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Signs of Weakness	Cause	Solution	Signs of Strength	Scripture references
Overweight	Sugar or salt	Control tongue	Bring body under Spirit's control.	Genesis 1:27 Genesis 2:7
No energy / hyperactive	Chemical deficiency or dependency	Gain wisdom and understanding how body works	Clay pot, holding eternal treasure	2 nd Kings 13:21 Isaiah 53 Zechariah 4:6
Fatigue	Lack of exercise	Daily monitor system – calorie intake, cholesterol, etc.	Temporary, awaiting eternal	Mark 16:15-20 Luke 24:39 Romans 6 Romans 12:1
Sick, diseased, infirmed	Poor diet	Get a physical.	Vessel through which God's glory is displayed	1 st Corinthians 3:16-23
In pain	Stress and trauma	Vitamin and food supplements	Does not abuse body (temple of God)	1 st Corinthians 6:9-20 1 st Corinthians 9:27
Muscle weakness	Physical accidents (car crash, fall, etc.)	Avoid wrong food (starch, fried food, white sugar, high salt, etc.)	Takes care of body (see solution section)	1 st Corinthians 15:35-58
Lack of attention	Lack of discipline or self-control	Drink water	Knows law of life and health and is working in body to resist sickness and disease	2 nd Corinthians 3:13 2 nd Corinthians 4:7-18 2 nd Corinthians 5:1-10 2 nd Corinthians 5:17 1 st Thessalonians 4
Substance abuse	Abuse (alcohol, drugs, food, sex)	Regularly exercise	Self-controlled (appetites under God's control)	1 st Thessalonians 5:23-24
Indulgent (flesh)	Various mental and emotional attitudes (worry, fear, bitterness, unforgiveness, etc.)	Avoid alcohol, drugs, and chemical additives.		1 st Timothy 4:7-8 James 1:26-27 James 3:1-12
Sleeplessness	Demonic attacks	Rest and sleep.		Read all of Proverbs
Monthly cycle / menopause		Use body for God's purpose		Read all of Ecclesiastes

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Introduction
Chapter Two

Of the 21 wrong reasons for getting married, at the top of the list is physical appearance. Man looks at the outside, but God looks at the heart.

People have told me they have a hard time looking at the heart because they have to look through the outside. Such people are shallow. I can guarantee you, no matter how you nip and tuck, no matter how you paint the barn, it is going to need repairs down the road. I am not referring to physical sickness or disease.

Many think that you have to have a sickness to die. A heart attack is an attack, but in order to go to the Father, the heart actually has to stop. When you are finished with what God has given you to do, you are not taking this body with you. God will give you a new one. Many people in the Christian circles down through the ages have looked at the body as being a curse, that it is holding us down and back from being with the Lord. The body is actually a vehicle. We hold this Treasure (the Lord) in an earthen vessel. A clay pot.

The body mainly consist of water, dirt, and inert gas. There are things that need to be done with the body. Paul told Timothy that physical exercise profits for a while, as long as we are in this physical body. But Paul said spiritual exercise is forever. He is saying that most spend their time thinking about the physical and never spend much time on the spiritual.

We are spirit in Christ Jesus. God's Spirit is in us. The real us is our spirit, not the outside. It is in the inside where God lives. The Lord does not talk down the body, though; there will be a physical resurrection after death when Jesus comes back, and Jesus physically resurrected from the grave. It was not a spiritual working. He had a physical body.

Man spends more on products for the body a year than can be imagined in sums of dollars. Between trying to keep the body healthy and food, there are vitamins, nipping and tucking, cosmetics, skin care, and hair products. They even sell blue jeans emphasizing the body. Trying to keep the body alive and well and going is the way of the world. There is very little emphasis on the spiritual. (See Luke 24:39)

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The Body

Principles of the Physical Realm

The body is what usually gets attention in the world and among God's people. However, we are made up of a spirit, a mind, and we live in a body. The emphasis many times is on the externals rather than on the internals.

Here are principles for the God-man or woman: 1) the body is to be brought under your new spirit's control by the Holy Spirit in you. 2) The body is a clay pot holding eternal treasure. 3) The body you have right now is temporary, awaiting the eternal. 4) It is a vessel through which God's glory is displayed. 5) The body is not to be abused because it is the temple of God. It is a holy place. (Note: God calls it His temple.) 6) We need to take care of the body (like proper rest and sleep) and use it for God's purpose. Avoid alcohol, drugs, and chemical additives, exercise regularly, drink water, avoid wrong foods like starch and fried foods, white sugar, high salt, etc. The body needs vitamins and food supplements. We should get a physical to see where we stand. Monitor your system, calorie intake, cholesterol, etc. Gain wisdom and understanding on how the body works. 7) Control the tongue.

Know that the law of life and health in your body is working to resist sickness and disease. The entire body is made by God to combat and fight off sickness, disease, or any foreign substance. The only time the body is not able to do that is when there has been a violation of health principles, or through demonic attack. The body needs to be self-controlled. We need to bring the appetites under God's control.

Paul said, *"But I discipline my body and bring in into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified."* (1st Corinthians 9:27 NKJV) So the body has to be brought under the control of the spirit.

A body and a soul (the mind realm) without the spirit's influence equals an animal. Many people live their lives no differently than an animal. In fact, animals seem to have more integrity than people who allow the appetites of their flesh to control them. An animal has a soul, intellect, emotions, a will, a personality, and a body.

God created us, the God-man and God-woman (when we are born again in Jesus), to have our spirit come alive to God. We are created in His nature, and that nature is God Himself. If sexual desires control your life, you are just like an animal. People become no more than predators when they are about their selfish ways.

Selfish people are predators because they are only concerned about themselves, and they will not have the glory of God in their lives. The God-man, the God-woman, however, has the Spirit, and the Spirit of God controls.

The body is more than what you may have considered. It actually encases the glory of God. The body is not an evil thing as has been taught in some circles, nor is it to be a pleasure house, where sensual desires control.

One time I was walking down the street and saw a fellow wandering around. When I approached him, what was in me and what was in him had an encounter. He started weeping, and I asked him if there was something we could help with. He told me how he had been where he should not have been, and he encountered a gal that enticed him. He had relations with her, and the next thing you know, his body felt like it was burning. After that time he became an animal as far as sex was concerned, and anything that moved was brought into that realm. Unclean spirits had possessed him, but the day I met him, the Lord delivered him of those things and freed him.

All the emphasis in the world in regard to the body is about sex. That is not the way God sees it.

When Adam and Eve fell away from God, the first thing they noticed about their bodies was that they were naked, and from there it went downhill.

What do you have to do to the body to make it attractive? *I have got to fix it up, I have got to nip it, I have got to tuck it, I have got to cream it, I have got to do everything I can do. I have got to exercise.* Those folks do not exercise for exercise, they exercise to look good. It is all about being attractive so somebody will love them, so somebody will care about them.

The body is not made for food, food was made for the body. If you go over 40 days without food, you are probably close to dying. The body needs to be fed. It needs water. It is made up mostly of water.

There are needs of the body that must be satisfied. For example, you cannot go very long without sleep. The body will break down. God will give you strength to do things sufficient for the day to deal with whatever comes your way.

The Spirit of God left Adam and Eve when they separated themselves from Him, and they lost the image of God. Their spirits died. God prevented them from going to the Tree of Life lest they be forever separated from Him. The Lord wanted them to be one with Him, but to be one with Him, they needed to be one in spirit. *“God is Spirit, and those worship Him must worship in spirit and in truth.”* (John 4:24 NKJV)

People’s emphasis has always been on the body, not on the spirit, but this body is a very important part of the “trinity” of the God-man. We are made in God’s image: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. *“Let us make man in our image,”* (Genesis 1:26) the Lord said, and He formed Adam from the dust and breathed life into him, and man became a living being. But apart from Jesus we are not living.

The final event of the body is death. This body will die and go to the ground. People have tried to hide from God, thinking they would get cremated and have their remains scattered around the earth. They cannot hide from God, and besides, He is not going after their bodies. People have paid a lot of money to bury the remains that are not even the person. The real you is your spirit.

Have you spent a lot of time and energy on your body? It is an important part of you, but it is not the real you. The spirit you is the

real you, and you are either alive to God or you are dead to God, in which case you are no more than an animal. There are many animals that are more concerned about you than you are. They were created for you. That is why it is said that a dog is man's best friend. Every day my dog runs out to greet me before Diana does. Do not get me wrong, Diana is pretty quick about coming out to greet me, and I thank God for that too, but that puppy can run faster.

People think they need someone to hug them or to hold them. They actually tell me that God cannot hold them or hug them. I just say, "Whoa, my Father loves me, hugs me, and holds me all the time." I say, "You must not have gotten to know the Lord." But they are talking about the physical realm.

The Lord steps into the physical realm and does things that people have never believed or never thought could happen because they do not see Him. He is not real to most of them. I am talking about church folks. In the world, people just go out and find somebody. They go down to the bar and pick up somebody and go do their thing. They are only there for sex. I have told some, "Man, you have got those ideas and if you come to church to do that stuff, I am going to be on you like butter on a pancake." Others say, "Well, we're going to start up a singles' group, I need to go to a singles' group," and I say, "No, you need to get right with God and get a life."

The way I read the Book, the Lord needs to be our First Love, and if you are looking for anything or anybody before Him, you are out of line with Him, and you need to get delivered. Some people are so concerned about their bodies (their flesh) and their emotions, that they are not even tuned in to what God wants to do and who He wants to be in their lives. All your life you have been concerned about this physical person, and you think that is you. You look in the mirror in the morning and you think that is you, for better or for worse.

You Are the Temple

Look in that mirror and say, "Whoa!" I am not talking about what you see there, I am talking about who is in there, the Lord Almighty.

The Lord said, "*Zacchaeus, come down, I am going to your house today.*" (Luke 19:5) Jesus was not just physically going to his house.

He was going to possess that man's heart and life, and make him a new man. As a tax collector, Zacchaeus made things right with everybody he had stolen from, and then took over half of his goods and gave them to help people. That is a changed life, and that is what Jesus did when the man came alive to God.

In the Old Testament the Tabernacle and Solomon's Temple were houses for the Lord. In the New Testament we are His temple. He comes to live in us. He is in our house, our temple, our body.

Jesus physically walked on the water. Peter physically walked on the water. People identify that incident more with Peter than they do with Jesus because Peter was a man as we are, and Jesus is the Son of God, God come in the flesh. Jesus is in us now, in the flesh. It says the glory of God resides in the house. This is something that is not taught, but it needs to be. There would be a whole lot less Christians emphasizing the touchy-feely and the "I am lacking" attitudes. Health would exude from their bodies. The law of life and health is flowing in you in your spirit, mind, and body. No sickness or disease can live in you in Jesus' name.

Jesus touched the leper and what was in Him was greater than the sin-and-death law that was flowing in the leper. The hem of His garment had the anointing of God. *"If I could just touch the hem of His garment, I will be made well,"* (Matthew 9:21) said the widow. It meant that whatever Jesus' body touched had the power of God going in it and through it. This woman had been everywhere to get health. She had been to the physicians and spent all of her money, and nothing could help her. Jesus said, *"I felt power go out from Me."* (Mark 5:39) This woman drew it from Jesus.

If it was not God's will to heal people, then this lady stole from Him. Jesus said, *"To them who believe, the works I do you will do and even greater works than these you will do because I go to the Father, and whatever you ask in My name I will do it."* (John 14:12-13) In the name of Jesus that power of God is flowing in us and through us. Any believer can lay hands on the sick, and they will recover, for the anointing of God is in you. It is Jesus the Healer, it is not us. He says in the gospel of John, "You receive Me, then I will bring the

Father and the Holy Spirit with Me and we will all come to live in you who believe.”

He spoke the Word, “*Have the godlike kind of faith and you will speak to the mountain.* You will tell it to move. If you do not doubt in your heart, but believe that you have received, you will see it.” (Mark 11:23) When? When you believe and speak it.

Jesus said in Matthew, chapter 10 that when you are brought before people to give a testimony about Jesus, do not think about what you will say. Do not worry about it because it will not be you speaking, it will be the Holy Spirit of God speaking in you and through you, coming out of our mouth. When we pray in tongues by the Holy Spirit (a known tongue somewhere, but unknown to you the user), your spirit prays by the Holy Spirit in you, but your natural mind is unfruitful or unproductive. (1st Corinthians 14:14, Amplified Bible) The mind of Christ understands what is going on.

When you are speaking in the spirit by the Holy Spirit, you will get God’s results. If you do not speak, those words will not come out. “*They spoke as the Spirit gave them utterance.*” (Acts 2:14) God gives the words, and all I do is speak.

The life and power of God flows through the body so that spirit, mind, and body are in sync with the Spirit of God. The God-man. The prophet Elisha outran the chariot and horses. Samson could rip lions in two, and at the end, he pulled down the pagan temple.

“*‘Not by might or by power, but by My Spirit,’ saith the Lord*” (Zechariah 4:6) is talking about the Spirit of God in us flowing through us. Not by our mighty wisdom, power, physical strength, or mental prowess, but by the Spirit of the Living God working in us and through us will these exploits be accomplished.

Philip was physically translated from one place to another by the Spirit of God. God wanted him by the side of the chariot so he could explain the gospel, the good news of Jesus, to the Ethiopian eunuch.

Jesus was physically resurrected. When He appeared to the disciples, and they were scared because they thought He was a

ghost, He said, *“A ghost does not have bones and flesh as I have.”* (Luke 24:39) Note, He did not include blood. All his blood had been poured out for our salvation and deposited before the throne of heaven, before the Father. He had a body that could appear and disappear. It was not like the body that you know.

People have thought they are limited by their bodies, but you can do whatever God wants you to do because He is in your body. We have seen people lift cars by the Spirit of the Lord in time of disaster. All of a sudden God’s strength came into them. These hands work miracles. *“Whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing.”* (John 14:12 NKJV) I am doing my job the way the Lord would have it. I am making mini-Jesus people all over the earth. God-men and God-women, not just a bunch of folks going to church. *“Go and make disciples of all nations.”* (Matthew 28:19)

Spirit Alive

Jesus, at the transfiguration, was the physical Jesus, but he was suddenly transformed.

God would not let Moses see His face because Moses would not have lived if He had seen it, so God showed Him the back side.

Moses lived to be 120 years old. His eyes were not dim, his health and strength were not abated, and he climbed a mountain that a young man would have a hard time climbing. Your body does not have to fall apart when you get older. Moses was not on any diet or exercise program. He was eating heavenly food prepared from the throne of God. *“Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God.”* (Luke 4:4) The body needs food, but what does Jesus say it needs more? The Word of God. The real me is my spirit, and my spirit needs to be fed.

Many people feed their bodies more than they feed their spirits, and that is why they are weak. Their emphasis is on the physical because they are taking care of that. But it is not really strong the way God intends because He intends for His glory to flow through us. If the spirit is weak, then we have problems. Jesus said to *“watch and pray lest you enter into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak.”* (Matthew 26:41) The flesh is weak because people

are allowing it to control them rather than their spirit. If their spirit does not have food (does not have the Word of God), then it does not have the life and energy that God wants to flow through. It is constipated.

Jesus said, *“The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life.”* (John 6:63)

Paul told Timothy that physical exercise profits for a little while. He is talking about as long as you are in this body, physical exercise profits, but spiritual exercise profits forever, for the spirit has to be fed.

After Jesus had fasted for 40 days and 40 nights in the wilderness, He was tempted by the devil. The devil came to Him and said, *“If you be the Son of God, turn these rocks into loaves of bread.”* (Matthew 4:3) God could have done that if He wanted to do it, but Jesus only followed what the Father directed Him to do. He did not listen to other voices. When the people asked for a miraculous sign so that they would believe in Him, He did not show them anything. He gave them the sign of Jonah: three days, three nights in the belly of a fish. By the way, there was miraculous sustenance for Jonah in the fish that kept Him alive.

I have seen where God kept a baby alive in the womb, even though the placenta, which is usually rich and red and full of blood and life, was grey and ashen. It crumbled in the hands of the healthcare people that birthed the baby; and God preserved the child. We have seen Him deliver other miracle babies.

This body is not evil. Back in Martin Luther’s day people used to whip their bodies to try to bring it under submission. When Paul said, *“But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection...”* (1st Corinthians 9:27 NKJV), he was not talking about beating it and denying himself.

Have you ever tried to deny yourself, but you ended up doing just the opposite? Paul was talking about needing to allow his spirit to rise up, and when his spirit rose up, his body lined up. The body is a vehicle for the glory of God, for we can take Jesus with us wherever we go. (We bring heaven to people.) As long as we have life and

health, we will praise the Lord. *“Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.”* (Psalm 150:6) It does not even say health. What did God breathe into Adam? The breath of life, and Adam became a living being. He breathed His spirit into man, and man became alive.

“Awake, O sleeper, arise from the dead,” (Ephesians 5:14) Paul said to the church at Ephesus. He was telling them, “Come on; get alive to what is really alive.” This body is the temple of the Holy Ghost, and we need to allow God to flow through us. Jesus said that if the eyes be clear, then a person is in good shape. Many times I look at folks’ eyes, and I am about ready to say, “Come out of them in the name of Jesus!” Other times I can see they know, and they are peeking through the eyes, saying, “Does he see me? Does he recognize I am there?” Often a person’s head drops because the thing inside him does not want to be identified. If you look in the eyes, and you see they are not clear, then the Spirit of God says that they are going to be clear. I am going to take out of them whatever is not of God in Jesus’ name so they can see clearly.

Jesus talked about a judgmental spirit that hinders people from seeing clearly. Selfishness also prevents people from seeing what is going on. Have you ever looked into the eyes of someone that has anger and rage? It is not a pretty sight. You do not want to be close enough to look in their eyes. But it is nothing to God. You just look in their eyes and say, “Come out in Jesus’ name.” And the peace of God comes, and the eyes become clear and they can see clearly.

God tells us this body holds something. Jesus said that when the devil is cast out and leaves, then it comes back to the person and finds the place clean, clear, and empty. The house has to be filled with the glory of God.

When Jesus walked the earth He took the loaves and fish (physical things), and the Father multiplied them. What Jesus did was the same thing that the prophets did in the Old Testament. It was the same Spirit of God. It is the same loving God in the Old Testament as in the New Testament. He does not change. When you see Jesus in the New Testament, you are seeing the same Lord in the Old Testament. The same Jesus – yesterday, today, and forever.

Jesus is in us, and this body is the Lord's. When you understand that your eyes are His, they are sensitive to the needs of His people. They are sensitive to His purpose. Your ears are God's ears. Be careful about what you listen to, for faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. This body needs to be used for His purpose.

The words go in my ear and pass the hammer, anvil, and stirrup. They register into my mind, but there is more than that. I have the mind of Christ which now deciphers this. It is spiritual food going to my spirit, and my spirit is saying, "Yeah, I am getting fed."

You do not fast the spirit, you fast the body to deny it and you become more spiritually receptive. Fasting is not a diet. You are becoming sensitive to the Spirit of God in you, and to what God is doing.

Have you ever noticed that after you eat a turkey dinner, you feel like taking a nap? In addition alcohol dulls the senses and keeps you back from the things of the Spirit of God. It invites devils into your life. *"Be not drunk with wine, but be being filled with the Holy Ghost."* (Ephesians 5:18)

The law of life and health was flowing through Jesus. He did not get sick. For us, there is a point where our bodies shut down because we are finished with what God has given us to do, and we have to leave this body. In the meantime, it is what houses His glory. When Jesus was transfigured, the disciples saw the glory of God that was in Him shining through Him. Moses did not get to physically go to the Promised Land, but he was there at the transfiguration. He had done what he was given to do.

Faith and the Word of God

People are always thinking about physical manifestation. When you pray, it says, *"Believe you have received and you will see it."* (Mark 11:24) It is not about the physical manifestation. It is about believing. It is about the faith. It is about the Spirit because He does not lie.

Thomas said, *"Except I see the holes in His hands and the hole in His side, I will not believe."* (John 20:25) Jesus showed up and told

Thomas to put his hand in the holes in His hands and side, and He said, *“Blessed are they who have not seen yet still believe.”* (John 20:29) You see, the spirit man knows the will of God. He knows that it has to manifested. But some people are so physically oriented that they do not know they are healed until they feel healed. As a result they never get healed because they are not believing God for it.

Of course they all say they are, but if they were, then they would know that they are healed whether they see it or not. Why? Because the Lord says so. That is why many do not see miracles, they do not see healings, and they do not see their prayers answered. They do not believe they have received when they pray. Many people pray, but very few believe.

I do not spend all night and day casting a devil out of somebody. I say, *“Get out of them in Jesus’ name.”* When you tell a devil to get behind you, you do not turn around to see where he went. What the devils do is kick up and make a big scene, and people think that they have not left so they still have to do something. Well, then, you do not believe. Have you ever prayed and it got worse? Of course it is going to get worse because the thief wants you to believe that your prayer was nothing. You do not act on that. You know it is done in Jesus’ name, and you go on about your business.

Let those who have ears to hear (spiritual ears as well as physical ears), hear what the Spirit of the Lord is saying. Those who hear the message but do not do anything with it do not believe it. To be able to believe is a spiritual thing, and the mind of Christ is actually tied with the Spirit of God and your new spirit. God’s Spirit and the body have to line up.

Paul said, *“We have this treasure in earthen vessels.”* (2nd Corinthians 4:7 NKJV) It is dirt, water, and inert gas. The glory of God is flowing in spirit, mind, body, and carried into finances and relationships.

At the transfiguration Elijah was next to Jesus. He and Moses were physical beings, but they were translated physical beings. Elijah never died. He was carried up into the heavens in a fiery chariot. In addition, Enoch walked with God and that is all anybody knew. He

walked into the heavenly realm. If I am here one day and gone the next, you will know where I am.

The body should not be the emphasis. It is the shell that contains the Emphasis. Yes, the Lord will touch you, He will hold you, but understand that He is in you. Do not look for external stimuli. The flesh looks for external stimuli. I do not need fireworks, music, and all kinds of externals. I can worship God in spirit and truth. I have the heavenly band inside of me. I have the Spirit of God within me, the Spirit of God on me, and the Spirit of God around me. I know I am loved. The mind of Christ knows that we are loved. We do not need external stimuli. We do not need somebody hugging us and holding us. There is no sex in heaven. There is no male or female.

The Bible says the marriage bed is undefiled, but some bring in many things that are not holy and are not of the Spirit of God. A guy told me once that he was going to die if he could not have sex. I told him that he needed to get delivered. Life does not consist in the things you possess or in sex. If it was so significant, do not you think God would carry it into the new heaven and the new earth?

“Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth forth from the mouth of God.” (Matthew 4:4)

This Word of God is more important than food. We are spiritual beings, not flesh beings.

“Since you then be risen with Christ, set your mind [heart and affections] on the things above, not on the things beneath.”
(Colossians 3:1-2)

“Offer your body to God as a living sacrifice pleasing and acceptable to God which is your reasonable service.” (Romans 12:1) God has made you a spiritual being and your body is a slave to your spirit now; your spirit is not enslaved to your body. Many people receive Jesus, but they are still held captive by the lusts and desires of the flesh. Jesus, Paul, John, and all the prophets of God say that we are dead to the old flesh. This body used to be a slave to sin. (Romans 6:6)

As a little child, I learned this spiritual song: “Two little eyes to look to God, two little ears to hear his Word, two little feet to walk his ways, hands to serve him all my days.” That is what our body is about. It is not about me and my pleasures, or me and my will and desires. Acquiring things and the deceitfulness of riches will not get you to heaven.

Have you ever asked yourself, “Why am I doing this?” The externals should not impress you anymore. All that matters in this life is to be to the praise of God’s glory.

We Died to Sin

“What shall we say then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin. How can we live in it any longer?” (Romans 6:1-2) When Jesus died, He took away the power of sin. We are able not to sin anymore if we walk after the Spirit and not after the flesh.

The Christian community has not yet understood that if we are spiritual and live the way God says through the glory in us, we would not be separated from Him. Jesus did not sin, and He is our example, the first born from the dead.

The glory of God is in us, but if we are sinning, then we are compromising the truth. If when you stand praying, you remember you have something against somebody, forgive so the Father can forgive you. If He forgives you and you are in right standing, then what you speak on this earth is going to happen in heaven.

“Do not you know that all of us who were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death?” (Romans 6:3) *“I have been crucified with Christ.”* (Galatians 2:20) That old me is dead. The new me now serves God. *“We were therefore buried with Him through baptism into death in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”* (Romans 6:4) It is the God-life, and the God-life is for the God-man and the God-woman. It is not for the sinner. The sinner was separated from God, and we are not separated from Him anymore. Once we get ahold of this, we do not want to go back to the old life. It offered us nothing but an eternal death.

The first death is the physical, the second death is the spiritual. The devil, all the unbelievers, and the sinners separated from God (that did not receive the love He offered them) are put into the lake of fire. (Revelation 21:8)

“If we had been united with Him like this in His death, we will certainly also be united with Him in His resurrection.” (Romans 6:5)

Ephesians 3:20 says that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is working in us. Ephesians, chapter one, talks about the same thing. Paul prayed that we might know the power of God, and the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is working in us who believe.

“For we know that our old self was crucified with Him so that the body of sin might be done away with that we should no longer be slaves to sin.” (Romans 6:6)

We used to be slaves to sin. You cannot tell an alcoholic, a sex addict, a drug addict, or a person who is into perverted things (like greed and idolatry) to stop doing that because without Jesus they cannot do it. Without the power of God in them, without a new spirit, they cannot do it. All they can do is say, “Lord, forgive me; I yield my life to you and receive the love of God.” When their spirit is born again, then the mind of Christ starts to kick in, as they renew it by the Word of God. The body has to line up in Jesus’ name because this body is not carnal or fleshly. When the Bible calls a person fleshly, it is not talking about the body. It is talking about the sin (separated from God) life.

This body is only a slave to who it serves. It is a servant. It either serves sin and the devil, separated from the Lord, or it serves the Lord of Hosts. Being a slave to sin is done away with because anyone who has died has been freed from sin. It has no power over us anymore.

A life that is separated from the Lord does things that are separated from Him. There is a nature and then there are actual things that people do. The actual things that people do come from the sin nature

that was separated from God. But in Jesus, God made us right with Him. We are one. So what will proceed are God-deeds. Since faith without works is dead, there is going to be fruit. Jesus says, *"You will know them by their fruit."* (Matthew 7:16) You will know by how they are living, by what they are saying, by how they are thinking. You know what people are thinking because it will come out of their mouth sooner or later.

If we died with Christ, we believe that we also live with Him, for we know that since Christ was raised from the dead He cannot die again. Death no longer has mastery over Him, and the death He died, He died to sin once for all (for us) because He was not a sinner. But the life He lives, He lives to God.

We now live to God, for God, in God, and through God. That is our whole life. *"In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you may obey its evil desires."* (Romans 6:11-12) Do not let it in the house and do not let it have control. *."*

You Belong to God

You will overcome by the blood of the Lamb. These eyes belong to God. The next time you need to remind yourself about that, remind yourself about that. These ears belong to God. I do not listen to stuff that He is not listening to. He does not listen to foolishness. He does not listen to perverted things. If it is not about faith, hope, and love, growing in increase in God, then it is not important for your life. Knowledge puffs up.

Some people fight over doctrines, even about what day Jesus rose from the dead or was crucified.

Years ago I found myself starting to get into that way of thinking. It was stupid. The fact is, Jesus suffered, He died, and He rose from the dead on the third day, whatever day that was. Because He lives I live. It does not matter *when* Christians get caught up into heaven. The believers are going to get caught up into heaven whether they have died or they are alive, and they are going to be with God forevermore. The unbelievers, the scoffers, and those who have not received His love are all going to be with the devil, separated from

God forever. It does not matter when it happens, it is going to happen and you had better be ready. You had better be ready right now. Do not be thinking, *I have got till next week* because it could happen right now for you. I am excited about going; do not pray me back. When I am finished, I am out of here.

“Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you may obey its evil desires. Do not offer the parts of your body to sin as instruments of wickedness, but rather offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life and offer the parts of your body to Him as instruments of righteousness, for sin shall not be your master because you are not under law, but under grace.”
(Romans 6:12-14)

People say, “I am not under the law,” and I say, “Yes, that is because you are doing what God says. If you are *not* doing what God says, you *are* under the law of God and that law will condemn you because you are trampling underfoot the blood of Jesus, the grace of God, and you are saying it is of no effect.”

The next time you think about being bitter, the next time you think about being unforgiving, the next time you think about being greedy, or you are not happy when somebody else gets blessed, you need to remember that you are a child of God.

In Jesus Christ, you have been put back to the place Adam and Eve were before the Fall. We are in the world, but we are not of the world, and that is what the Lord is trying to communicate. You are a God-man and a God-woman now.

We are made so incredibly well by the Lord. We have circulation, digestive, endocrine, respiratory, and reproductive systems. We have a skeletal system, a muscle, ligament, tendon, fiber system. Your eyes and your ears are organs. And yet, the body is just a lump of flesh without the spirit. The glory of God is in you, and you lose it in Jesus' name: “Lord, flow upon my bones and fill my bones with Your glory.” Arthritis, and all other nonsense, starts to disappear. Things will regenerate. Ask the Lord to regenerate the brain cells that are in you. However, if you stand praying and you remember you

have something against somebody, forgive them because that will hinder the glory power from flowing through you in health.

Realize your body is working to replenish cells. Out goes the bad, and God is making new. When your life is not right and you are out of sync with God, then your body is not going to replenish and things start to break down. That is where cancers and other diseases come (it is called consumption in the Bible). Consumption is where disease is actually eating the body.

Start thanking God and praising Him that He is renewing your youth. He will renew skin tissue every day. Every time you take a bath you scrub the cells off and God is putting in new ones. You need to start to realize that what is in you is greater than whatever is out there. *“Greater is He who is in you than they that are in the world.”* (1st John 4:4)

When you stand in front of that mirror, it is not about you and the mirror; it is about you and God in you. See through yourself and see the God-man and the God-woman that is in there that is able to rise up in all occasions and circumstances to deal with them because the Lord is in there.

THE GOD-MAN
PHYSICAL
Fleshly vs. Spiritual
Chapter Four

Things Spiritual

The Lord is in your body; it is His temple. When you are filled with the Holy Spirit, He has come to live in your new spirit that is alive to Him, and the empowerment from on high comes up from within.

Jesus said that you must be born again. There has to be a spiritual birth, a new birth. If you have received Jesus as Lord and Savior, it has happened and God is alive in you. He is spiritual and does not live in what is carnal and fleshly.

We have the breath of life by the Lord through His Word. *“Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”* (Romans 10:17 NKJV) This is spiritual. Jesus said, *“The words I speak to you are spirit and they are life,”* (John 6:63 NKJV) and *“God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.”* (John 4:24 NKJV) There is nothing fleshly, carnal, or unholy that can come into the presence of God Almighty. But through the blood of Jesus we were made holy and right before Him.

Peter said we are born of incorruptible seed. In other words, God’s seed is in us. John 1:12-13 says, *“But as many as received Him, (Jesus), to them gave the power to become sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.”* We became spiritual at that point, and spirit, mind, and body belong to God.

The mind of Christ is spiritual. It is set on spiritual things. *“The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace.”* (Romans 8:6) To set it on the spirit is life, and those who are of the Spirit of God will be controlled by the Spirit of God. The life we now live we do not live by the old ways. *“The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds.”* (2nd Corinthians 10:4 NKJV) They are spiritual and they will pull down demonic strongholds. They will pull down fleshly

strongholds. They will pull down the worldly strongholds that have influenced us. Before we received Jesus as Lord and Savior, we were basically animals. Predators.

Animals have a soul and a body, and sometimes they actually act better than people who are not spiritual. The devil tries to counterfeit the spiritual by putting in himself, his false teachings, and beliefs (man's church, religion). Jesus came that we might have life and have it more abundantly. (John 10:10) The counterfeit church has nothing to do with God or the Holy Spirit, although it will use those terms. It teaches that man is basically working his way to God. The truth is that God in His love came to save us because we could not do anything apart from Him to earn our salvation or to have abundant life.

He is in us. *"It is no longer I who lives"* (Galatians 2:20), I have been crucified with Christ. That is, the flesh has been crucified with Christ. The old, selfish, self-centered me is dead. The Lord has given me a new life in Him. I am alive in Christ Jesus.

The more we understand that the life we now live we live by the faith of the Son of God, we see that we are to have the God-like kind of faith. (Mark 11:22) I can physically say, and God will spiritually do what I say, and nothing shall be impossible to me in Him. (Matthew 17:20)

We are spiritual beings, not just physical beings. Although we have a treasure in this clay pot, we are spiritual beings. The real me is spirit. The old me was flesh.

We are preparing ourselves for the return of the Lord. He is not coming back for a physical, fleshly bride. He is coming back for a spiritual bride. He is coming back for a holy bride. In these last days the Lord wants the emphasis off the physical and onto the spiritual. Colossians 3:1-2 *"Since you then be risen with Christ, set your mind [your affections, your heart] on the things above, not on the things beneath."* Paul said the church of his day at Corinth was not spiritual. He told them they were carnal and fleshly because they did not have the interest of heaven at heart. They did not have the interests of the

kingdom of God. They still had their own interests at heart, and that is why they were fleshly, carnal, and weak.

Before Christ you were nothing but selfish and self-centered – basically a predator. You were only concerned about yourself and what pertained to you. You used people, you abused people, or you threw tantrums when you did not get your way. All you were thinking about is how you were going to survive. Survival of the fittest is not a term related to people. It concerns the animal kingdom.

God created us in His image. In Genesis, chapters 1 and 2, there are two different accounts of the same thing, and what do you have? God is Spirit. He is love. Descriptions of the Lord throughout the Bible show He is holy. He has all wisdom. He has all power. God made us in His image, like Himself.

The temptation that went out to Eve was that God did not want her to be like Him. She was ignorant and did not know she already was like Him. She was taken out of Adam's side, and the Lord intended them to be side by side. *"Bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh."* (Genesis 2:23)

When people are searching for relationship, usually they look at the physical attributes: how someone looks, how much the person has, how smart the person is.

Samuel, the prophet of God, stood in front of Jesse's sons in order to choose the king, for the Lord had sent him to anoint the next king-to-be. He stood in front of the first and eldest son. He was strong, handsome, and had all the characteristics of a king. He looked regal. But what happened? Samuel was ready to anoint him, but the Lord spoke to him "No, not that one." The Lord said, "I do not look at the outside (the physical). I look at the inside. I look at the heart. I look at the inside of man."

What do people look at? The outside. What does the world look at? The outside. What does the devil encourage people to do? Dwell on the outside. Or he gives them a counterfeit spirituality to try to fill a hole, an emptiness in everybody apart from Christ that only God can fill. It is God's spot. It is your spirit. You can build up your mind, you

can build up your body, but as far as God is concerned, you are dead. Jesus said, *“Apart from Me you can do nothing.”* (John 15:5) And so, all you have is *“vanity of vanities, all is vanity”* or emptiness (Ecclesiastes 1:2 NKJV), said Solomon, the wisest man next to Jesus on the earth. God made him the wisest man. It was not his “smarts,” his intelligence, his education, his business prowess that made him who he was. It was the Lord.

After the Lord had said, *“Ask me for whatever you want,”* (1st Kings 3:5) Solomon asked for wisdom to lead God’s people in the way that God wanted them led. The Lord said, *“Because you did not ask for [what the flesh man asks for] long life, health, fame and riches...”* Solomon did not ask for anything physical. The wisdom of God is spiritual and only comes from God (the world does not have it). It does not matter how many books you read and learn about, only God can give wisdom and insight into real life.

Jesus said, *“My peace I give to you, a peace the world cannot give.”* (John 14:27) They do not have it. Only God can give real peace. Only God can give real love. The whole world does not have love and cannot get it. Have you gone looking for love? You cannot find it apart from Jesus because it is not out there. The flesh will deny that, pride will deny that, the world will deny that because it thinks it has it without God. But God says the wisdom of man is foolishness to Him, and His wisdom is foolishness to man. Many think they are okay until something breaks down, and then they scramble.

In the Flesh or in the Spirit

The five areas of blessing (spiritual, mental, emotional, physical, financial, and in relationships) can become the five areas of cursing: spiritual death, mental depression and or confusion, physical health breakdowns. You can have all the money and friends in the world, but if your health is bad your life is horrible, and you will eventually die. In the financial realm, instead of having God’s economy, you have what is going on in the world which is volatile and unstable. The Lord told Timothy, *“Teach the rich not to put their trust in uncertain riches.”* (1st Timothy 6:17) The only thing certain in this earth is the spiritual realm in God. Everything else is unstable.

When you ask God, do not ask with a double mind because the double-minded person is unstable in all his ways and cannot expect to receive anything from God. (James 1) Have you ever asked for a flesh desire? People bring their flesh into the spiritual realm and the Lord laughs at it. He thinks it is ridiculous. He will not even answer because He does not answer foolishness. He is not going to have anything to do with it, nor does He even think a thought about it. The only one thinking about it is you. The Lord has nothing to do with the flesh. (I am not talking about the body.) This body (this clay pot) is spiritual simply because the Spirit of God inhabits it. When we lay hands on the sick they will recover.

Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego were in a fiery furnace so hot that the guards who put them in there died. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego stood inside, and the Lord added somebody with them. When the king looked, he did not see three, he saw four. He saw the Lord in the furnace with them. Then he brought them out, and they did not even smell like smoke. Their clothes were not burned. *“Though I walk through the water, I will not drown. When I walk through the fire I will not be burned.”* (Isaiah 43:2)

The spiritual supersedes the physical. This is why we do not walk by sight. We walk by faith. (2nd Corinthians 2) The mind can think something is ridiculous, like how can it be that they were in a fire so hot that the guards melted down, yet they did not even smell like smoke? If you have ever been around a smoker, you know that they smell like smoke.

When people approach others in relationship, they approach them first at a physical level. They listen to their conversation, they watch how they look. It makes a statement. In the first few moments you can form an opinion about someone. You make a decision in your mind (fleshly) about that person. It only takes a moment to spiritually discern people also. We yield to one or the other.

Jesus said to judge righteous judgment, not by the appearance of things. Judging righteous judgment is spiritual discernment by the Holy Spirit while the other is a physical determination. Some just look at color and they are going to do something based on their background. All this nonsense that has gone on for years is fleshly

and carnal. It is not of God because God is spiritual and those who are spiritual would understand and discern that there is only one race, the human race. There are wonderful folks and then there are sleaze bags. Prejudice is fleshly, not spiritual.

God is love, but people act out things that are not love, and they are not preferring others more important than themselves. Keeping God's commandments is love. The law is, "*Love the Lord your God with all your heart, mind, and soul, and love your neighbor as yourself.*" (Matthew 22:37, 39) Jesus is very succinct. He gets right to the point and cuts through all the stuff.

In the beginning God created man in His image, and He created all the other animals and plants. The lion and the lamb lay down together. There was no survival of the fittest in the created garden. Everybody cooperated, everything was working together. There was no violence, commotion, competition, comparing, or strife.

When people are into division, they are not into Christ Jesus. When they are into competition, preferring others as less than themselves and comparing themselves, that is the flesh world, not God's world. There is no ego, pride, or selfishness in God's world. Immediately you can know when you are in the flesh or when you are in the spirit. Ask God's forgiveness and get back where you belong.

Hosea 4:6, "*My people perish for lack of knowledge*" because they do not know about the spiritual man, the mind of Christ, and the body.

Because the Lord lives in us, the law of life and health flows through our bodies. That is why sickness and disease cannot live in them. When we are in sync with God's Spirit (He is flowing in this body), then health is flowing in this body. The law of life and health supersedes the law of sickness and death.

All the parts of the body are members of Christ. (Romans 6:3) If you have the mind of Christ, you will agree with what we are sharing. If you do not have the mind of Christ, it is guaranteed that you will not agree, or like it.

This body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Offer it to God. (Romans 12:1) Everything we have is God's and so we offer it back to Him. It is His house, and I offer to you, Lord, the full reign and use of this body. Fill it with your glory. It is your holy temple.

People have been taught that the body is evil. That is not God's teaching (It is religious teaching) because the body is God's house. Jesus said, "...*When your eye is clear,*" (Luke 11:34 AMP) then God is in the house. If it is not clear, then there is something else going on. In addition, He said, "*If your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.*" (Matthew 18:9 NKJV) He wants you to get your eyes lined up. They are God's eyes, and you are not going to use them to look at the flesh. "Open my eyes, Lord, that I might see the reality of what is going on." You can see with the spiritual eyes. The Lord says to pray that you might have ears to hear (spiritual ears to go with the physical hearing that you might hear the spiritual).

The Corinthians were fleshly, unspiritual folks. Just because people are in the church does not mean they are spiritual Christians. You will know people by their fruit. You will know them by their way of life. You will know by what comes out of their mouths, what comes out of their actions, what comes out of their lives. You will know who they really are.

The Lord says that if you find you are lacking and wanting, then you need to ask His forgiveness, get under the blood of Jesus and let Him make you spiritual so that the spirit, mind, and body are in sync. "*Which is it easier to say, 'Your sins be forgiven' or 'Take up your bed and walk.'*" (Matthew 9:5) This is where the spirit supersedes the physical.

Paul dealt with divisions in the church. (1st Corinthians 3) Division is not of God. The thief comes to steal, kill, and destroy. Jesus said there will be five in a household, three against two, two against three for His namesake. Did God make the division? No. The devil made the division. The flesh made the division. The world made the division.

Many people do not understand. Some think they are different because they are Christians. It is not that you have some disease. You are normal. Spiritual is normal to God. Miracles are normal to God. Anything other than that is not normal. We are not the ones that are messed up. We are called a peculiar people, set apart for the praises of God. Some felt they were weird or strange, so they tried to conform to the world and the flesh, and be like everybody else (when they are not). We are in this world, but we are not of it. So why do you try to conform to it? Transform the mind to the mind of Christ. (Romans 12:2) We cannot talk about the body without the mind and the spirit because they are all connected. Many people are divided within themselves because their spirit wants to do the right thing, but they have not renewed their mind through the Word of God. Then their spirits and their minds counter each other. Or, the bodily appetites want to run wild, the sexual drives want to run wild, the physical appetites want to run wild. When violence is in the mind, the body acts it out and hurts people, while all along the spirit wants to do the right God-thing.

What is the problem? 1st Corinthians 9:27 says we have to daily bring this body under subjection to our spirits, to the mind of Christ, lest after we preach to everybody we get lost. *“Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God.”* (2nd Corinthians 10:5 KJV)

We have to die to the flesh. When we worry and fear, we are in the flesh, we are not in the spirit. It will make the body break down and get sick. That is not God's will nor His desire. If we have the peace of God, this body will not break down. We have to ask God's forgiveness, get under the blood of Jesus, and get back with God, so we are not divided. Unity, oneness. People think that is eastern religion, but it is spiritual truth. The source of it has been redirected. “Positive thinking” leaves God out. You can think positively all you want but you are still going to die. Apart from Jesus you can do nothing, but God's principles will work. Giving will work for a believer or an unbeliever.

Pharaoh's sorcerers could do the same trick that Moses did by turning the staffs into snakes. The difference was Moses' staff ate the other ones. Do not be deceived. In the last days there will be

great spiritual signs and wonders going on in the earth. Make sure you are rooted in the Word of God, in the truth of Jesus. Whatever is of God will give glory to Jesus as the Lord.

There are people in other belief systems that have great peace. They have great oneness and wholeness. But they are lost because Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. *“No man comes to the Father but by Me.”* (John 14:6) God loves everybody and wants everybody to come to the saving knowledge of that truth. There are people that are pursuing the spiritual, but they just need to get back on the right track. I have no problem with that. I believe if somebody is pursuing spiritual truth they are going to get close to Jesus because they are seeking, and the Father has been known to reveal Himself.

Many folks are just into the physical. They are base, like animals. According to Maslow’s psychological theory the base level needs are what you eat, drink, wear, sex and all that pertains to the body. Jesus said to seek first the kingdom of God and everything else will be put into place. In the new heaven and the new earth there will not be any sex. There will not be any marriage. The only place that sex is permitted by God is through marriage.

The emphasis of the world is so out of bounds as far as what God is concerned about; it is perverted and upside down. Read Romans, Chapters one and two and you will see what we are talking about. These are signs of the last days. Perversion is anything that is contrary to the will of God.

“Do not you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you? If anyone destroys God’s temple, God will destroy him for God’s temple is sacred and you are that temple.” (1st Corinthians 3:16)

Did you think you had a right to smoke, drink, or do anything you wanted? In Christ Jesus you have been set free. You can do those things, but they will destroy you, and God will destroy you. Anybody has a right to think anything they want to think, do anything they want to do, but only what is of the Lord will end up blessed, and life will be forever with Him.

The flesh has to be destroyed. I am not talking about the body. God wants the body in good shape. People destroy their own body with deep fat fried foods, etc. It is all about taste. If you take broccoli alone, it is bland, so you put on butter and cheese sauce. Then it is not healthy anymore.

The Lord says all things are permissible with moderation. But if it tastes good, you want more of it. Does that mean you cannot have anything that tastes good? No, but moderation is the key. The flesh cannot do moderation. For example, you will never have enough money. You can never have enough sex. You cannot ever have enough of what the flesh is desiring because the cravings of the flesh can never be satisfied. The desires of the flesh will constantly keep people discontented, and they will have no peace. One becomes a predator, always pursuing something that is never going to satisfy or fulfill. One of the names of the Lord is "I am the God who is more than enough;" you can be content in Him. Having godliness and contentment is of great gain. You came into the world with nothing, you will leave with nothing. This has to do with the spiritual realm.

God wants you to have things. He said, "*With food and clothing be content.*" (1st Timothy 6:8) People think there is always something else "out there." Eve was in the garden with nothing but blessing all around her, and the devil came through, the walking, talking snake, standing up and telling her, "God does not want you to be like Him. He is holding back." Immediately the snake appealed to her fleshly desires. She was ignorant, and ignorance leads to trouble.

The flesh wants a bad boy or a bad girl, but you usually do not marry a bad boy or a bad girl. You just want to have fun. However, that is not fun, that is death. Eve was flirting with the devil and hanging out with him, and before long she looked at what he was talking about and started to desire it. Do not say that God tempts you with evil because God cannot be tempted with evil. (James 1:13) People are tempted of their own lusts, their own desires. The Bible says we have crucified those lusts and desires of the flesh, but if you entertain them they will come back. The thief will use it, but he did not make you do it. You do not do anything you do not want to do. If you are finding that you want something that God says you do not want, then you had better get on your face before God and get rid of it. That

desire is not from Him, but when the flesh is saying things, then the devil will come along.

Things of the Flesh

“Be angry but do not sin. Do not let the sun go down on your wrath” (Ephesians 4:26 NKJV) because if you let the flesh run wild, then a devil will be right close to latch on. You used to think that you had control over it, but all of a sudden you do not have control anymore. You are being driven. You are being used and abused, and you need to get delivered. Jesus will get you delivered if you want to be delivered and get back to God. He will help you to come back. You cannot even tolerate a speck of darkness on the flesh. You need to be Mr. and Mrs. Clean. It cannot be soiled by the flesh or the desires of it anymore if you are going to be with God. Only that which is holy is that which is going to be with Him. Do not even let a hint of sexual immorality be found amongst you. If people are unclean, they are not holy.

“Do not allow a root of bitterness to spring up amongst you.” (Hebrews 12:15) It will defile. Sex has to be in marriage; and it has to be holy. That means you do not bring perversions into it. There needs to be mutual agreement. Some husbands were actually raping their wives, and wives were doing the same to their husbands.

1st Corinthians 7 says not to abstain from sex except by mutual consent and for a time of fasting and prayer lest you give the devil an opportunity.

It says that God will destroy the temple. A lot of cancers and other diseases have actually been caused by promiscuous sex. What kind of diseases are running rampant out there in the earth? The highest rate of syphilis and AIDS in the country is right next door. People got it from being promiscuous. But no one wants to talk about this.

Somebody asked me one time what I thought of those who are of this persuasion. And I said, “I am tired of seeing people die needlessly.” There are viruses that are mutating, and there is no cure for it in the physical realm. God loves everybody and wants everybody to turn from their ways. But He is not mocked.

Some want to stir up strife by saying you do not like certain folks, or you hate them. No, I am not saying that, but God's truth is truth. The world accepts the flesh, the world encourages the flesh.

John, chapter 15, says the world will hate you and persecute you because you are seeking to live holy.

“Do not deceive yourselves. If anyone of you think you are wise by the standards of this age, you should become ‘fools’ so that you may become wise.” (1st Corinthians 3:18) In other words, we need to get what the Lord says. *“For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in God’s sight. As it is written, He catches the wise in their craftiness.”* (1st Corinthians 3:19) The Lord knows that the thoughts of the wise are futile, empty, and useless. *“So then no more boasting about men or the flesh. All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future. All are yours and you are of Christ and Christ is of God.”* (1st Corinthians 3:21-23)

How carnal to say, “I follow this or that person,” or “I like this ministry, I do not like that ministry.” How fleshly. Anytime you are thinking about your opinion, nobody cares about your opinion. God does not care about your opinion. You should not care either.

The most important thing you should look for in choosing a spouse is their spiritual qualities. Start there. Blessing starts at the spiritual. I was praying over a couple one time who had come up in the prayer line, and the Lord said to them, “Today I am making you one in the spirit.” If the people in a marriage are not following Jesus, it is not a marriage. If Jesus is not the most important thing in that marriage, then there is not a marriage. They are unequally yoked and there will be nothing but problems. One is working with the spirit and one is working with the flesh, and there is division in the house. The children will be messed up because of the division. Fleshly people always think they are spiritual and they are right, but if you are not doing what God says, then you are not spiritual, you are fleshly.

As I was praying over the couple, the Lord said, “I am making you one spirit today.” You may think that they had become one flesh, but they weren’t attached. When the umbilical cord is cut between the mother and child, they are not one anymore in the flesh. Before that

they were connected. Sex is not what is made in the world, in the flesh, because folks are not connected all the time. It is really not natural.

So Jesus is not talking about that because He knows in the new heaven and new earth there is not going to be any sex. But the whole world, the flesh, and the devil make it out to be such a big thing. Did you know there was temple prostitution (male and female) in Corinth at their temples? Sex has always been a part of every form of false religion, rites and rituals. And more went on in the garden than meets the eye.

1st Corinthians 6:9 and following *“Do not you know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived.”*

There is a lie amongst the people of the world. People think that because they turned eighteen they can drink. What is so glorious about that? What is so godly and heavenly about that? Eighteen is not a magical number.

There are twelve and thirteen year old children having babies. When you read the daily birth log in the newspaper, it shows how many folks are not even married that are having babies. The welfare system picks them up and gives them justification. If they were paying for their own baby, they would not have them. Or if they made that guy responsible rather than the welfare system. When the guy walks and the gal has the baby, it is not the way God ever intended it.

We have a messed-up world with broken homes, broken families, and grandparents having to carry the responsibility.

Where are the preachers? Where is the Word of God? Why are not people being taught? Some churches do not talk about sex, politics, or religion, and they never talk about money. The flesh is about all those things. The people are deceived and think it is okay. But it is not okay. God does not think it is.

Yes, babies are cute, but they need to come in order. First comes love, then comes marriage, then comes the baby carriage.

“Do not you know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God?” (1st Corinthians 6:9) He is talking to the church who are supposed to be the believers. *Do not be deceived. Neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters...*” (1st Corinthians 6:9) These are the people that have other gods before the Lord. You can always tell what your other god is because it is what you are worrying about, thinking about, and fearing about. When you think about the Lord, you are not worrying or fearing.

A god of stone cannot do anything for you, does not answer your prayers, and does not help you. That little bauble-head on your dashboard is not going to protect you either. It is not what protected me when a car slammed into my car. It is not what protected me when a pipe came through my windshield. It was not what protected Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. It was the Living God in the furnace with them. The Lord is the Lord of the living, not of the dead.

“...Nor adulterers.” (1st Corinthians 6:9) Those are the ones who are having sex with somebody else’s wife or husband. *“...Nor male prostitutes.”* (1st Corinthians 6:9) There are female prostitutes too. I tell the girls not to buy the line, *I love you, I love you*. If they love you, they will not ask for anything. They will not touch where they should not be touching. They will not try to pick you off from the crowd. That is a predator’s trick. They should respect you and honor you. This goes for the guys as well because there are female predators too. Just talk to Joseph about that.

Understand, there were prostitutes in the temples. This is what went on in pagan worship. Their churches were full. Fleshly churches are packed out because they appeal to the flesh. They tell you that having stuff or money is godly. They tell you if you want to pursue money, you want to take care of yourself. They pursue the flesh. They tell you what you want to hear. These churches are packed out, and the churches in Paul’s day were packed out because they would go to church and have sex.

The world flaunts its sexuality. You cannot even buy a pair of jeans except by looking at what is in them. It is not about the jeans. The Bible says to keep your body free from this. You cannot even drive down the street without some billboard jumping out at you.

“...Nor homosexual offenders...” (1st Corinthians 6:9) That goes for ladies and guys. *“...nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor slanderers.”* The gossips are right in there. *“...nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.”* (1st Corinthians 6:10) Do not be deceived. None of the people that are doing those things are going to inherit the kingdom of God. *“...And that is what some of you were.”* (1st Corinthians 6:11)

Indulgence in the flesh is what every one of those has in common. Temple prostitutes cannot say they are spiritual.

“But you were washed, sanctified, justified, declared not guilty in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.” (1st Corinthians 6:11) God made us holy, He took our past and it is gone, off the record. If you bring it up, He will not know what you are talking about.

“Everything is permissible for me, but not everything is beneficial.”
“Everything is permissible for me, but I will not be mastered by anything.” (1st Corinthians 6:12)

Sex and food will master you; alcohol and drugs are an escape. All the counterfeit belief systems involved drugs or sex, food, orgies and whatnot. Churches that do not talk about sin are fleshly. They are carnal. Places that do not deal with sin like the church of Corinth, Paul said, “I am coming, and we’re shutting down the church unless you deal with the guy who is living with his dad’s wife” (He was not talking about living in a spare bedroom). He said, “We are going to shut down this church, and God is going to take His blessing off. He is going to write Ichabod over the door, which means ‘the Lord has departed’.” (1st Corinthians 5)

People in the flesh will not go where things are really spiritual because they would have to give up the flesh. They would have to give up carnality.

“Food for the stomach, stomach for food, but God will destroy them both.” (1st Corinthians 6:13) The body is not meant for sexual immorality. We are God’s holy temple, washed by the blood of

Jesus, sanctified by the Holy Spirit, made holy. We are not going to allow ourselves to be prostituted anymore in Jesus' name because we have been washed and cleansed in the blood of Jesus. We are not unclean or defiled anymore. We are temples for the living glory of God to live in.

The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord. And the Lord for the body. The Lord wants to be glorified in your body. When you come together for marriage relations, you understand it is not a flesh act. It is a holy act of God. Consecrated, blessed. No defiling thoughts in the house. This is a mutual thing to the glory of God. It is anything but what the world makes it out to be, what the flesh does. It is not some animal act. God is in the house. Pray before you have relations, for it is not about satisfying somebody. It has nothing to do with it because whatever you do, do it all in the name of Jesus to the glory of God. That includes the sexual act. It is a love relationship between the Lord and your spouse. It is holy, blessed of God, and the Lord wants holy offspring to come from it.

The Lord had me study about the mind, the body, and the hormones. Your hormones change as you get older, and if you have passed beyond the time for production of a child (both men and women), products like Viagra... are not to be used. If it is not meant to be, it is not meant to be. Taking it does not make you more of a man. What is its purpose? Is the emphasis on the spiritual or on the physical? It is not the measure of a man or a woman.

Why do some folks divorce when they get to a certain age? The woman's body has changed, she is going another direction, and she is not interested. The guy thinks he is still interested, yet he is not, and so he is going to get the little red sports car and find some young chick, "arm candy," so he can be a real man. Then he needs help so he has to get this product to do something. The woman is looking for a rich guy to carry her out through her last days, and away we go. This is the flesh; it is not spiritual. It is not of God.

The Lord wants us to grow old together and be happy in Him, and go on to the Lord. My grandfather, when he was 80 years old went into my grandma on Christmas Eve, he kissed her goodnight, and he said

goodbye. Then he went on to be with the Lord. They had a wonderful God-life together. That is the way God intends it.

All the emphasis on performance is just carnal nonsense. Sex is not the emphasis of marriage, nor should it be on your thoughts. Keep yourself holy for the spouse that God has prepared. Keep the relationship holy all the days that you have it, love and cherish all your days, and you will live happily ever after with the Lord.

“For it is said the two will become one flesh, but he who unites himself with the Lord is one with Him in spirit.” (1st Corinthians 6:16-17 NJKV)

There needs to be a spiritual marriage. If it is not, it is no marriage. There is nothing there. It is just co-habitation, a basic use job going on. That is no reason for marriage, and it is not going to last because it is useless and not blessed.

If there is one person in the marriage that believes the Lord, hold the line with God and believe Him. Because the one covers the other until they come in. The love of God never fails that way. It will work.

“Do not you know that your bodies are members of Christ Himself?” By His power God raised the Lord from the dead. And he will raise us also. *“Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never. Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body? For it is said the two will become one flesh. But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with Him in spirit.”* (1st Corinthians 6:15-17)

The major reason why marriages break down is because of the people, not sex, although it is one of the reasons along with money, rebellion, independence, lack of love, or uncaring. Mainly the folks are not one in spirit, walking together in Christ Jesus, hand and hand with the Lord who joins them together in that matrimonial service. That is where it has to be. Not emphasis on the flesh, but emphasis on the spirit. The order of blessing is spiritual, being right with God, and then mind, body, emotions, finances, and relationships will all flow in blessing. When they are out of whack, with the emphasis on the flesh, the body apart from the spirit, you have an animal. That is

not what God intended us for. He intended us to be His children, in His image, bringing His blessing into the earth, being a blessing one to another in Christ for life everlasting.

My wife Diana told me one day, “It’s until *natural* death do us part,” meaning thoughts were probably there to do one another in, but we overrode it in the spirit.

You can make any excuse you want. The top reason on the divorce sheet is irreconcilable differences. However, there is nothing irreconcilable in Christ Jesus.

There are times when there needs to be separation. Take a look at 1st Corinthians, chapter seven. Usually somebody has to get their act together. They are not walking in Christ. Unfaithfulness or sexual immorality are grounds for divorce. Fraudulent (pornea) marriage is grounds for divorce. That is, people present themselves one way, and end up being something else. They say they are giving up habits just so they can come into the marriage and get into the sack.

THE GOD-MAN
PHYSICAL
Sex Talk
Chapter Five

The Body Is Meant for the Lord

To have God's abundant life, Jesus must be our First Love.

When the Lord asks the question, "How are you looking?" He is not talking about your body. He is talking about your spirit. The real you. Most people spend time on the body and how they look, and it reflects what is going on inside. Jesus in Matthew, chapter 23:27, said to the Pharisees and the Sadducees, the religious folks of His day, "*On the outside you look like whited sepulchers.*" A whited sepulcher was something that somebody paid attention to. But "*Inside you are rotten and stinking.*" (Matthew 23:27) The real you is dead. It is decaying and rotting, and there is no life there. You can be as buff as you can be on the outside, and healthy in your arteries, heart, and lungs, but if your spirit is not looking good, you are dying.

This is why people are not ready when trouble comes. Their spirit man is apathetic, depraved, and deprived. It has not been fed for a long time. Then they try to raise up some energy and strength. They have not any because they have not been feeding their inner man, the God-man.

"May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you [make you holy] through and through." (1st Thessalonians 5:23) The Lord has made us in His image, and we have a trinity working: spirit, mind, and body. *"..May your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."* (1st Thessalonians 5:23) The Lord is concerned that we be presented to Him holy at His appearing. He is coming back for a holy bride. We are a part of that holy bride. It cannot be that your spirit is holy while your mind is corrupt and your body is just going along.

Paul said that he had to bring his body under subjection, meaning his appetites, cravings, and desires of the flesh, "*Lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified.*" (1st

Corinthians 9:27) The Lord holds each person accountable for his or her own life. Many talk about Jesus, talk about the Christian walk, but their minds and bodies are not sanctified. They are not under the blood of Jesus because they are still allowing the cravings, desires, and appetites of the flesh to rule in them. It is God's desire to present us wholly holy to Himself one day.

The body is not evil. *"Food for the stomach, stomach for food."* (1st Corinthians 6:13) The body needs food to function, but through moderation and not excess. In addition, some foods are better than others for the body. This body will eventually be destroyed, and it has to be so that we can get the new one God will prepare for us. Note, it says that if you destroy your own body, God will destroy you. (1st Corinthians 3:17) It is not yours to ruin.

The Lord will destroy the creation and begin a new heaven and a new earth one of these days, but it is not for man to destroy what God has created. This body is not ours; it belongs to Christ Jesus. We are talking about the God-man and the God-woman. So when we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we were translated out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light of God's dear Son. We are new creations. The old things have passed away, the new has come. The Lord Jesus is in us. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; Jesus says He brought them all.

God has made us spiritual people. Before Jesus came into our lives, our spirits were dead to God, we were unspiritual and we were no different than an animal. Animals have souls, minds, intellects, personalities, wills, and bodies. Jude called some people no more than brute beasts because all they were concerned about was what satisfied the animal instincts. They were not concerned about the Lord or doing anything that God had. They were not concerned about fulfilling God's will and purpose in the earth.

"The body is not meant for sexual immorality, but for the Lord." (1st Corinthians 6:13) This body is for the Lord. It is holy and it is pure because of the blood of Jesus. When Jesus saved us at the cross, He did not just save our spirits. He saved mind and body, and He made our spirits come alive. We now have His Spirit. We were dead to God, but when we received Jesus, we were born again of God's

Spirit. *“To as many as received Him [Jesus] He gave power to become the sons of God. Born not of the will of man nor of the flesh of man, but born of God.”* (John 1:12-13) God is Spirit, He is love, and He is blessing. We received all that God has for us when He came inside of us. That is why we are new creations. It is not that God did a remodel. He did not do a renovation. We are brand new in Christ Jesus. We have to see ourselves as God has made us to be. We are not old, poor, miserable, wretched sinners anymore, separated from God. We are right with Him. We are His children. We are joint heirs of salvation with God. We are co-laborers with Him. We work together as a team because God is working in us and *“it is no longer I who lives.”* (Galatians 2:20) I have been crucified with Christ with all my passions, affections, and inordinate love for self, which is dead and buried. The new me has come forth to serve God in glory. We are the planting of the Lord for His splendor. We are God’s planting to bear fruit to His glory.

Be One in Spirit and Faith

We are not flesh machines. Even in marriage sex is not about the flesh. It is about a spiritual union coming together. You leave father and mother, and you cleave to your spouse that the two become one flesh. (Matthew 19) But it is more than that. Husband and wife have to become one in spirit, and that is why so many marriages are floundering. They are not coming together over the Word of God. They are not coming together in prayer. They are not coming together in praise to the Lord. They are not coming together in the faith.

The body of Christ right now is not together in faith. It is one in spirit, but it is not one in faith. (Ephesians 4) But the Lord has put apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, and teachers in the body of Christ for the equipping of the saints for the work of the ministry so that the saints might not be tossed to and fro by every whim of doctrine, but might grow up and become one in faith. There are 59 divisions or brands of Christianity because people are not one in spirit and in faith. They are not believing the same thing even though they have the same Bible. Now the Holy Spirit does not contradict Himself. There is only one interpretation to the Word of God. But the problem is people do not believe it, and therefore, they do not receive it.

Since they do not receive it, it divides people. In Christ there is no division. The Word of God is not divided or confused.

Jesus is not coming back for a divided church, so something is going to have to happen, and it will have to be a miracle. There are many Christians out there that were happy about themselves while they were sinners, thinking they were doing really well. Then they came to Jesus and found out they are nothing, they are taught to be nothing, and they continue to be nothing. Therefore, they never change into the image of Christ because they do not know that it is attainable in Him. They are still confessing, "I, a poor miserable, wretched sinner, confessing to thee, O, Lord, all my sins and iniquities which are ever before me," meaning once a sinner, always a sinner. Do not you know that no sinner will enter into heaven? Only the saints. (You do not have to be dead to be a saint, as has been taught.)

How can you become a saint if you were a sinner all your life, and all of a sudden you die and now you are a saint? There must have been some glimpse of glory coming out of people that anybody would consider them saints. The blood of Jesus cleansed us from all unrighteousness, all sin, and all separation from God and made us right with Him. So you are either right with God, or you are not right with God. You are either washed by the blood, or you are not. There is no halfway on this.

The Lord says you cannot have sex until you get married. Whether you are 18 or 45. Have you ever seen everybody oohing and awwhing at the wedding because they think, *Oh, they are going to go do it now after the wedding.* They flip the garter and do silly stuff. It is not even important. Some people are afraid Jesus is coming back before they can have sex. I think that is way off. The real blessing is on the vow of marriage. That should be what people are really excited about. The coming together, a man and a woman, for godly purposes, a team to bear godly offspring. It is not about sex. There is no sex in the new heaven and the new earth, and if God thought it was so important, do not you think it would be forever?

Have you ever considered that when your body parts are changing at an older age that maybe it is because you are done with sex? Some of those commercials are laughable. If we are going to come into the

image of Christ, then we have to set our minds and our hearts (Colossians 3:1-2) on the things above, not on the things beneath. All the whole world thinks about is sex. God is not thinking about it that way. Sex is to produce babies (Godly offspring). And for all the folks who are having babies outside of marriage, it is cursed, not blessed.

I have seen the sexual enhancement advertisements that say, "If you cannot come down after four hours, consult a physician." There is something wrong with that, especially because your wife went shopping and went about her day. Anyway, in God's sight that does not make a man a man. How are you looking? What is going on inside of you? How does your spirit look?

If you are all into the flesh (outward appearance), then your spirit is depraved and deprived. You do not need somebody to hold you and to be with you to find your peace, love, and joy. We are getting ready for the Lord's return, and there is no marriage or giving of marriage in the new heaven and earth. It is going to be the people and God. There will be no other opportunities for people to get their eyes, ears, thoughts, and lives on the Lord. He will be the First Love, and we will behold Him face-to-face even as He is in all His glory. We will be one in spirit, forever. No more pain, sorrow, suffering, sickness, headaches, heartaches, or death. No more poverty, or plagues.

Put Your Mind on the Holy Spirit

God wants you to get your mind off sex, and He wants you to start putting your mind on the Holy Ghost. He wants you to get about the work and business of God. He wants you to get your mind off the world's way of thinking. Get your mind off your body and onto your spirit, and allow God to start to transform.

People are so concerned about what they eat or do not eat, trying to preserve their health and life. Some did all that but still died early. There are people that did all the wrong stuff, and they lived a long life. However, they are going to hell.

It is time to wake up and get you house in order because the day of the Lord is at hand. It is coming, and we need to be ready for it. Do

not think it is coming down the road. He may come right now while you are reading this.

My father was in a church meeting where it was all politics. People were quibbling about this and arguing about that, and my dad stood up and said, "We must praise Jesus." He raised his hand and dropped dead. He was dead for 27 minutes. This event closed down the meeting. After everybody was gone, my father came back to life. I told him, "Dad, God just used you to shut down the funky meeting they were having." They never did go back to having the meeting because it scared the hell out of the people. They wanted to kick out the pastor, and were going to do all kinds of other things, but the day of reckoning came right there. God's judgment was in the house.

Yes, we must follow Jesus. That is what it is all about. God wants to bring the supernatural back into the church. Unbelief and focusing on the wrong stuff has to go. Jesus is our healer. There comes a point in your life when you will have to understand the Lord is who He says He is and nothing else will work. If you do not have Him, then what have you got? "*Apart from Me you can do nothing,*" Jesus says. (John 15:15)

The Body Is not Meant for Sexual Immorality

(1st Corinthians 6:13) This is not saying that you cannot function sexually in marriage. He is saying it is not meant for immoral activity or depraved thinking and inordinate affection. The marriage bed is defiled for many married couples. Why? They are bringing in their own selfish appetites and desires rather than coming together in Christ. It should be a mutual consent, a spiritual blessed union, but it is just about "doing it." That is wrong before God, and there is no blessing there. Immorality takes on many forms. Is it about Jesus? Or, are you a Christian until that time comes, and you have to bring some roses and do things a few days ahead to prime the pump, to get things ready, but then you are not a Christian as you are doing this union. You do not need other help, like pornography. You do not need to defile the marriage bed by bringing in other influences. Jesus says that if you even look at a person with adultery in your heart you have committed it.

The body is not mean for sexual immorality, but for the Lord. And the Lord for the body.

“By His power God has raised the Lord from the dead, and He will raise us also. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ Himself?” These are Jesus’ hands, His eyes, His brain, His body. *“Shall I then take the members of Christ [speaking about the body], and unite them with a prostitute?”* (1st Corinthians 6:14-15)

Men, if you are having sex with your girlfriend, you are prostituting her. You are not honoring, respecting, loving, or caring about her. If you really loved her, you would not even be going there with her. You would treat her as a holy daughter of the Lord.

Diana and I had some talks with the guys who would go out with our daughter. Diana said, “I have got the ginzu knife and after I cut you, and I will cut you, Randy will pray over you.” (We saw the Lord put a broken wing back on our pet dove after the babysitter stepped on it and pulled it out. We stuck it back in, Diana bound it, I prayed over it, and the wing was healed. So what is the difference if something else gets cut off and God can put it back on and heal them?)

In Paul’s day there was a false teaching about circumcision. Paul said it would be better if it was cut off than to do things out of false belief. Private parts should stay private.

We would always tell our son, Jesse, “If you keep willy in there, then nothing is going to happen.” I will tell anybody that. Who is the body for? – It is for the Lord. It is time we start thinking the way God sees it.

Members of Christ Himself

There are popular fades out there in the world today about tattoos. If you have already done it, do not be condemned, but understand that your body is for the Lord, and God does not want it marked up.

I was talking to a fellow who had tattooed some gal’s name on his body, and I asked, “Is that your wife?” and he said, “No.” He said it was before he met his wife. I said, “Well, that’s too bad.”

If you already have a tattoo, it is under the blood of Jesus. But the Lord does not want you to get any more. *“My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.”* (Hosea 4:6) The day is going to come when we stand before God and He has His name on us. (Revelation 3:12) That is why He does not want you marked up with any other marks.

To everybody who is getting tattoos, God is saying, “What is this? Marking up my temple, putting graffiti on my temple. I do not care how sentimental it is, I do not like it and I do not want it.” But it is the world’s way, *“Be not conformed to the world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.”* (Romans 12:2) I never had one of those because I had the privilege to learn the Word of God early in life.

We are God’s temple. We need to be ready for Jesus when He comes back. *“Many were called, but few are chosen.”* (Matthew 20:16 NKJV)

I knew someone who invited people to a little get-together, but nobody responded, nobody showed up. I told Diana to tell them not to worry about it. Jesus called for a banquet, had it ready, and invited people, but nobody came. So He told the servants, “Go out to the highways and byways and get somebody,” and they still did not come. Jesus is not popular to the world. Jesus said the world will hate you. You say you are different now, and people will say, “What is different about you? You did this stuff last week. Why did you change?” You say, “Because I heard the Word this week and this is what it says, and I am different now.” The world will persecute you, but you are not going to bow to that because what God thinks about you is more important than what anybody else thinks about you or even what you think about yourself.

I want to see the finest that the Lord has for your life come to pass. The things that mess up marriages are: money, sex, and selfishness. The latter is the most important, sex the second, and money the third. Communication is what marriage is all about. Coming together with that person in Christ Jesus is the most important thing. The second is praying together and coming into agreement. Peter said to avoid strife, *“Come together that your prayers be not hindered.”* (1st Peter 3:7) Godly offspring is comes out of your time together to populate the earth and build a church full of God’s people. The only way you

can do that is to have sex, but in godly order. It has to be done decently and in order.

“Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ Himself? Shall I then take the members of Christ and unite them with a prostitute? Never. Do you not know that he who unites himself with a prostitute is one with her in body?” (1st Corinthians 6:15-16)

Many people are one in body, but they are not one in spirit. They just co-inhabit the house. They have nothing going together. Yes, it is true, the only way that you can have sex without guilt is in marriage.

Have you ever felt guilty about having sex outside of marriage, but you went ahead and did it anyway? So what are you doing? You are grieving the Holy Spirit. You are overriding the desire of God for your life, and the blessing of God for your life. You are bringing cursing and defilement on another person. Then people wonder why it does not work out. Well, it is a cursed union. You cursed it yourself. God does not run around cursing stuff. People curse themselves by not doing what God says. Your life should be lived decently and in order so that it can be blessed of God.

“For it is said the two will become one flesh, but he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit.” (1st Corinthians 6:16-17)

Fellowship With the Lord

People come to me all the time telling me that they are so lonely, and I say, “The Lord says He will not ever leave you or forsake you.” They reply with, “Pastor, I need somebody to just hold me, to touch me, just be there for me.” I say, “But the Lord says He is there!”

This is why many times when one spouse dies the other one dies shortly after. This mainly happens with guys, while the ladies go on for ten or twenty years. The Lord made man for relationship with Himself, but the Lord looked at man and also said, “It’s not good that he is alone.” All the animals, birds and reptiles had somebody of like kind, but man did not. See, man was created in the beginning to have fellowship with God, to be one with God. Then woman was taken out of man’s side.

I say to independent, rebellious women, “You were taken out of man’s side. That means you are meant to be by his side as a helpmate, not him helping you, but you helping him.” I always tell ladies that we men need help, help to encourage us to go to God. The curse of a man is a nagging woman. A woman was not intended to be a rottenness to his bones. She is intended to be a blessing. But if a man and woman are not one in spirit, it is not going to happen. Because one of the first things that is withheld is sex. Power. A man that is not run around by his “little head” is not controlled by that. It is the kind of man a lady should want, a man who follows God and depends on God, who is looking to God and who is not looking for a mother. A real man believes, seeks, and lives in God. He does what God says.

We are, in Christ Jesus, restored to full fellowship with the Lord. The curse is broken off of women too, and they become God’s wife. *“For your Maker is your husband—the Lord Almighty is his name.”* (Isaiah 54:5) I ask, what are you running around looking for another husband? You have God. “I need somebody to hold me, to touch me.” And the first thing they do when they get married is cut it off. I have dealt with this so many times with people. I just say, “Beam me up, Lord.” I do not need this nonsense. But the Lord keeps sending me back. Let’s get folks back on track.

“He who unites himself with the Lord is one with Him in spirit. Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a man commits are outside of his body, but he who sins sexually sins against his own body.” It will cause you to go to hell. *“Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you whom you have received from God? You are not your own.”* God runs your body, your mind, and your spirit. That is where He is, this is where He lives, this is where the Holy Spirit has come in. *“You were bought at a price, the precious blood of Jesus; therefore honor God with your body.”* The King James Version says, *“Honor God with your spirit and with your body which belong to God,”* (1st Corinthians 6:17-20) the whole you which Jesus wants to present to Himself: spirit, mind, and body sanctified, holy, and blessed to meet the Lord. This means separating from the world, the flesh, and the demonic influence that wants to entice people and make them think this is good.

Young ladies, if that guy wants to put his hands where they do not belong, you need to say, “No.” He may say that he loves you, but if he loved you he would not be doing that to you. This is common to everybody. Likewise, for every Samson there is a Delilah that comes along to entice him and to get him off the track, sent by the devil many times to take down a man (or woman) of God.

Sweet nothings are still sweet nothings. Where there is no commitment there is no love. Where there is no accountability, there is no love. Where there is no responsibility, there is no love.

The Lord has set out a rule for ministers – watch the fame, the fortune, and the females.

What is pornography all about? Fantasy. What is it stimulating? Certainly not the Spirit of God. Jesus said, “*Take heed what you hear.* (Mark 4:24) [Take heed what you watch.]” Take heed to what is going on because the body responds to stimulus, so what kind of stimulus are you giving it?

The sweet smell of food comes across the room and is good to the taste. Remember Eve looked at the fruit, it looked good and it tasted good. But the Lord says in Psalm 34:8, “*O taste and see that the Lord, He is good.*”

Making Right Choices

The reason people are not strong in the spirit is because they have not fed their spirits anything, nor do they find out that going with God could be totally and completely the most fulfilling thing they have ever experienced. Many years they have spent seeking to fulfill the flesh, and thinking if they get something they will be happy, they will be content. A woman marries a guy, thinking she will go right off into the sunset and live happily ever after. Having looked for a knight in shining armor, she got one, but then found out he was tarnished. Instead of buffing him up with prayer and encouragement to be the godly man, she says she picked a loser. Well, what does that say about her?

Why do people make such poor choices? Diana always feels bad about women who go out and settle for anything that comes along. They are looking for a little love, *Just give me a little bit of love, and say some nice words to me.* In the animal kingdom the females pick the strongest, the most courageous, the smartest, and the best. Let me tell you, if a guy does not have any money, forget him.

The Lord gave me a plan when a fellow came to me about my daughter Erin. He said, "What would it take to marry your daughter?" I said, "Let me think about it. I will go to the Lord." About three nights later the Lord woke me up from a dream and gave me a list. I wrote it all down. The bottom line is "No finance, no romance." The first thing was that a man has to love God more than he loves his wife. That goes both ways. If that lady does not love God more than she loves her husband, you do not want her.

Second, the guy has to have his house in order. He has to have things in place so he can offer something to his bride. In other cultures woman are bought for 50 cows and 40 pigs. Do not settle.

The rebound has caught many people. They quickly find someone else. What a mistake. They will have what they permit.

Chapter 7:1 – *"Now for the matters you wrote about: It is good for a man not to touch a woman."* (1st Corinthians 7:1)

Why is it good for a man not to marry? There is a story about a fellow who was in church, and Satan came into the church. All the folks were scared and ran out. (That should not be so, but it is true that many sitting in the churches are afraid of the devil.) There was a little old man sitting up in the front row and the devil goes up there and asks, "Do you know who I am?" And he says, "Yep, yep." Then the devil says, "Well, are not you afraid of me?" And the old man says, "Nope, nope." The devil says, "Why not?" The man said, "Because I have been married to your sister for 53 years."

Many married couples do not have any fun in their relationship. They got what they wanted. What did they want? They just wanted somebody to pay the bills and take care of things. If you are in that kind of a situation, you need to draw near to God and let the Lord fill

your every moment. You need to let Him bring His peace and His joy, His affection and His life to you. You need to get so excited about God that you are going to override every negativity. Discontent comes from an emptiness within one's self. Only God can fill that spot.

If you look for somebody to fill that spot, you set them up to fail. You set them up to fall because no person can fill that place in you. Even though you have somebody in your life, you still feel empty. Only the Lord can fill you because you were created for fellowship with Him. Do not cause another person to fail, and do not come into a relationship being needy.

That is what Paul was talking about when he said it is good for a man not to marry (but to have that fellowship with God). It is easier to have fellowship with God when you do not have all kinds of things and people to deal with. If you have a needy person around you all the time, they are sucking the life out of you. If you are not drawing near to God, you do not have any more life to suck. That is when things go down the tube and break up. People go looking for greener pastures, but it is not greener out there. They just prolong, thinking, *Maybe this will work, maybe that will work. He loves me, she loves me, she loves me not.* You are *not* thinking about God when you are doing that.

If you are going to have a blessed relationship, the Lord has to pick your spouse and direct you, and if you are busy leaning to your own understanding thinking about it all the time, you are not thinking about the Lord. How are you going to get the right one? The Lord will let you have what you will pick.

Focus on the Proper Things

Since there is so much immorality, Paul said to the church, *"Each man should have his own wife."* (1st Corinthians 7:2) One. And each woman her own husband. One. The husband should fulfill his marital duty to his wife (sex). This is just one function among many functions in a God-marriage. Interestingly enough, the devil does not come to couples and encourage them to talk with each other and share, communicate, love each other, and work together as a team. The devil is going to go after the sex thing and pervert it. He perverts

it by making people think that it is more important than it really is. He makes it a selfish thing rather than giving and receiving, a sharing and a caring time, a loving, mutual thing between a husband and a wife blessed of God. Pray together before you have relations and enjoy each other in the Lord. A marriage bed is undefiled when it is in the spirit (in God) and blessed. But people have made it out to be something dirty. Some Christians do not even have sex in marriage because they think it is dirty. But it needs to be kept clean.

“And likewise a wife to her husband. The wife’s body does not belong to her alone,” it belongs to her husband and to God. *“In the same way the husband’s body does not belong to him alone, but also to his wife. Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent and for a time.”* (1st Corinthians 7:4-5) Many times people figure if they had it in the first 20 years, in the last 40 they can forget it. There is a reason why hormones and testosterone decrease and women’s bodies change because they are not having babies when they are 55 or 65.

There are plenty of babies out there that you can adopt if you want a baby. Raise them in the Lord; that is what it is all about. It is not so you will have a little baby doll. Your life is not your own when you have a child, and the whole marriage changes. We recommend two or three years before a couple has children so they can bond that marriage good and strong.

It says, *“Do not deprive each other except by mutual consent for a time so that you may devote yourselves to prayer. Then come together again so that Satan will not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. I say this as a concession not as a command.”* (1st Corinthians 7:5)

One time a guy told me that he thought he was going to die if he did not have sex. He had been married three or four times, he was an elder in a church, where I was brand new. I was getting to know folks, and I got a crash course. The first thing I had to do was clean up the place. Women were going up to communion, kneeling at the altar with half of their breasts hanging out. I had to get them to dress so that the guys did not drop the communion crackers down their front.

This man had made sex an idol in his life. He filled his life and his thoughts, with it. We need to fill our thoughts with the Lord, and the sooner the better. Young people need to know this. There are many parents who do not talk to their children about it. It would save the whole course of their lives.

Paul said, *“I wish that all men were as I am [celibate], but each man has his own gift from God.”* (1st Corinthians 7:7) You have to be who God made you to be. Each has a gift. One can be celibate, one cannot, but the Scripture says, “One wife;” and the ministers of God were to be ministers that had one wife. It was a requirement for the church elders. (An elder in the Bible is a minister of God).

A cause for divorce in the Bible is fraudulent marriage where people represent themselves one way and do another. Adultery is another cause for divorce. These are clear scriptural causes. Not that we are looking for reasons, but what happens if you divorce your wife and she marries another, you cause her to commit adultery. There is forgiveness, and we can ask for it, but I have always been taught of the Lord to do it the way the Bible reads.

We need to get the body the way the body is supposed to be in Christ, focused on the proper things. It is not to be focused on food, sex, outward adorning, materialism, additives or addictions.

“Today when you hear His voice harden not your heart.” (Hebrews 4:7)

I had to deal with a 79 year old Christian man who went from mobile home to mobile home having sex. He was the man about town in his park, and he did not think a thing about it until one day the Holy Ghost exposed it. I asked him why he had so many lady friends. (They were doing all kinds of nice things for him, washing his clothes, etc.) So I told him he was going to hell and had to stop what he was doing.

The Bible says, *“Flee youthful lusts.”* (2nd Timothy 2:22) Lusts are not just common to youthful people.

Prayer:

Father, in the name of Jesus, help me to receive this Word, and to start to focus on the fact that you are in me and I am the temple of the Holy Spirit bought with a price. I serve God with my spirit and my body which belong to you, Lord, in Jesus' name.

When things are right, then healing flows. There was a man in the Bible that had some issues and Jesus said to him, “*Go and sin no more lest a worse thing come upon you.*” (John 5:14) It was very obvious that he was dealing with sexual issues. Jesus also delivered a lot of prostitutes. There are some that get paid and then there are others that just give it away. You may be popular, but you are throwing your life down a hole, especially since you live in a day and an age with all kinds of sexually communicable diseases. That says there is something out of bounds and cursed about these kind of relationships.

Before you marry, get a blood test, have your spouse get a physical, and have things checked out. You have a right to that, and if they do not want to do that for you, then forget them. Walk on by. Why do they not require a blood test anymore to get married? There is something wrong with that. It is perjury (fraudulent marriage) if they are not disclosing their past history. They are giving themselves to you, and you are going to receive them as one body, and you need to know if they are carriers of something. If you want to be a carrier with them, fine, that is your choice. But you need to know the truth.

Love the one you are with forever in the marriage. Make sure you have a good pick, but realize this lifetime is only for a season. Enjoy your life. As you enjoy the Lord, then He will give you the desires of your heart. I believe Adam was enjoying the Lord, and that is why the Lord said he needed to have a woman.

THE GOD-MAN
PHYSICAL
Glory in Us
Chapter Six

When you are living unto the Lord, then you will prefer your spouse more important than yourself, and your marriage will be blessed. It will not be about you and your rights because you will be more caring of others.

I have watched my wife over the years, and she has always preferred others more important than herself. When you are out there loving and caring for people, looking out for them, then *“He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”* (Proverbs 11:25) That is a promise from God. This will bring God’s hope, peace, love, and joy into the situation, and it will come back to you pressed down, shaken together, running over.

When we understand this, things start to happen. Each of Paul’s letters say similar things. We call these the practical living sections: 1st Thessalonians, chapter 4; Romans, chapters 12, 13, and 14; Colossians 3; Ephesians 4 through 6. These scriptures show how God wants us to live and act.

The first four of the Ten Commandments deal with loving God, and the last six deal with how to love your neighbor as yourself.

Exercise the Body and the Spirit

The body gets the most attention because that is what is seen. However, there are parts in your own body that you do not see. If they weren’t functioning, you would be dead. There are voluntary and involuntary parts. For example, your heart and lungs will work in spite of you.

Your brain is so incredible it cannot be duplicated. It is a creation of God. No one really understands how it works. But I know this, if you do not use it, you will lose it. You will have less possibility of Alzheimer’s or other brain diseases if you think on something different every day. Something good and happy. Do something different, do

not get into a rut because eventually you will wonder why you are not remembering anything. It has to be worked. You have to do something creative or artistic. Get out and do some exercise.

What is more important than a working brain? Your spirit. I cannot emphasize that enough. The spirit is the real you. Physical exercise profits for a while. Spiritual exercise profits forever.

“Finally brothers, [sisters,] we instructed you how to live in order to please God, as in fact you are living. Now, we ask you and urge you in the Lord Jesus to do this more and more.” (1st Thessalonians 4:1)
In getting ready for the Lord’s return, we need to step up the loving, caring, giving, and encouraging. *“For you know what instructions we gave you by the authority of the Lord Jesus.”* (1st Thessalonians 4:1)
In other words, these are not just popular happy thoughts. These are commands in the name of the Lord Jesus with the authority of heaven behind them. *“It is God’s will that you should be sanctified, [holy].”* (1st Thessalonians 4:3)

“May God Himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through.” In other words, the Lord is in the house. Your body is His temple. He is working things to His glory. *“May your whole spirit, soul [the mind realm] and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, the one who calls you is faithful and He will do it.”* (1st Thessalonians 5:23-24)

God is working to accomplish His will and purpose in us. Self-awareness is supposed to be dead, not God-awareness. It is getting too late for this body–awareness. If you spent as much time on building your spirit as you do on taking care of your body, you would be a walking dynamo for God. The Word and praise of God would be spread all over the earth. There would not be any pessimism and negativity, for the high praises of God would be everywhere.

Our bodies are going to die, although you may be as Enoch who walked with God and then was no more. That was the last you heard of him. Elijah took off in a fiery chariot. Jesus ascended into the heavens. However, Jesus had a spiritual body.

We will be getting a spiritual body. This body goes to the ground, and we will get another one when Christ comes back. We now need to be aware of God in us, the hope of glory.

For too long people have emphasized the physical. When we talk about the flesh, we are not talking about the body. The flesh is a scriptural term used to describe the self-life. We were crucified with Christ and the self-life, the flesh, was crucified with Him on the cross. We are no longer separated from God, and He made us one with Him.

The Lord says the inner beauty of a meek and quiet spirit is what is beautiful. The spirit of Christ in you is beautiful.

To the Glory of God

It is God's will that you be sanctified and holy, for your body is used for God's glory, and He will glorify it. Moses' face shone so brightly that the people could not look at him when he came off the mountain. The glory of God, the Lord of Hosts, was in him and upon him.

Stephen shone like an angel. He appeared as an angel to the people, for the glory of God was on him.

When a dead man was thrown into Elijah's grave, and he touched the bones of the prophet where the glory of God so permeated them, he came alive again.

As we lay hands on the sick, the glory of God will come through us and heal the sick in Jesus' name because the power of God flows through this physical body.

The power will inhabit physical things as well. People brought handkerchieves to the apostles in the book of Acts so that people who were sick were delivered because of the anointing, the glory of God. It will inhabit physical things as well.

Become so aware that you are God's house, and that wherever you go the Lord goes with you. When you come into a room, you will light up the room with the glory of God. When you speak, you speak the words of God, the words of life. All the parts of the body are used to

the glory of God to speak the praises of God, the word of faith that will cause people to be edified and built up in the Lord according to their needs. Become sensitive to what the Spirit of God is doing. Wherever we are, we are lights for Jesus. We hold the glory in this clay pot. We are the vehicle of the Lord in this earth.

The Lord Is to Be First

Avoid sexual immorality. Do not bring back the flesh. Each should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable. In 1st Corinthians 7, Paul said he wanted people to be single because their thoughts would be all on the Lord. He said when you get married you will be divided.

When Diana and I first got married, one of the first things I told Diana was I did not ever want to get in the way of her and the Lord. I did not ever want to compromise her walk with God for me, and I did not want her to do that with me either. I knew she was going to go with God, and I was going to go with God. That has to be what it is. I was setting up what Paul referred to in 1st Corinthians 7 that you have to be devoted to the Lord before your spouse. God has to be your First Love, and you cannot compromise that for anybody or anything.

About 25 years into my marriage I discovered I had a great fear. I was afraid that I was going to love Diana more than I loved the Lord, so at times I would get irritable with her, not in a nasty way, but just push her out. Jesus said, "If you love father, mother, son, daughter, wife, more than Me, you are not worthy of Me." I did not ever want that to happen.

It was not a reality to me until years later when I was asked at a ministers' conference to speak on marriage and the pastor's life. After I ministered on that topic, the seats emptied out, and the ministers came down front to receive from the Lord. One of the greatest things hindering many of the ministers was that their spouses were coming before God. It was affecting marriages and homes. At the conference a great healing happened. The Lord has to be first before anybody. That is what will bond a marriage in the spirit.

We need to be one in spirit. One in heart, mind, and soul, one united with Christ, and Christ is united with us in our life, whether we are single or married.

In 1st Peter 3 it says that husbands and wives need to come together lest their prayers be hindered. Marriage is a wonderful, natural, with two-in-agreement-with-God situation the way God intended it to be; a blessed union and a blessed coming together.

Control Your Body

Paul said that we need to control our bodies. We daily have to bring this body under control *“lest after I preach to everybody else I get lost.”* (1st Corinthians 9:27) These ears are to hear God’s Word and hear what is going on around us.

We tell the guys that taking one look at a woman is being aware of their surroundings while two looks is being too aware. This also works for women.

“Learn to control this body in a way that is holy and honorable, not in passionate lust like the heathen who do not know God.” (1st Thessalonians 4:4-5)

That has been a problem with many Christians. They have never left their heathen ways. All they did was come to Jesus but still carried on their old self-centeredness. Selfish sex is not God sex. Just meeting your needs is not God blessed. It needs to be a mutual, God-in-the-middle love thing. It is not that we quit praying so we can go have sex. No, we are bringing God into it.

“Not in passionate lust like the heathen who do not know God. In this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him.” (1st Thessalonians 4:5-6)

Anyone operating with the mind of Christ will never take advantage of anybody. They will never use anybody. They will never prefer themselves before anybody else. We have the mind of Christ. Spirit, mind, and body is in unity. We have the Spirit of Christ, the mind of Christ and the body of Christ. In other words, we cannot say any part of us is not of God. It is all one. It grieves the Holy Spirit so much

when we use our body for selfish purposes rather than for the Lord because our spirit wants to go with God. It grieves the Holy Spirit when our mind wants things that are of the flesh and the world and not of God. The body lines up with what the mind wants to do. That is where the will is and that is why the devil wants to deal with that realm (intellect, emotions, and will) because that is how he can steal and make God's people's lives unprofitable for the kingdom of God and for the Lord. The word is so clear: *"A double-minded person is unstable in all his ways and cannot expect to receive anything from God."* (James 1:8)

Choose Life

James, chapter 4, goes on to say, *"Oh ye adulterers and adulteresses,"* (James 4:4 KJV) meaning you are loving the world and the flesh more than God, so God says, "I have nothing to do with you." He is talking to the church there. Those carnal believers were fleshly believers. You cannot be lukewarm and be blessed: *"Would you were hot or cold, but since you are lukewarm I spit you out,"* (Revelations 3:16) Jesus said.

So you are either going to live holy for God and be blessed forever, or you are going to live to the flesh, the world, and the devil and be cursed forever. You do it to yourself. You choose what you are going to have. In Jesus, God gave you the choice for Him. You did not have the choice for Him before Jesus. But now, God in His love has said, "I have set you free, I have given you the freedom to choose me to be blessed."

In Deuteronomy 30:19 the Lord says, *"Today I set before you, blessing and cursing, life and death; choose life."* The Lord gave us the right to choose life.

As we get into the Word of God and learn His ways, our mind gets renewed. We become alive to God and dead to the flesh.

"The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we have told you and warned you." (1st Thessalonians 4:6) The ways of the flesh are death. The ways of the world are death.

The wages of sin are death. The gift of God is life in Christ Jesus. That is why He says to make that choice for God and run with it. Ask God's forgiveness for any other sin and get rid of it. Get rid of the anger. Get rid of the lust. Get rid of the jealousy. Get rid of the envy and covetousness. Get rid of the "me" mentality. It is not about you.

"For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you His Holy Spirit."
(1st Thessalonians 4:7-8)

What Separation Means

When people reject the Word of God, they are not just rejecting some preacher's words. They are rejecting the Holy Spirit. They are rejecting God. There is no blessing in that.

The unquenchable fire of hell is separation from God. The spirit cannot burn, so it is not physical fire. The eternal torment is being forever separated. God is the only thing that is good. God is the only thing that is life. God is where all the blessing is. Without His presence, you are forever separated from everything that is good. Why would anyone want to go there?

I would think that people would be rushing to the Lord all over the earth as quick as they can, but folks throw themselves out of windows and commit suicide because all their money went down the shoot. If you have Jesus, you have everything. To be separated from Him is to have nothing forever. This is why there are unquenchable tears and weeping and gnashing of teeth forever because they are cursed forever.

People try to get away from that kind of thought because they do not like it, so they have made doctrines that there is no such thing as an eternal spirit dealing with unquenchable fire, thirst, and horrible torment. The only way to get rid of that kind of thought is to have the Lord Jesus in your heart, mind, and life forever. You will be with Him, and you will not have to deal with that.

Give your life to Jesus and come into the presence of God because it will not be enough to someday stand before Jesus and say, *"We did*

this in your name and that in your name,” (Matthew 7:22) and He will say, “Depart from Me, you worker of iniquity. I do not know who you are.” (Matthew 7:23) There will be a rude awakening.

You have to take the Word of God, put it into your life, and do something with it so that you will be on the blessed side of things with God forever. If you do not get your body under control and your mind as the mind of Christ, allowing the Holy Spirit to sanctify you; and if you think that you can keep doing your old ways and you will be alright because God loves you, you are deceived.

The Holy Spirit Helps Us

God gave us the Holy Spirit to sanctify us and help us get cleaned up. We are getting ready for the Lord’s return, and He is not accepting a rebellious, independent, stiff-necked, unholy bride.

Our body is earthbound unless we allow the Lord to raise it. There has to be a crucifixion before there can be a resurrection. The old you has to die with all the lusts and appetites of the flesh so you can receive what God has. Some Christians do not have the abundant life because they are still earthbound. Caterpillars are earthbound. They are the devourers. However, they go into a cocoon and come out an entirely different creation: a butterfly that is not earthbound. It can fly anywhere it wants to fly.

The Lord is saying that the old has to die so the new can come forth. We cannot enter into all that Jesus has for our lives until we allow the Holy Spirit to help us to change our ways. We need to catch our attitudes of selfishness, bitterness, covetousness, and wanting the world’s stuff. Why would you want the world’s things when the world is passing away, and all you have is going to be gone?

The Egyptian pharaohs would kill their wives, embalm them and bury them with them when they died so that they would be there when they came back in the afterlife, but robbers took all their treasures (and there was not going to be a happy afterlife for them). If you die thinking you are god, you will be without God forever. If you live your life your way, you will not be with the Lord on the other side. There will be no happy days on the other side for you.

Daily bring your body under control to your new spirit by the Holy Spirit so that you will respond God's way and not let anger, bitterness, unforgiveness, or greed run your life anymore. Do not allow yourself to be brought under the power of anything like alcohol, drugs, or anything you would not be able to control.

The Holy Spirit will control you in Jesus' name. That should be what you want as you love the Lord because He first loved you. The law of life and health will work in your body, and you will not leave until you are finished with what God has given you to do. There is more to life than having a job, or getting married and having babies. We are here for Christ.

About brotherly love, *"We do not need to write to you for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other, and in fact you love all the brothers throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you brothers to sow more and more."* (1st Thessalonians 4:9-10) We have to turn up the love and the caring. That will transform. *"Make it your ambition to lead a quiet life."* (1st Thessalonians 4:11) Some people make their own problems by stirring up trouble.

God Working in Us

How are you going to live a quiet life? *"To mind your own business and to work with your hands just as we told you so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders and so that you will not be dependent on anybody."* (1st Thessalonians 4:11-12)

When you are dependent on somebody, then they own you. One of my prayers since I was a little boy was, "Lord, make me independently wealthy so that I am able to do whatever you want me to do." In other words, He will care for me so that I am not having to put my hand out and ask for money. It is all coming to us in Jesus' name so that we can give it out.

"Give and you shall receive, pressed down, shaken together, running over." (Luke 6:38)

Believe God for finances to come in so you can sow a seed. (2nd Corinthians, chapter 9) We are believers, we are givers, and we are

receivers. We get healed so that we can be about God's business. It is not so that you can feel good and not have pain.

When I look at Paul, I think, *Look at the grace of God, the mercy of God, and the love of God working in him.* He was beat up and maligned by people, but nothing in hell stopped him. He had learned the secret to life. *"I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want."* (Philippians 4:12) *"For me to live is Christ and to die is gain."* (Philippians 1:21)

Nothing ever separated him from the love of God which was his in Christ Jesus, and he went on to glory. He will be one of those that rises first to meet the Lord in the air, and then those that remain will be changed. This clay pot will go down to the ground, and our new spiritual body will rise with our spiritual mind and spirit which will live forever with the Lord.

Our body is the clay pot that holds the glory of God. We have God's eyes, ears, mouth, tongue, and all of us is His. The blood of Jesus covers us. Divine health and life flows in us and through us. Whatever we touch turns to blessing in Jesus' name. Who you are in Christ Jesus, the God-man or, the God-woman, for the love of God is what we live for.

"The love of Christ constrains me." (2nd Corinthians 5:14) That means it keeps me back from what is evil. We do not want to go with what is not of God, and the love of Christ compels us and drives us on to love and care for people, and get the Word of God out to whatever the Lord is doing. We let Jesus flow in us and through us, and then we become so aware that our hands are not normal hands, they are Holy Ghost hands, used for service for the kingdom of God.

A guy came to the prayer line with a broken hand, wearing a cast, and I looked at him and said, "How did you do this?" (I already knew how he did it; he punched somebody and broke the bones in his hand.) I asked, "Are you sorry about what you did? Did you ask God's forgiveness?" He said, "Yeah, I asked God's forgiveness for my temper and for hitting the fellow." And I continued, "Do you think

he deserved getting hit?" The guy told me, "Yeah, but I should not have hit him." Sometimes folks do wrong, but note, "*It is not by might or by power but by My Spirit,*" (Zechariah 4:6) saith the Lord. You do not take violent measures into your own hands. God says, "*Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.*" (Hebrews 10:30) Our part is to love and do good. I told this guy, "The Lord is going to heal your hand, you can go back and get some x-rays, but you are going to have to wear this cast for a while."

He went back to the doctor, took the X-rays, and the hand was completely healed. The doctor said, "I recommend you wear the cast for eight weeks to let it knit together and get strong." It was a lesson for him to learn.

This body is not to be used in ways other than what God intends for it to be used. It is His house.

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Chapter Seven

Do Not Worry

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life. What you will eat, or drink, or about your body. What you will wear. Is not life more important than food and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air. They do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.” (Matthew 6:25-26)

“Are you not much more valuable than they?” (Matthew 6:26)

You or somebody else may not think you are valuable, but that is because you are believing a lie. The Father in heaven thinks you are valuable. You will not experience what God has until you start to see yourself the way the Father sees you and start believing what He wants to do for you.

“Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?” (Matthew 6:27)

You will actually take away from you life as stress will kill you. You will die early before you are finished with what God has given.

“Seek first the kingdom and all this will be added to us.” (Matthew 6:33)

“Why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will He not much more clothe you, oh ye of little faith.” (Matthew 6:28-30)

Exercise Your Faith

If we have a little faith, then we need to praise God about it. Then we need to work our faith. *“If you have faith as small as a mustard seed,*

you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." (Matthew 17:20)

When you worry and stress out, your creativity diminishes. You are not able to think straight, and you become confused. It is better to have a little faith and exercise it than to have it and not exercise it or hide it.

We need to exercise our faith every day. Do not think you cannot do it because you have something going on. We need to have the God-like kind of faith where we say to the mountain, "Move," and it will move. *"Call unto Me and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things."* (Jeremiah 33:3)

If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you-you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them." (Matthew 6:30-32)

The Lord will give you things that you do not even know you need. There are many times when we think we do not need something, but the Lord says differently.

Some people have been taught that wants are bad. There is nothing wrong with wanting something if God is putting the desire in your heart.

The Heavenly Father Knows What We Need

The Father will not give you just the bare minimum. He will not partially heal you. You will have whatever He sees that you need.

When Diana and I first got married and moved into our home, she came to me one day and asked what I thought about microwaves, if I thought we should have one. I told her, "No, we do not need that because we have a stove, and you are home and you can cook." Do not think that comment was chauvinist because she will not eat what I cook. I love to cook, but nobody will eat it. Soon afterward I went west to minister, and on the first night a fellow came up to me and

said, "Pastor, the Lord just told me that you need a microwave." He said that he was going to order it through a catalog company and they would call when I got back home. So I picked it up and brought it home, and guess who used it the most? Me.

I did not want it, I did not need it, I had never had one, and my thinking was not even in that direction. But the heavenly Father knows what you need, and He will give it to you when you need it.

In 1978 I was sitting on a hill where I would go and pray, and the Lord told me, "Son, whatever you need will be there when you need it." I have watched this for over 30 years since that day and the Lord has always done it. He makes it happen somehow in some way.

I do not have to run after things and try to make them happen. The Lord likes creative study sessions, but He is not at the table when we worry, fear, and stress out, leaning to our own understanding and trying to figure things out.

What happens is the Lord is suddenly able to loose His creativity. He will give a plan and a vision. Many times people do not have a plan and that is why they are confused. Once you get the plan, then you have something you can follow. The Lord will always send the proper personnel, policies, provision, or whatever we need, and it will be there when we need it to make whatever it is that He wants to happen.

People determine what they need and what they want by value. They actually determine relationships by value. How do you determine what you want and need? Apart from Jesus we do not know how to do that. People have to relax and let the Holy Spirit put things together. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you what is important to you in your life. Some things in life are for a season and when you try to go beyond the season it becomes a pain and a heartache.

God will supply our needs because He wants us doing what He wants us to do. When we acknowledge the Lord in all our ways, He will direct the path. (Proverbs 3:5-6) Trust the Lord, and lean not to your own understanding.

The heavenly Father knows what you need, but seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given to you as well. (Matthew 6:32-33)

In man's system people are only about their own needs, looking for a hand out. In the welfare system those people are not thinking what is better for our country or society, nor are they actively producing anything to help or benefit. They are takers, and they are not contributing.

The Lord says to seek first the kingdom of God. In other words, be productive about God's purpose in the earth, and He will take care of you. Be contributors. Add to people's lives, bringing heaven to them, and wherever you be faithful to God, yourself, and others. Be the best employee that anybody could ever have. Do what you do with all your heart in the name of Jesus to the glory of God. Follow instruction when it is given. Do not question, doubt, and work against anyone. Do not do the office gossip.

I taught my children early not to ever get involved in the kind of talk that goes on in the workplace because all they want is your position. They do not care about you and they will set you up against the boss. Always go with who pays your check. You are there for the Lord and you need to be faithful in all that you say and do.

When you seek first God's kingdom, and you are doing what the Lord says, faithful to the Lord, He will take care of you and be there for you. There are a lot of people who come to God only because they are looking for a handout.

The Lord is waiting for us to quit worrying, fearing, and being concerned about our own life. Jesus says in Matthew, chapter 6, that we are more valuable than the birds and the flowers that God so exquisitely takes care of. The Lord makes us valuable. Jesus teaches about the pearl of great price where the lady gives up everything for it. We need to give up everything for Jesus and then we will have true value.

Under God's Direction

We do not need to spend our time and energy seeking money. (1st Timothy 6), but that is no excuse for the slacker and the slothful. Many folks are lazy. It is a provocation to move. We do something under God's direction when He directs, but we are not driven. When you are driven, it is not the Spirit of the Lord. God moves in peace and He orders the steps. One step builds to the next and so on.

When people come together in unity about the Lord, worshiping and praising God, that is when He speaks. That is when He gives direction. That is when the Lord makes things happen.

People wondered how the early disciples got so smart. They were just common people, but they had spent time with Jesus, and Jesus had imparted wisdom and life from heaven. Wisdom is no good if it does not have the life that goes with it.

We need to allow Jesus to be who He is in us. We need to get rid of the weakness, condemnation, and self-focus. The devil cannot touch you if you are dead to yourself.

The Lord wants to be glorified wherever we are, wherever we go. We need to realize that He is in us mightily.

When the worry, stress, and fear try to come, bringing commotion, and putting you into the whirlwind, you will be moved. You have to stay in the peace of God. If that means to take a moment, stop, and challenge that thought and be still before the Lord, then take it. I call that the Holy Spirit moment just as Jesus got before His Father to regroup.

We cannot be moved by the reports. Proverbs, chapter 3, says the righteous are not moved by the evil report when it comes. Just settle down, be still, and know that God is God. (Psalm 46)

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Chapter Eight

When Jesus appeared to the disciples in His glorified body, He told them to touch Him; He was not a ghost. The Lord has a body. As Jesus was showing them Himself, and He even ate with them, they still did not believe Him and were concerned about other things.

Moses could not look at God's face or he would die, but the Lord allowed him to see His backside. The light and the glory were too much for Moses to handle.

The day is coming (Revelation 22) where you will behold the Lamb face-to-face. You will see Him as He sees you. We will be with Him forever in the new heaven and the new earth that He is going to create.

He said that a spirit, a ghost, does not have flesh and bone. Note: flesh and blood will not inherit the kingdom of God. There will be no blood. Right now the life is in the blood, but the spiritual body does not have blood. The spiritual body has a form, it has substance. Jesus appeared and disappeared in the spiritual body.

The heavenly, spiritual body can go through walls and do whatever God wants it to do. In the Bible there was an incident where the axe head floated in the water. That went against the laws of nature, but the man of God was able to make it float for God's purpose and glory.

The Law of Life and Health

Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit and that is why we do not pollute it with what God does not want in the house. He does not care about the external, He cares about the internal. The law of life and health that is flowing in our bodies will flow from inside out. It flows from our spirit out through our body, and the mind allows the free flow. If our minds are thinking on poverty or woe, we will have poverty and woe. If our minds are thinking that we are sick and not

that we have health and healing, that God is working in us, and that by His stripes we were healed (past, present, future), then we are going to allow sickness and problems in our lives.

There are attacks that come against the body. There are attacks that come against the mind. There are attacks that come against the spirit, but if your spirit, mind, and body are in Christ under the blood of Jesus, nothing can touch you.

Have you had fear about your life? Or that something was going to be passed down to you because of your genes?

You do not have to have that in Jesus' name. You have the heavenly genes. The law of life and health is flowing through you. When you keep yourself healthy, your body will stay healthy to finish everything that God has given you to do.

I had 22 years of sickness and disease. I was in and out of hospitals until I learned the principles of God which He showed me through His Word, and I have not been sick but five days in all those years since. When you gain knowledge of God and His ways, you are not going to perish.

Roots of Sickness

Many times I can take people back in their lives where an illness was started in their body, and (I guarantee that) there was some kind of traumatic situation involved. It weakened them and opened doors to allow things to happen. Or, their violation of God's health principles caught up with them. The Lord can turn things around when we ask for forgiveness.

"As a man thinketh in his heart so he is." (Proverbs 23:7) You can actually make yourself sick just by what you are thinking.

Have you found that you could not deal with a certain situation and just wanted to escape? I have seen people who could not be healed until they wanted to face the situation and deal with it.

Back in the early 70's when I was pastoring in the Lutheran church, there was a very dear brother who would go into the nursing homes

and help people. He was kind to his wife, he was kind to everybody, but his wife would constantly get sick. Every time I would pray for her, the sickness would leave her and she would be fine. Then one day the Lord stopped me and said, "Do not pray for her." I knew it was the Lord because I had learned to hear His voice. I knew it was not my unbelief or some thief out there trying to interfere. So I asked the Father, "Why not?" And He said, "She does not want to be well." It was serving some purpose in her life. This woman did not want to be well because she wanted her husband home with her to care for her. She wanted control. This was a demonic working. When you allow your own desires, wants, and ways, you open a door to a spirit. Jesus said to Peter, "*Get behind Me, Satan. You desire the things of man, not the things of God*" (Mark 8:33) when Peter told Jesus He did not have to go to the cross. If Jesus had not gone to the cross, we would not be saved.

I did not pray over the woman, and I did not cast the devil out of her either because she wanted it. If I had cast it out, it would have left and come back. The latter state would have been worse than the former.

We need to ask ourselves what the motivation of our heart is and why we are thinking or doing things. I have seen people who did not get out of bed or off the couch but who had absolutely nothing wrong with them physically. The mind was the factor involved.

Ministry Opportunities

2nd Corinthians 4:1 – "*Therefore, since through God's mercy we have this ministry, we do not lose heart.*"

We have purpose. We are ministers of reconciliation about God's business and His purpose.

"...Rather we renounce secret and shameful ways. We do not use deception nor do we distort the Word of God." (2nd Corinthians 4:2)

We have to renounce secret and shameful ways. There is nothing hidden that will not be revealed. We may think it is secret and hidden, but God is going to expose it sooner or later. (Ephesians 5) Unless there is a crucifixion in one's life, one cannot experience the

resurrected life. We have to die to the old self in order to come into the God realm. That is where the Lord wants us to be.

That is why we daily offer our bodies to God as a living sacrifice, set apart to His glory. (Romans 12:1)

“On the contrary, by setting forth the truth plainly we commend ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God, and even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers.” (2nd Corinthians 4:2-4)

We need to bind those thieves off people’s minds in Jesus’ name so that they can see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ. Their blinded minds hinder them from seeing the light. Sooner or later the Lord will get the truth to folks, but we have to get the devils off ourselves and others. Many times people do not believe something because a thief is trying to steal from them.

When I was a little guy going to school, something would suddenly come upon me before school, but I would have miraculous recoveries after dad left with the other kids. One day it did not go away. Nobody in my circles knew anything about spirits of infirmity. A pill or surgery was not going to make it go away. You can pray all day and that spirit of infirmity is not going to go until you tell it, “Get off, in Jesus’ name, and leave that person’s body.”

When I was in high school the doctors kept telling me I was the perfect specimen of health. I heard that for all those years, and yet I was tormented in my body. Pain. I was being about God’s business, and my body was still wracked with pain. I had migraines so bad that I could not stand up. I would see double. Everything from my waist down was clear, and above it was fairy land. They wanted to cut the nerves in the back of my neck to solve the problem, but I told them, “No, thanks.” My church did not believe in healing (or they did not know about healing). You do not believe in what you do not know. But I read the Book, and there I found Jesus the healer. He actually found me because I did not know what to do or how to do it. The Lord taught me these things. I know they are true, I know they are real. We have seen Him heal people countless times.

We have to take off the veils that have blinded people's minds. If you are filled with the Holy Ghost, God gave you the power and the ability to become His witnesses to the uttermost parts of the earth. You need to let God loose in Jesus' name. Let Him give you the words. He says do not worry about what you will say.

"We do not preach ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' made His light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ." (2nd Corinthians 4:5-6)

That is what we are about. Letting light shine out of darkness into this earth.

Bodily Health and Healing

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay [our body] for what purpose? To show that this all surpassing power is from God and not from me." (2nd Corinthians 4:7)

Our bodies are intended to go to the grave, but not before God in us is finished with what we are supposed to do. People get too attached to their bodies. They spend too much time on it. Yes, if the barn needs to be painted, so be it. But you can only get nipped and tucked so much, and before long it is not you any longer.

God does not look at the outside, He looks at the inside. Yes, you can say you have got a great heart, but if you are obese, then there is a problem. People do not get that big without problems or issues. You have to deal with what is at the bottom of the issue. Our bodies will not work right when we are stressed and fearful.

My problem was lack of exercise. As soon as I start exercising, the weight falls off. Physical exercise profits for a while, but spiritual exercise profits forever. We need to do both.

"For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that His life may be revealed in our mortal body." (2nd Corinthians 4:11)

Have you been healed of a condition quickly? Maybe you were believing to go in and have surgery, but God did a fast recovery.

In all your ways acknowledge the Lord. Many people do not understand faith and healing. It is all about obedience to the Spirit of God. Some throw out doctors. God did not throw out doctors. Although God does not need them, sometimes He uses them. When the pipe went through the windshield into my face, the Lord said, "Let them set the teeth, and I will cement them." The Lord had one of the finest orthodontic surgeons in the country there at the hospital when I needed that to be done. It was in 1986, and I still have all of my teeth. Obedience to the Spirit gets God's results.

King Asa died of a foot ailment because he sought the physicians only and refused to seek God. He had an issue with God about some things. He was a godly man who had gotten off the track when he did not get his way. That is, the Lord did not let him do something that he wanted to do and he became offended at God. He threw a temper tantrum. When you get offended, you open yourself up to a devil.

For the Gospel's Sake

"For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you." (2nd Corinthians 4:11-12) Paul had put his life on the line for the gospel – to take it wherever God wanted it to go. In that process his body took many beatings. He was whipped three times - 39 lashes with the bones and the whips. They filleted Jesus that way too. He did not even look like a man when He went to the cross.

Many folks are not willing to sacrifice their bodies. You will get hurt for the gospel. People will take away your reputation, they will lie, cheat, or whatever. In Paul's first missionary journey, they picked up rocks and killed him.

The book of Galatians was written in that region, for he went off to the next city after God raised him from the dead. He wrote, *"You would have given your own eyes for me."* (Galatians 4:15) He was a mess when he went to the next city.

One way the devil knows how to get people to give up their faith is to inflict physical problems. Many is the time when people gave up their faith.

Here is a true story about an incident in China: a pastor led two young girls to the Lord. It came time where they were being persecuted, and the pastor gave up his faith. These girls had guns put to their heads and were told to either give up Jesus or die. They said, "We cannot give up our faith in our Lord Jesus who has saved us and given us a life forever with Him." They made that confession while their pastor was standing there, and then the same pastor who had led them to the Lord shot them. When the going gets tough, what is really in you shows itself.

Jesus said, *"If you seek to save your life, you will lose it. If you lose your life for My sake, you will gain your life."* (Matthew 16:25) This is not all there is.

The Lord will have your body "talk" to you about what it needs. If you have craved a banana, you need potassium. If you get a calling to a glazed donut, that is the devil. There is no value in it, but it sure tastes good for a moment. Diana always uses the expression, "a moment on the lips, forever on the hips."

"It is written, 'I believed; therefore I have spoken.' Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak." (2nd Corinthians 4:13) You can always tell what you are believing by what you are speaking. What is coming out of your mouth? Listen to it and then deal with it accordingly. *"Because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to Himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God."* Everything to the glory of God, created to be to the praise of His glory. *"Therefore we do not lose heart though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day."* (2nd Corinthians 4:14-16)

You have heard that the older you get, the more your body is going to break down. For example, if you hit a certain age, your eyes will go dim. If you start to think that way, you give it power.

In many cases people do not need medication; they need sugar pills. The more the Lord revealed to me how the mind works, the more fascinating and intriguing it is. People really do not have a clue why they do what they do (the motivation of their heart).

No Excuses

There are skinny folks, and heavy-set folks. They have allowed that to happen to cause different people to stay away from them. Our body is the temple of the Holy Spirit. Yes, the Lord loves you just the way you are, but sometimes there is a little *too* much to love. I have been fat, and I have been skinny. I have been a skinny glutton before. Your body metabolism changes, things happen and if you are not ready for it, it will catch you off guard. You have not changed your diet one bit, it was a good diet, and all of a sudden weight is packing on. Then you need to make some adjustments. The Lord will show you how to do it and what to do.

I believe the Lord allowed me a time in my life where I was really getting heavy. I learned that you have to do something or it will catch up with you. What the Lord allowed me to understand during that season was the attitudes of people. There can be a hopelessness when you get to a place where you do not think you can lose the weight. You cut your food intake and nothing works. The last thing in the world to do is to have your stomach sized because your mind is still thinking supersize.

I have seen some people really damaged because they put supersized into a space that would not handle it, and it created all kinds of problems. I started to understand the rationalizations and justifications we make, like “Fat is beautiful.” If you are worrying about your weight, you will put on weight. If you are eating nothing, your body will go into survival mode and produce weight.

I believe the weight gain happened to me so that I could minister to folks. We are helping all kinds of them with their issues. What you are dwelling on is what you will be dealing with.

Have you ever been obsessed with your cholesterol? I finally had to tell Diana, “Just knock it off, they are making you crazy. You will die early because they are making you crazy over your cholesterol.” Stress produces cholesterol, and deep fat fried will not help it. But that girl never touches fried foods. I have to go out to get it.

I learned it is all about taste. You get the taste of whatever it is in the first couple of bites. Have you found that you do not even allow the taste to settle before you have already pumped in a half pound of stuff? (The taste has not even had an opportunity to check in?) We need to savor our food.

Many people eat so fast that they do not allow time for their body to handle the food. The reason we are so hungry all the time is because we have stretched out our stomachs, and now it is bigger than it needs to be. When you feel that you are not satisfied and that you need to eat something else, remember that you need to give some time for the food to settle.

Feed Your Spirit

Many do that with spiritual food too. They read a bunch of verses really fast and then, whoop, they go on the way. *I did it. I got a little Word in me. I did good today.* But the value of that word is through meditation. Letting it get in, settle down, soak, and think on it. You chew on it awhile like the cow chews the cud.

My inward man needs to be growing, and as I am about my Father’s business, He will “refresh those who refresh others.” He will give us what we need. Jesus said, *“My meat [food] is to do the will of Him who sent me.”* (John 4:34) *“Man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds forth from the mouth of God.”* (Matthew 4:4)

Yes, we need bread, yes we need meat, but we do not need to put away the most important thing – the Word of God. It is what feeds our spirit and it is what affects our mind, body, finances, and relationships. When you are right with God, you get along better with others. They did not change; you did.

“Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day.” (2nd Corinthians 4:16)

Moses was 120 years old and his eyes were not dim. His strength was not abated. He climbed a mountain that young guys would be hard pressed to climb in order to see the Promised Land.

Does not God want you to be able to get around to do everything He wants you to do? There has been such unbelief taught in the Christian community and such lack of knowledge on these things that people have actually been taught that to be sick and broke is godly. “I am suffering for Christ” is the way they say it. Nowhere in the Bible does it say you are suffering for Christ related to physical sickness. It is talking about somebody throwing a rock at you so that your head is rearranged because of your profession of Jesus.

Persecution and Tribulation

Paul was hung upside down, and his feet were beaten with metal rods. He did not have any feet left, the bones were all broken. However, none of it stopped him from taking the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the uttermost parts of the earth.

People say he had a thorn, a physical infirmity, in him. (2nd Corinthians 12) No, it says it was an angel of Satan sent to stop him and shut him down. It was not sickness or disease. There were physical things that he had to deal with, but nothing stopped him. *“My grace is sufficient for you,”* (2nd Corinthians 12:9) Jesus said. In other words, the Lord said He had given him everything he needed to deal with whatever came his way. We just need to deal with it in the spirit by the grace of God.

Nothing could stop Paul. It does not mention him having sickness. It says there were robbers on the road. It says his physical affliction was from being beaten. Eventually they chopped his head off for the sake of the gospel. (Martyrs have the highest crowns. In Acts 1:8 the term martyr means witness.) *“They loved not their lives to the death.”* (Revelations 12:11) He would not let anything hinder him.

Many are waiting to get raptured out, for they are afraid to deal with tribulation. Corrie TenBoom put it very well, saying, “If you do not

have faith to go through tribulation, then you will not have faith to get raptured.” She was in the Nazi prison camps and suffered horrible things during World War II, and she was a Christian.

“For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but what is unseen [the spiritual realm], since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by human hands.” (2nd Corinthians 4:17-18 & 5:1) This is not all there is. If I died tomorrow, I would be with Jesus in Paradise. *“Meanwhile we groan, longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling.”* (2nd Corinthians 5:2) In Romans 8 it says that the whole creation is groaning, awaiting the Lord’s return.

We have to be about our Father’s business. The time is short.

“Longing to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling, because when we are clothed, we will not be found naked. For while we are in this tent, we groan and are burdened, because we do not wish to be unclothed but to be clothed instead with our heavenly dwelling.” (2nd Corinthians 5:2-4)

I do not want to be unclothed, but I want to be clothed with my heavenly body *“so that what is mortal needs to be swallowed up by life.”* (2nd Corinthians 5:4) This body is not all there is. God has a spiritual one coming, which is perfect. In the new heaven and the new earth there is no more pain, sorrow, suffering, sickness, death, depression, or torment of any sort. It is going to be incredibly wonderful all day, every day, and nobody will get tired of it.

“So that what is mortal will be swallowed up by life. Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.” (2nd Corinthians 5:4-5)

Meeting the Lord

When you have the Holy Spirit, you have the guarantee in you that when that trumpet blasts at the end (1st Thessalonians 4 and 1st

Corinthians 15), *“...The dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet our Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever.”* (1st Thessalonians 4:16-17)

“Therefore, we are always confident and know that as long as we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord.” (2nd Corinthians 5:6)

I have been a pilgrim, passing through, ever since I was a little boy. That is what God put in my heart. All we are doing here is an assignment from Him, grabbing everybody for Jesus, getting everybody into the kingdom. Then the end is over because this is not all there is, this is just an interim to eternity. What happens between Adam falling away from God and our being restored in Jesus is going to be done away with. We will pick up where Adam was before the fall. There was no decay or death in the garden. Everything was life, everything was blessed, and everything was good. Anything that is bloodsucking is not of God. Do not go to vampire movies no matter how popular they are.

I used to watch all that kind of stuff when I was a kid, like Frankenstein and Dracula. People say, “Well, you turned out all right,” but I say, “Yeah, in spite of it.” There was a point in my life (I was 22) when the Spirit of the Lord said, “I do not want you watching any Dracula movies.” I said, “Aye, aye.”

Living forever off of people’s blood...

Jesus gave His blood, He did not suck my blood.

“For we live by faith, not by sight. We are confident I say, and would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So we make it our goal to please Him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each of us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.” (2nd Corinthians 5:7-10) In other words, God is going to have a judgment, and we will have to give an account for whatever we have done, whether good or bad while we are in this body (and with this body).

“What manner of life shall we live?” (2nd Peter 3:11) We need to live a holy life set apart to God with our spirit, mind, and body.

THE GOD-MAN
PHYSICAL
Wrap Up
Chapter Nine

A person who smokes is killing his family. I remember a lady who was healed of emphysema even though she had never smoked a day in her life. She got the disease because of her spouse.

We need to get things right with the Lord, get things right with ourselves and allow the blessing to flow to everybody. It is a wonderful thing to be forgiven and free. It is a wonderful thing to go to sleep at night with a clear conscience and a clear heart.

The thief is just waiting for an opportunity to curse one of the people God has blessed. However, people also curse themselves by putting other gods before the Lord.

Turn from Your Own Ways

Fornication and sexual immorality are sins against a person's own body because they are outside of God's blessing. (1st Corinthians 6) Sex is out of bounds before marriage. It does not matter what age you are.

I had to deal with an 82 year old man one time. He was the mobile home park go-to-it guy. The women would bring him all kinds of food and cakes, and then he would service them. I told him, "Man, you are not a filling station. You have to repent and get right with God. You are 82, you may go to your Maker pretty quick, and that will hurry you along because the thief can steal, kill, and destroy."

People do not take sin seriously. The wages of sin is death. Cursing. The gift of God is life in Christ Jesus.

Malachi 3:6 *"I, the Lord, do not change so you descendants of Jacob are not destroyed."* In other words, the Lord is not going to change; otherwise we would be destroyed. *"Ever since the time of your forefathers you have turned away from my decrees and have not kept them."* (Malachi 3:7) Even when the Lord says something, people do

whatever they feel like doing, whenever they feel like doing it. No regard.

I listened to a message that blessed my heart about the fact that America does not know what a king is. We have been taught to be rebellious, independent, not follow instruction, be our own person, and do our own thing. Everybody has a right to his opinion, free will, anything goes. It is funny how you have a right to freedom of speech until somebody does not agree with you. People can take freedom of speech to slander, defaming, and lying. That was not what it was intended for. The Lord says bless, do not curse.

On the other hand, the Lord says not to bless those that are under a curse. Do not wish them "God's speed" or "God bless you" when they are doing wicked, evil things. We cannot ask God to bless what is cursed. We can ask God to save, come in and help, though. An enabler basically says, "You are blessed" when you are cursed. In other words, an enabler helps you to stay in your cursed condition, aiding, assisting, and keeping you from the consequences of your actions.

God is not mocked. (Galatians 6:7) *"Whatever a man sows he is going to reap"* - for the spirit or for the flesh. To the flesh for cursing, to the spirit for blessing.

"Return to me, and I will return to you, says the Lord Almighty. But you ask, 'How are we to return?' Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?'" Of what are we robbing Him? Honor and glory. He says, *"In tithes and offerings."* (Malachi 3:7-9) *"You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me."* That means if some are violating, then all are under the curse.

People think it is ridiculous. They say they do not need anybody to tell them what to do. Hello, America, hello, spirit of lawlessness; hello, welcomers of the anti-christ who oppose God. You will be amazed at all those who will follow him like he is the savior, because they are opposing God.

If Satan got kicked out of heaven, and Satan was exposed to an open shame at the cross (Colossians 2), then how is it going to be any different here? When Jesus comes back, sinners had better be turning from their ways because it says it is not going to go well with them. (Read Revelation, chapter 19 and following)

The Coming of the Lord

“Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep.” [Die] (1st Thessalonians 4:13) God does not see things as death to a believer. We go from life to life so it is just like we are sleeping. *“Or to grieve like the rest of men who have no hope.”* (1st Thessalonians 4:13) We do not grieve as those who have no hope. When somebody goes on to be with the Lord, we do not grieve without hope. We have the hope of the resurrection. *“We believe that Jesus died, rose again, so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in Him, and according to the Lord’s own word, we tell you that we who are still alive who are left to the coming of the Lord”* (1st Thessalonians 4:14-15) (There will be believers around at the coming of the Lord.)

There are many teachings out there about the coming of the Lord. People argue about when Christ is coming: before the tribulation, during the tribulation, or after the tribulation. It does not matter. What matters is 1) He is coming back, 2) we need to be ready when He comes, and 3) if we do not have faith to go through tribulation, we will not have faith to get raptured (which is not a scriptural term).

This term is used to promote the doctrine which has only been around for 100 years. It was not the teaching of the early church who went through great tribulation and persecution for their faith in God. But what matters is that Jesus is coming and we need to be ready. Some Christians faint over a hangnail, or over the tithe and offering. The statistics for America are 8 to 17 percent of the Christians are tithing. The non-tithers are bringing the church under a curse. Let alone the marriage and divorce rate, which is around 50 to 60% in the Christian community. There is something wrong in the house. Then there are all the people who are lying, cheating, and being fearful, worried, or stressed out. Such things are sin and are bringing a curse.

“According to the Lord’s word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left to the coming of the Lord, will certainly not proceed those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.” (1 Thessalonians 4:15-16)

Nobody in the universe is going to miss this. But we do not want to be like the five ladies who ran out of oil. We do not want to walk away from God. They did not finish the course. They started, but they did not finish and they weren’t let into the marriage feast. David prayed: *“Take not your Holy Spirit from me.”* (Psalm 51:11)

In another parable, a man did not have the proper attire at the wedding. It was not about clothes, it was about the robe of righteousness (being washed in the blood of the Lamb). Who are those that are going to be saved? Those who profess Jesus as Lord and Savior and keep His commandments. (See the Book of Revelation)

People may profess Jesus as Lord, but is He their Lord? You can tell by the life style. If you are not keeping the commandments of God, then He is not your Lord. You are self-deceived.

We have to take a serious look at how we are living. What manner of life ought we to be living since we know the Lord is coming? I love anything that is creating an awareness of Jesus’ return. I do not care if it is pre-trib, post-trib, during-trib, as long as it is causing an awareness in people’s hearts.

At a young age I was called to prepare the way of the Lord’s return and get people ready for it. The end of the world is happening. The world is going to be destroyed by fire when the Lord comes. Things are really going to heat up, and God will create a new heaven and a new earth. Everybody in the universe will hear: the loud command, the voice of the archangel, the trumpet call of God – the final trumpet. *“And the dead in Christ will rise first, and we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.”* (1st Thessalonians 4:16-17) That is the catching away which happens at the final trumpet, at the archangel’s call.

Imagine all the people in generations past (to Adam and Eve) will arise to meet the Lord in the air. They are all in Paradise right now, the holding place for the righteous who died in the faith. Jesus went down to them and preached the gospel to them, the good news. He preached to them because they had not heard it, but they had died in the faith. They were looking forward to the cross, and they received their Savior. We are looking backward. Can you imagine the rejoicing going on in Paradise the day Jesus died on the cross and went down there for a little three day holiday. This was not hell, it was Paradise. *“Today, you are going to be with me in Paradise”* (Luke 23:43) he told the thief at the cross. It has been falsely taught that Jesus went down and suffered the pangs of hell for us. No, His mission, the sacrifice, was completed at the cross.

Remember the rich man who wanted Lazarus to tell his family about the torment and torture down there, being separated from God. That was not even Gehenna, the final place for all those separated from God. That was just the holding tank for those who died apart from God. Not believing in God and separation from God is the most horrible thing that one could imagine. The pain of hell is not fire because a spirit cannot burn. This body can burn, but that is not what folks have that have died. They are a spiritual beings. Abraham told the rich man, “It does not matter if they came back from this place. People still will not believe him.”

“After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.” (I Thessalonians 4:17-18)

That is the hope of our calling which has not yet been attained. Jesus has not come back so this promise will not be met until His return. There are promises that are still to be fulfilled.

The Body Is Sown through Death

“But someone may ask how are the dead raised? With what kind of body will they come?” (1st Corinthians 15:35) The day will come in the new heaven and earth where we will be able to behold the Lord

face-to-face just like He sees us, but in the meantime this body cannot handle the glory of God.

“How foolish! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. When you sow, you do not plant the body that will be, but just a seed, perhaps of wheat or of something else. But God gives it a body as He has determined, and to each kind of seed He gives its own body.”
(1st Corinthians 15:36-38)

When you take a little apple seed out of your apple and put it into the ground, the seed dies and is buried. Understand, the life is in the seed to make it become whatever its kind is. You are not going to sow an apple seed and get a grapefruit tree. You are going to get an apple tree. Remember, the Lord said to be fruitful and multiply. Apples containing three, four, five, six seeds will make entirely new apple trees. Not just individual apples, but whole trees, each in its kind.

God gives each kind of seed its own body. All flesh is not the same. Men have one kind of flesh, animals have another, birds another, fish another. There are also heavenly bodies and earthly bodies. Sun, moon, stars.

Note, people have worshipped the creation – the sun, the moon, the stars – rather than worshiping the Creator who made those bodies. Some people worship their own body and put more attention on it than they do on their spirit. You can do what you will with your body, but God has a purpose and a plan for it. You want to make sure you are using it for the glory of God. Whatever you do, do it with all of your heart in the name of Jesus to the glory of God. All these members and parts are to be used for the Lord.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable. So when the body goes into the grave, the person is gone and the spirit has left. The moment they died, the body stopped functioning. A heart attack can be an attack of the devil on the heart, or it could be that their heart just stops. Your heart has to stop in order for you to go to the Lord. It will be called a heart attack, but the spirit just left and went to the Lord, and the body shut down. Your body does not keep working after you are gone.

To be in this body is to be absent from the Lord. This body is sown into the ground (dies), and God raises it up (the resurrection). The body that is sown is perishable, but is raised imperishable. The new body is imperishable (eternal). God matches an eternal body with an eternal spirit and an eternal mind. It is sown in dishonor, but is raised in glory. Man has done this whole thing about funerals, and really messed up a lot of people. It is a big business. If you want to succeed in business, get a funeral home or a good restaurant. Both are servicing the body. Or get your own cosmetic line. I have never seen a body that has gone on to be with the Lord that looked good. I do not care how you dress it up. Do not go into hock over funeral expenses.

I told Diana, "Just bury me out back," and then I had a thought from God that said, "No, that's against the health regulations." When I am gone, realize that my body is just dirt, water, and a lot of inert gas. If you have ever been around a dying body there is a lot of gas rumbling in there; it is the death rattle.

"Sown in weakness, raised in power." (1st Corinthians 15:43) It is sown a natural body, it is raised up a spiritual body, forever able to be with the Lord. My desire since I was a little boy is to be with the Lord forever. But as long as I am in this body, I will finish what God has given me to do. Then I am out of here.

Natural vs. Spiritual

If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. *"The first man Adam became a living being, the last Adam (Jesus) a life giving spirit."* (1st Corinthians 15:45) Note: His words are spirit and life. God wants us speaking spirit and life words just like Jesus did. The spiritual did not come first, but the natural and after that the spiritual. Jesus said we must be born again so we become a spiritual being alive to God. You were born natural. Babies are wonderful but they are not saved. They need to be born again. If they go on to be with the Lord when little, they are covered by the faith of the believing parent. (1st Corinthians 7:14)

"The first man of the dust of the earth, the second man from heaven." (1st Corinthians 15:47) Jesus was from heaven but was born of a

natural birth. His daddy is the Father God, Mary was the carrier of the child. Since the blood type is determined by the dad, not the mom, Jesus had the holiness of God flowing through His veins. Life is in the blood.

“As far as was the earthly man so are those who are on the earth and as the man in heaven so also are those who are of heaven.” (1st Corinthians 15:48) We are of heaven now through faith in Jesus. (John 1:12-13 – *“To as many as have received Him [Jesus], He gave power to become the sons of God. Born not of the will of man nor of the flesh of man but born of God”*).

We are ambassadors for Christ, ambassadors of another land (heaven). *“Since you then be risen with Christ* (Colossians 3:1-2) *set your mind [your affection, your heart] on the things above, not on the things beneath.”* We are not of this world. We are in it, but we are not of it, we are of heaven and we bring heaven to people. The glory of God is inside us in our temple.

So also are those that are of heaven and just as we have born the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. (1st Corinthians 15:49)

When Stephen was being stoned, his face shone like an angel of God. The glory of God that was in him started to shine right through his human body, and the people could not stand it. They could not stand it when Moses came off of the mountain after spending time with the Lord and seeing His backside. It says that Moses shone with the glory of God.

Paul said in the New Testament, *“The veil is taken away.”* (2nd Corinthians 3:16) Moses had put on a veil, and Paul said to take the veil off. Let the people see the glory of God that is in you and through you.

“I declare to you brothers, sisters, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God.” (1st Corinthians 15:50)

Jesus said to Thomas after the resurrection, *“Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side.”* I am

not a ghost because I have flesh and bone.” (Luke 24:39) It does not say blood. The blood was gone.

“Nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.” (1st Corinthians 15:50) In other words, I cannot be with the Lord forever in this body. *“Listen, I tell you a mystery. We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed.”* (1st Corinthians 15:51) Everybody, believer and unbeliever alike, are going to rise to meet the Lord in the air and the judgment of God will be done at that point. The separation of the believers from the unbelievers will happen. Whether people believe in God or not, this will happen, and they will have to stand before God. The believer goes to life with God forever, and the unbelievers to Gehenna, the place of unquenchable fire, tears, sorrow, and gnashing of teeth. A place of extreme torment.

We Will Be Changed

I want to go where there is no more pain, sorrow, sickness, and every tear will be wiped away from our eyes.

“We will not all sleep. We will all be changed in a flash at the last trumpet.” (1st Corinthians 15:52)

Many are trying to escape, for everybody wants an easy way out, but those that have experienced tribulation in the body sin less. People think they do not need to change, that God loves everybody and “He knows my heart.” There is no excuse for disobedience to the Lord. Without holiness nobody is going to see Him. (Hebrews 12) Get rid of sexual immorality, lying, deceit, unbelief, pride, selfishness.

“For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: ‘Death has been swallowed up in victory.’” (1st Corinthians 15:52-54)

The wages of sin is death, but the Lord will take away the power of death (death is separation). Separation from God will cease. There was no death in the previous creation. That came after man disobeyed God.

People have not even begun to imagine a world where there is no death, sorrow, pain, poverty, suffering, confusion, worry, fear, or stress. There is nothing but life, health, blessing, and goodness. Nobody is worrying or fearing about anything.

The Lord says to us through Jesus, *“Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”* (Matthew 6:10) I am talking about the new heaven and the new earth. The new earth will have none of the nonsense that we have now. All evil, wickedness, and everything that is wrong – killing, stealing and destroying – will be removed.

“Death will be swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1st Corinthians 15:54-57)

Start to fill your heart and mind with that expectation. This body is only good for 120 years. Before the flood people lived to be 900 years. Those days are over.

Jesus said, *“If my kingdom were of this world we would fight for it.”* (John 18:36) But we are not fighting for it. We are bringing the good news to the people. We are bringing heaven to folks. If they believe it, great, if they do not, that is their call, but we are bringing blessing to people.