

Many of you suffer from fear. You fear the opinions of man, you fear failure, you fear this and you fear that. But the one fear that defeats all other fears and overcomes them, you are sorely lacking: **fear of the Lord.** You live as if you won't have to answer for your decisions. **You live as if I am blind and don't see what you do.** You live as if there is no judgment for sins.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal.6:7). These are My Words. They stand forever. They are not moot because of the time you live in. They will not pass away. **If you want to know Me and My mind, then get to know My Words, for in them you will find out about Me. In them you will come to fear Me, and in the fear of the Lord is strong confidence. In the fear of the Lord you will find the beginning of wisdom. In the fear of the Lord you'll find the fountain of life. In the fear of the Lord your iniquity will be purged. In the fear of the Lord you'll find the knowledge of God. In the fear of the Lord you will depart from evil. In the fear of the Lord you will find life.** (Choices and Consequences, Part 2[#3485:para.205,206])

PSA 34:11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

PRO.1:7 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction.

We all have come to recognise that we each have problems & weak areas that we must work on, & working on these problems is just that--work, hard labour!--Getting on the attack about it!--Facing the fears, facing the problems & then getting counsel about them & going on the attack, really *doing* something to overcome them.

(Faithy's Breakings & Remakings! Part 1 [#131])

I haven't even wanted to confess my fears because I didn't want to confess my innermost self any more.

It was like having this dirty disease, & being ashamed to confess it.

The only way I can find the cure is to be able to reveal the symptoms.

--"Fear of not succeeding, fear of being embarrassed, fear of being ashamed. Such fear always comes as the result of pride..." My pride makes me quite weak & impotent, just like it says. And, "The reason she hasn't got the faith & can't believe God for sufficient strength is because she knows she is not yielded yet, most of all her pride. So she can only find the fulness of the faith that she seeks in the path of complete obedience, when she really begins to forsake all & follow Him! When she's really willing to take up her cross & deny herself & yield her pride & stubborn will & follow Thee. All the rest will come because You'll give her the power as she surrenders to Thee." (DB5, pg.178,179) So we have to make a decision.

Well, I thought I'd already made a decision & I really believe I did, because the Lord did change my life & attitude, my spirit, everything. But I guess the Lord is wanting me to confront this fear I have of correction. I've been conducting a defensive warfare & the Letter "Attack" says, "You can be destroyed by defending instead of attacking." And, "One of the main reasons for our success has been **our willingness to face the facts, to tell it like it is & know where it's at, to refuse to continue to drift along in that dream world.**" (DB5, pg.128,129)—

This dream world that I had of my own desires & will **& wanting to let sleeping dogs lie with my weaknesses & problems & not really wanting to progress any more in the spirit because of not wanting to suffer the pain & the agony that goes along with it.**

But it says to stand like a tree against the storm, like a rock against the floods of the Devil's doubts & lies & fears & then to move to the attack! But I was instead, like you said, just drifting along, hoping that these things weren't going to hurt me too badly anymore & just not wanting to fight it, not wanting to fight my weaknesses. **I just dropped out of the fight altogether, not wanting to make progress anymore, feeling I had done enough suffering.**

Correction Is Grievous When We're Unyielded!

So, to be brought back from the Devil's pit of doubts & fears & discouragement & all that is to suffer this pain of enlightenment, this pain of correction. The other alternative is Prov.15:10, "Correction is grievous unto him that forsaketh the way & he that hateth reproof shall die." In other words, correction was so grievous to me because I had forsaken the way! **I had forsaken the way of truth & started to live this lie & delusion that I could live a defensive warfare, I could survive it & that I didn't have to go any further.** I didn't have to keep growing or suffering & progressing & forsaking all & just fighting!

So Lord help me, I was just a total coward! I have been a real coward because I just didn't want to suffer the shame anymore & I didn't even want to be a leader(or a follower) anymore because I didn't want to have to suffer the pain that

it takes for God to make a leader(A disciple!) & the humiliation & the purging & the forsaking all & the denying ourselves & everything.

I just wanted to do my own thing for awhile & have a rest but it says that there is no such thing as standing still, you're either winning or losing. So while I wasn't winning I must have been losing. **I was weakened "by a false sense of security", a desire just to hold on to what I had without gaining any ground. I just wanted to hold on without gaining any ground, which meant fighting, which meant forsaking my pride & so I used all of these grievances I had as excuses for just giving up the fight. I didn't want to really combat my weaknesses & problems & face them everyday, & I wanted to think that I was right in doing so!**

So those are my excuses. "Look at the way everybody has treated me. I've suffered so much correction & maybe some of it wasn't even that deserved & you know, I don't know if I've been fairly treated, look, I've suffered all of these things in vain. I still don't have a leadership position. I'm just not getting anywhere anyway, so why not just give up!" So the Enemy was just defeating me on all fronts.

I guess that's why correction became so grievous to me--because I had forsaken the way & the path of obedience, of utter abandonment, utter yieldedness to God & I was still hanging on to my pride, my will, my way. But I feel like suddenly I've seen the light, because I'm opening myself up now & I've said I want it. I am really seeing it & it is quite painful.--To realise I've been a coward, to feel like I have really failed so many.

It's a delusion that we can't take it. Of course, we can take it! If it's from God & if it's done in love, of course we can take it! But my pride can't take it!

Correction is a very important thing & if we can't receive correction, we're really on the wrong path! The Bible even says that it leads to death! (Prov.15:10).

Backsliding out of the Family can happen to any one of us, & thank the Lord that only by His mercy, it didn't happen to me, because I did have **a strong fear of God** & a great love for Dad & I do love the Word.

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So, by being truthful & honest about our mistakes, we are purging ourselves, & consequently we receive the Lord's mercy.

Also, if we have a fear of the Lord, we will depart from evil & we won't have a fear of Man, which bringeth a snare. (Prov.29:25)

If we have something we are holding back from the Lord, then the Enemy can get a grip on us through that chink in our armour & it will cause us to be fearful when around our leadership or others, because we will be afraid that we are going to be denounced or exposed. So it is better just to get it out, for if we fall on the Rock we shall be broken to pieces, but if the Rock falls on us, we shall be ground to powder. (Mat.21:44)

(For Whom the Lord Loveth He Chasteneth! Part 2 [#178])

Overcome that Fear of Correction!

So to have this fear of hearing any of your problems or discussing any weaknesses or receiving any correction seems to be a tactic of the Enemy to try to keep you from growing & making progress. It's like the Enemy trying to say, "No, don't bring these things up, Grace can't take it." Or, "Don't confront any issues or problems because she can't take it, she won't make it." I feel that the lie that the Enemy has fed you is that you can't take it & it's too much for you & therefore you fear any confrontation about your weaknesses. Like Dad says, "The Enemy's total power is in fear." And for you to fear any correction to the extent that you say you do indicates that the Enemy has a real grip on you in that area, something that you probably should read about & work on & have prayer about.

The fact of the matter is you can take it! The Bible says, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." (Phil.4:13) He will not suffer you to be tempted above that you are able! (1Co.10:13) On the other hand, the verse says, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." (Prov.23:7) And if you're convinced in your own heart & your own mind that you can't take correction & that you're afraid & you're fearful, well, then you are. But, "There is no fear in love & perfect love casteth out fear." (1Jn.4:18) You should try to understand that any correction that anyone sends your direction is only out of love to try to help you & to help the Family.--And it's the Lord's Love. "Whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth." (Heb.12:6)

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THE NEED TO CONFESS AFTER RECEIVING CORRECTION!

Confession is CRUCIAL, if not ESSENTIAL, after correction to testify of & authenticate the change, as well as to reinforce & establish the victory!

One of the best ways to consolidate the correction you have received is to CONFESS your sins & mistakes at the first opportunity you have, either publicly when the opportunity arises, as well as privately to your co-workers & peers, as the situation warrants. Also to those who gave you the correction, as it lets people know how appreciative you are for the help & how very needed it was. As you confess, the Lord will continue to open your understanding & show you more & more lessons.

The more you confess, the more you will consolidate the ground gained & crystalise your victories. Also, by confessing you make your lessons PUBLIC, which will help you burn your bridges behind you so that you will be less likely to fall back into the same weaknesses.

Confession is often what makes the difference between the person who really RECEIVES correction in his heart & commits himself to a radical & veritable change, & the person who merely provides LIP & EYE SERVICE to those who correct him.

It is possible when being corrected to sit in front of your Shepherds with a very agreeable look on your face & walk away with a pretense of appreciation, humility & all the right resolutions, etc.--But then try to FORGET the whole thing ever happened, try to FORGET the hurt, the discomfort or the offence that the humiliation of being corrected caused.

But the better path to take is that of REDEDICATION, in which case you walk away from the correction, reminding yourself of the need to change, going out of your way to apologise to others whom you've offended, confessing your mistakes & acknowledging your weaknesses & asking others to consistently safeguard you against falling back into the same pitfalls again.

If you find that you are having a battle about a problem that you were corrected about, you can confess & ask for prayer. In this way, you can expose the Enemy's devices & get the Lord's immediate help to strengthen you for the fight against your bad habits.

You can also ask others if they have had similar problems & learn what has helped them to overcome & crystalise some victories in that same area of their lives.

If we confess, it helps us get the correction & training we need. **If we are not willing to confess, it is like saying that we do not want to receive any FURTHER correction or training, which can be interpreted as either lethargy, sensitivity or self-righteousness.**

You could compare confession & being honest with your leaders to going to a doctor when you have a physical ailment. The Lord & our leadership are like doctors, & if you don't tell them what the problem is, then you are not allowing them to work on you or give you a prescription or a remedy for what's bothering you.

You can go out of your way to expose yourselves to others at every possible opportunity, to confess your weakness & admit how much help you need in that area. You should make it clear that you will not get offended if people remind you or suggest tips & ideas to help you further safeguard yourself from the problem.

One of the best ways for a sensitive person to go on the attack against their sensitivity is to start confessing their mistakes & shortcomings, as this will show others that you are, in fact, open to correction & hungry for it.

Confession of our mistakes is one of the best ways to really confirm & substantiate correction.

It's like Salvation, the Lord seems to require that we confess & witness the change that has taken place within us. The Scripture says, "If thou shalt CONFESS with thy mouth the Lord Jesus & shalt believe in thy heart that God has raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved; for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness, but with the mouth CONFESSION is made unto Salvation." (Rom.10:9,10)

Proverbs says: "He that COVERETH his sins shall not prosper, but whoso CONFESSETH & FORSAKETH them shall have mercy." (Pro.28:13) **There's a definite condition to obtaining mercy.** It also says, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful & just to forgive us our sins, & to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (1Jn.1:9) There again is that CONDITION, this is the part that WE have to play.

The Devil really fights confession, because it EXPOSES him & his devices. If you don't confess, then the Enemy can get a grip on your life like a Huddersfield. We usually cannot make progress without really exposing the Devil's devices. So the more we confess & get things out in the open, the more the Enemy is exposed & unable to condemn us. As SOON as we do confess our sins, as the Bible says, "He is faithful & just to forgive us our sins & to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Confession is obviously something the Lord is pleased with & wants us to do more of, as otherwise the Enemy wouldn't fight it so much. This is also why we must fight militantly to confess regularly. **The Enemy works in the dark, but as we confess, we are bringing his dirty work out into the light**, & he can no longer rob everyone of the lessons the Lord wants us all to learn.

Unconfessed sin is like a concrete wall that blocks the flow of the water of My Word and hinders your faith in My ability to answer your prayers, supply your needs and do miracles for you. Unconfessed sin makes you feel unworthy of My blessing, therefore it saps your initiative and greatly hinders your progress. (Weakness Revolution--How You Can Make It!, The--Part 2 [#3218B])

Honesty is a key factor in growing in the Lord. Without this key, the door to growth and spiritual progress cannot be opened. If we're not honest with the Lord, ourselves and others, it stunts our growth and holds us back from being able to believe, receive and personally apply the Word, or even see how we need it. Unconfessed sin and lack of communication stunt our spiritual growth!

-- Interesting Fact: Most teens don't know themselves very well, though they think they do, and they would be appalled if you were to tell them otherwise. They learn more and more about themselves through being honest with others. As they are more honest with others, they will grow into being more honest with themselves. Being more honest with the Lord, themselves and others, opens a line of communication with the Lord that results in deep personal spiritual growth. These are important aspects of growing in the Lord. "I am the Way, the Truth and the life" (John 14:6). "The truth shall make you free" (John 8:31-32). (Inspiring Discipleship In Your Jetts And Teens [#01])

69. What you need to realize is that no matter how much Word you read, if you're not applying it to your life and heart in a spirit of humility, and if you're not following through in obedience, it's not going to do you much good. Yes, the seed is good, but if the ground of your heart is full of pride, unconfessed sin, disobedience, etc., then, like the parable of the sower, the Word won't take root and grow and bring forth fruit, it won't benefit you spiritually, and it won't protect you or keep you on track.
(Choices and Consequences, Part 1 [#3484])

KEEP YOUR CONNECTION STRONG!

We can greatly affect our prayer life by harbouring any unconfessed sins. One of the first steps in getting things from God is to begin with a clean heart. This means anything that is blocking our channel with the Lord or hindering our relationship with Him must be removed, because otherwise it will greatly affect our ability to hear from the Lord. Just as in a car engine, if the spark plugs are dirty, they are unable to transfer the electric spark from the battery to the engine to get the car moving. By the same token, any unconfessed sin or unyielded area of our lives will hinder us from having a strong connection with the Lord.
(For Whom the Lord Loveth He Chasteneth! Part 2 [#178])

The requirements for being a good channel are: yieldedness, knowing that you do not have the answers, being right with Me and obedient to the printed Word and willing to do all you can to apply it to your life, keeping your heart clean from unconfessed sin, asking Me to override your own thoughts and opinions, having faith, being willing to accept My answers, giving what you receive without question or analyzing; being willing to bring any questions about the messages you receive in prophecy back to Me in order to receive well-rounded messages, and for further confirmation and explanation of any seeming contradictions; building your faith by regularly spending time with Me--reading and meditating on My Word and applying it to your life, resting in Me and casting your cares on Me. (Understanding Prophecy-Part 1b)

Another beautiful thing that confession does, is it removes any fear or condemnation we may have due to any unconfessed sin in our lives. The Devil tries to build up our mistakes so big & accuse us of the worst & lie to us, telling us that if we confess we will not be forgiven, we will no longer be loved or trusted, or the person affected will hold it against you, we will be dealt with, or lose our jobs. But the Word says: "By mercy & truth iniquity is purged: & by the fear of the Lord men depart from evil." (Pro.16:6) **So, by being truthful & honest about our mistakes, we are purging ourselves, & consequently we receive the Lord's mercy. Also, if we have a fear of the Lord, we will depart from evil & we won't have a fear of Man, which bringeth a snare. (Prov.29:25)** If we have something we are holding back from the Lord, then the Enemy can get a grip on us through that chink in our armour & it will cause us to be fearful when around

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PRO.29:25 The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

What's the Real Problem with Fearing Man? John Piper Founder & Teacher, desiringGod.org

What's the big deal with fearing man? What's the problem with trying to impress one another? The desire for peer approval, that dopamine hit we get when we impress others, that desire to be admired — what's the problem with it all?

1PE.3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

What is this reverencing the Lord in our hearts? What's this amazing thing that has the power to turn the fear of men into hope and the power to always give us a reason for the hope that is in us that we can speak to others?

Now, to answer that question in accord with the immediate context, what we need to do — instead of importing our ideas in there and saying, "Well, everyone knows what reverence is" — is to notice what Peter's doing. Peter is quoting from **Isaiah 8:12–13**. And I'd like you to look at that with me. He's taken this quote that God gave to Isaiah for his day, and he's adapted it for his own situation. God gave Isaiah a warning in these verses about how he should feel about his adversaries and about how he should feel about the Lord God.

Let Him Be Your Dread

We'll start reading at verse 11, and you'll hear immediately the similarity to 1 Peter.

The Lord spoke thus to me with his strong hand upon me, and warned me not to walk in the way of this people, saying:

"Do not call conspiracy all that this people call conspiracy, and do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread. But the Lord of hosts, him you shall regard as holy; let him be your fear, and let him be your dread." (Isaiah 8:11–13)

You can see clearly that Peter was alluding to this text. It's not an exact quotation but an adaptation for his own situation. God had warned Isaiah, "Don't fear what men fear. Fear me — reverence me in your hearts." Peter takes it, adapts it to the people who are being persecuted in his own day, and says, "Don't fear what men fear — reverence the Lord Christ." He puts Jesus right in the place of Jehovah in the Old Testament, which is done more than once in the New Testament.

So if we can find out what Isaiah meant by reverencing (or regarding as holy or sanctifying, depending on which translation you have) the Lord in his heart, then we will have a sound and solid foundation for determining what Peter meant when he said, "But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy" (1 Peter 3:15).

Now, Isaiah 8:13 makes it very clear what Isaiah means by reverence for God. It means to fear him instead of fearing men, or to dread him instead of dreading men. Isaiah says, "But the Lord of hosts, him you shall regard as holy; let him be your fear, and let him be your dread" (Isaiah 8:13). So that's Isaiah's, or God's, explanation of what it means to reverence the Lord in your heart.

Displeasing Man or God?

But now, probably, if you're really with me, you're saying, "But surely God doesn't want his chosen people to walk around filled with the emotion of fear toward God." That wouldn't be a very exciting invitation, but only one of misery. But that's not what God meant here.

We can see that it's not what God meant if we just look at the next phrase in verse 14, where he promises that for those who do fear him, "he will become a sanctuary." And then he goes on and talks about what he will become for those who don't believe him. But he will become for those who fear him a sanctuary. Now a sanctuary is a place where you feel peace and security and hope. So, I don't think it would be fair to say this text is teaching that we're always cringing when God is our God.

"Let God be your dread, and he will become your sanctuary."

That sounds kind of paradoxical. "Let God be your dread, and he will become your sanctuary." That's what it says, but it's not really as paradoxical as it seems if we take verse 13 to mean not, "Be filled with the emotion of fear toward God

all the time," but rather take it to mean something like this: "If you reverence God, you will consider the prospect of displeasing him as a more fearful prospect than displeasing man."

"That's what it means to let the Lord be your fear. The prospect of offending or displeasing God will be a more dreadful or a more fearful prospect to you than worrying about what men can do to you." The degree of Isaiah's reverence for God was the same as the degree of his desire not to displease God.

It all comes down to how much love you have for Me, how willing you are to do anything for Me. When you're in love with someone, you want to do anything for them and with them. (How to Love Me More, Part 1 [#3282])

Trust His Promises

Now, what in this particular context in Isaiah 8 displeased God? What here in these several verses did God want Isaiah to avoid because it would have displeased him? And the answer is given in verse 12: "Do not fear what they fear, nor be in dread" (Isaiah 8:12). God would have been displeased with Isaiah if Isaiah had feared men or feared what men could do to him. Why?

"If Isaiah fears the threats of men, he is casting his vote against the trustworthiness of God."

Why is God so displeased when we, his people, fear men? Why does that offend God? Isn't the answer this? He has made promise upon promise upon promise that he would take care of us, and if we believe those promises, it should take away fear of men. It should fill us with confidence and hope if we believe those promises. But if we fear men, then it's a sign, isn't it, that we are not believing those promises to take care of us. And when you don't believe an honest man, he ought to be offended and displeased because you don't trust him. And so it is with God. God had said to Isaiah, for example, in Isaiah 41, "Fear not . . ." And he gives some reasons:

. . . for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you up with my righteous right hand. . . . For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Fear not, I am the one who helps you." (Isaiah 41:10, 13)

You can see God pleading with Isaiah and the people of Israel, "For goodness' sake, believe me!" Or Isaiah 35:4: "Say to those who have an anxious heart, 'Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.'" Now, there are many, many such promises in Isaiah and in the whole Old Testament. And therefore, if Isaiah fears the threats of men, he is casting his vote against the trustworthiness of God and he does not reverence God in his heart. **But if he does not fear men, but instead fears to displease God and thus trusts in God's promises, then he is reverencing God in his heart.**

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT BEING QUIET BEFORE THE LORD--ABOUT REVERENCING THE LORD? How many quiet times do you have, studying to be quiet? "In quietness & confidence shall your strength be." Do you know what "confidence" means?--It's FAITH! **The very fact that you keep quiet shows you have faith! It shows you're expecting GOD to do something & not trying to do it yourself!** If you don't know what to do, stop everything!--Get quiet & wait for God to do something! The worst thing in the World you can do is to keep on going when you don't know what to do. That was Saul's mistake. It absolutely lost him the Kingdom! Because he kept right on moving even after he didn't know what to do. He figured he had to just keep busy & keep going no matter what!

THERE'S NOTHING MORE IMPORTANT THAN FINDING OUT WHAT GOD WANTS TO TELL US! You just get busy listening to the Lord & you won't have to be bothered with these other things you think you have to do. After all, if you're there at His Service & asking Him what to do, He'll sure take care of things, if you're waiting on Him!

GETTING QUIET BEFORE THE LORD SHOWS YOU HAVE FAITH THAT GOD IS GOING TO HANDLE THE SITUATION. IT SHOWS YOU TRUST THE LORD. "Thou shalt keep Him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee."--Isa.26:3. **If you're not trusting, you're going to be in confusion all the time.**

When we're trusting, we're not heard to fret!
When we're fretting, we're not trusting yet!

If you're in a big stew, confused & worrying & fretting & fuming, you're not trusting. **You don't have the faith you oughta have. Trusting is a picture of complete rest, peace & quiet of mind, heart & spirit. The body may have to continue working, but your attitude & spirit is calm.**

(Stop! ... Look! ... Listen! [#0074:16-18])

We need to enter that realm or get to the point in life where we are so in love with Jesus that other things don't matter so much, where we have more trust in Him to do what is good in our lives, knowing that He's in control and is going to bring good out of it.

DEUT 10:12 And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul,

How do we reach that level of passion? How do we come to that point where Jesus truly is enough?-

Once you have it, you have such peace and confidence in our Lover, and you find such comfort in the Word, your spiritual life blossoms.

11. I am nigh to them that are of a broken heart, and I give grace to the humble. What this means is that there is a special closeness that is given to those who are humble and desperate for Me. And this humility and desperation is born most often in those who have hit bottom and are clinging to nothing else in life but their love for Me and their desire to live in the spirit and partake of Me more fully. This is a special gift given to them, the honey that only comes forth after the squeezing.

12. What usually happens after these hard choices and deep sorrows is a sense of pure joy and happiness of the soul. You know that you have made Me very happy by doing the right thing, and **you want to continue bringing that joy into your life by serving Me in whatever way I want to be served. You think so little of yourself and almost exclusively about Me and what My will for your life is.**

13. I can use you greatly in this state. I can pour My love through you to the world and upon your brethren. This is the state I see that you desire to reach and to permanently maintain--useful to Me, but specially in love with Me, specially broken and yielded, specially desirous of My plan for your life, without reservations and without the barriers of self and your own plans.

14. My loves, there is no testimony without a test, no crown without a cross, no victory without a battle, and it is precisely through the difficulties and breakings and hard times that I bring into your life that you are able to achieve this special union with Me. This is the fruit I desire to bring about through the purgings that I bring into each one of your lives. **If you find that you are often not in this state of "Jesus is enough," then the answer is that you haven't yielded to the purgings and the breakings that I am trying to bring into your life so that you can bear this special fruit.**

15. **That is the answer, plain and simple.** Only through sacrifice, yielding, breaking, forsaking, and giving up your own will and plans can My plan of perfect joy, perfect dependence on Me, perfect love for Me, and perfect desire to do My will be perfected. **(This is reverencing Jesus, loving Him, fearing Him! How beautiful)** This is the beauty for ashes (Isa.61:3), and without something going through the fire, there is no other way. (Jesus is Enough)

Those who are following My Spirit closely and are trying to emulate My ways don't have to fear losing their image, because they're trying to make My image their image, so they have nothing to fear.

The humble are not afraid because they've already accepted that they are nothing, that they know nothing, and can do nothing without Me and without the love and help of others.

They've learned that I truly am in control, so there's "nothing to fear. (WOW)

Those who have not learned to depend on Me are always afraid of their own weaknesses.

So let go and be set free of this trap of the Enemy to hold you back and suppress My Spirit.

(Prophecy)(Jesus —) you see? When it's all about you, you are in reality suppressing My Spirit. When you are actually only seeking to do this or that to somehow add merit to yourself or because of your pride and wondering what others will think if you don't...you aren't free. You are living in bondage of pride and fear of the opinions of man. Yes, you didn't see yourself as someone with that weakness, but that's what it is. You have your little image and you go to great lengths to preserve it and look down on anyone who doesn't meet up to your standard. You are actually a very insecure person, always looking at others and comparing and hoping that you are matching up.

You are always trying to add to your worthiness, but in reality all I want is your love.

You try to appear willing, but this often backfires on you because you don't have the right motives; you want praise for your good works. You're heavily laden with burdens and cares you've placed on your own shoulders, yet you tend to blame your struggles on the work, on the people you live with, on your shepherds, on your Home, and even on the Lord. Your self-centered, self-pity attitude is misery for you and a drag for others. It's difficult to pull out of this sorry state, because as you see things, life is harder for you, and new challenges are a drag.

It's akin to the Scribes and Pharisees who tried to keep every jot and tittle of the law to prove to others that they loved the Lord and that they followed His Word. **But they were full of hot air, because they didn't live the doctrine, they didn't live in love, and they didn't have the energy of the Spirit running through their veins. They were empty, self-satisfied, critical**

hypocrites with their stinking holier-than-thou attitudes. Don't you be the same way!

You've read in the Word many times how the battles and tests in life are good for you--they bring a richness of spirit that can't be obtained any other way. But you want to prove you're made of tough stuff and that you can handle the battles on your own. Rather than letting the Lord work through you, **you lean on self-works, which turn out to be nothing but dead works.** (Shooting Straight, Part 13 [#3536])

(Prophecy) When you try so hard to prove that you are good and are always struggling to uphold the image you want others to see, you are sitting in darkness and you can't see Me and, baby I can't see you, because you are covered in darkness of self-goodness. What a heavy burden of image you bear. You so fear that others will see the truth, so you push yourself and you uphold your pride and yes you give it more importance than Me. Come into the light and let Me see the real you. You have to be a love slave, not a slave in chains with a whip at your back. That's what it is like when you aren't serving for love. Your balance is so delicate and you are so impatient because it's built on self-goodness and self-righteousness which in the end will fail you and everyone will take a good look at the darkness within. (End of prophecy) ("Come into the Light Comp.)

(Prophecy) Just be a yielded nobody willing to love when it's the hardest and to yield to someone else when you feel they're wrong. I want you to let go of your image. Your feelings of worth come from the wrong sources and I wish to strip them from you. Let Me strip you and make of your life whatever I desire. It might look ugly to you; you will feel humbled under such garments of freedom and love. But this is what I require from you. You are a toilet remember? Are you willing to fill this place with all your heart even if it's a low position? Yes My love I must keep My hand firmly on you or else you might get lifted up. Stay down darling and keep looking up. Keep desperately looking up because you have nothing else to hold onto now. I've broken all your selfish dreams and shattered every self-absorbed hope. Submit to the routine and serve Me with all your heart doing your best not grumbling against Me because the pain and suffering you are asked to endure. Give your life to Me in cheerfulness and submission. More humblings are coming as you are still at times on your high horse. Come follow Me and be a nothing, a despicable ugly and weak tool. That's what I want; someone who can lie on the hard dirty floor saying yes, allowing the other to pass over. Be just a little speck of dust just there with a smile. Not trying to be noticed but only filling the need and let My love shine through to help those around you with their burdens. Just a help just a blessing and you'll forget all your suffering and all your pain as you learn to be nothing. Learn of Me for I am meek and lowly of heart. Be ye subjected unto Me and willing to do or be anything for Me. (End of prophecy) ("Come into the Light Comp.)

AFTER CORRECTION: COMMITMENT! (Because if you're not facing your problems they will recur!)

Our problems & our weaknesses, if not overcome, remain. Now they may be somewhat suppressed & kept out of the picture temporarily, but in time they'll surface again & they'll have to be confronted. If in confronting them we don't overcome them & make some real progress, well, they'll just continue to plague us & hound us until we do. (Faithy's Breakings & Remakings! Part 1 [#131])

119. Most of us relate to correction in terms of humiliation & exposure. But we often forget the goal & the purpose of correction is for us to see our need to change. There is no point to correction unless in the end there is born within us a genuine desire to CHANGE. Being able to receive the original talking-to & correction is actually NOT the most difficult part of receiving correction & growing thereby. Besides being willing to be humbled by correction, there is a greater requirement that the Lord presents us with, & that is commitment.

120. Along with the desire to receive & yield to correction, we should look forward to the challenge that is set before us & accept whatever needs to be done to really become that person that the Lord wants us to be. To do this usually takes more than just accepting the initial humbling of the correction, it requires accepting the call to arms and the uphill fight of daily overcoming our besetting sins & weaknesses.

121. To continue to remind yourself consistently of how much you need to CHANGE is what makes the difference between really receiving correction & becoming a more fruitful disciple through it, or simply making it through the momentary humbling & feelings of discomfort while being corrected.

122. We must remember that there is a price to pay when being corrected, & those who are willing to pay that price of forsaking whatever is in the way of a closer relationship with the Lord or whatever hinders their sample are the ones who will grow the most from receiving correction.

123. Most of us are pretty weak & come very short of the glory of God. Our "NWO List" is not as simple to handle as our "Things To Do List".--It is more like a long list of topics that the Lord will continue to teach us about in a life-long course.

124. We can look at all of our NWOs in a passive or pessimistic way, saying, "Well, that's just the way I am!"--Or we can take up that challenge as Mama said in "What Is Weak?"--"People can change at the spur of a moment! It can happen to anyone. A weak person can become strong & a strong person can become weak overnight according to a decision they make. You can just suddenly decide to make the right decision, to obey & follow God & go the right way for the Lord so He can use you more mightily!" (Maria No. 58:16, FSM 60)

125. To change in this manner takes humility that only God can give, & it takes yieldedness & dedication that compel us to COMMIT ourselves to change! These qualities of humility, yieldedness, & commitment make the difference in HOW you receive correction which is manifested by the fruits!

(For Whom the Lord Loveth He Chasteneth! Part 2 [#178])

(Jesus speaking:) Believing and living the Word isn't always easy, but it's a prerequisite for being My disciple. If you're not going to be a believer and a doer of My Word, then you cannot be My disciple. It's that simple! You must believe and obey the Word. If you don't or can't or won't, then there's no point being a disciple, because without that sound foundation--belief and obedience--you don't have the wherewithal to be a true disciple. Without obedience to the Word, you're a half-hearted disciple at best, or a bad sample and reproach to My work at worst.

I know that the discipleship standard and the heightened call to arms isn't an easy place of service. It's privileged and it will yield great rewards both in this life and the next, but it isn't a bed of roses or a cushy life. It's going to take hard work and it costs--personally.

Get cleansed, humble yourself before others, get down on your hands and knees and cry out to Me with strong tears and tongues and arms raised, calling out to Me, and I will deliver you, cleanse you, and heal you, and set you on the path that leads to discipleship, the path that leads you to where you want to go, the life you're willing to die for. You won't die in the flesh, but you'll sure have to die in spirit--and not just once, but daily. You'll have to keep fighting, keep forsaking your "old man," keep refusing the proud way and keep actively seeking the humble way, keep reading and living and following the Word.

A disciple's fuel is the Word. That's what provides the power to live the life of a disciple--the principles for serving Me and winning others. It's the Word that sets you apart from the world. Without the Word being lived and obeyed, you're not really a disciple. Sadly, you have strayed from being believers and doers of the Word, and the fruit has been evident--sin, problems, a crumbling of the work. That's because it's impossible to be a disciple without the standard of the Word being upheld, lived, and respected.

The Word that I will pour forth in the future for My disciples will not be toned down or easier to drink in. Much of it will be strong meat, and new revelations will continue to be the norm. So if you have a problem with My Word, and if you can't have the faith of a little babe, sucking to receive My Words as a baby sucks to receive the milk from his mother's breast, then I'm sorry to say that you won't have what it takes.

Cafeteria-style obedience will no longer be acceptable when it comes to My Word. I will set out full course meals, with hearty meat and great variety, because My disciples will need every bit of spiritual nourishment I will pour forth--to strengthen them, to give them the power to obey.

So if you're a picky eater when it comes to the Word and don't want the full course, hearty meals of the spirit, then you'd better either work up an appetite real quick and change your habits, or else choose another restaurant or food chain to be fed from. There are plenty of church cafeterias you could choose from, who specialize in allowing their customers to eat whatever suits their fancy. But in My CM restaurant that serves full-time disciples you can expect full course meals, and you will need every last bite to make it. (Brazil National Prayer Day 2003 [#3456])

16. SO IF YOU ARE GOING TO BE OFFENDED AT BEING STRIPPED BARE before God and ravished wildly by His Spirit, how on God's Earth are you going to stand it when He exposes your naked spirit and the spirit world in which it lives in the Letters that are yet to come?

17. I FEEL FOR YOU, MY DEAR, AND I'M SORRY FOR YOU and I wish I could help you, but if you're unable to receive what God has already given us, what is coming is certainly going to break you bottle!

18. IF YOU ARE NOT YOUNG ENOUGH IN SPIRIT, pliable enough, resilient enough and elastic enough to expand your vision and faith to accommodate this new wine of the Lord, you will certainly be unable to take what is coming, and you vessel now shaken will be truly shattered!

If you're not ready to abandon the old for a brand new world, if you're trying to cling to old outworn concepts of self-righteous man instead of receiving the total grace and utter freedom of the glory and ecstatic love of God, you'll never be able to bear the explosions of the love-making of the Spirit that are yet to come!

20. IF YOU CAN'T TAKE THESE AND UNDERSTAND WHAT IS HAPPENING, YOU'LL CERTAINLY NEVER BE ABLE TO TAKE WHAT IS COMING, and we're very sorry for you.--Because if you quit now, you'll really miss the main events! We're not out to change the world--we're creating a totally new one! And if you don't fit it, I'm afraid we'll have to leave you behind.

24. OTHERWISE, YOU'RE LIKE THE OLD CHURCH, AN OLD BOTTLE, cracked, broken, useless and doomed to abandonment and oblivion! May God help you to know where you belong!

27. P.S. REMEMBER THE WARNING JESUS GAVE TO SOME: " I WOULD THAT YE WERE HOT OR COLD, but because ye are lukewarm, I will spew you out of My mouth!" Halfway, halfhearted half-baked disciples make God sick at His stomach! Please don't be one of them! It were better that you had never heard the truth than to have heard and gone back! God says, " My soul abhorreth him that turneth back!" Cut loose and come on! **(Come on Ma!--Burn Your Bra! [#0286])**

Deut.10:12 What doth the Lord require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God

Isa.8:12,13 Let Him (God) be your fear, & let Him be your dread Lk.12:4,5 Be not afraid of them (men)...I will forewarn you Whom ye shall fear: Fear Him (God)...yea, I say, Fear Him

Psa.111:10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom (See also Pro.9:10)

Pro.1:7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge

Pro.14:26 In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence

Pro.14:27 The fear of the Lord is a fountain of life, to depart from the snares of death

Psa.25:12 He that feareth the Lord...shall He teach in the way

4. (Jesus speaking:) My loves, you know Me as a God of mercy and righteousness and judgment. But because of My patience and longsuffering with you, you sometimes forget the judgment part. You think of Me as a God of mercy more than anything else. And it's true, I am merciful and loving, and I suffer long with you. But there comes a time when I have called and pleaded, and called and pleaded, and it's like a parent counting for their willful child, "1 ... 2 ... 3," to give them a little warning. But then there comes a time of judgment.

5. This time of judgment and sifting and purging and chastisement has come as a shock to many of you. You're not used to giving account for your sins. It has become a Family weakness that you don't have accountability for your actions, that you expect instant forgiveness, and that your disobedience and sins will not be brought up again.

6. You prefer to refer to disobedience and sin as "mistakes," "weaknesses," "NWOs," or "blunders of the mind." The word "sins," "evil," and "wickedness" aren't even in your vocabulary. You're so used to being forgiven--time and time and time again--that you've lost the fear of Me. But just because I have forgiven you, it doesn't make the sin any less bad.

7. I want to remind you of something: when you sin, there is loss to My work. You might not always see it immediately, but when you disobey, bad things happen. People are stumbled. Souls are lost. There is a breach in the wall and a way for the Enemy to get in. The Kingdom suffers because of your disobedience.

8. You have hesitated, delayed, procrastinated, and continued on in your willfulness and selfishness for so long that the work in the entire field is in danger of being lost. So it is now time that, as a good and loving parent, I clap My hands and say, "That's enough! It's time for consequences. I've given you warning after warning, even specific ones for your field. But have they been heeded? No, not as much as necessary. Some of you have tried hard; all of you have tried occasionally. But that's not what I'm talking about.

9. I'm talking about victories. I'm talking about obedience no matter what it costs you personally. I'm talking about being willing to work together as co-workers and mates and not letting go until I've given you the solutions. I'm talking about living the Word. I'm talking about loving Me above all, and putting Me first no matter what it costs you. When you are doing those things, My blessings fall on you.

10. I haven't seen this kind of dedication, determination to obey, and to strive for victories. Now I have brought out the rod of chastisement, and I will purge the Family of those who have been weakened through disobedience to the point of no longer wanting to obey. There are consequences for disobedience.

11. Today, for those who choose to endure the consequences and determine to go on for Me, it will be a day of obedience--obedience to My Word, and obedience to the prophet and prophetess that I have given you. Those who do not wish to obey may find another level of service. The choice is yours, but it is no longer the day of mercy, comfort, pleading, and patience. It is the day of judgment. (Putting "Skin" On Sin [#3453])

44. Even though you have strayed from My side through your disobedience and compromise, even though you have not obeyed My Word and heeded the many warnings that I have given you, I still love you. I am married to you and I am committed to helping you come through as finer gold if you will receive this chastisement and show that you are serious about changing--by doing something about it and bringing forth the fruits meet for repentance.

45. There is a tremendous victory that you can claim through the power of the keys if you will rebuke lethargy, compromise, pride, and the many other sins that plague you, and turn to Me in yieldedness and full submission.

46. Don't let the Enemy tempt you to despair and to give up. Receive My correction and chastisement and let it purge and cleanse your heart. Although My Words are stern and are given in judgment for your sins and your failings, they are given in great, great love. They are given because I love you. They are given because I want to rescue you. They are given because you are so dear to Me. They are given because you are My precious children whom I wish to preserve, and I will go to any length to save you and to rescue you.

47. Hold fast to My love for you and My faith in you. Those who are humble in My sight and in the sight of their brethren, and those who bow themselves low before Me, I will lift up and bring through this time of purging.

48. I have given My heart and soul to you. Now the choice lies with you. Will you open your heart and bare your soul before Me? Will you humble yourself before the brethren and those you have wronged? Will you let Me break and remake you? Will you let Me remake your proud and brittle vessel, and make you into the vessel of My choosing? Will you allow Me, the One Who loves you more than anyone in the world, to correct and purge and make you white?

49. No chastening for the present is joyous. It is certainly grievous. It's not only grievous for you, but also for Me. But unto those who are exercised thereby, it brings forth the peaceable fruit of righteousness. Will you be exercised thereby? Will you allow Me to bring back the peaceable fruit of righteousness in your life? (End of message from Jesus.) (Putting "Skin" On Sin [#3453])

You can do it, folks! You can make it! You can endure hardness as good soldiers! You can persevere and let patience have its perfect work! So don't be weary in well doing during this time of testing, this time of learning, because in due season you will reap, if you faint not! You will gain the victories you want, you'll overcome, and you'll make it through this time! Hang on! If you feel like you're at the end of your rope, then tie a knot in it so you can hang tight and hang tough!

My mother always used to say, "Don't leave school before the bell rings." In other words, don't cut class or try to wriggle out of the lessons the Lord is trying to teach you, or escape His full process of remaking and renewal, or you won't be ready for the next step of your education, the next grade. There are wonderful things ahead, and He's still in the process of preparing you for them.

He puts you through the fires to burn away the dross and purify you, so you'll be a vessel more fit for honor and His use. He sends along the winds and the storms to blow away the dead branches and the debris so that you can get rid of the weights and sins that just drag you down, and so there's room for growth and new life. He sends along the floods of trials so that you can learn to swim better, to survive even the floods of iniquity that will engulf the world in the Last Days.

Patiently endure, and you'll receive the promise. Obey, and blessings will come upon you, overtake you, and overwhelm you. If you're obedient, you'll eat the good of the land. If you obey and do what you're supposed to, you'll not only be blessed personally, but you'll be able to bless and help many others, because you'll have graduated from God's school. He'll hand you your diploma for this grade, and you won't just get a gold star on it or a commendation, but you'll get a new star in your crown and wonderful rewards! Test His promises and hold Him to these words, (A healthy fear of the Lord) and you'll be glad you did, as will He and the host of Heaven. Stick! God bless you! I love you! (End of message from Dad.) (Brazil National Prayer Day 2003 [#3456])

Do not hesitate to command the keys, My loves. Even when your carnal mind begins to waver or you grow tired, that is the time to fight all the harder in spirit and let your key power sustain you. When My physical body did not have an ounce of strength left in it, I was still able to win the war in spirit, because I commanded the keys and they kept Me going.

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PSA.139:23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts:

PSA.139:24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Through the blue key of submission you will find more hidden treasures deep deep under the earth where the proud have a hard time to walk in. You will find hidden doors that have not been opened yet.

Seek, seek and you will find more doors with the keys already in the keyhole ready to be turned by the humble seekers.

Ps. 51:7 Cleanse me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Ps. 51:8 Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

Ps. 51:9 Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Ps. 51:10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Ps. 51:11 Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Ps. 51:12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.