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LESSON 4 – OUTLINE

- I. Literally thousands of people have come to me with sickness in their bodies and asked, “Would you pray for me?”
 - A. But what do I do, after I’ve prayed for everybody else, when I get sick?
 - B. Do I run to somebody every time an illness is fighting against me?
 - C. No, I go to the Word of God.
 - D. If I have a pain, I take a Gos-pill (Gospel).
 - E. I’ll stand against symptoms, rebuke them, and speak my faith.
 - F. Normally, that will take care of everything.
- II. I don’t believe in being sick.
 - A. But I’ve had the symptoms of sickness hit me.
 - B. I take the Word of God and meditate on it.
 - C. I eat these words because they’re life and health to my flesh.
 - D. I could even quote them, but I’ll still go back and study them.

Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17

- E. As I start meditating on them, health flows through me.
- F. I’ve only gone for a maximum of a few hours over the past forty years with any symptom of sickness in my body.
- G. I actually have a doctor’s report saying I had an incurable disease.
- H. Yet within hours of that doctor’s visit, I was totally healed.

III. God used the first two verses of Romans 12 to totally transform my life:

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- A. I looked up the word “**prove,**” and it means to make manifest to the physical senses.
- B. I wanted the result promised at the end of verse 2 where I would make manifest to my physical senses the good, acceptable, and perfect will of God.
- C. So, I went back to verse 1 and to the beginning of verse 2 to see what I had to do to get there.
- D. After meditating on it for three and a half months, I had an experience where God poured out His love in my life.
- E. As important as that experience was, I would have lost the benefit of just an encounter with God if I had not continued to grow in the knowledge of His Word.

IV. What really changed my life was Romans 12:2.

- A. The Greek word translated “**conformed**” here literally means to pour into the mold.
- B. By the time you live twenty, forty, sixty, or however many years, the pressures of this life are going to melt you.
- C. However, the good news is that you get to choose what mold you fit into.
- D. You get to pick whether you’ll be like the other people who become negative, bitter, and unforgiving.
- E. You can choose whether you’ll murmur and complain or if you’ll let these things drive you to the Lord and make you stronger and more stable in your commitment to God.
- F. The Greek word rendered “**transformed**” here is the word we derive our English word *metamorphosis* from.
- G. Do you want to change from being weak, inferior, and bound by all kinds of problems into someone who releases and experiences the abundant life of God from within?
- H. The Word of God reveals that the way to do this is by the renewing of your mind.

- V. You can't just turn your mind off and think of nothing.
 - A. All you can do is choose what you think on—the things of the Lord or the things of the world.
 - B. The things of the world don't have to be bad. But just be occupied with them, and you'll never experience this transformation.
 - C. If you desire to be poured into God's mold, you do it through the Word of God.
 - D. There is no other system He has in place.
 - E. Some folks say, "To me, that seems restrictive." To me, it's awesome.

- VI. If you'll keep your mind stayed on the Lord by meditating in His Word, then without effort—automatically—your life will begin to change.
 - A. Don't knock it until you've tried it.
 - B. There's nothing that challenges and inspires me more than being in the Word of God and hearing Him speak to me.
 - C. All of a sudden, I connect with God's heart.
 - D. I know what He is saying to me through the Scriptures.
 - E. I can truthfully say that's the greatest thing that's ever happened in my life.
 - F. I've seen several people raised from the dead, including my own son. I've seen great miracles and healings manifest.
 - G. But it's the Word of God and my relationship with Him through His Word that have caused all those things to happen.
 - H. Renewing my mind to God's Word is what has turned my life around.
 - I. If you want to be transformed like this, the way you do it is to take God's Word and meditate in it day and night.
 - J. Now, that's exciting!

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LESSON 4 – DISCIPLESHIP QUESTIONS

1. Read Romans 8:6. Does carnal-mindedness tend toward death? Does spiritual-mindedness tend toward life and peace?
2. According to John 6:63, what does the flesh profit?
3. What are Jesus' words?
 - A. Easy and light
 - B. Fire and brimstone
 - C. Spirit and life
 - D. All of the above
 - E. None of the above
4. Read Isaiah 26:3. What is needed to be kept in perfect peace?
5. According to Proverbs 4:20-22, what are God's words?
6. Read 1 Peter 2:24. We are _____ to sins and should _____ unto righteousness.
7. Read Psalm 107:20. To heal us and deliver us from our destructions, what did God do with His word?
8. Read Romans 10:17. Faith comes before or after hearing the Word of God?
9. Read Romans 12:1-3. What is holy and acceptable to God?
10. If you're conformed to this world, what won't you be?
11. How are you not to think?
12. According to Joshua 1:8, the book of the Law (Word of God) is not to depart from your _____.
13. Therefore, other than the mind, what does meditation include?
 - A. Speaking what the Law (Word of God) says
 - B. A certain posture
 - C. Soft music
 - D. Having a sinless day
 - E. Fasting

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LESSON 4 – SCRIPTURES

ROMANS 8:6

For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

JOHN 6:63

It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

ISAIAH 26:3

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

PROVERBS 4:20-22

My son, attend to my words; incline thine ear unto my sayings. [21] Let them not depart from thine eyes; keep them in the midst of thine heart. [22] For they are life unto those that find them, and health to all their flesh.

1 PETER 2:24

Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.

PSALM 107:20

He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.

ROMANS 10:17

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

ROMANS 12:1-3

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. [2] And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. [3] For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith.

JOSHUA 1:8

This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success.