration--the-jezebel-yoke

S20) Slide 19: Identify Your Choice of Faith: SWRG Users' Manual pp 31

Here you are asked to chart the results of your choice of faith. God drew you into this scenario to allow you this opportunity to choose faith, so never pass it up. engage God in time of reflective fellowship, using the pattern of Christ for faith. Give yourself over to Prayer, Preaching and Prophecy (see pp 7 SWRG User's Manual).

The simple act of turning on your reflection and silently praying in tongues means that you are turning towards God to bury the aspiration, quiet the principle, and shut the window of the imagination. It means that you are choosing to express Christ rather than the flesh and putting your confidence in God's revelation rather than the promise of Enemy.

The longer you wait to kick in your reflections, the harder it is going to be, so don't delay. God allows the Enemy to offer you the option to faith to fill your appetite with the things of this world, but your heavenly Father is waiting for you with outstretched arms to embrace you in fellowship to fill your soul with heavenly manna.

S21) Slide 19: Identify Your Choice of Faith: SWRG Users' Manual pp 34

Here you are asked to record a reflection. It may be a word of knowledge (w/k) or word of wisdom (w/w) that sparks your reflection, or it may a reflection gained while laboring with a spiritual sacrifice of prophecy, or connections God was reinforcing during your growth cycle, or meaning of a dream symbolism God gave you.

You don't have to receive a word of knowledge or word of wisdom to reflect, but you'll soon learn to identify these as the Spirit gives them to you. The difference between a word of wisdom and a word of knowledge is that wisdom directs your faith and knowledge is facts about the plan of God the Spirit is affirming for your labor. Either way, the Holy Spirit is engaging your faith to assist you to build.

I received this word upon awakening one morning, "Knowledge is necessary for hope". When God spoke this to me I experienced a tremendous peace. As I began to reflect on the instruction of our heavenly Father, directing faith to work with His knowledge, I was amazed at how faithful God is to address our expectation and how that can be contrasted to the expectation of the world.

The knowledge of the world leads to hopelessness because it separates us from God. God sets His knowledge before us, so that faith's journey is walked out in cadence with Him. Such a precious gift is this journey of covenant faith! It removes our feet from the path (expectation) of the flesh and sets our feet upon the path (expectation) of life.

We can expect to experience the presence of the Lord.

We can expect that peace will buffer our heart.
We can expect God to reciprocate His joy.

Scripture: “As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.” (1 Peter 4:10)

S22) Slide 20: Identify the Reward

Refer to pp 39-42 of your SWRG Users’ Manual to discuss the reward of faith, your goals, and your motivation.

If you didn’t cast away your confidence in the time of testing, you’ll receive the reward of your choices of faith. What you are asked to do here is record the reward of your faith. I want you to get used to thinking about the impact of grace upon the heart and that is the purpose of the first line.

There are 9 operations in the grace of God that you experience each time God ministers His grace to you. That is why grace is called “the gift of grace” (Ephesians 3:7). Grace is issued by God every day for your growth to reward your diligence of faith. The reason why you may not have noticed the gift of grace may be because you were not looking for it. Once you know what to look for, you’ll soon become a “grace addict”. Which is a good thing.

As your appetite for grace increases, your appetite for the things of this world decreases. And that’s what you want! Learning to appreciate the grace of God means learning to identify the operation of God in it [look again at the 9 operation sin grace listed below]. I’ve selected operation #3 - 4 in the sample SWRG above. Meaning that, I picked up on how grace strengthened my will for faith and how grace created equity between my mind and emotions.

You may want to jot yourself a note. For example, “Really noticing how the reward sustains me and fills me with so much joy!” You may also want to jot down a scripture that ministered to you. “For as the sufferings of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.” (2 Corinthians 1:5) As you are a partaker of the suffering so you are a partaker of His grace. We find rest through faith as the Spirit assists our singleness by the tokens of His covenant. Did I say this takes place on a daily basis? It does!

A believer once wrote to mm to say, “I do realize the difference in days of less reflection. There is a noticeable amount more stress and anxiety. I’ve been pretty steady this last week and feeling the fruits of it.” Record those results. Those kinds of notations will help you see your progress and encourage you in the 3 Cs of your faith: consistency, conformity, and communication.

Scripture: “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)

S23) Slide 20: Identify Your Goals: SWRG Users' Manual pp 41

What is God's purpose for you? Why did He bring you into His family? When you can answer those questions then you'll know what your spiritual goals are each day. You'll want to pencil your spiritual goal onto your SWRG just to remind yourself. That's a good habit and it will help you with your focus throughout the day.

In the sample to the left I penciled in "fruit bearing". The scripture John 15:8 tells us God's purpose, which then is our goal. Jesus said, "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples."

God's Purpose is the Same for Each of us

God's purpose is the same for each of us and it is the same each day. It does not change. God's purpose is that the soul bear the image of His Son. The calling may be different (God calls apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers), but His purpose remains the same.

God's purpose is to heal the soul of the scars Satan inflicted and to form Christ within. The fruit of this work is called the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. God's purpose is that we know Him through fruit bearing. Jesus said, "And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent." (John 17:3).

S24) Slide 20: Identify Your Motivation: SWRG Users' Manual pp 42

Here you are asked to reflect on what is motivating your faith. It will always be one of two things: Faith will either be motivated to find peace and security by resolving the troubling circumstances of your life or faith will be motivated to enter into rest by increasing the soul in God's kingdom. Checking the box for "increase". A daily reminder of God's desire that you increase His kingdom is a healthy thing.

When in conflict for growth, God allows Satan to present the options for the choice of will. This is when the conflict is beneficial for you. As Satan presents to you the options for your will, you will be able to discern why the knowledge he gives you is false, where he hides his promises to you (lies), how he speaks to your imagination, what happens when you follow the shadow of his leading, and what happens when you stand in the revelation of the Spirit.

The natural man, having a valley to mountain mindset sees only one thing and that is to resolve the problem, reverse the circumstance, and gain material blessings. The natural man wants to go from the valley to the mountaintop to prove God's love, presence, and work. God is teaching you the difference between how Satan leads you to resolve conflict by motivating faith to address the issues and how God leads you to resolve conflict by motivating faith to increase the kingdom of God.

What is happening there is that the natural man is making an effort to stay in rhythm with what is familiar to him. You can expect that, but you can also learn how to resist that challenge and succeed at overcoming yourself, the world, and the devil.

This level of training may be quite different from what you've been used to, when faith was motivated to get God to resolve the issues of your life. It's very important to wrap your mind around this distinction that God is making. Apostle Eric coined "Themistic Law" to bring this very teaching to the forefront and a small excerpt from his book "Breaking the Antichrist Code"² chapter 41 "Understanding Satan's Inroads through Themistic Law" pp 340-346 is included in your SWRG Users' Manual. Bits and pieces are taken from that dynamic chapter for your daily reflection. This teaching is so valuable when we consider how the Enemy daily challenges faith to stand in confidence of the flesh.

Closing Remarks

It's great to overcome yourself! The things that used to hook you begin to lose their power. If you are new to the faith and haven't thought much about your spiritual growth cycles, don't allow the Enemy to overwhelm you, thinking that you'll never get this. You will. Learning how to navigate around the Enemy's tactics and staying on the path of your priesthood is much like following direction to a new restaurant someone suggested. Your directions might sound confusing simply because you've never been there.

You look down at the scrap of paper your friend gave you. It says: Go down highway 64 until you come to the second off-ramp. Take a right, go 2 blocks then take a left and then go down that street for 2 miles, you'll see a gas station on the corner with a mini mart. Don't turn there, go one more block, then turn right, you'll immediately see a video shop on the left, the restaurant is right across the street. You can't miss it!

The first time you follow those directions you might feel a bit lost, unless you have a GPS, of course. But for the purpose of this illustration, and what I want you to get, is that once you find out that the restaurant you're visiting for the first time does your steak just the way you like it or has the best low-cal menu, you find your way back there without hesitation and pretty soon you spot your turns without checking the map.

If you keep your priesthood turned on, and your reflections turned on, the Holy Spirit will guide you each step of the way and you'll be amazed day after day at the progress you are making. You'll be able to keep your motivation on track because you're keeping your goals on track. You'll learn to anticipate the reward of your faith and understand that endurance is all about the 3 Cs. Each workshop is designed to keep you going, keep you challenged, and keep you growing!

² <http://www.antichristcode.s8w.org/>

Closing Prayer

My heavenly Father, thank you for delivering me from Satan’s traps and lies. Thank you for teaching me about the power you invested into the priesthood tools. The token of prayer accompanies this glorious transformation, even by the Spirit of the Lord. It is through my priesthood that my faith stands in the power of your might. It is through the priesthood tools that you equip me to overcome myself, the world, and the devil.

I understand that the flesh is subject to the Spirit and that the Spirit rules. I ask that you continue to reveal yourself to me that I might know you and glorify you through the fruit of Christ you form in my inner man every day.

Additional Exercise

In the space below, take some headings from your reading(s) and make up some questions that you find the answers to as you read:

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Question: _____

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