

The Process of Being Righteous

Chapter 12

Now that you have studied, know and understand the Kingdom of God and God's ways of doing things, and you have studied, know and understand God's Righteousness, lets get down to the chase, and that is, "What is the process of being Righteous?"

Most if not all of this is a repeat of what is written in the many other Volumes and chapters, but the point here is to bring it all together. You should have learned these things by now, but learning and doing are not always the same thing. I have learned that understanding the theory and knowing how to apply that theory is not the same. The way you apply it is not necessarily how you learned it.

For example in electronics, they teach you how the microchip works, how it functions and how it inter-functions with other chips, but when it comes time to use it or repair it, that theory gives you no clue how to put it on the circuit board, now to wire it, or interconnect it to the other chips. So knowing the theory does not tell you whether you use the blue wire or the red wire to hook up that chip.

So it is here. We have been learning God's way of doing things, His truths and His will, but do you know how to apply this understanding and knowledge? I have tried to give examples of how I applied God's word and how I have grown in faith and applied that faith, but I believe that at this point we should just have a chapter on applying our faith in God; a chapter on the process of being righteous—how to be and stay righteous.

As we have been saying, that the main point of being righteous is being obedient, and being it willingly, not grudgingly, or because it is required, but freely and willingly. It is something that you have decided that you want to do, because you love God and not because you have to or you fear that you will go to HELL. That is another form of selfishness.

Remember:

MT 16:24 "Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me. [25] **For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for Me will find it.** [26] What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? [27] For the Son of Man is going to come in His Father's glory with His angels, and then He will reward each person according to what He has done. [28] I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in His kingdom."

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Whoever wants... This means whoever is willing.. This verse explains why you should but it still says that you must want, you must be willing to loose your life for Him. We can do that because we trust Him to care for you, to either save you, resurrect you or just take you home to be with our Father in Heaven. Either way you win. So why not? This is the first thing you must settle in your heart and mind. To make the decision and keep that decision to obey God even unto death that is hard to come to terms with, but you cannot be obedient if you do not. God holds the keys to life and death, not the devil anymore. Jesus took those keys when He rose from the dead on Easter. That decision is crucial to your faith. That in fact is the center of your faith, and without faith you cannot be saved, or do anything with God.

This part you must know and understand by now, if not, then you must go back and read, pray and meditate on the word and get it. If you do not get it, then you will be like the church of Laodicea:

REV 3:14 "To the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These are the words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the ruler of God's creation. [15] I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other! [16] So, because you are lukewarm--neither hot nor cold--**I am about to spit you out of My mouth.** [17] You say, 'I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing.' But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. [18] I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich; and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your shameful nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see.

REV 3:19 "Those whom I love I rebuke and discipline. So be earnest, and repent. [20] Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me."

REV 3:21 "To him who overcomes, I will give the right to sit with me on My throne, just as I overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne. [22] He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

God says that you must be either hot or cold because if you are content, then He can do nothing with you. Being hot is self explanatory, but to be a cold person is one who believes to salvation but does not have the training or discipleship or willingness to be hot. However, the lukewarm person is one who thinks that they know all about God and that they think that are doing God's will, but they do not realize that they have been deceived and are ignorant to God's ways. It is especially hard for God since His is and has been sending His Holy Spirit out to teach, but that person does not know Him or does not wish to know Him.

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Either case the presence of the Holy Spirit is being ignored in that person's life. That is why He is rejecting the lukewarm people. For if they were really His Child they would know His voice and follow it.

JN 10:1 "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. [2] The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of His sheep. [3] The watchman opens the gate for Him, and the sheep listen to His voice. He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. [4] When He has brought out all His own, He goes on ahead of them, **and His sheep follow Him because they know His voice.** [5] But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." [6] Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what He was telling them."

Why did the disciples not understand what He was saying, were they stupid or incapable? NO. Jesus had not opened their minds and heart to know and understand yet. Isaiah 6.

In short, righteousness is nothing more than the battle for your mind and heart, for your mind is the entrance to your heart and your heart is where your spirit lives and lives with the Holy Spirit, and without the Holy Spirit you are empty and subject to being devoured by the devil, the roaring lion.

We have power and control over our mind and heart, and in reality, nothing else, God is in control over everything else.

Which means it is the battle for our attitudes, and our will: the attitude from our mind and the will from our heart. In a righteous person, the two work together to the Kingdom of God.

MT 13:10 "The disciples came to Him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?"

MT 13:11 "He replied, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. [12] Whoever has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him. [13] This is why I speak to them in parables:

"Though seeing, they do not see;
though hearing, they do not hear or understand."

MT 13:14 "In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:
" `You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving."

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MT 13:15 “For this people's heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.
Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.”

MT 13:16 “But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. [17] For I tell you the truth, many prophets and righteous men longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. “

He says this last part because He wanted to ensure them that He is showing them how He opened their ears, and eyes and that they should be learning and understanding the things of God.

A lot of “Be”s

For Example the scriptures says:

RO 12:9 “Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. [10] **Be devoted** to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. [11] Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. [12] **Be joyful in hope**, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. [13] Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.”

There are a lot of “Be”s here: be joyful, be patient, be faithful. All of these “Be”s mean, “to have the attitude of”. To be joyful, means to make the decision to have the attitude of joy, and to have it no matter how you feel. Do you see anything about feeling here? NO. Attitudes are set, they are decided by your mind and heart. Once you have decided, then usually humans act on their decisions. You have to decide to want to be joyful, to want to be obedient to God. He says to be joyful, well if you want to be obedient, then you must make that decision, and that decision then opens the door to the Holy Spirit and He will then strengthen you with His power to help support your decision. He will strengthen you with His feelings. God does not say that we do not have feelings, He says that you should not be controlled by our feelings. He says that we control our feeling by our decisions and attitudes.

He says that feelings are rewards by the spirit world for being obedient to them. If you are obedient to God, then the Holy Spirit will fill you with the Fruits of the Spirit, but if you are disobedient, which means to be obedient to the evil spirits, you will receive and be filled with the evil spirit feelings.

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GAL 5:13 “You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love. [14] The entire law is summed up in a single command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” [15] If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.”

GAL 5:16 “So I say, **live by the Spirit**, and you will not gratify the desires of the sinful nature. [17] For the sinful nature desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the sinful nature. They are in conflict with each other, so that you do not do what you want. [18] But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under law.”

GAL 5:19 “**The acts of the sinful nature** are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; [20] idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions [21] and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.”

As you remember Ephesians:

EPH 2:1 “As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, [2] in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, **the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient**. [3] All of us also lived among them at one time, **gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts**. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath. [4] But because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, [5] made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions--it is by grace you have been saved. [6] And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, [7] in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus. [8] For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- [9] not by works, so that no one can boast. [10] For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

We were born with this sinful nature, it was given down to us from Adam when he sinned, it became part of his blood, the curse of spiritual death, and friendship with the evil world.

Note: See “Born again, in Volume 1, Chapter 7 of The Kingdom of God—The Beginning..

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So the sinful nature is when we follow the ways of the world controlled by the devil. So the acts of the sinful nature are evil. Therefore, when we do evil we receive the evil spirit feelings as a reward for our disobedience.

Then to continue:

GAL 5:22 “**But the fruit of the Spirit** is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, [23] gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. [24] **Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires.** [25] Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. [26] Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.”

If you will notice that all of the “Be”s are rewarded with feelings from the Holy Spirit for being obedient by having the proper attitude: a Godly attitude. Again, as you see, having that Godly attitude opens the door to the Holy Spirit and He will fill and reward you with the fruit of the Spirit.

1JN 3:7 “Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as He is righteous. [8] He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. [9] No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. [10] This is how we know who the **children of God** are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.”

1JN 3:11 “This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. [12] Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. [13] Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. [14] We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. [15] Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.”

To hate is another attitude. It is a mindset. To be willing to forgive is a mindset, another attitude. With the attitude of forgiveness, you open the door to peace from the Holy Spirit, but if you hate, then your attitude has opened the window to the evil spirit of hate and you will be filled with the hatred feeling as your reward for your disobedience.

1JN 3:16 “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. [17] If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how

can the love of God be in him? [18] Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. [19] This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, **and how we set our hearts at rest in His presence** [20] whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and He knows everything.”

To be willing to lay down your life for a friend is a mindset. “To be willing” means that you have decided to have the attitude to believe, trust and act on that, which is having faith in God. Through your faith, you have decided to have the attitude of love. But what is love, here He says it means that you care more for your brother than yourself, it is being selfless—another attitude because it requires you to “BE”. Being selfless is having the attitude of selflessness. What else is love?

1CO 13:1 “If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. [2] If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. [3] If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing.

1CO 13:4 “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. [5] It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. [6] Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. [7] It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”

1CO 13:8 “Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. [9] For we know in part and we prophesy in part, [10] but when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears. [11] When I was a child, I talked like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I put childish ways behind me. [12] Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known.”

1CO 13:13 “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.”

To repeat from Volume 2, chapter 1 Introduction to God’s Love.

Lets summarize what love is (prentices my addition from other parts of the bible):

- 1. Love is patient (love waits, love has endless limits, love knows no ends)**
- 2. Love is kind (love is not mean or haughty)**

3. Love does not envy (but love is generous, love seeks pleasure in others happiness)
4. Love does not boast (but love is gracious)
5. Love is not proud (but love is humble and full of mercy)
6. Love is not rude (but love is polite and well mannered)
7. Love is not self-seeking (but love is self-less and seeking others welfare first)
8. Love is not easily angered (but love is full of peace)
9. Love keeps no record of wrongs (love does not hold a grudge, but desires forgives and forgets)
10. Love does not delight in evil but love rejoices with the truth (in doing good and living Godly)
11. Love always protects (love never hurts, nor is love bitter or mean; it is never revengeful)
12. Love always trusts
13. Love always hopes
14. Love always perseveres
15. Love never fails

These are the attitudes of Love. Love is not a feeling, love is an attitude, and that attitude opens the door for the Holy Spirit to fill you with His feelings of love. You have to decide to have that attitude. But the attitude must come first, then the feeling.

Always remember to this order of life: Faith, Facts, Feelings

So how do you do this, you make the decision in your heart and your mind that you want to be obedient and to have a Godly attitude, that you want this attitude and so you are this attitude. Then you act according to how this attitude. And as you start acting this way, the Holy Spirit starts to work on your heart and mind, and He re-enforces it by rewarding you with the Fruits of the Spirit. Believing that you have received it, it is yours.

MK 11:22 "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. [23] "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. [24] **Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.** [25] And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins. "

Acting as if you loved them, is showing your faith, for

GAL 5:2 "Mark my words! I, Paul, tell you that if you let yourselves be circumcised, Christ will be of no value to you at all. [3] Again I declare to every man who lets himself be circumcised that he is obligated to obey the whole law.

[4] You who are trying to be justified by law have been alienated from Christ; you have fallen away from grace. [5] **But by faith we eagerly await through the Spirit the righteousness for which we hope.** [6] For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision has any value. The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.”

Faith--Facts--Feelings

The 3 “F”s. You must have the faith, you must act on your faith to create the fact—if it is a fact that I have the attitude of love—then feelings will come. But if you find yourself acting on your feelings rather than your faith, then that means you have agreed with an evil spirit and he is rewarding you with those feelings that you are now following. You have made a decision to have a disobedient attitude and now you have the feelings.

For example, this happens everyday to me. I am fat. I over eat. I know that I have a gluttony spirit with me all of the time, just waiting for me to open his window so that he can come in and make me over eat and ultimately destroy myself. I am working on being obedient to God and stop eating everything and control it. Well self-control is a fruit of the Spirit and so I am making the effort to keep my decision to not over eat. All I have is my decisions. The spirits obey them—that is God’s law.

Who am I?

Whatever I decide that I am or who I want to be, then that is who I am. God says, that you are what you want to be because He will help you be who you want to be. I do not want to be fat, I do not want to be controlled by the gluttony spirit. Just this morning, I woke up peaceful, joyful and not hungry. Then as I was walking to the bathroom, the impression came to me, “Wouldn’t a nice juicy egg McMuffin taste good?” Now at this time, I did not have the gluttony feeling in me, most of my fatness is caused by my mind and heart wanting to eat, not because I am hungry.

So as I thought about that impression of the food, I all of a sudden got the squealing, happy, energetic delightful feeling come into my heart. Behind that feeling I sensed something say, “Yeah do it, we need to get fat—uhh, we need to eat.”

I knew that feeling, it was the gluttony feeling trying to enforce and turn that impression to eat into that attitude of eating and pushing me to eat. But as soon as I really saw that it was the gluttony feeling from that evil spirit, I decided NO. I was not going to eat, I have the righteous attitude of obedience, for God had asked me to stop killing myself by over eating. Once I decided to be obedient, I could actually feel the gluttony spirit feeling leave me and the feeling of self-control from the Holy Spirit come over me instead. So I did not eat. It was great.

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Attitude, you must keep it, the evil spirit are always trying many different ways to get you to change it. Remember that if you do change it, you need to change it back, which is called repentance.

To repent means that you are sorry for being disobedient, and that you want to change back.

To do this you must:

1. Ask for forgiveness for you sin—disobedience—this closes the window
2. Want to be willing to allow God to change you—meaning you want Him to remove the evil spirit that came in the window when you opened it when you agreed with that evil spirit.

For more see the Volume 3 Chapter 4.

The point here is that you must work at making the right decisions to have the right attitude, and keep them. You must work at keeping them. It is not a one-time deal; the enemy will keep testing you and keep testing you. He does not give up easily, but the enemy will slow down to almost nothing as long as you keep resisting him.

So one of the most important attitudes is that you must love yourself. He says that we need to love our neighbor as we love our self. Well what if we do not love our self? I know I did not love myself for many years. The first thing He worked with was this that I had to like myself first before I could do anything else. But I did not like who I was. That is when He told me I am who I want to be. I told Him I wanted to be His son, a child of God and a Christian. So He said that it was the best choice and so we worked on how I should be a Child of God: His son.

At this point, God and I went through myself, what I thought I was and what I wanted to be. Then I read the bible and as I did, we discussed what God and I thought a Child of God was, how he acted, and the proper attitudes of a Child of God. Whatever was in me that was contrary to the way a Child of God should be or think or act or having the right attitude, we removed. I repented from it, I prayed that He would forgive me, and that He would fill me with His Holy Spirit—the fruits of the Spirit instead. Then whenever any of these things would pop up again, I would repent again, and pray that He would help me change to being a Child of God.

So then for the next year this is what we did until my mind was renewed and became a mind of Christ. We continued until living as a Child of God was my very nature. Shortly after that, I found myself not having to repent all of the time. He healed me, my mind and my heart. He gave me a new clean, pure human spirit, one that He can now live with in my clean heart, one of a Child of God. I now found myself living naturally as a Child of God and not having to constantly remind myself to act like a Child of God.

This is not to say that the enemy did not attack me with the old desires and thoughts of the world. NO. Then enemy was constantly attacking me with old thoughts and feelings. I would hear in my mind, “wow that cake sure would taste good, I want some.” Then I found myself being drawn to the cake. Then the Holy Spirit would ask me what I was doing. I would have to think about that, because I did not want to be a glutton, but here I was thinking that I wanted the cake.

So God would ask me, “Who is saying ‘I want cake?’ Is it you?” Then I thought, no I have decided that I am not a glutton, so why would I want cake. The I thought well, I know that God does not want me to be a glutton, so it is not Him, that only leaves the devil or some evil spirit planting that thought in my mind. Of course he would want me to eat and be a glutton. So I am not the one who wants to eat, the evil spirit does. And when he says, “I want to eat” he is not lying, for he really does want me to eat and die.

So beware, just because you hear something in your head that says, “I...” does not mean that it is you, it could be the enemy trying to deceive you. This is where the bible says test the spirits.

For example if you have been praying for inner healing, and so you have been healed, just because the evil spirits bring up a painful thought, or memory, does not mean that you have not been healed, it means that the evil spirit is trying to deceive you. That is why you must stand on your faith in God that when He heals you, you are healed, no matter how you feel, or think or remember. God is faithful and you have to stand on that. Cast out those memories, God has—He thrown them into the sea of forgetfulness. You ask to be forgiven, you have, and He forgets them. If they come back, it is because the enemy is trying to deceive you, trying to drive you crazy, trying to make you doubt God and so destroy your faith in God. If the enemy can do that, then you loose big time.

MT 21:20 “When the disciples saw this, they were amazed. "How did the fig tree wither so quickly?" they asked.

MT 21:21 “Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, **if you have faith and do not doubt**, not only can you do what was done to the fig tree, but also you can say to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and it will be done. [22] If you believe, you will receive whatever you ask for in prayer."

MK 11:22 "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. [23] "I tell you the truth, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in his heart but believes that what he says will happen, it will be done for him. [24] Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. [25] And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins. "

JAS 1:2 “Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, [3] because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. [4] Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. [5] If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him. [6] **But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.** [7] That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord; [8] **he is a double-minded man**, unstable in all he does.

So do not believe the enemy’s voice, for your mind is like a Radio antenna, receiving all spirits around you. You must use your mind to filter them out.

Please note: The spiritual controls the physical. Volume 3, Chapters 4 and 6.

You cannot be an Ostrich

The bible says that your eyes are the door to your heart. That what you see feeds your heart. So if you feed it junk, you will have a junky heart, meaning if you watch movies that are about people sinning, then you are feeding sin into your heart. And if you are not protecting your heart, then that could be a problem. It can create temptation. The enemy knows that you are watching it, and it provides him the opportunity to start whispering into your mind evil thoughts that can make this fiction, or fantasy real to you, tempting you to do it too, you know what we are talking about, drinking, drugs, luscious living, fast cars, and other temptations, according to Galatians 5, the fruits of the evil spirits.

For young Christians, ungodly movies, TV, concerts, music, books, magazines, and radio, all provide an excellent source for the evil spirits to hang around so that when you are the most vulnerable they can tempt you to go along with it and sin. And as you know, when you sin, the Holy Spirit and His anointing has to leave you, for He will not live where evil lives, and as we have been talking about that when you sin, you have let evil spirits into your heart. You are no longer righteous. So for the young Christians, it is best to sensor themselves from this. They need to learn how to filter out this evil and sinful behavior so that they may not be tempted. But we cannot hide ourselves, or constantly sensor ourselves all of the time. We cannot hide our head in a hole like the Ostrich, pretending that evil does not exist.

That is why God first gave us the armor of God in Ephesians 6, and later as we become one with Him, He provides the Armor of Light. Where the Armor of God is for the young Christians to survive against the enemy attacks in these situations, and the Armor of Light is for offense, to be able to go out to the sinners and preach the Gospel. We must bring the Light of God to the sinners in order to fulfill the great commission.

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For example, many Christian parents want to send their kids to private Christian schools, to protect them from the world and evil. So the kids grow up to be great Christians, but when they finally go out into the world to work, then fail, because they have not been prepared how to fight the enemy, and on the first day out, they are attacked and then fall into a great depression, because it is not nice and clean, pure, but the world is full of sin, temptation, evil and of the sorts and they do not know how to handle it. They do not know how to use the Armor of God, they never needed it before. They have always been secluded and protected. But now it is their turn to go out into the big, bad, evil world and they have never been prepared for it. They fall into temptation, or they are drawn away for the Lord by the burdens of the world, they never learned how to pray their burdens away, and they sink and fall into alcohol or drugs to remove the cares of the world, that is what all of their other co-workers do.

No, you cannot protect yourself or children by secluding them. But rather you need to put them into a controlled evil environment, like public school, so they can learn how to use the Armor of God, and how to pray away their burdens, and now to resist the devil so that he will flee, and all of the other protections the Lord has given us to walk through the valley of Death. If they do not do this under a controlled chaotic condition, then how can they do it under an uncontrolled chaotic condition, when you are gone.

You do not teach anyone how to be righteous by removing the valley of Death from their path, but rather you allow them to do through it, and be with them, teach them, and prepare them for it. Then let them have the test under a controlled chaotic situation. You cannot look a head of their lives and when you see something that might hurt them and remove them from that path, NO!! They will never learn if you do. But rather you prepare them for it, and then let them take that test, so that they can use the Armor of God. Then when you are not here to help them, they will have learned how to protect themselves. It is not called the Armor of God for nothing, He has a purpose to use that term, for armor is heavy, but strong. A night spends days, weeks, months and even years living in that armor to practice moving in it, running in it and riding their horse in it. It is heavy, and they must become strong to use it, so it takes years of wearing it before they can even think of going to war in it. So it is with us. We must constantly practice living in the Armor of God to become used to it, and strong before we try to go out and fight in it.

Then more importantly, they will learn how to be one with the Lord and so learn how to use the Armor of Light, so that they can now go on the offense to preach the Gospel. They can now use it to go into the bars, nightclub, movies, concerts, and be able to bring the Light of God with them and preach the Gospel. Remember Jesus says that His purpose was to bring the Good News to the sinners, which means He had to go where the sinners were, not just the temple. He took the Armor of Light with Him, and it shined over the sinners and they were drawn to it and so to Him. Then they were able to listen to His words. So we must do to.

To do this is being Righteous.

Process of Being Righteous

As we said, remember to resist the devil and he will flee, you can command him in Jesus name and he will flee. **You have to work on it; you have to be serious.** Your mind and heart must agree on it, if not he might not leave. If he senses any kind of doubt or that you are not serious, he will stay. He will take the pain of the sword from the command in Jesus name, and he will stay. You must be serious.

Ok so what happens if you know you should do it, but you do not really want to; like me, and food. I know that food is poison to me, but my body—flesh wants it. I have gotten to like the gluttony spirit. But God has asked me to stop being a glutton, now what?

I asked God how can I change when I know I should but I do not really want to. He indicated that if I were willing to allow Him to change me, He would bring me to the understanding and willingness to make that change sincerely. So I did, I started to pray, that I was willing to be willing to let Him change me. So the Holy Spirit started to work on my flesh, and heart to make me willing and wanting to remove the gluttony spirit and stop over eating. And it worked. Again that does not mean that the gluttony spirit does not attack me when I am distracted but, it is better and now I can sincerely pray for repentance from this.

But remember just because I get thoughts, or memories of eating, does not mean that I am not healed from it, it just means that the enemy is attacking me trying to drive doubt into my heart again and make me to waver in my faith. We must stand on our faith in God and our Lord Jesus our Christ. It is not you, it is the enemy attacking you, take authority over him and stop him, remove him, and all of his allies: the evil spirits.

DON'T BE DISTRACTED

One of the easiest ways for the enemy to change your attitude is through distractions. TV, radio, gossip (people), movies, games, and now computers are all distractions. When I first became a Christian, I did find it hard to keep my mind on Christ and to keep my attitudes right with God, because of all of the distractions. So I tried to isolate myself from them, and I read the bible all of the time—when I had free time and I listened to Christian music, when I rested. I found that when I did these things that it was now easier to keep the proper attitudes.

But that is an ideal world, I was in the US Navy and we spent a lot of time out to sea, and so many distractions were naturally removed. But then when we went off of the ship, there was nothing but distractions. I now found it hard to keep my mind and heart on God. I found my attitudes starting to change, especially for food. On the ship food was hard to get, only at meal time and nothing else. Good control. But off of the ship nothing but food and of course other things too. What I have found out is that we cannot keep ourselves isolate from distractions to keep attitudes right. We must train ourselves to keep our attitudes right. That is where what He called, “window control” comes in. Back to Volume 2 chapter 4. You must learn this.

This is how you fulfill Psalms 23:

PS 23:4 "Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff,
they comfort me."

The shadows of death are all of the distractions in life that are trying to take you away from the Lord. When they do start to distract you, you will find yourself being disobedient, you are now sinning and you have lost your righteousness, and so salvation and now you will find yourself going to hell. You must learn to keep your windows closed, to not let distractions lead you away from the path God has set you on and you must not let distractions change your attitude of Christ, and take away your mind of Christ. But we live in the world of distractions and there is nothing we can do about it. In fact it is into these distractions that God wants us to go, because that is where the sinners are, and He wants us to go to them, so that we can spread the Gospel. We cannot complete the Great Commission if we stay isolated. We must learn to not let all of these distractions to control us. This is why living in the Spirit is so important. He will give us the fruits of the Spirit to reinforce our right attitudes and decisions to be obedient. We must be mature Christians, and not to expect the babies to do this, although I have found exceptions to this, and again that is why living by the Spirit is so important, so that we know what God is doing.

No matter how things look outwardly. Even when the vision you've been waiting for seems farthest from you, even if everything around you is in turmoil, even when your own loved ones don't believe in you anymore, even when all things seem lost, God's message to you this day, "Don't be distracted by them." This is a favorite saying by Pastor Juicer Meyers. Make the decision and have the attitude that they will not be a distraction, and that you will keep you mind and heart on Jesus. That you will allow the nature that is in Jesus to be in you and that you will act according to the nature of Christ.

Stay Holy and Pure

One of the ways to stay in the nature of Christ is to become pure and holy. This comes from the "Born again" part of all volumes. So remember that once you are "Born again" you old nature, old human spirit is removed and God replaces it with a new human spirit that is clean, pure and holy. It is a new nature, the same nature that was in Christ. As long as you want it, you desire it, and accept it, then through the Holy Spirit it will stay with you. But as soon as you change you mind, or attitude, it will leave and now you are in the problems explained in Luke:

LK 11:24 "When an evil spirit comes out of a man, it goes through arid places seeking rest and does not find it. Then it says, 'I will return to the house I left.' [25] When it arrives, it finds the house swept clean and put in order. [26] **Then it goes and takes seven other spirits more wicked than itself, and they go in and live there. And the final condition of that man is worse than the first."**

You must stay filled with the Holy Spirit. He is the only one who can keep these evil spirits out of you. And anyone with an evil spirit in them will not go into heaven. They are already condemned to hell and if they are in someone, they are condemned with them. You must learn how to keep the attitude of Christ and the mind of Christ in you always. Then you will stay pure and holy.

Be all that you can Be

This is the attitude made by the decision to be what God has called you to be: to be willing to be part of and fulfill your destiny. This is the path that God has chosen for you, the office that He needs you to do. Of course this will never work if you do are not pure, clean and holy. It will not work unless you can hear His whisper or small still voice. And you can never hear Him unless you have closed off all of the static in your life, filter out all distractions, (other words closed all of your windows) and have the desire in your heart to always be obedient.

You cannot choose this, it must be ordained to you by God, and you must be called by God. You can ask to be used, you can ask to help, but it is God who ultimately chooses you. You cannot wake up on morning and decide that you are going to be a healer for God. You can have all have all of the knowledge and understand in the world on Healing, but if God has not called you, it will never work. You cannot force God, you cannot control God, not matter how much you pray, beg or how many people you get to pray, you cannot force God. If He says no, then it is no.

Remember, He performs the miracles, and blessings, it is by His grace and mercy, not ours. We must have the faith, but He does the work.

ZEC 4:6 "So he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: **'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says the LORD Almighty.**

2TI 1:5 I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. [6] **For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. [7] For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline."**

Everything is done by God, through God and for God. Remember the story of Joseph of the Old Testament? How he was sold into slavery, then accused of the

wrongful dead and put into prison, was he a bad man? NO. Then why did all of these calamities happen to him? It was God's purpose, so that through Joseph, God could save His people, it was through Joseph that God brought the family of Jacob together as one, and so to bring the mighty nation into one. But Joseph suffered and paid the high price for this, but God knew that he could take it, and be the one to save the family of Israel. It was in God's timing and God's will.

So you too must be in God's will or nothing will happen, but if you are, then like Joseph, He can use you to save those given to you, like the family of Israel was given to Joseph to take care of.

You must be obedient, through faith. And through obedience you will be righteous.

Whatever you do out of obedience can never be a sin. It is not selfish, self-centered, or self-righteous. It is righteous. You are righteous. You cannot be condemned for being obedient. NO one can accuse you of wrong for being obedient. When you are obedient, it becomes God's responsibility to provide, to help, to protect, to heal, to make miracles, to support, and to make things right. It is God's responsibility not yours, it is not your fight, it is His, your responsibility is to be obedient and nothing else. You need to pray and leave it at His feet, but it is not responsibility to do it. You can take a horse to water but you cannot make him drink. Only God can.

We cannot live unless we accept God's will, depend on God's will, and live for God's will. Of course this is accomplished by making a serious decisions to do them. You must make the decision to follow Jesus and learn how to live in the Armor of Light so that you can fulfill the great commission.

Righteousness always comes down to your decisions, your attitudes and your faith.

Finally, what does all of this come down to, it is simple:

**Seek first the Kingdom of God and
His righteousness
And all of these things will be yours.**

