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**Dedication**

This book is firstly dedicated to the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ, at One with the Father and the Holy Spirit, who has made me to KNOW Him, His Word and His Ways; that everyone who reads this book will come closer to that same revelation of Him...

To that end is this book written, then, to the memory of my late wife, Rosa Maria, and my late son, Gian-Andrew, both of whose love of Jesus and walk in the Spirit taught me many wonderful things even through their untimely deaths...

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### (Renewing the Mind by Removing Demonic Hooks through Prayer Dialogue with Jesus)

In the New Testament, the Holy Spirit, through Paul, defines our existence and makeup as living beings consisting of a spirit-man, soul-man, and physical-man. In short, spirit, mind and body. The “spirit-man” or spirit (Greek: “pneuma”) refers to our inner man which is a being of intelligence, who perceives God and His Will through it’s faculties of intellect, conscience, and intuition. The spirit-man *perceives* or *intuits*. When a person becomes a born-again believer, the Holy Spirit enters into the spirit-man and dwells there (Ephesians 3:16) and the believer becomes a “new creation” (2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15), that is, his spirit-man is recreated anew by Christ and brought to immediate and complete perfection. The spirit-man has no sin (1 John 3:6,9) because it is immediately and completely created anew, and where Christ dwells there can be no sin.

The “soul-man” or soul is referred to in the New Testament by the Greek word “psyche” which means the mind, will, and emotions. It is at this “new birth” or “new creation” experience that the salvation of the soul (mind, will, emotions) begins. (James 2:21) This, according to scripture, is a lifetime process and exclusively a work of the Holy Spirit, not of man. The Spirit tells us through Paul that our minds are to be renewed in Christ (Ephesians 4:23; Romans 12:2). This renewal of the mind or soul continues throughout our lifetime as believers. Since our Lord Jesus Christ tells us that the requirement to get into heaven is that we are to be perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect (Matthew 5:48), then the question arises as to what will happen to us if we, as believers, should die before our mind (soul) is perfected? The Spirit answers this again through Paul, in Philippians 1:6 where He states that He who begins a good work in us is able to bring it to completion in the day of the Lord Jesus Christ, meaning at the moment of death when Christ calls us home. Thus, the requirement of Matthew 5:48 is fulfilled. It is also fulfilled because His righteousness is imputed to us through His precious blood.

The third part of our being, the physical man which is the biological man, is also redeemed but the fullness of that redemption will be had at the Rapture or Second Coming, at which time those believers will receive a glorified body.

Because man has a fallen nature, the unregenerate spirit-man in an unbeliever will be in agreement with the soul-man and physical man in all behaviors of the “flesh,” which is a term in the New Testament collectively referring to the natural or carnal mind and it’s lusts combined with the physical cravings of the body, in other words, the sin-nature.

In the unbeliever, the workings of the spirit-man, soul-man and physical-man are continually directed toward selfish behavior, self-gratification, selfish ambition, and selfaggrandizement, none of which can fulfill the basic human needs for love, affirmation, and security or provision.

In the born-again believer, the spirit-man is brought into immediate perfection and completion upon the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, and renewal of the mind begins. This creates a rift (Romans Chapters 7 and 8). The soul and “flesh” desire their independence and strive against the Spirit, and according to scripture, the Spirit strives against the flesh (Galatians 5:19). This is further compounded by the fact that, in any battle between the “flesh” and mind (soul), the “flesh” will dominate for the natural or unrenewed mind does not easily resist the desires of the flesh but rather aligns itself. (Romans 7:14-20,23,25; Romans 8:4-11,13,27,28)

The “flesh” encompasses the entire gamut of negative emotions and carnal desires and lusts. In Romans chapters 7 and 8, the Holy Spirit tells us that the “flesh” and the mind (soul) are to be subjected to the Law of Life in Christ by faith, so that Christ in our spiritman governs and directs our soul-man and our flesh. The Spirit thus commands us to be transformed by the “renewing of your mind...”. (Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:23).

The reader should also know that the term “flesh” in the scriptures has several other meanings, among which are the 1) body, 2) mankind, 3) humanity, 4) a blood relative, and 5) the total man (body, mind, spirit). (1 Corinthians 15:39; Matthew 24:22; John 1:13; John 1:14; 1 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 5:7; John 6:51-57; James 5:3; 1 Corinthians 10:18; Galatians 4:23; Romans 2:28,29).

In the context in which it is used in this text, the “flesh” refers to the carnal or natural mind and its desires along with the lusts of the body (sin-nature).

There is another term which must be understood in regard to the process of renewal of the mind according to scripture. This is the concept of the “heart” of man. In regard to man in general, most scholars regard the “heart” as both the soul and spirit together.

The Holy Spirit, through Paul in the book of Romans, defines the soul (Greek “psuche”) as the mind, will, and emotions, comparable to the Old Testament Hebrew term “leb” (pronounced as “labe”), which also means the intellect, will, understanding and feelings. (Deuteronomy 6:5; Matthew 22:37; Genesis 6:5; Genesis 17:17; Exodus 35:5,21,29). The synonym of “leb” is “lebab”, also Old Testament Hebrew and connotes not only the “soul” (2 Chronicles 15:12) but also refers to the “inner man” or spirit, with its characteristics of conscience, intuition, moral perceptions and the seat of perception of the righteousness of God (2 Samuel 24:10; 1 Kings 3:6; Psalm 24:4; Isaiah 38:3).

The New Testament term equivalent to the spirit or spirit-man component of the heart is the Greek term “pneuma” referring to the spirit-man and its attributes of intelligent perception, conscience and intuitive knowledge and ability to intuit.

In general, then, the term “heart” in both Old and New Testaments would refer to be both functions of soul and spirit and their respective attributes, particularly in regard to the unbeliever or a person who is not “born-again” of the Spirit.

We must keep in mind, however, that in the case of the “born-again” believer, the spiritman is immediately and completely regenerated and renewed by Christ’s indwelling Spirit, making the spirit-man a “new creation” in Christ and immediately and completely perfected.

On the contrary, scripture advises us that the “heart” is naturally inclined toward evil (Genesis 8:21) and it’s actions pollute our faith-walk (Matthew 15:18; Psalm 73:7; Matthew 12:34). I believe, therefore, that in the New Testament “born-again” believer, the term “heart” applies to the mind of man almost exclusively since 1) the spirit-man is immediately and completely made a new creation and 2) the scripture uses the term “renewal of your mind”, the mind being the soul.

If the term “born-again” believer includes the term “spirit” as well as “soul” then it would be impossible for the spirit-man to be inclined toward evil since, according to scripture, wherever Christ dwells, there can be no evil. It would therefore appear that in “born-again” believers, it is the mind that has to be renewed regenerated and healed and that in unbelievers it is both the mind (soul) and spirit that must be healed and renewed.

When the works of the “flesh” contend with the mind (soul), the desires and works of the “flesh” will dominate (Romans chapters 7 and 8). That is because the mind is not renewed in Christ and must come under domination of the spirit through the Holy Spirit indwelling and witnessing to the spirit-man (Romans 8:16; 1 John 5:10). By this, the soul (mind) is strengthened by the power of the Holy Spirit in the spirit-man. (Ephesians 3:16). It is received by faith (Ephesians 3:17) so that the spirit-man is immediately and completely renewed and the soul or soul-man is renewed through the process of renewal of the mind which proceeds over a person’s entire lifetime. This is the process of the perfection (spiritual maturing) of the mind or soul, required to enter the Kingdom of God (Matthew 5:48) and is a sovereign work of the Lord Jesus Christ through His Holy Spirit (Philippians 1:6). It is HE that causes it to be.

For all practical purposes, then, it is best to regard the “heart” of the “born-again” believer as synonymous with the mind, will, emotions and feelings or attitudes, understanding that if, indeed, the spirit is also considered an aspect of the heart that the spirit component is already renewed and healed. And indeed, if we learn to substitute the word “mind” (or soul) for the word “heart” in all Old Testament and New Testament scriptures, then the Holy Spirit opens up to us a whole new vista on understanding the mind or soul of man, why it needs renewal, and what the Lord Jesus Christ does to perform this renewal.

Such renewal is of utmost importance in the faithwalk because there are many born again” believers who remain demonically oppressed because of negative emotions such as fear, anger, resentment, bitterness, rejection, hate, unforgiveness, guilt, shame, feelings of inadequacy or low self-esteem, condemnation, etc., any or all of which create mental bondage to the particular feeling and subsequent demonic oppression of the mind. As we shall see, such negative emotions are usually the fruit of one’s personal iniquities. In almost all instances if not All instances, there is a relationship to the root of bitterness (Hebrews 12:15) and the subsequent bitter root judgement of the person who caused the offense. Such negative emotions and their

Consequences act as demonic “hooks” by which demonic spirits hang on and hold a “legal” ground to be present in the life of the individual, hindering deliverance and healing, both physically and emotionally. I believe that this is the reason why attempts at deliverance are at times unsuccessful. It is also remarkable that, with renewal of the mind, the person often feels immediately and completely freed of the negative emotion or emotions and receives immediate deliverance.

The implication is profound: there are some people who require renewal of the mind or healing of the emotions (improperly called “healing of memories” by some) to remove the causes by which the demonic spirit ministering the negative intense emotion stands, in order for deliverance to occur.

On the contrary, some believers are so intensely bound up with demonic oppression that they are incapable of receiving ministry and incapable of cooperating. In such instances, it appears that their will is so bound by the bondage that the Holy Spirit will lead into deliverance first. It is therefore of utmost importance to be able to discern and follow the leading of the Holy Spirit, since, according to scripture, He does it all through the believer. It is necessary for the believer to understand that it is not he who is doing anything, but the Spirit through him, that is, the manifest presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Covenant Keeper who is carrying out His covenant.

We will now examine the process of renewal of the mind as it is evidenced throughout the Old Testament and New Testament scriptures, understanding that it is a sovereign work of the Lord Jesus Christ who expounded to the apostles ALL things in the scriptures regarding Himself, both Old Testament and New Testament (Luke 24:27) and not a work of man (Jeremiah 17:5).

As we examine what the scriptures have to say, it will become readily evident that renewal of the mind or heart refers to healing and complete freedom from negative emotions and hurts (John 8:32; John 8:36). Jesus wants every believer to be totally free and healed.

I should point out, that biblical renewal of the mind is not the same thing as psychology or psychiatry with their varieties of psychological counseling and therapies, all of which are inventions of man and which foster the dangers of creating dependence upon man and making man one’s source of help. I speak this as a former psychiatrist.

The “born-again” Spirit-filled believer must have a balanced attitude toward psychology and psychiatry. There must be the recognition that for those who walk the faithwalk of faith in Christ, psychiatry and psychology has no place (or little place if at all, in their healing) since Jesus tells us that the things of the Spirit are spirit and the Word of God divides soul (mind or things of mental assent) from spirit and IT is the discerner of all the intents of the heart or mind (Hebrews 4:12). This means that complete healing and deliverance is God’s way of renewing the mind and that it is done by the Word of God getting into the spirit of man to transform man through revelation, not reason.



The things of the Spirit are spirit. His Spirit witnesses to our spirit (Romans 8:16) and we are strengthened in the inner man (the spirit) by which the soul-man or mind is then governed and brought into obedience to Christ.

The Word of God also shows us what is soulish, that is, what is of man's mind, and divides the soulish from the spiritual *purposely* since that which is soulish is vain and of no effect.

It is a matter of divine revelation that man cannot understand his own behaviors (Proverbs 20:24), believes that his own ways are right (Proverbs 21:2), and scripture has it that the man who trusts in his own mind (heart) is a fool (Proverbs 28:26). It is also a matter of divine revelation that only the Lord Jesus Christ can search the mind or heart of man (Jeremiah 17:10) and only He can know and examine it (Psalm 44:21).

When we allow Him to enter our circumstances and situation YIELDING and TRUSTING that He does it, then the work of the Spirit and process of renewal of the mind comes forth. Permanent healing and freedom from negative emotions and behavior occurs. Bondage is broken.

This cannot be accomplished by soulish processes such as psychiatry or psychology since they originate and operate at the soul or mind level of function. This is not the level at which the Holy Spirit works. One will find, therefore, that psychology and psychiatry may be a help to keep a person functioning, but they are incapable and always will be incapable of giving freedom, healing, deliverance, and joy, all of which come from a sovereign work and fruit of the Holy Spirit.

When one learns to do things according to the ways of God and the Spirit, it will become readily apparent that reason, intellect, and insight do not bring freedom and release from emotional or behavioral bondage since these are functions of the mind and therefore, soulish. Such freedom and release can only come by revelation and word of knowledge from the Holy Spirit, which is intuitively given as an operation of the Spirit in our spirit. The things of the Spirit are spirit.

The believer who insists on making man his source, whether it be counseling or twelvestep programs of various kinds, will find that there is no freedom in such things and that it will put him in a position to confess with his mouth and acknowledge in his heart, that he was, is, and always will be a person oppressed by a particular problem such as alcoholism, drug addiction, or obesity, for examples, relying on human wisdom rather than God's revelations. The Holy Spirit, through James, calls such human wisdom earthly and natural and equates it with the demonic (James 3:15). And no wonder, since it keeps people in bondage and subjection to the thoughts, ideas, and ways of man.

The believer who seeks freedom must realize that salvation (Greek: "sozo") also means healing and deliverance. If salvation is received by *grace* through faith in *Christ* and Christ alone,

then all healing and deliverance must be received in the same manner. The believer who wishes to be totally set free of negative emotions and demonic oppression, whether physical or emotional, must learn to *receive* His Grace and walk in *faith* and receive healing and deliverance through faith in Christ.

There must be the absolute hope and conviction that as part of covenant with Him, that He is a real, living Person who is willing to get involved in the believer's circumstances, that He is present in him, or her, and that He *will do* what He *promises* through the Word of God. He will do it because He testifies in His own Word that He is obligated or bound by His Word to perform it (as written) (Jeremiah 1:12) and that His Word will go out and accomplish the purpose for which He sent it (Isaiah 55:11). It is accomplished through faith which is a yielding trust in Him to accomplish the work of the Spirit and bring it to pass. For this reason, scripture has it that ALL things are in Him, THROUGH Him and for Him (Romans 11:36). Believers who seek renewal of the mind must come to *know* what this means.

Having considered the background information necessary to understand the workings of scripture in regard to renewal of the mind, let us now approach the subject in greater detail to understand what the Holy Spirit reveals to us about this process in the Old Testament and New Testament, both of which apply since Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Hebrews 13:8).

You will find that the scriptures regarding the heart or mind and its renewal are divided into three distinct categories. These are:

- 1) Revelation of what the Holy Spirit thinks and says regarding the heart (mind) of man.
- 2) What man must do for his mind (heart) to be renewed in Christ.
- 3) What Jesus does, through His Spirit.

Let us now consider these three categories of scriptures individually in order to understand their culminating purpose which is to apply them to the process of renewal of the mind as revealed by the Spirit and activated by grace through faith, believing that we receive what we ask and seek because scriptures promise it. Our position, therefore, must be "The Holy Spirit says it. I believe it. I receive it. That settles it." Why? Because the Word of God is the very integrity of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit and He cannot lie (Romans 3:4). Why? Because Jesus Christ is faithful. (1 Corinthians 1:9; Revelations 1:5; Num. 23:19).

When a decision is made to take God at His Word, ~ that is His very integrity and that it is true, and acting on it, then great things begin to happen and then the believer can receive a renewed mind and see that Jesus Christ is real and personally involved in his/her life. This truth will become self-evident: the Word of God is truth, and when acted soon will come to pass just as it is written, proving itself in demonstrating that what it says will happen. It is truth, and according to the Holy Spirit, the only truth and the only revelation of God. It is this spiritual fact which permits the mind to be renewed in Christ and through Christ, the living Savior in us. Take

God at His Word. Watch Him work. Believe, receive, and never, never give up.

To understand why, let us now proceed to further considerations of the Word and see what Jesus promises. And keep this in mind: without faith, nothing will happen. It is faith on Christ's Word and in Him to perform it, that releases the anointing and it is the anointing that breaks the yoke or bondage (Isaiah 10:27).

Doubt will keep the mind from being renewed (James 1:6,7) and will keep the mind in bondage. This is what Satan desire. It is important to instruct the believer not to come into negative agreement with Satan through doubt. If faith is released, great things will happen for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ and for permanent change to be effected in the renewal of the mind of those seeking and exercising faith (trust) in Christ as an ever-present, ever-doing Savior, since He tells us the secret of *faith* in Ephesians 6:16. . that it will stop every attack of the enemy. It will release the anointing. The anointing brings revelation and subsequent change, healing and deliverance. The anointing breaks the bondage (Isaiah 10:27)

## **I. Observations and Scriptural Revelations on the heart of man: (Man has a “heart” Problem)**

The Bible is clear in pointing out that man has a fallen nature, which was inherited when sin entered the world. This created a breach in communication with the Spirit of God. As a consequence, man began to walk in his own ways, governed by his own carnal mind striving to fulfill its own lusts of the flesh. Indeed, the Genesis revelation shows us that it was not until a full seven generations after Adam and Eve that man began to call upon the Lord.

In Genesis 8:21 the Holy Spirit reveals that the heart (mind) of man is evil from his youth and there is nothing he would not imagine to do (Genesis 11:6). Keeping in mind these early foundational observations of the Holy Spirit regarding the heart (mind) of man, the scripture subsequently becomes replete with numerous passages regarding man’s heart (mind) as the Holy Spirit sees it.

The following axioms regarding man’s “heart” problem reflect those scriptures, which are most significant to the discussion of the renewal of the mind. They are as follows:

- Man cannot understand his own behaviors. (Proverbs 20:24)
- Man believes his own ways are right but it is the Lord who examines the mind (heart) (Proverbs 21:2)
- The man who trusts in his own heart (mind) is a fool but the one who walks wisely (in God’s way) receives deliverance. (Proverbs 28:26)
- Man devises evil in his mind (heart). (Psalm 58:2)
- Man cannot know his own mind (heart). It is naturally evil. (Jeremiah 17:9)
- The mind (heart) set on perversion (Hebrew: “phtaltol” meaning crafty, wayward, contrary, disingenuous, tortuous in the sense of evasive) departs from the Lord. (Psalm 101:4)
- It is difficult for man to bear a wounded spirit. (Proverbs 18:14)
- Life and death are in the power of speech and those who use it will reap its fruits. (Proverbs 18:21)
- It is not good for the mind (soul) to be without knowledge or understanding. (Proverbs 19:2)
- When a person receives revelation wisdom from God, it will be healing to the mind (soul), a reward and a hope received. (Proverbs 24:14)
- A proud mind (heart) is sinful in God’s eyes. (Proverbs 21:4) The man who hardens his heart falls into trouble. (Proverbs 28:14) Lack of knowledge keeps people in bondage. (Isaiah 5:13) The fools mouth is destructive to him/her and his/her lips will snare his/her mind (soul).
- A haughty mind brings destruction and a humble mind brings honor (restoration). (Proverbs 18:12)
- No man can bear a wounded spirit and it brings infirmity (a spirit). (Proverbs 18:14)
- The prudent of mind (heart) seek knowledge as does the person of wisdom. They seek to

understand. (Proverbs 18:15) Foolish behavior leads a man on a wrong path, that is, it perverts his way; his mind then becomes fearful of God. (Proverbs 14:3) (Also see Psalm 101:4)

- The mind (heart) of man is filled with many devices. (Proverbs 19:21) The froward mind (wayward or contrary heart) sows continual mischief and discord. (Proverbs 6:14)
- Those who imagine or think of doing evil have a deceitful mind (heart). (Proverbs 12:20)
- Heaviness (depression) in man's mind (heart) makes it burdened and a good Word (Jesus) brings joy to it (healing and the fruit of the Spirit). (Proverbs 12:25)
- The mind (heart) becomes sick without hope. When the desire to have hope comes, then the mind is quickened or enlivened again. ("Tree of life" in this verse is metaphorically Jesus.) (Proverbs 13:12)
- A person's own bitterness is known in his/her own mind (heart). (Proverbs 14:10)
- The sorrowful mind (heart) remains burdened or depressed even in laughter, and that laughter leads only to depression. (Proverbs 14:13) The spiritual backslider becomes filled with self-will; the believer understands that his satisfaction comes from outside of himself/herself. (Proverbs 14:14)
- There is a relationship between a sound mind and a sound body; there is a relationship between (the spirit of) envy and bone disease. (Proverbs 14:30)
- A happy mind (heart) makes for a happy countenance, but a mind (heart) full of sorrow breaks man's spirit. (Proverbs 15:13)
- "A broken spirit, who can endure?" A spirit of infirmity enters. The mind (heart) of the person who has understanding seeks knowledge. (Proverbs 15:14)
- The mind (heart) of the believer studies to answer (obtain answers). (Proverbs 15:28)
- It is impossible for man to "clean-up" his own mind. (Proverbs 20:9) A man is what his mind thinks. (Proverbs 23:7)
- Our minds (hearts) should not envy the ways of others that sin. (Proverbs 23:17)
- Only the wicked say in their mind (heart) "I shall not be moved. (Psalm 10:6)
- The wicked believe in their mind (heart) that God will not see their doings and that He forgets their ways. They are led on the wrong path. (Psalm 10:11; Isaiah 44:20)
- The man or woman who hardens their heart will fall into trouble. (Proverbs 28:14)
- To trust in one's own mind is foolish. (Proverbs 28:26) Pride in the mind (heart) brings strife. (Proverbs 28:25)
- The Lord can be revered with the mouth by the precepts of men and yet a man's mind (heart) can be far from the Lord by invoking his traditions learned by memory to worship the Lord. (Isaiah 29:13)
- A man who becomes deceived in his mind (heart) leads himself astray into wrong ways so that he cannot deliver his own mind. Because man has a fallen nature, without Jesus to lead him he cannot walk a holy path through life because deception in the mind (heart) prevents seeing the truth. There' is not even recognition of a lie that is being lived out in their life. (Isaiah 44:20) Jesus said that without Him we could do nothing.
- Man can be double-minded (double-hearted), speaking with vanity and flattery. (Psalm 12:2)
- The mind (heart) of the believer rejoices in his salvation (deliverance) because he/she trusts and receives mercy (grace). (Psalm 13:5). Deliverance like salvation (Greek: "sozo") is received by grace. A disquieted mind (heart) causes a man to scream out, to become weak,

and to suffer. (Psalm 37:8)

- The mind (heart) can burn hot with our own thoughts, musings, or ruminations which can “stoke the fire” (implying that this leads us to speak out something that we don’t want to say). (Psalm 139:3)
- The believer’s mind (heart) is to be established by grace. (Hebrews 13:9). This implies that it is made stable and secure by the Lord through His Grace.
- A believer’s uncontrolled tongue is the reflection of a deceived mind (heart). (James 1:26)
- If the mind (heart) of a believer brings forth condemnation (guilt, shame, blame), then God is greater than our mind and knows all, i.e., He knows what to do. (1 John 3:20)
- The mind (heart) of man will be where his treasure is (what he values and covets the most). (Matthew 6:21)
- The mouth speaks out of the abundance of the mind (heart). (Matthew 12:34).
- Good things in the mind (heart) bring forth-good fruits while bad things in the mind (heart) of an evil person bring forth-bad fruit. (What is brought forth into existence is what is treasured up in the mind (heart) of man.) (Matthew 12:34)
- The mouth of man speaks for what is in the mind (heart) of man and can be a source of defilement; for evil thoughts proceed from man’s mind (heart). (Matthew 15:18,19)
- Mental instability comes from double-mindedness. (James 1:8) (The reader should also be aware that there is a demonic spirit of double-mindedness.)
- The fruit of a divided mind (heart) is that the person is found lacking in what to do, that is, the person becomes spiritually blind. He/she must break down their altars and spoil their images (take down the strongholds of the things they worship or idolize and destroy their wrong thinking or imaginations). (Hosea 10:2)
- Hardness of heart and lack of repentance brings the wrath of God. (Romans 2:5)
- The natural mind (heart) is the most deceitful of all things. Man cannot know it. (Jeremiah 17:9)
- The believer who trusts and hopes on the Lord will be blessed. (Jeremiah 17:7)
- Those who see their own truth in the unrighteousness and ungodliness of their minds (hearts) will see God’s wrath. (Romans 1:18) (A promise.) The mind (heart) is filled with what it feeds upon and exalts itself and forgets God. (Hosea 13:6)

## II. Scriptures Regarding Proper Attitudes, Conduct, and Conditions which the believer must meet for the purpose of receiving renewal of the mind (heart):

- Yield to the Lord and He will heal you and give you the right thoughts and insights and revelations. (Proverbs 16:3)
- Have a receptive mind (heart) to receive knowledge from God. (Proverbs 22:17)
- Avoid friendship with evil men whose minds (hearts) study destruction and whose mouths speak mischief. (Proverbs 24:1,2)
- A man may not receive healing or deliverance if he has secret or hidden sin. There must be confession and repentance. (Proverbs 28:13)
- Let us examine our ways and turn to the Lord. (Lamentations 3:4)
- Let us lift up our minds (hearts) to Him. (Lamentations 3:4 1)
- Sin and rebellion in man's life blocks God from pardoning. (Lamentations 3:42)
- God requires brokenness before Him, from us. He will not turn away the man whose mind (heart) is broken and contrite before Him. (Psalm 51:17)
- Give your burden to the Lord. He will sustain you. (Psalm 55:22)
- No matter where man is, he can cry out to God when his mind (heart) is overwhelmed. (Psalm 61:2)
- Trusting God, pour out your heart before Him. He is our refuge. (Psalm 62:8)
- Man must ask the Lord to reveal to him the right way. (Psalm 86:11)
- Trusting in God brings blessing. (Psalm 2:12)
- Yield your mind (heart) to the Lord and learn His ways. (Proverbs 23:26)
- Humility is required for God's grace to be extended to the believer. (1 Peter 5:5)
- When we trust in the Lord, He promises to help and deliver us. (Psalm 37:40)
- Our trust in Him is what brings what we are seeking from Him to pass. (Psalm 37:5)
- We are commanded by scripture to pour our heart out to Him and to trust Him. (Psalm 62:8)
- Scripture tells us it is better to trust in Him, not man. (Psalm 118:8)
- Man must guard against the root of bitterness, which defiles him. (Hebrews 12:15)
- When we lift up our mind (heart) to the Lord He will cause us to know what we should do. (Psalm 143:8)
- The believer must incline his ear to wisdom (Jesus) and apply his mind (heart) to understand. (Proverbs 2:2)
- We are kept and preserved by receiving God's understanding of our circumstances. (Proverbs 2:11)
- Do not depend on your own understanding. Trust God. (Proverbs 3:5)
- For the believer to observe God's way, he/she must give his/her mind (heart) to the Lord. (Proverbs 23:26)
- He will answer when you call upon Him if you put away your impositions (yoke or bondage)

on self or others, stop finger pointing or fault finding, and stop foolish talking about self or others (vain speaking). (Isaiah 5 8:9) The believer must put away the relying upon self, his/her own ways or own words, own pleasures, and instead seek to make the Lord his/her delight and Sabbath with Him. (Isaiah 58:13,14)

- Meekness is a requirement to receive God's blessing, as is praise. The promise that the soul (mind or heart) will live forever. (Psalm 22:26) The requirement to stand before the Lord and be used by Him is to have a pure mind (heart) and clean hands (Psalm 24:3,4)
- The psalmist's cry to the Lord was for the Lord to bring him out of his distresses because the troubles of his mind (heart) were increased. We must do the same. (Psalm 25:17)
- For a man to walk in the Lord, he must be upright and truthful of mind (heart). (Psalm 15:1)
- Make the Lord your delight and He will give you the desires of your mind (heart). (Psalm 37:4)
- When we are in need and our mind (heart) is wounded, it is appropriate to seek God's mercy and deliverance and to believe that He will answer and do it for His Namesake. (Psalm 109:21,22)
- The believer is called to singleness of mind (heart) through fearing God, that is, having his/her mind set continually on the Lord. (Colossians 3:22) The believer is called to love out of a pure mind (heart) through faith and good conscience. (1 Timothy 1:5)
- The believer is to avoid an evil mind (heart), a mind which harbors unbelief. (Hebrews 3:12)
- The believer is to depend upon the Word of God for guidance, for it is alive and active and a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the mind (heart) (Hebrews 4:12)
- The believer is to draw near to the Lord with a pure mind (heart) covered by the Blood of Jesus. (Hebrews 10:22)
- God seeks from us to draw near to Him first, then He will draw near to us. (James 4:8)
- The believer purifies his/her mind (soul) by obeying the truth through the Spirit. (1 Peter 1:22)
- God requires from us kindness, forgiveness, and a tender heart (mind). (Ephesians 4:32)
- Jesus commands that to find rest for our minds, we must 1) take His yoke upon ourselves and 2) learn from Him (His Spirit). (His yoke is light. His Spirit is truth. His truth is the Word. His Word is living and active. His Word is light and life. (Matthew 11:29; Hebrews 4:12; John 6:63)
- As did the Psalmist, the believer must seek the Lord with his whole mind (heart). (Psalm 119:10)
- The believer must seek the Lord to give him/her understanding, that is, he/she must ask. (Psalm 119:34)
- The believer must turn his/her whole mind (heart) to seeking His favor and mercy. (Psalm 119:58)
- The believer must pray that his/her mind (heart) be sound in (through) His ways. (Psalm 119:80)
- Seek righteousness and trust in the Lord. (Psalm 4:5)
- Man must seek God to preserve him and trust in Him. (Psalm 16:1) The Lord must be sought to keep one's mind (soul) and for deliverance, by trusting (yielding) to Him. (Psalm 25:20)
- The believer is to bring the problem to the Lord and pour out his/her to Him trusting always



on Him alone. (Psalm 62:8)

- The believer is to acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ in all of his ways and the Lord will direct the believer in what to do or say. (Proverbs 3:6)
- Do not depend on your own wisdom. (Proverbs 3:7) Trusting faith in the Lord Jesus Christ brings deliverance. (Jeremiah 39:18)
- We are to acknowledge our sins before the Lord and that we have sinned against Him alone, and trust that He will speak to us justly and bring us into the judgement of righteous conviction (show us where we go wrong) and where we are “off track”; that the purpose is for us to embrace the truth that He desires for us in the recess of our mind (heart). He will make us to know wisdom (what to do). He does it all. (Psalm 51:3-6)
- The believer must wait on the Lord and hope in His Word. (Psalm 130:5) Believers are to acknowledge their sin and to turn from disobedience and backsliding, and to be open to ministry and turn from walking in their own evil ways after the evil imaginations of their own mind. (Jeremiah 3:13-17)
- The believer also is to acknowledge ancestral sin which grieved the Holy Spirit. (Jeremiah 14:20) -
- The believer is to seek the Lord early on in a problem or circumstance and acknowledge Him. (Hosea 5:15)
- The believer is not to be discoura2ed. The Lord will strengthen his/her mind (heart). (Psalm 3 1:24)
- God commands that we listen to Him when our minds (hearts) are proud. (Isaiah 46:12) Our mind is to recall and become humble; take hope that we are not destroyed because of the Lord’s compassions and mercies which never fail and which He renews toward us daily. (Lamentations 3:20-23) We are to be transformed by the renewing of our mind (soul). (Romans 12:2)
- We are to guard our mind (heart) with all diligence. (Proverbs 4:23)
- The believer acknowledges to God that He has searched and known him. (Psalm 139:1)
- The believer must implore God to search and know his mind (heart) and to try him/her and to know their thoughts; to reveal any evil way and to lead him/her into the way of righteousness. (Psalm 139:23,24)

In reviewing the above scripture references as to what the Holy Spirit expects of the believer in regard to obtaining a right heart before the Lord (renewal of the mind), it would appear that the believer might become easily overwhelmed by the idea of meeting all of the above conditions. It is not required that the believer memorize these point-by-point. Scripture says that God honors the intent of the heart. I believe that it is of most importance for the believer to have a right attitude by desiring to meet these conditions and by praying for the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Grace, to strengthen the believer through His Grace to meet those conditions.

It is well worthwhile, however, for the believer to review this list of scriptures several times before seeking renewal of the mind in whatever area of his/her life that it is felt that inner healing is needed. Then, pray to the Lord Jesus Christ to give revelation as to what aspects of the above need attention to be made right by revealing if there are any areas of the above where they are out of His Word. Ask in His Name, then yield to His Holy Spirit, and trust the He does it.

The believer seeking mind renewal, then, should use the above scriptures to see which scriptures bring him/her under conviction by the Holy Spirit. These will then be the appropriate areas to address before going before the Lord for renewal of the mind and repentance and prayer to walk by grace.

### III. Scriptures on the Mind (Heart) which tells us what Jesus does:

- Jesus searches the heart and tests the mind. (Jeremiah 17:10) He does the examining of the mind (heart) and knows its secrets. (Psalm 44:21)
- He has already searched our minds and knows us and all of our ways. (Psalm 139:1,3)
- He, through the Word of God, is a discerning of the thoughts and intents of the mind (heart). (Hebrews 4:12)
- His anointing breaks the bondage (yoke). (Isaiah 10:27)
- God works all-in-all. He causes the revelations and changes to happen. (1 Corinthians 12:6)
- He uses His people (Spirit-filled believers) as repairers of the breach and restorers of the paths, that is, God's instruments for restoration and healing. (Isaiah 58:12)
- He searches the mind (heart) because He regards it as desperately ill and states that man cannot understand his own mind and thoughts. So He does it. (Jeremiah 17:9,10)
- He prepares man's mind (heart) to receive knowledge from Him and reveals to a man what to answer with his tongue. (Proverbs 16:1) The Lord directs the step of a man despite his own mind's plan. (Proverbs 16:9)
- Man's mind devises many things but it is God counsel that endures. (Proverbs 19:21)
- The Lord gives confirmation through a multitude of counselors or witnesses. (Proverbs 24:6)
- Jesus brings revelation to a person through trust in Him. (Proverbs 22:19) Jesus hears us when we talk to Him and draws near to respond. He pleads or examines the causes of one's mind and sees our wrongs, judges our causes and brings them into judgement (critical consciousness) along with all secret agendas or motives, to show and reveal to us if they be good or bad. HE does it. (Lamentations 3:56-59; Ecclesiastes 12:44)
- The Lord discerns war in the mind (heart). (Psalm 55:2 1)
- The Lord will not hear the man who regards sin in his mind (heart). (Psalm 66:18)
- The Lord hears and answers our prays and doesn't turn away. (Psalm 66:19,20)
- The Lord Jesus Christ is the source of light (understanding, revelation) for the believer and brings gladness to him/her whose mind (heart) is upright. (Psalm 97:11)
- He waits and asks when we will come to Him for the answers. (Psalm 101:2) -
- He will not tolerate the proud in mind (heart). (Psalm 101:5) Psalm 104:15 states that "wine makes glad the heart of man ..." (the Blood of Christ heals man's mind [heart]). . . and He gives  
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oil (the anointing/the Holy Spirit) to make His face to shine (the fruit of the Holy Spirit, peace and joy)..., and ..... "the Bread of Life) strengthens man's mind (heart)"
- He brings us out of our problems when we call upon Him; He brings light when there is darkness; He breaks the bondage. He does it all. (Psalm 107:13,14)
- The Lord establishes (heals) the mind (heart). . . (of its hurts, implied) through grace.

(Hebrews 13:9)

- He stays close to the broken-hearted. (Psalm 34:18)
  - He stays close to those who call upon Him with sincerity. (Psalm 145:18) He knows the thoughts and imaginations of man's heart, that they are evil. (Genesis 6:5)
  - He prepares the mind (heart) in man and the reply of the tongue. (In other words, He prepares the recall of thoughts and the reply in the person-receiving ministry). (Proverbs 16:1)
  - He calls the person who has no desire for understanding "a fool" and implies that his/her mind (heart) is in need of discovering "itself", that is, where it is at. (Proverbs 18:2)
  - The Lord Jesus Christ uses a man of understanding to bring out what lies deep in the mind (heart) of another man, that is, the man of understanding (of the ways of the Lord) is the vehicle or instrument of the ways of the Lord (The Spirit-filled and Spirit-led believer). (Proverbs 20:5)
  - He commands us to hear him and to guide our minds in His way. (Proverbs 23:19)
  - He will fellowship with the man of humble and contrite heart; He will revive (heal) their spirit and their mind. Contrition for their ways is the prerequisite. (He does it all.) (Isaiah 57:15)
  - Jesus describes the mind (heart) of the unrepentant as grown dull, their ears as grown dull (unable to hear from the Spirit) and their eyes closed (unable to see in the Spirit). This very dullness of mind prevents them from having seeing eyes and hearing ears and an understanding mind (heart), things required to be converted, and notice that He says that He would otherwise heal them. (Matthew 13:15)
  - He hears the person with a humble, tender and repentant heart. (2 Kings 22:19)
  - He seeks from us a broken and contrite heart (mind). (Psalm 34:18; Psalm 51:17)
  - His is the only way that is perfect and proven. (2 Samuel 22:3 1). He must give singlemindedness.
- He must renew a new spirit within. He must remove hardness of heart. He must give a heart of flesh, compassion and mercy and love. (Ezekiel 11:19)
- He hates the whorish mind (heart) for it departs from Him and through the lust of the eyes causes man to go a-whoring after his own idols. This brings a judgement of self-hate. (Ezekiel 6:9)
  - Jesus redeems the mind (soul) and will not abandon anyone who trusts on Him. (Psalm 34:22)
  - That very trust or yielding expectation on the Lord Jesus Christ brings help, deliverance, and salvation.
  - He is our stronghold during times of trial and He knows those who trust Him. (Nahum 1:7)
  - He will pay attention to those who fear, respect, honor, hold in awe and who hope in His mercy. (Psalm 33:18)
  - He restores joy to the mind (heart). (Psalm 4:7)
  - He saves those of an upright mind (heart). (Psalm 7:10)
  - He calls those who boast of their mind's desires (heart) ... "evil." (Psalm, 10:3)
  - He prepares the mind (heart) of the humble. (Psalm 10:17)
  - He knows the secrets of the mind and He searches them out. (Psalm 44:2 1) He has to create a cleansed mind (heart) (free of hurts implied) and renew a right spirit within us. (Psalm 51:10)
  - He will give to the believer the righteous desire of his mind (heart) and not withhold what is

requested. (Psalm 2 1:2) (See 1 John 4:16 - We have what we ask.)

- He is our strength and protection. Help is received when we transfer our trust from our own efforts to help ourselves and from trusting in our own ways, to Him to do it for us. Then we are helped. We are to follow the receiving of help with praise. (Psalm 28:7)
- He strengthens the mind (heart) of those who hope on Him. (Psalm 31:24) He brings the mind (heart) to rejoice in Him by trusting on Him. (Psalm 33:21)
- He brings (sows) His light into the mind (heart) of the believer. (Psalm 97:11)
- He burdens and brings down the mind of the rebellious who disregard His Word of His counsel (through others or through His Spirit) and sees to it that there are none available to help (ajudgement). (Psalm 107:11,12) He will deliver (set free) their mind (soul) and sustain their life. (Psalm 33:19)
- He will extend His mercy in proportion to our hope in Him. (Great hope -great mercy!). (Psalm 33:22)
- He knows and searches out all of the secrets of the mind (heart). (Psalm 44:21)
- He takes pleasure in those that fear Him and hope in His mercy. (Psalm 147:11)
- He delivers the believer from trouble. (Proverbs 11:8)
- He has a plan for the believer, which is for good and not to harm, and to give a future and a hope. (Jeremiah 29:11)
- He searches the mind (heart) and knows the mind of the Spirit toward them who seek them and He intercedes for the believer according to God's
- Will for their life. (Romans 8:27)
- The Word of God (Jesus) discerns the thoughts and intents of the heart. (Hebrews 4:12)
- His anointing breaks the bondage (yoke). (Isaiah 10:27)
- His anointing teaches. Not men. (1 John 2:27)
- He heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds. (Psalm 147:3)
- His peace keeps the hearts and minds of the believer. (Philippians 4:7)

In short, the scriptures clearly demonstrate that the believer cannot know his/her own mind; that only Jesus knows and understands its thoughts, discerns them, judges them and brings them to the consciousness for the purpose of conviction but not condemnation. It is He who prepares the mind of the person receiving ministry, that is, brings the thoughts He wants them to remember, to recall. It is He who uses the Spirit-filled believer as His instrument in repairing the breach and restoring the path to the healing or renewal of the mind. He does all of the leading as far as the questions and answers are concerned, and gives both in the form of revelation to the mind of the person ministering and the person receiving ministry. His revelations will bring conviction, which will effect a change and a healing.

These things will happen when both the minister and the person receiving ministry acknowledge their sins and repent, humbly approach the Lord and ask what they desire of Him, and then empty themselves as a vessel for His use, yield to His Holy Spirit, and then trust that He will do it all after they acknowledge Him in all of their ways. He and He alone can heal the mind (heart) of its hurts and release the person receiving ministry from their particular bondage.

Scripture is clear that the renewal of the mind, whether through the reading of the Word of God, or through ministry of the Word, is achieved only through Him because only He and He alone can know the thoughts and intents of the mind and its secrets. He must do it all and He does it when we ask in faith and operate in trust.

### **Ministry of Renewal of the Mind through Spirit-led prayer and dialogues:**

#### *(Mind [soul] dynamics as seen through the eyes of the Holy Spirit)*

The dynamics of the mind (soul) as seen in the scriptures is quite different than that expounded by contemporary psychology which is man's way of dealing with mental and emotional problems. Psychology works through insight and manipulation through the cleverness of man's ideas, observations of others, and self-motivations to control and correct. It cannot lead to transformation because transformation, according to the revelation of scriptures, is a thing of the Spirit. The Spirit gives life.

Ultimately all psychology and psychiatry will end up in manipulation, intimidation, or domination through man-made concepts and ideas for the purpose of obtaining the goal of control of a circumstance. The whole book of Galatians is about such activity which, the Spirit through Paul addressed as witchcraft in the church. In Galatians 3 the Spirit, through Paul, calls the Galatians "bewitched," stating that they started in the Spirit and were trying to reach perfection "in the flesh." Witchcraft is described in Old Testament scripture as a work of the flesh. It is evident, therefore, that this was not only a problem in the Galatian church but is also a problem in the end-time church as well. Paul further expounded upon these works of the flesh in Galatians 6:19-21.

This had no redeeming value to believers because scripture is clear that by flesh is no man justified. It becomes apparent, therefore, that when one truly seeks transformation through renewal of the mind, that it must be done as prescribed and revealed by the Holy Spirit. We must move in revelation (Spirit) and not reason. The revelation of the Holy Spirit is the only absolute truth. Let God be true but every man a liar. (Romans 3:4) (MV)

The revelation of the Spirit through scripture reveals that the natural mind is very deceitful and cannot be known by man (Jeremiah 17:9). The scripture tells us that it is also impossible for man to "clean-up" his own mind, (Proverbs 20:9), that man cannot understand his own behaviors (Proverbs 20:24), that he believes his own ways are right (Proverbs 21:10), that man works evil in his own mind (heart) (Psalm 11:2), and that the man who trusts in his own mind (heart) is a fool (Proverbs 28:26).om their particular bondage.

Scripture also tells us that the man who makes man his source is cursed and the man who makes God his source is blessed (Jeremiah 17:5,7). It becomes apparent, therefore, that depending upon man or man-made systems as your source brings a curse.

Now, there will be some Christian believers who may be upset by these remarks. It is particularly true of those who find their theology challenged by the above statements because theology promotes the application and interpretation of scripture as a mental assent through reason; they will become quick to judge, often by *eisegesis*, a personal interpretation of scripture rather than through exegesis, regarded as “proper” interpretation of scripture as understood through the languages of scripture, the history and traditions of the cultures involved, and academic input and consensus scholarship of multiple scholars.

Those born-again Spirit-filled Christians who are yielded to, and trusting in the Holy Spirit, will readily find that the biblical principles expounded upon in this book can be verified to them directly by the Holy Spirit through the anointing which breaks the bond, but which also teaches YOU all things (1 John 2:27).

The scripture proves itself because it is the revelation of the Holy Spirit. The things of the Spirit cannot be approached through theology, which is what man says about God. They must be approached through revelation, which is what God shows man about himself. I believe that theology is an intellectual pursuit of the mind and is therefore soulish. It belongs in the realm of the soul.

The things of the Spirit cannot be approached through the soul. They must come from the Holy Spirit through the spirit-man and witnessed through the spirit-man to the soul-man or soul. This is clearly the way of the Holy Spirit who tells us that the things of the Spirit are spirit and are spiritually discerned (1 Corinthians 2:14), appearing as foolishness to the natural man who, in turn, does not receive them, as this verse explains. Because of this, Simon Barjona was able to confess the Lord Jesus as the Christ, and Jesus, in turn, was able to confirm this by saying to Peter, “Blessed are you Simon, son of Jona for this was not revealed by man, but by my Father, which is in heaven.” As the Spirit gives confirmation, he does it as the inner witness in our spirit. (Romans 8:16) It is the Spirit who teaches and gives revelation. It is the Spirit who witnesses the truth of the teaching to our spirit-man (Romans 8:16) and it is the Spirit who gives confirmation (Matthew 16:7).

That is what the Word says. We are commanded by scripture to receive the Word through which our souls (mind) can be saved. (James 1:2 1) In other words, we are to do the things of the Spirit in the Spirit and not through the soul. We are to walk in revelation, not in our own reasoning. We are not to depend upon human wisdom which the Spirit describes through James as earthly and human and demonic (James 3:15). We are commanded by scripture not to drink of the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. (1 Corinthians 10:21) We are to take God at His Word (James 1:2 1)

Those who are distressed or perturbed by these concepts and the revelations of scripture

need only step-out in faith and submit, yield, and trust the Holy Spirit to show them the truth of these concepts. He will witness the truths herein to the believer who yields to Him and trusts Him and asks Him to do so, and then gives the confirmations. It is a most remarkable feature of Holy Scripture that it proves itself.

Is there a place, then, for biblical scholarship and academics? Of course. As long as it sought in-the-Spirit and Spirit-led. Then, it is written under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and not through the soulish effort of mental assent toward the things of God which create doctrines of men and the traditions of denominationalism (these soulishly tend to elevate their doctrinal interpretation of truth and their denominational theologies to the level of divine revelation). Soulsh in sights of men and divine revelation are not the same and must never be treated as equal. God shares his glory with no one. (Isaiah 42:8).

To depend upon ones own flesh to interpret and receive God's Word selectively so as to adhere to those things that one receives and believes, and reject those things that are too difficult to believe through revelation, testifies to at least partial lack of trust in God's Word, and unbelief. It fulfills the laws and mindset of the flesh which is hostility toward God and which, scripture warns, cannot please God. It fulfills the law of sin and death (Romans 8:5-9).

Those who know the Holy Spirit are all too mindful that they are to walk in-the-Spirit and not the law, rules, regulations and doctrines of men (Galatians 6:15,16; Romans 8:4), which fulfills the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus, bringing total freedom from the law of sin and death and eternal life. On the contrary, those who insist on walking a faithwalk in the mind through intellectual appreciation of scripture, knowing about Jesus and about the Cross, but not knowing Jesus and not knowing and/or experiencing the power of the Cross through the "bornagain, Spirit-filled experience of the Holy Spirit Baptism, will find themselves in a position where they are walking in the flesh, setting their minds on the things of the flesh (a faithwalk through intellectual pursuit of the scripture rather than covenant experience of the Holy-Spirit of Jesus) and thus fulfilling the law of sin and death. They will, tragically, incur spiritual death. It is a matter of spiritual revelation and placed in scripture by the Holy Spirit to forewarn (Romans 8:5,6,13).

It is a remarkable observation of scripture that the Lord says that it is possible for his people to go into exile from Him (because of their lack of knowledge of His Word and His Ways) (Isaiah 5:13).

Having presented these preliminary remarks, I will proceed to the following material of the revelations of the Holy Spirit regarding the mind (soul or heart) in scripture. The above commentary was given because much of the following will appear somewhat bizarre to the natural mind, which might find some of it very difficult to accept. It is for this reason that I have emphasized the need to accept the following material as divine revelation of the Spirit who says to those who question Him "Let God be true but every man a liar" (Romans 3:4).

In other words, based on the above discussions and the need to receive the following

truths through the witness of the Spirit to our spirit, the following material, although somewhat unusual in its content and concepts, consists of documented scriptural revelations which must be accepted as an article of faith and trust that the Holy Spirit knows what he is talking about and does not lie.

Scriptural Revelations of the Holy Spirit regarding the susceptibilities of the mind, and will and emotions (soul):

- The natural mind of man is desperately ill. (Jeremiah 17:9)
- The mind (soul) can be fragmented and torn into pieces. (Psalm 7:2)
- The mind (soul) can be wounded or broken (“heart”-soul/spirit). (Psalm 34:18,19; Psalm 51:17; Proverbs 17:22; Proverbs 18:14; Psalm 147:3)
- The mind (soul) can be hunted and captured through acts of witchcraft and the soul or soulfragment saved alive. (Ezekiel 13:18-20)
- The mind (soul) can be made to fly, by acts of witchcraft. (Ezekiel 13:18,19) This will explain the occult practice of “astral travel” and “astral projection” (materialization of physical forms).

There is no biblical precedent to engage in such practice and, indeed, scripture tells us that the soul is to come under subjection of Christ in our spirit-man. There is no scriptural precedent for it therefore to have its own way to travel.

- The mind (soul) can be tied to another mind (soul) by means of a soul-tie. The scriptural term “tie” means “to be bound to”, “to be knitted together”, “to be cleaved to”. The soul-tie can be a good soul-tie as in the case of Jonathan and David in 1 Samuel 18:1, or a bad soul-tie, as between a man and a harlot (1 Corinthians 6:16). According to scripture, a soul-tie can be formed:

- to other people. (1 Thessalonians 2:8)
- between a parent and a child. (Genesis 44:30)
- between friends. (1 Samuel 18:1)
- to demons or Satan. (John 13:27)
- to a leader. (2 Samuel 20:2)
- to the things of the world. (Joshua 23:12,13)
- to a husband or wife. (Genesis 2:24)
- between Christians. (Colossians 2:2;19) through engaging in the sex act. (Proverbs 6:32,33; 1 Corinthians 6:18; Genesis 34:3,8)
- through impartation. (1 Thessalonians 2:8)
- The mind (soul) can be self-tied through a vow (Numbers 30:9).
- The mind (soul) can be “walled-off” through words (Acts 15:24).

This is an important concept in understanding the reaction to emotional trauma and hurts with their consequent negative emotions and behaviors which serve to do the “wailing-off”. Within



this fortress or stronghold made by words lie the negative feelings and emotions which act as “demonic hooks,” the negative emotion, feeling, or reaction or behavior in the sin nature of the old self which give the demonic spirits, when present, a legal ground to stand and thus inhibit or block healing, deliverance, or renewal of the mind.

I believe that the stronghold probably represents a displaced soul fragment or multiple soul fragments with subsequent occupation of the locus (place, position) in the mind (soul) with a demonic spirit which then ministers the negative emotion or behavior which keeps the person in sin and, therefore, in bondage.

- The mind (soul) can be affected by a generation’s curse. (Exodus 20:5). Note here that God visits the curse to the third and fourth generations of children of those who hate Him. Hate is an emotion. It comes from the mind. It is God’s reaction to a work of the mind (soul). That the curse is visited upon the mind or body is certain since, in the born-again believer, the curse cannot affect the spirit or spirit-man for it is indwelt by the Holy Spirit; and where the Holy Spirit is there can be no evil work.

For further discussion as to why a Christian can be affected by a curse, see chapter on generation’s curses.

- The mind (soul) can be bartered. (Matthew 16:26)
- The mind (soul) can be seduced. (2 Peter 2:14)
- The mind (soul) can be attacked through the “legal ground” of ancestral sin. (Deuteronomy 6:9,10)
- The mind (soul) can be brought under a curse by bringing a cursed object into the house. (Deuteronomy 7:25,26; Joshua 7:13)

The mind (soul) can be restored. (Psalm 23:3) The word “restore” in the Hebrew means “to be brought back” or “to be returned.” This testifies to the truth that the mind (soul) can be fragmented and when returned, scripture reveals that it is the Lord (Jesus) who does it.

That the mind is a fortress of the demonic in both believers and unbelievers is a fact of scripture. If this were not so, the Holy Spirit, through Paul would not admonish us to take all thoughts into captivity and cast down every vain imagination (2 Corinthians 10:5), and there would be no need for the Spirit to call for renewal of the mind. (Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:23).

**Man's "Heart" Problem According to the Scriptures:**

When we come to know the Lord Jesus as our Savior and as a Living Person in our lives through His manifest presence, He begins to do a work in us and through us. Notice that Romans 12:2 says that we are to be transformed through the renewal of our mind. Therefore, the first evidence, witness, and testimony of the Living Presence of Jesus in our lives is a change of attitude, that is, a transformation in our attitude in regard to Him, the Word of God, in regard to the Church, and in regard to the things of faith. It occurs in the mind. Change of attitude toward the things of God, in other words, is the first evidence of His presence and manifestation.

Early on in the faith-walk, spiritual manifestations will appear very subtle at first. They are received through faith in Him. This faith is able to make us stand just as unbelief is able to break us off and keep us fallen away from God. (Romans 11:20) And the scripture clearly tells us that every thing that does not come from faith is sin. (Romans 14:23) It is through our faith in Him that we receive both healing and deliverance, just as we receive salvation. For the word "salvation" means all three in the New Testament Greek and that word, given by the Holy Spirit, was inspired or "God-breathed" to the apostles (2 Timothy 3:16).

The purpose and intent of Jesus' work in us is to conform us to His image through the "new creation" so that we are conformed to His righteousness and can put the "old self" to death (Galatians 2:20).

Jesus does this because our mind (soul) with its will and emotions and own reasoning has become "desperately ill" (Jeremiah 17:9) through our fallen nature, regarded as "the flesh," and with which it prefers to align itself and, thus, strive against the Spirit (Romans chapters 7 and 8). Jesus must do the work of salvation, healing and deliverance in us, in order to put to death the works of the flesh and our soulish desires and behaviors in order to conform us to His image in the "new creation." This is a process (Philippians 1:6) which goes on for our lifetime and is nothing other than the salvation of the soul, the spirit-man having been saved totally and

immediately and completely perfected when Christ was invited into our spirits at the moment we became “born-again.”

How does Jesus do it? He does it through the Spirit in our spirit-man, witnessing to us and ministering to our mind (soul) in order to bring us under conviction (Romans 8:5,16). He does this by exposing to us those areas of our thought life that are false beliefs, which lead us into unrighteous actions and behavior. He does it by permitting the Holy Spirit to convict us, that is, to tell us that we are “off track,” but not condemn us by putting guilt, blame, or shame upon us. He does this through the inner witness of His Spirit by giving us revelation, word of knowledge, and word of wisdom, that is - through the “knowledge” gifts of the Spirit (1 Corinthians 12).

This produces the transformation (Greek “metamorpho-o,” a change from one form into another i.e., the Image of Christ) by the renewing (Greek “anakainosis,” meaning a renovation), a conforming to Christ’s image and likeness within us, spiritually, to see things as He sees them and to respond to them accordingly. And this transformation occurs through the renovation or renewing of our mind (Greek: ~ which means our “understanding” or our i In other words, our understanding and knowing of spiritual things, including ourselves, becomes His understanding and knowing.

Such renewing of the mind leads us into the intimacy of covenant relationship because the Spirit is life (Romans 8:6). So His purpose, then, is to expose the areas of darkness in our mind in order to bring us under conviction of truth through His eyes and to conform us into His image in order to put to death the “old man.”

Why is this necessary? It is necessary because the mind (heart) of man is naturally deceitful, even in it’s attitude toward itself (Proverbs 20:24; Proverbs 28:26; Jeremiah 17:9; Proverbs 20:9; Proverbs 23:7).

Because of his “sin” nature, men have the tendency to walk in their own false beliefs because their minds (hearts) are deceived by sin. Sin is separation from truth which is God. And he who sins becomes the slave of sin (Romans 6:16), that is, goes into bondage. That bondage frequently originates in the mind and the person becomes a slave to negative emotions such as anger, resentment, bitterness, unforgiveness, hate, envy, jealousy, and other like emotions. When these seed and take root in the heart of man, the affected person will reap what he has sown (a spiritual law) and harvest the consequences of sin - spiritual blindness and deafness and hardness of heart. This may eventually lead into obsession, the preoccupation over an idea or action which is usually not founded in truth or which may be founded in a partial truth. This breeds destruction.

Those who see their own “truth” in their own unrighteousness will see God’s wrath (Romans 1:18) because the deceitfulness of man’s mind leads him astray into wrong ways so that he cannot recognize the truth (Isaiah 44:20). He cannot see God’s truth and God’s Way. His natural mind turns to the world and its wisdom and becomes dependent upon it or the wisdom of

self. Eventually, the demonic enters into the picture because it is ever present on the earth and mixed into human wisdom because Satan is the prince of this world (John 12:3 1; James 3:16).

That is, of course, one of the reasons why the Holy Spirit must deliver the mind. James 3:16 establishes that there is an element of the demonic in the mind. Why? Because it is the battleground (the soul) for which the “flesh” strives against the Spirit for domination and often wins out in those persons who do not have a renewed spirit in Christ and who are not, therefore, the “new creation.”

What the scripture saying is that the spirit-man is immediately and completely renewed and made a new creation upon the indwelling of Christ at the time of the “born-again experience.” The soul, though not yet saved is in the process of being saved. Saved from what? From Satan, the demonic, the flesh and the world. Why? Because it is naturally inclined to evil, is sick, and is the place in man which is Satan’s battleground and the locus of demonic strongholds that must be dealt with in personal spiritual warfare (Genesis 6:5; Proverbs 12:20; Jeremiah 17:9, Ephesians Chapter 6; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Romans 7:23-25).

Man is what he thinks (Proverbs 23:7; Hosea 13:6) and tends to exalt his own opinion of the truth. It is because of this element of carnality of the mind that there is a strong demonic element residing in it which ministers lies and negative emotions, feeding on emotional wounds and hurts and using them as “demonic hooks” to have a legal ground to hold on to and to be present. This is the very reason why renewal of the mind is necessary in every Christian. It usually occurs in stages and may or may not be a lifelong process. It is a work of the Spirit and it is brought about by grace through faith in Christ (Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 13:9).

There is yet another aspect to be considered in the scriptural dynamics of renewal of the mind (heart, soul) and that is the problem of dealing with the fragmented soul (Psalm 7:2; Ezekiel 3:18-20). This is yet another reason why man has a “heart” problem. I personally believe that experiences of emotional trauma and wounding as well as spiritual attacks of witchcraft, have the ability to fragment the soul or mind in certain of its aspects. I believe that the emotional expression of this is a change in personality, behavior, or belief toward another person. A demonic stronghold forms when the “locus” (point) position of the soul causes the person to lose his natural ideation or thinking in respect to whatever area of his/her thought life the soulfragment served.

I believe that it is possible for a demonic spirit to occupy that locus since it is wellknown that passivity or a passive state of mind associated with emotional or physical trauma is an open “door” to demonic entry. It is also known that demonic spirits manipulate people using the first-person singular pronoun “I” when they speak to the mind so that people will believe that the thoughts are their own. It is also known that demonic spirits are opportunists. They are able to ‘jockey’ themselves into a position to replace the displaced soul-fragment in order to minister negative emotions and behaviors to the individual.

When such negative emotions and behaviors are to such a degree to preoccupy a person's mind to continually torment them and render them dysfunctional and debilitated, it is very likely that a demonic stronghold is present. Discernment from the Holy Spirit should be sought regarding proceeding with deliverance. Before deliverance can take place, renewing of the mind, called by some as 'inner healing' or "the healing of hurts," is necessary in order to remove these demonic "hooks" by which these spirits operate and hold legal ground in the persons mind. Remember, we are not talking about possession, but rather, oppression.

Germane to understanding renewal of the mind in Christ is also the point that in all instances of severe emotional wounding or trauma, the negative emotions and behaviors govern the persons mind. Concomitant with this, in many, many instances, is the association with a root of bitterness (Hebrews 12:15) toward the person who offended, and a subsequent judgement against them by the person who was hurt, called by some "the bitter-root judgement." It is imperative, as a part of healing, that we be sensitive to this, since forgiveness is essential to healing.

Renewal of the mind will not come unless the root of bitterness and the "bitter-root judgement" is dealt with, and the person being ministered to repents, forgives, and releases the person or persons to whom such bitterness and judgement is extended, and then, forgives and releases himself or herself. And it must also be kept in mind that such a root of bitterness may be directed at more than one person, or, in anger, toward oneself with subsequent unforgiveness towards self.

Sometimes, the believer needing renewal of the mind will be very resistant to ministry or to the Word of God. This is almost always an indication of the presence of a demonic stronghold within the mind.

When such a person is resistant to truth and they are preoccupied with a false idea or belief, which is not founded in truth or founded in a partial truth, and which dominates their behavior to the extent that it debilitates them and affects those around them.

Obsession can express itself as an exaggerated response to any negative emotion or feeling such as fear, suspicion, accusation or repetitive accusations, lust, sexual preoccupation, preoccupation with pornography or perversion, anger, resentment, bitterness, unforgiveness, envy, covetousness, to name but a few examples. It is always an unreasonable preoccupation and is, essentially, a bondage to an idea or behavior, which has little or no foundation in truth or reality. I am of the opinion that there is always a demonic element being ministered when obsession is present.

Another characteristic feature is the varying degrees of lack of will or lack of desire to recognize or control the ideas or behaviors in the experiencing of them. It is highly likely that obsession in the mind represents a demonic stronghold with significant soul fragmentation, with displaced soul fragments or areas of the thought-life of the individual replaced by the demonic spirits which substitute their thought-life in its place.

To help conceptualize this, let us use an illustration. If we were to take a piece of Swiss cheese and look at it, it would be readily apparent that, like all Swiss cheese, it has holes in it. The holes in the Swiss cheese represent missing areas of Swiss cheese. Let us say that the piece of Swiss cheese represents one's thought-life and that the holes represent missing soul fragments which would ordinarily express themselves in one's own thought-life since the soul is the mindwill-emotions.

The missing fragment would, therefore, create an absence of expression of thought-will-emotion and the totality of that person's thought processes which we might regard as the field of expression of the mind or for lack of a better term, the "mind-field."

Since the slice of cheese has a homogenous make-up, the total expression of the thoughtlife might be regarded as consistent and well-integrated, reflecting the "total person," when there is little or know soul-fragmentation. In our model, this would express itself as few, if any, holes in the cheese slice.

On the contrary, try to picture a slice of Swiss cheese with a fair number of holes in it. Any picture in your mind that some of these holes are clustered fairly close together so that there are only thin webs of Swiss cheese between them, weakening the structure or the fiber of the cheese slice in that particular area, and thus, affecting the integrity of the whole slice of cheese. This can be likened to what happens in soul-fragmentation, with the "fiber" of certain areas of the person's mind or thought-life weakened, or, perhaps his/her will or ability to feel or express emotions.

Scripture is clear. The mind (heart) is sick because of sin in a person's life. It is sin that creates the soul-fragmentation and opens the "door" to witchcraft and the demonic to create the demonic stronghold through the soul-fragmentation that it causes. It is sin that causes the "holes" in the "cheese" of our thought-life and "mind-field."

Now picture that imaginary slice of Swiss cheese with the holes being filled up with another kind of cheese, let's say plugs of cheddar cheese of a darker orange color. These plugs of cheddar cheese can be made to fit the holes in the Swiss cheese to take up all the space so that the slice of Swiss cheese is now integrated into one entire block of cheese-fiber. The displaced Swiss cheese fragments have been replaced by cheddar cheese fragments. But there is a problem. The slice of cheese is no longer homogenous in its cheese-content throughout. If one were to take a bite of this cheese, the sections of the cheese where the holes were replaced by cheddar cheese plugs, would minister a different taste to our tongue. And so it is with the demonic element in the thought-life. There is a different ministry present. . . different thoughts that are not ours.

Now make the cheddar-cheese plugs represent demonic spirits who occupy the spaces in the slice of Swiss cheese. Remember, those spaces represent the point or "position" in the total thought—life or "mind—field" of the individual where that soul-fragment part of that person's thoughts-will-emotions represent a part of the whole. Now absent and replaced by a demonic

spirit in that “point” or “position” (the hole in the cheese), the demonic spirit now ministers it’s thought-life, it’s will, it’s reality to the person, thus influencing his/her thoughts, behaviors, and actions. For it is indeed the intent of every demonic spirit to live it’s own life through an individual so that it can best do the maximum amount of damage as possible to that individual’s soul.

Now picture the Swiss cheese having so many holes replaced by the other kind of cheese that there are more holes than Swiss cheese left in the slice. And remember, we have made the cheddar cheese plugs, which fill these holes, represent demonic spirits. When a person’s soul or total thought-life or “mind-field” (the total piece of cheese) becomes so seriously soulfragmented that much of the thought-life is “riddled with holes” (hunted and captured, Ezekiel 3:18-20) and replaced by the “other cheese,” representing the demonic spirits that infiltrate the mind and thought-life of the person, then one can readily see that the slice of Swiss cheese that we are imagining would have more “plugs” of cheddar cheese in it than Swiss cheese. In other words, the amount of “plugs” of cheddar cheese would dominate the slice.

Using the mind corollary, this would be a picture of what happens when the areas of thought-life (missing due to soul-fragmentation and missing soul-fragments) are so numerous that the displaced fragments are replaced with the thought-life of demonic spirits. In other words, this would be the picture of a demonic stronghold dominating the mind or total thought-life of an individual. The fiber cheese is no longer homogenous, that is, it no longer represents the person’s total thought-life of his/her own, but now represents a heterogeneous total thought-life or “mindfield”

in which the total thought life is a mixture of thoughts ministered to the mind in certain areas of the person’s thought-life where the demonic spirits are now occupying that area of the person’s thoughts, mixed in with the person’s own thought-life which expresses itself as their personality. When demonic ministry predominates in the person’s thought-life, demonic oppression is present.

Now picture in your mind the same slice of Swiss cheese with many of these holes occupied with cheddar-cheese plugs coalescing into one large hole in the cheese and one large “plug” in the hole in one area of the cheese slice. This large area of soul-fragmentation replaced by a large or strong “demonic plug” would represent what happens in obsession. It would appear that the larger the “plug” or “position” and the greater occupation of it by a demonic spirit or larger numbers of spirits, the greater would be the ministry of the negative emotion, action, or behavior and the greater the domination of the will. The demonic spirit ministers it’s own reality and lies to the person about himself and others and this creates obsession.

When such soul-fragmentation with demonic substitution of the thought-life becomes so large, I believe that the person’s will is bound and subjected to domination by the demonic spirit and the person becomes what we would call “possessed,” for the lack of a better word, or the person would become under severe demonic oppression. With demonic ministry predominating, or with a history of willful sin or emotional or physical trauma opening the “door” such as bitterness, resentment, unforgiveness, anger or hate leading the person into sin, then spiritual blindness and spiritual deafness occurs, demonic reality is ministered along with lies leading to

false beliefs, and the person walks in those false beliefs. When the person becomes obsessed and resistant to the ministry of the Holy Spirit, directly or through Spirit-filled believers, and the person insists on walking in their own interpretation of the “truth,” then because of the severity of the demonic oppression and large loss of soul fragments, the person loses the ability to emote or express emotion, and hardness of heart results.

I realize that the above illustrations are conjectural, but, nonetheless, provide a conceptual working model of scriptural principals and revelation. I believe that all Christians have areas of their thought-life (mind, heart, soul) that require renewing.

Picture now the piece of cheese “riddled” with holes sufficiently to cause it to break in half due to hereditary factors such as generations curses, emotional or physical trauma, or willful sin, among other things. This would conceptualize the problem of double-mindedness, which, according to scripture, not only exists, but is a cause of mental instability in all behavior. (Psalm 119:113; James 1:8; Psalm 12:2) The remedy, according to scripture, is cleansing of the heart (mind) (James 4:8) and this is done by the Lord Jesus Christ.

When soul-fragmentation is prominently replaced with demonic substitution of soulfragments in some instances, the expression of these large replacements dominating the thoughtlife and will and emotions of the person, may result in “multiple personalities,” expressing themselves through the individual. I am of the opinion that all cases of multiple personality are demonic. There is no scriptural precedent at all for a person to have a multiple-mind. In fact, the ideal of scripture is the single mind (Ezekiel 11:19) and, as a retired brain scientist who spent many years in the practice of psychiatry and brain surgery before becoming “born-again,” I feel that I can assert, from both knowledge and experience, that there is no basis in regard to the function or the physiology of the brain for it to behave in such a way. A normal, healthy brain manifests one mind. That is the norm.

And we must keep in mind that the psyche, or mind, is an expression of soul-function. I also believe, personally, that it is an injustice to treat a person with multiple personality disorder as a psychological problem. Many Christians trained in psychiatry or psychology would take issue at such a strong statement. Nevertheless, I stand by my opinion and firmly believe that the sooner a multiple personality problem receives inner healing (mind renewal) and deliverance, the sooner that person will be set free. The goal is freedom in Christ. Whoever Jesus sets free, is free

The goal of restoration, from the Christian viewpoint, is not coping or making human attempts to “reintegrate” these personalities into the mind. Scripture is quite clear that Jesus does it all and works all in all (1 Corinthians 12:6). He does not do it through psychotherapy, contrary to popular impressions among Christians. He does it by grace (Psalm 13:5; Hebrews 13:9) through the anointing which breaks the bondage (Isaiah 10:27) through His healing, which is part of the salvation experience through trusting faith in Him (Ephesians 2:8,9). The Spirit is life (Romans 8:6).

Unfortunately, not all people with multiple personality are Christian, and, in such



instances, there is nothing else to offer them except the supportive structure provided by psychology and psychiatry so that they can continue to function. But we must all keep in mind that God has a better way.

With this general overview of how the mind (heart) of man becomes sick or wounded due to sin, inherent factors such as generations curses, emotional or physical trauma, or wounding causing soul-fragmentation and a broken heart (obviously meaning “broken” mind), it becomes readily apparent as sources of negative emotions. These shade ones perceptions of the realities of their circumstances so that they walk in *false beliefs* about what has happened to them or about what others have done to them. From this can arise the root of bitterness and the “bitterroot judgement,” creating more negative emotions and debilitation. Negative soul-ties can add to the problem, as can double-mindedness, multiple personalities or obsessions.

Is it any wonder, then, that it is the Lord that must search the heart (Jeremiah 17:9) and that He and He alone can do it. It becomes readily apparent that renewal of the mind, then, must be done by the Lord Jesus Christ through His Holy Spirit, and, in fact, He does it all (1 Corinthians 12:6; Psalm 33:19; Psalm 13:5; Hebrews 13:9; Isaiah 10:27; Isaiah 57:15; Isaiah 58:13,14). And He uses Spirit-filled believers as his instruments for restoration and healing (Isaiah 58:12; Proverbs 20:5).

Now let us turn to examine the spiritual principles by which the Lord Jesus Christ does these things through us and the person being ministered to, and let us examine how the scripture more clearly defines His role.

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The secret of His communication is to covenant with Him in the Spirit. The two are, together, the revelation of His Manifest Presence. You come to know Him as a Living Person able to know you and your ways and to communicate with you and other Spirit-filled Christians. The manifestation of communication with Christ happens through prayer (asking) and faith (trust in Him). That is, that when you ask in His Name, He will answer, just as any other person responds to a question or remark you make when you are holding a conversation with them. The secret to doing this, then, is to first:

1. Acknowledge Him in all of your ways and then He promises to make your path straight, that is, to show you and lead you in what you should do and the way you should go (Proverbs 3:6). Therefore, we can come boldly before the Lord firstly with thanksgiving and praise and then acknowledge Him and any or all of the following:

a. “Lord Jesus, we come before you with thanksgiving and praise for your glory and we acknowledge you in all of our ways and acknowledge Lord, your:

- Presence
- Salvation
- Healing
- Deliverance
- Purpose
- Spirit and Gifts of Your Spirit
- Anointing
- Holy Spirit Baptism
- Will

- Blood
- Baptisms
- Power
- Will
- Word
- Ways
- Blessings, provision and protection
- Lordship, You are our refuge and our strength, our strong tower, our bulwark and our shield.”

2. We then acknowledge our sin and confess to Him, asking for forgiveness and that He cleanses us continually with His Precious Blood.

3. Following this, we decree ourselves an empty vessel for the use of the Holy Spirit (2 Timothy 2:2 1), and yield (trust) to the Holy Spirit and His leading for both questions and answers and that He will, through this yielding and trust on Him, bring all things to pass and do what is requested (Psalm 37:3-6; Isaiah 58:13,14).

He directs the steps (Proverbs 16:9) and brings revelation through trust in Him (Proverbs 22:19). He hears when we talk to Him and He draws near to respond (Lamentations 3:56,57), then He examines the causes or things within one’s own mind (soul), brings them to the light and to our judgement under revelation along with all other secret or hidden agendas or motives, reveals to us the right or wrongness of it, breaks the bondage (Isaiah 10:27) through His anointing, binds up the wounds (Psalm 147:3) and does all through a trust and yielding expectation upon Him which brings help, deliverance, and salvation (Psalm 37:40).

The Lord Jesus Christ says in the scriptures that He will answer when we call upon Him (a promise) and scripture gives the following mandates for the person receiving ministry, mandates which the Lord requires in order to manifest and do the work of renewal of the mind. They are as follows:

- » The believer must acknowledge to God that He has searched and known him. (Psalm 139:1)
- » He/she is to seek the Lord early on in a problem or circumstance and acknowledge Him.
- » He/she must acknowledge their personal sins and repent of them and all secret sin and unforgiveness. (Psalm 24:4)
- » He/she is to also acknowledge ancestral sin for grieving the Holy Spirit and repent for them (Jeremiah 14:20; Leviticus 26:40-42). He/she must implore God to search and know his mind (heart) and to try him/her and to know their thoughts, to reveal any evil way, and to lead him/her into the way of righteousness (Psalm 139:23,24). In other words, it must be requested in the Name of Jesus.
- » He/she must ask for understanding, favor, and mercy (Psalm 119:34,58) and the believer must pray for their mind (heart) to be made sound in (through) His ways (Psalm 119:80) and then trust in Him to do it. (Psalm 4:5; Psalm 16:1; Psalm 25:20).
- » He/she must draw near to the Lord with a pure mind (heart) covered by the Blood of Jesus.

(Hebrews 10:22)

» He/she must approach the Lord with kindness, forgiveness, and a tender heart (mind) toward Him and others (Ephesians 4:32).

» He/she must be willing to take His yoke upon themselves and to learn from Him (His Spirit) (Matthew 11:29).

» He/she must give his/her mind (heart) to the Lord (Proverbs 23:26).

» He/she must repent of and let go of all bondages or impositions placed on self or others, stop all fault-finding and vain speech about self or others (Isaiah 58:9).

» He/she must not regard sin in their mind (heart) (Psalm 66:18).

Jesus requires these things in a humble approach of seeking from Him, yielding to Him (His Holy Spirit), and trusting on Him.

These are steps of preparation required for the person receiving ministry and the above points may be covered in a preparatory prayer that might be said after confession of sin in order to prepare to receive ministry and to acknowledge Him.

To further understand what is required to experience His manifest presence verbally, after yielding or trusting, you may ask the Lord to speak to you. He will do this in the form of revelation, word of knowledge, or word of wisdom, gifts of the Holy Spirit. When He elects to speak directly to your thoughts, you will be able to know that it is He speaking by the sound of His voice accompanied by the fruits of the Spirit which are joy and peace and which Satan cannot counterfeit.

Gifts of the Spirit are usually concomitant with hearing God's voice, usually word of knowledge, that is, a "knowing" intuitively that it is He that is speaking. When you ask, He will respond, just as when you speak to an ordinary person and they respond immediately to your question or statement upon your completing it. God is no different. He is in fellowship with you. He will do it if you ask Him to do it in His Name. In fact, the first voice that you hear in your thoughts in response to your question or statement directed to Him will be His, when accompanied by word of knowledge and peace and joy, because He is God and He is not preempted by any other spirit. If you trust and yield to the Holy Spirit for discernment, and your spirit witnesses with the Holy Spirit to the truth of what is being said (Romans 8:16), and it is scriptural, then you are hearing God's voice.

You should seek his timing and wisdom as to what to say and when to administer revelation to the person receiving ministry. If you feel a "check" or hesitancy in your spirit (an intuitive hesitance) to say what is revealed or discerned to the person receiving ministry, then do not do it at that point but await the Holy Spirit's leading. Only then will it be therapeutic and releasing and healing to the person receiving ministry.

Yield and trust continually in all that you are doing and in all that is going on. This is the key to a dynamic faithwalk and communication with Jesus Christ as a living person (Joshua 24:23; Psalms 22:4,5).

Once we are emptied as a vessel for His use, and acknowledge Him, yield to His Spirit, and trust in Him and that He manifests and leads and directs us, then He does all else. He examines and knows (Psalm 139:1,3), He reveals the intents of the mind (heart) by His Word (Hebrews 4:12). He prepares the mind (heart) and its response (Proverbs 16:1). He gives enduring counsel (Proverbs 19:21). He brings revelation through trust (Proverbs 22:19). He pleads, judges, and examines the thoughts in the minds, its secrets, and reveals them to us (Lamentations 3:58,59; Ecclesiastes 12:44). He is the source of revelation and understanding (Psalm 97:11). He prepares the mind (heart) and its reply (Proverbs 16:1) because He knows the thoughts and imaginations of men (Genesis 6:5) and He heals the mind (heart) through grace by faith in Him (Ephesians 2:8,9).

He works all-in-all because all things are in Him, through Him and for Him (Romans 11:36; 1 Corinthians 12:6). He searches the mind (Jeremiah 17:10). He breaks the bondage through His anointing (Isaiah 10:27). He restores joy to the mind (heart) (Psalm 4:7) and strengthens it (Psalm 31:24), cleanses it and renews a right spirit (free of hurts) within us (Psalm 51:10) and He delivers (sets free) their mind (soul) and sustains their life. (Psalm 33:19).

He uses Spirit-filled people, men of understanding, to get the job done. (Proverbs 20:5; Isaiah 58:12). He prepares the person's mind (heart) to receive knowledge from Him and then reveals what to answer with their tongue (Proverbs 16:1) and directs their steps despite the plan of their own mind (Proverbs 16:9), gives single-mindedness and a renewed heart (Ezekiel 11:19), interceding for them (Romans 8:27).

The Lord establishes (heals) the mind (heart)... (of it's hurts)..., through grace (Hebrews 13:9). A humble, tender and repentant heart causes Him to hear (2 Kings 22:19), He extends His mercy in proportion to our hope in Him (Psalm 33:22); He will pay attention to those who fear (revere or respect) Him and hope in His mercy (Psalm 33:18) and that very trust or yielding expectation on Him will bring about their help, deliverance, and salvation (Psalm 37:40).

The scripture is quite clear. The Lord Jesus Christ will do it all. We need only to acknowledge Him, yield to Him, and trust on Him to see Him manifest.

### **Preparations needed before beginning prayer sessions for renewal of the mind in Christ:**

From this point on, I will refer to the person who is being used by the Holy Spirit to minister renewal of the mind, as the minister. I will refer to the person receiving ministry as the ministree.

In general, both the minister and ministree, in order to experience the manifest presence of the Lord Jesus Christ, should meet the following requirements:

- » They must be "born-again." They must both be Spirit-filled.
- » They must both be abiding in Christ (see chapter on this subject.) They must both

acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ, His presence, His Spirit and His work, etc.

» Thanksgiving, praise, and confession.

» They must both empty themselves a vessel for the Holy Spirit. They must yield to the Holy Spirit.

» They must trust on the Holy Spirit that He leads in both questions, answers, and responses and gives healing through revelation, word of knowledge, word of wisdom, all of these which are not to be confused with insight which is a mental or soulish observation and which is of little or no use.

I do not recommend that all of the things contained herein be performed in a ritualistic manner. Those who have covenant relationship with the Lord understand the casualness of intimacy and fellowship with Him. It is simply important to cover all of the steps because they are scriptural and important to do in order to glorify the Lord, firstly, and then see results. It is not necessary to make great ceremony or ritual out of it and, I believe, that such attempts are not fruitful.

The ministree should then present himself/herself to the Lord and comply with the previous requirements for preparedness as mentioned in the last section, and then present his/her problem to the Lord, whatever the circumstance, feelings, or emotions are, tell the Lord what they are seeking from Him as far as change or relief is concerned, and also tell him what they personally see as the solution to the problem. Then they should speak a prayer of emptying themselves for the use of the Holy Spirit, yielding to Him and trusting Him for the answers and solution.

The minister should follow the same steps of thanksgiving and praise, confession, preparation, acknowledgment of the Lord, emptying self as a vessel for the use of the Holy Spirit, yielding to the Holy Spirit and confessing trust in Him.

Then a prayer of invitation should be made to ask the Lord to come on the scene and to be involved in the circumstance and in the searching of the heart (mind) of the ministree, and to reveal things within their heart as He sees them, and to try their thoughts and their ways and to reveal to them whether they be good or bad, to bring to their mind the answers to questions and to put upon their lips or tongue the answers, to lead and direct, and to bring forth revelation. Then both are to yield and trust that He does it and commence to explore the history of the person seeking renewal of the mind, trusting that the steps of the righteous are led by the Lord (Proverbs 10:11,24; Psalm 37:30) and that the thoughts of the righteous are right (Hebrew: "Mishpat" - 'judicially pronounced').

Once these concepts are understood, then one can proceed to address the problem at hand so that the Lord Jesus Christ can manifest His healing in the ministry. In almost all instances, the goal of the Holy Spirit will be to uncover, in the mind, those negative emotions or destructive behaviors which are the consequence of emotional or physical traumas which arose from failed interpersonal relationships between the ministree and a parent, a sibling, a husband, a wife, a



child, an intimate friend or relative or some other person, resulting in a failed relationship, a dysfunctional relationship, failed expectations, the rise of negative emotions or feelings within them which now dominate or are always in the back or forefront of their mind.

These are, most often, rooted in sin because the ministree has tried to seek love, affirmation, security, or compensation by adapting the techniques and ways of the world to control their feelings and emotions, failing to see that such needs can only be fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Along with this will come the revelation that such negative emotions which have taken root somewhere in the thought-life of the individual, such as anger, resentment, bitterness, unforgiveness, jealousy, envy, hate, pride, rage, inadequacy, self-hate, self-deprecation, criticism, hard-heartedness, rejection, low self-esteem, distrust, rebellion, condescension, backbiting, arrogance, etc., frequently will have led the person to make a judgement of, or put some sort of condemnation upon the person who offended them. This is nothing less than the “bitter root-judgement,” which is the consequence of harboring a root of bitterness (Hebrews 12:15).

The goal, in asking questions, will be to reveal what negative emotions or behaviors are present, to find out if they did lead to a root of bitterness and bitter root-judgement, to find out what the ministree concluded about the person who offended them and what this made them feel about themselves and their attitude toward others, both then and now, and what the Spirit reveals and leads for the resolution of the problem to bring healing in the form of revelation.

The minister and ministree will find that, in all instances, the recognition of a sinful response, regardless of which negative emotion is present, the recognition of the root of bitterness and bitter root-judgement and subsequent repentance and forgiveness of the offending party and the ministry himself/herself, and the release of the offending person and the self-release by the ministree, will all be necessary to receive healing of the inner man (renewal of the mind).

In other words, there must be a godly contrition for harboring the negative emotion or bitterness, the consequent judgement, of both the other person and oneself, and then a release of the other person and of ones self from the judgement or other negative emotions that were harbored, in order for healing to occur.

This is all done by seeking revelation from the Holy Spirit, asking the Holy Spirit to reveal the circumstances and the feelings which need healing.

### **The Process of Renewal of the Mind**

With prerequisites and preparatory prayers satisfying the preconditions to yielding to the Holy Spirit, the prayer session may then proceed to acknowledge and seek Jesus and His leading, guidance, and revelation for renewal of the mind of the ministree.

It is understood that the expression of our life experience, our actions and reactions as dealt with by our natural or carnal mind, the lusts of the flesh, and our human wisdom with its demonic element (James 3:15), the demonic strongholds in our thought-life, and our own iniquitous ways, false beliefs, false images, false imaginations, and false attitudes, all influence our total human behavior and are the sum total of our life experiences. Many of these are rooted in the personal history of our lives and in those areas of our thought-life where emotional hurts and wounds remain as the testimony of past emotional and physical traumas, negative emotions, feeling and behaviors; these arise from our thought-lives based on those impressions and the response of our natural or carnal mind “in the flesh.”

As we explore the history, the Lord Jesus Christ exposes these false beliefs, false imaginations, false ideas, false images, false attitudes, the reactions of our “flesh,” and the consequent negative feelings, emotions, and behaviors originating from our natural or carnal mind, by bringing us under conviction of what is a right and wrong response, but not condemnation. He then brings the healing of these hurts and transformation of the mind through revelation. It is an operation of the Inner Witness in our spirit and must come from the Spirit which alone is able to give life (transformation) (Romans 8:16; Romans 8:6). His purpose is to conform the minstreet to His Image and likeness as the “new creation” by putting the old self to death (Galatians 2:20).

Scripture says that out of the abundance of the heart (mind) the mouth speaks (Matthew 12:34). False beliefs, images, and attitudes and understandings are the fruit of walking “in the flesh.” When the person gives belief to them, they will create a false reality and the person will walk in that reality, believing what is false to be true (Romans 8:4-9,13). Such walking “in the flesh” leads to a sin response or behavior which is not of the Spirit and scripture tells us that he who sins becomes the slave of sin (Romans 6:16), that is, he/she goes into bondage.

Now sin is separation from Truth (God). The person then walks in the reality of their own false beliefs, images, attitudes, and imaginations because the mind (heart) of man is deceitful and man cannot know it (Jeremiah 17:9). Those who see their own “truth” in their own unrighteous and ungodly hearts will see God’s wrath (1 Corinthians 1:18) which is why the Lord admonishes the person to seek Him early on.

Man’s deceitful mind (heart) leads him astray into wrong ways so that he cannot recognize the truth (Isaiah 44:20). He becomes spiritually blind to God’s truth and God’s way. His natural mind then turns to the world and its wisdom as perceived through the senses and becomes dependent on worldly wisdom and worldly ways for its responses. Embracing such human wisdom opens the door to the demonic for Satan is the Prince of this world (John 12:31) and because the scriptures tell us that human wisdom is earthly, natural, and demonic (James 3:15).

This scripture establishes that an element of the demonic is present in the wisdom of the natural mind. Why? Because the mind (soul) is the battleground for which the flesh “strives”

against the spirit for domination and wins out in almost all of those instances in those persons who do not have a renewed spirit in Christ, and, who are not a new creation.

What the scripture is saying is that the spirit-man on Christ's indwelling is immediately and completely redeemed and recreated as a new creation but the mind (soul) must be renewed. It is not yet saved but it is in the process of being saved. Saved from what? From Satan, the demonic, the "flesh," and the world. Why? Because it is naturally inclined to evil and it is the place in man where the evil (the demonic stronghold) resides (Genesis 6:5, Proverbs 12:20).

The person is, then, what his mind thinks (Proverbs 23:7; Hosea 13:6) and he exalts his own opinion of the "truth" over what the truth may actually be. It is because of the carnality (fallen nature) of the mind and the strong demonic element residing in it and ministering lies and negative emotions and feeding on emotional wounds, hurts, and using these things as "demonic hooks" (legal grounds to stand and to be present), that renewal of the mind is necessary. It is a continual process of the faithwalk (2 Corinthians 3:18; 2 Corinthians 4:16; Colossians 3:10,11).

Therefore, the soul (mind, will, emotions) is not yet saved but is in the process of being saved. Saved from what? The answer is that it is being saved from Satan, the demonic, the "flesh," and the world. Why? Because it is naturally inclined to evil and is the place in man where evil (the demonic) resides (Genesis 6:5; Proverbs 12:20). A person is what his/her mind thinks (Proverbs 23:7; Hosea 13:6) and exalts his/her own opinion of the truth.

It is because of the carnality (naturalness and it's natural inclination toward evil) of the mind and the strong demonic element residing in it with it's ministering lies, and because of negative emotions feeding on emotional wounds and hurts as demonic "hooks" (legal grounds) to hold onto and to be present that renewal of the mind is necessary. It usually occurs in stages and may or may not be a lifelong process. It is nothing less than salvation of the soul. It is a work of the Spirit and is brought about by giant through faith, as is our salvation (Philippians 1:6; Hebrews 13:9).

The role of deliverance in renewing of the mind is determined by the leading of Holy Spirit. Negative emotions and reactions may simply be the feelings arising in the human mind in response to emotional trauma, particularly when they are distressing, but do not particularly serve to dominate or torment a person's mind or mood to such a degree as to debilitate his/her thought-life or ability to function. However, when such negative emotions preoccupy the person's mood, thought-life and behavior to such a degree as to dominate their soul-life or disable their ability to function, then the demonic oppression is likely to be present and should be discerned.

This is particularly true when the person is resistant to ministry. When such negative emotions are coupled with a false belief that has no foundation in truth and this behavior is so obvious to loved ones, including family and friends, and it appears that the person's will is also bound, rendering them unable to respond to ministry or deliverance, then it is likely that the person is afflicted by obsession of the mind. In my experience, this usually always involves a

demonic element and we will address this question later.

After most prayer sessions of renewal of the mind, it is probably wise to at least pray a deliverance prayer over the ministree, even if a formal deliverance session is not pursued. Take authority over Satan, the ruler-spirit (strongman) the spirits manifesting the tormenting negative emotions (seek the discernment of the Holy Spirit for the naming and identification of each individual spirit, most of which will be evident by the feelings and emotions that the person manifests. After binding and loosing Satan from the person, go directly for the ruler spirit and bind him and cast him out. The rest of the stronghold will usually fall and depart with the ruler spirit.

Before the actual prayer session begins, the minister also needs to take certain steps for ministry by examining his/her heart and repenting where needed, seeking the leading of the Holy Spirit.

### **Prayer for renewal of the Mind:**

Scripture tells us that a humble and repentant heart causes the Lord to hear (2 Kings 22:19; Psalm 34:18; Psalm 51:17). A prayer from the heart should be directed in sincerity to the Lord, yielding to His Holy Spirit to act, and then trusting Him to act. Pray something like this:

“Lord, you have searched me and known me and understand my thoughts and know my ways. (Psalm 139:1-3). Try me, Lord and know my thoughts (Psalm 139:23). I come to you in humility and contrition (Psalm 10:17) and trust you to deliver me (Psalm 22:4). Know and ponder all of my ways (Proverbs 5:21) (behaviors and actions). I cry aloud to you, Lord Jesus Christ, and pour out my complaint, my problem, to You and show You my trouble (problem) (Psalm 142:1,2). I desire and will to be submitted to You to do the Will of the Father from the heart (mind and spirit) (Ephesians 6:6). I invite you to look upon my pain and suffering and to forgive me of my sins, particularly pride (Psalm 73:6; Romans 2:5). I trust you to keep my mind (soul) and to deliver (heal) me (Psalm 25:18-20). Cleanse my mind (heart) of it's hurts and wounds and renew a right spirit within (Psalm 51:10). I pour out my mind (heart) to You and make You my Refuge (Psalm 55:22). Prepare my heart (mind) to receive Your knowledge (revelations) and reveal to me what should be the answer of my tongue (Proverbs 16:1).”

“I trust and yield to You for it and believe I receive revelation (Proverbs 22:19). Show me the correct way in which I should walk and unite my mind (heart) (Psalm 48:17) and I will walk in your truth (revelation). Unite my mind (heart) (Psalm 86:11). Bear witness to my mind (heart) to convict and confirm me (Acts 15:8). Help me to put away the things of the past through your grace (Isaiah 43:18). I seek you, Lord Jesus Christ, and know that you hear and deliver (heal) (Psalm 34:4) and I cast my problem upon you (Psalm 55:22). Cleanse my mind (heart) of all wounds and hurts (Psalm 51:10) and cause me to hear (Psalm 10:17). Heal my broken heart and bind my wounds (Psalm 147:3). I will to cast away all of my sins to receive a new mind (heart) and spirit (Ezekiel 18:31). Strengthen and establish my mind (heart) (Psalm 112:8). Shine your light upon my mind (heart) to give me knowledge (2 Corinthians 4:6). I yield (trust) to your Holy

Spirit and confess that you redeem my mind (heart), bring me health and deliverance (Psalm 34:22; Psalm 22:4; Psalm 37:40; Psalm 28:9). I commit my ways (behaviors) to You, Lord Jesus Christ, and acknowledge that You bring change (Psalm 37:5). I thank you for already having heard an answered, and bless you for it, Lord.”

“By trusting faith in You (Psalm 28:6) I make You alone my source, strength, and protection and receive Your healing and joy (Psalm 28:7). I give you thanks and praise, Lord Jesus Christ (Psalm 28:7) that you do not hold that which is requested (Psalm 21:2) and that it is Your Will that I have what I ask (1 John 4:16). I ask all by trusting faith (James 1:6) in Your Name, Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:14). Amen.”

7) The minister must then pray for:

- » The leading, guidance, and discernment of the Holy Spirit as to what to minister to the ministree and in regard to what areas of their life.
- » The anointing of the Holy Spirit to be released.
- » Spirits of wisdom, revelation, knowledge, and understanding to fall upon him/her and the ministree.
- » Revelation from the Holy Spirit in the form of word of knowledge, word of wisdom, mental locution, to be ministered to the minister and/or ministree by the Spirit.
- » The Spirit to reveal false beliefs, wrong thinking, false attitudes, false imaginations, false understandings, and then elicit confession (acknowledgment that it’s the Lord) from the ministree, and admission that he/she has walked in their own way and interpretation of the truth, leading the ministree; then asking for forgiveness, repenting and renouncing, and then receiving healing by grace through faith in Christ.
- » Lead the ministree in being willing to trust in the Lord Jesus Christ to kindle His life (“zoe” or Spirit-life) within them.
- » Encouraging the ministree to be confident that he/she will receive revelation from Jesus. They must be asked to be willing to surrender their own understanding of the problem and to be open to the revelation of the Holy Spirit. Then, after yielding to the Holy Spirit and trusting on Him to bring revelation to the minister, as to what questions to ask, and revelation to the ministree regarding what is remembered and what to answer, the minister and the ministree may enter into a prayerful dialogue and explore the historical past of the “old man” or “old self” in which these behaviors, actions, and reactions are rooted or buried, which the ministree adopted as a form of protective or retaliatory behavior in order to satisfy the needs of the “flesh.” Therefore, the minister will find that eliciting a personal history is important in order for Jesus to use it to bring revelation. As previously stated, it is important to ask the Holy Spirit to lead in the questions and answers in order to bring revelation, and to lead in determining if the ministree’s experiences led them into the formation of a root of bitterness and “bitter root judgement,” against whom, and for what reason. I find that with serious emotional or behavioral problems, these are almost always present to some degree, rooted in unforgiveness, anger, resentment, bitterness, or hate toward the offending person or persons, with a subsequent judgement of them as being “no good”, etc. The goal of ministry is also to

lead the ministree into recognition of any unforgiveness, bitterness or bitter-root judgement, and leading them into repentance, forgiveness, and release of the offending person or persons as well as themselves, and then to receive Christ's forgiveness and love into their own heart without condemnation (Romans 8:1).

### **Entering the Prayer Dialogue for Renewal of the Mind:**

After the minister and ministry have prayerfully taken the preliminary steps in healing or renewal of the mind, they may then both approach the Lord in humble thanksgiving and praise, emptying themselves as a vessel for His use, yielding to and trusting on the Holy Spirit, and asking Him for leading, guidance, and revelation.

Then, they may bring the problem to the Lord and the minister may present to the Lord a statement of what the problem is, that is, what the ministree is seeking, and asking for revelation and healing "in Christ Jesus Name." The ministree may then present the Lord with the problem regarding their feelings, behaviors, or past actions for which they need healing, as he/she sees it, and what he/she believes that the solution is, and ask the Holy Spirit to minister His Truth and revelation of what the problem and solution really is, and to bring healing.

After the prayer of yielding to and trusting upon the Holy Spirit is completed, the person ministering may commence to ask questions that the Holy Spirit will lead and use for the purpose of bringing revelation. The ministree should be assured that whatever information is brought will remain confidential and his/her privacy will be respected. The minister should be mindful that such information should not be shared with any other person without the leading of the Holy Spirit and the ministree's permission since, unless intended by the Spirit, bringing forth those past sins exposes them to the judgement of others. Remember, they were placed under the blood of Christ when the person became "born-again." Under the Law, when the blood of a sacrificed lamb was sprinkled on the Mercy Seat of the Ark of the Covenant in the Holy of Holies, the blood covered the sins of the people and they obtained mercy. Without the blood placed on the Mercy Seat, they were subject to judgement under the Law. Christ was our propitiation. When we bring the past of the "old man" out from under the blood of Christ, we subject j~ to judgement of others. For this reason, other than for the purpose of ministry (confess your sins one to another), it is best kept under the blood of Christ. I should also caution the minister that there is a biblical curse associated with revealing the sins of another believer (Genesis 9:22-25).

In proceeding with questions directed to the ministree, the minister will find it beneficial to obtain the following information in particular:

- » What the dominant, feelings are present that would continue to wound or hurt the ministree. What is the emotion or feeling that always appears to be present in their thought-life that nags or harasses?
- » How long has it been present?
- » Can he/she remember the first time that it appeared and the circumstance or circumstances

that it arose from?

- » What event or events caused the wounding or hurt?
- » Had there been repeated incidence up to recent times?
- » What transpired between the ministree and the offending person or persons?
- » What were their reactions and words to each other?
- » What did they believe would be achieved? Did it work? If it did not work, why did it not work?
- » What consequences arose from the ministries responses, reactions, or behaviors? Then? Now?

Remember, both you as minister, and the ministree, must be yielded to the Holy Spirit and trusting that He is in it, that He will lead and bring revelation. Here are some sample questions, which I have found extremely useful in uncovering the negative feelings or emotions and unforgiveness in ministrees:

- » “What is the dominant feeling which governs your mood, emotions, or thought-life today?”
  - » “How long have you had it (them)?”
  - » “What is your earliest experience of it (them)?”
  - » “What happened to produce the feeling in you? Who did it involve?”
  - » “Do you recall a specific incident? With whom?”
  - » “Were there other similar events that produced the same feelings or reactions?”
  - » “Can you describe the circumstances of what happened?”
  - » “Who hurt or wounded you emotionally?”
  - » “How did you react?”
  - » “How did that make you feel about them? About yourself?”
  - » “Is that feeling still present today? Is it worse? Is it better?”
  - » “What does the feeling do to you?”
  - » “How did it affect you then. How does it affect you now?”
  - » “How do you feel toward that person today? How did you feel then?”
  - » “What was your attitude and response toward them?”
  - » “Did you ever forgive and release them from your heart? How about yourself?”
- How did you respond to what they said or did? How did they make you feel? How do you feel about them today? How do you feel about yourself today? How did they respond to what you did?”
- » “Do you have any unforgiveness, bitterness, resentment, anger, or hate directed toward them today? Did you back then? How about toward yourself?”
  - » “How do you feel towards them and toward yourself for the way in which you reacted or what you did?”
  - » “Do you recognize any accountability or responsibility for contributing to the circumstances? Then? Now?” (Let the Spirit lead you to see if there are areas that still need acknowledgment and repentance and forgiveness. During the session, pray mentally for the Holy Spirit to give revelation and guidance as to whether particular answers should be pursued in further detail.)
  - » “What did you see as the way to handle your emotions, meet your needs, or solve your problems back then? Now? What was it that needed to be met back then? Now?”

- » “What did you see as a resolution to the issue back then? Now?”
- » “What do you think that the Lord Jesus Christ wanted for you back then? And now?”
- » “How does the feeling (or feelings) or emotion(s) debilitate you spiritually and mentally (emotionally) - then and now?”
- » “What other feelings or hurts or emotions were elicited from those emotionally traumas or circumstances? Back then? Now?”
- » “Were there any other experiences or emotional traumas with person (persons, other agents) causing more emotional hurts, wounds, or traumas back then? Now?”
- » “What do you see as any main unresolved issues involving them and you? Back then? Today?”
- » “What would you like to see as the answer or solution to resolve your emotional wounds and hurts?”
- » “What would you like Jesus to do? Will you be willing to receive healing from Him? Can you accept His reparation of your problems and their causes and His solution? Can you submit to His Will and Word regarding your circumstances? Will you be willing to accept what He has to say? Are you willing to trust Him to bring forth the revelations and answers and will you trust Him to heal you by His grace through faith in Him?” (These latter questions may be asked at the beginning of the session.)
- » “Did any other people hurt you in the distant or recent past? Who were they? What did they do? What were the circumstances and what events occurred?”

Then, each and every emotional wound and hurt or other trauma which led to the development of wounded emotions and negative thinking should be explored along the same lines to see if the Holy Spirit brings revelation of any negative emotions such as anger, resentment, unforgiveness, jealousy, envy, hate, pride, rage, inadequacy, self-hate, selfdeprecation, criticism, rejection, low self-esteem, distrust, rebellion, hard-heartedness, condescension, back-biting, arrogance, etc. - leading to the formation of bitterness and subsequent “bitter-root judgments” directed at the offending person or persons, OR at oneself.

Remember, the intent of the Holy Spirit is to bring to the person’s spirit-man the conviction of the unholy feelings or behaviors which were used to fulfill their basic human needs (love, affirmation, security) through the workings of the “old-man” through it’s workings of the “flesh” and how these needs can never be met by the carnal mind and can only be satisfied in and through Christ Jesus. The testimony of this will come when revelation, word of knowledge, word of wisdom, or the fulfillment of a prophetic word, or the convicting power of the Holy Spirit.

The conviction brings release as will the revelations, when administered in the timing of the Holy Spirit. If this is given to the minister, the minister must ask the Spirit if it should be ministered at that moment in time. If the minister receives revelation that it should not, then the giving of the revelation should be deferred until the Spirit leads.

The person ministering should remember that unforgiveness and a root of bitterness and the subsequent judgments of others that it brings, is at the root of many broken hearts and wounded spirits, and that healing comes from recognizing the presence of unforgiveness, bitterness, and other negative emotions and their consequent effects on others as well as the



ministree, the recognition for the need for repentance and forgiveness and release of the offending other as well as self. This is important.

Upon the administration of the conviction or revelation by the Holy Spirit, the ministree will discover that there is a new revelation of the circumstance and events leading to his actions and reactions, seen from the perspective of the “eyes” of the Spirit. Sometimes this is aided by the ministry of the Word of God. It occurs in the person’s spirit-man through the work of the Spirit and brings release of the emotional pain and hurts albeit without the eradication of the memories which are always “stored” in the memory banks of the brain. The ministree is thus released from the pain and emotional trauma of the past, while, at the same time, now being able to understand it, accepting and acknowledging that it happened, and growing from it, spiritually. He/she is able to see that the Lord Jesus Christ has the best solution and is able to bring about inner healing and renewal of the mind in that particular area of the ministree’s thought-life, giving them complete release from their hurts and emotional pain and, by so doing, bringing restoration and renewal of the mind in that area of their thought-life. This is the “healing of the inner man” or renewal of the mind. It shows the ministree the power of the Holy Spirit and demonstrates to him/her that only Jesus can do it and that only His ways work, that Jesus is the answer to all hurts and emotional traumas and all failed circumstances.

When the healing comes in the form of mind ren~wal in the particular area of the thought-life that was affected, the ministree is able to see the personal involvement of the Lord Jesus in their personal life and is able to realize that it is He who has touched them and made them whole, allowing them to realize that the experience itself is the testimony of His Manifest Presence. The ministree learns the power of trusting faith in the Lord Jesus and is healed and delivered by the revelation that He is able to meet all needs including our basic human needs for love, affirmation, and security.

When the Lord Jesus Christ has completed His ministry through the minister and ministree for that particular session, the minister and ministree will feel a release from the Spirit and from the need to continue for that prayer session. It is scriptural, appropriate, and necessary that the session be concluded with:

- thanksgiving, praise, and blessing the Lord for His care, His work, His revelations and manifestations and His blessings upon the minister and ministree.
- deliverance prayer taking authority over Satan, the Ruler-spirit, and all negative emotion spirits, binding them, loosing the ministree from them, and casting them Out to the pit, to go wandering in dry places, or to the feet of Christ Jesus, not to return to the ministree or any other living being and decreeing retaliation and revenge forbidden.. . in the Name of Christ Jesus.
- The Holy Spirit must be depended upon in order to give clear discernment as to whether or not formal deliverance should be pursued rather than just simple deliverance prayer.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to close all “open doors” to the demonic that resulted from the traumatic

- experiences of the past, and ask Him to “seal those doors” permanently shut with the precious blood of Christ Jesus and decree it done “by trusting faith in Christ Jesus Name.”
- Break all false beliefs, false interpretations of the past, false imaginations, false understandings, false impressions, and all negative emotions permanently broken off the mind and thought-life of the ministree and decree that they can no longer be establish.
- Decree the Blood of Christ applied to the ministree’s mind - “in Christ Jesus Name.”
- Anoint with oil.

The purpose of the above steps is that they act as acts of faith in the Lord Jesus and are the minister and ministree’s confession that He is able and works all in-all (1 Corinthians 12:6). It is the anointing of the Holy Spirit that breaks the bondage. The bondage is the need to adhere to the negative emotion or behavior or to the trauma itself.

The ministree may be under a false belief that there is something to be gained by holding on to these feelings or behaviors or that they serve some purpose for him/her in helping them to survive or cope. This is a form of bondage. It is broken by the revelation of the Spirit through the anointing of the Holy Spirit when He speaks revelation or the Life-giving Word to the ministree through the minister or through revelations by word of knowledge, word of wisdom, the prophetic word or by perceiving-in-the-spirit. It is important to note that, for this to be achieved, a minister must not minister under his own effort or power (soul-power or the power of the mind) but must be in-the-anointing and ministering through the anointing for healing of the inner man or mind to occur. (Romans 8:5,6,16)

Remember, not every Christian believer requires renewal of the mind through such prayer sessions. It is therefore important to seek the Lord’s leading and those who need it will be made evident to you by the witness of the Holy Spirit in your spirit. This is frequently the testimony that for deliverance to occur, the demonic “hooks” of negative emotions, the broken heart, or wounded spirit, must be dealt with first before deliverance can occur. Frequently, it will be noted that the deliverance occurs spontaneously in that area of the persons thought-life which receives renewal of the mind.

Keep in mind that neither renewal of the mind nor deliverance is possible or recommended in those persons where faith or trust in the Lord Jesus Christ is lacking or where the person is in rebellion, practicing sin, or not of a right spirit.

### **Recognition of Healing of the Inner-man or Renewal of the Mind in a Person’s Thoughtlife:**

- The emotional pain or hurt goes and the person can now talk about it objectively without

emotional debilitation or the negative feelings arising.

- The ministree is able to recognize the change by seeing that they can now accept what happened and understand their negative and unacceptable responses and let go of them by His grace.
- There is a change of countenance in the ministree.
- The fruit of the Spirit are evident, particularly peace and joy.
- Praise of the Lord comes forth.

### **Follow-up the Ministry for the Person Receiving Healing of the Inner-man or Renewal of the Mind:**

- The minister must make a commitment to follow-up the ministree and to meet frequently in future sessions if healing is incomplete and until such time as the healing is complete as testified to by the Inner-Witness. Healing may not occur at every session, but I believe that the Holy Spirit uses every session to impart His Life and Word in some way to bring life to the spirit-man and soul-man of the ministree. Follow-up is essential.
- Thanksgiving and praise must follow each revelation and healing period. U The ministree must develop a lifestyle of prayer and acknowledgment of the Lord in his/her life.
- The ministree must agree to come into Christian community and to participate faithfully and regularly and a support person or several support people assigned to assist him/her, to uphold and affirm them in their faithwalk for as long as necessary. Remember that scripture tells us that we are to bear one another's burdens and the believer is a bondservant of Christ, serving others. There must be a desire to serve in love and to instruct the ministree in the basics of holiness, prayer, and spiritual warfare to protect them and their loved ones. Scripture warns us that when joy comes, Satan moves in to steal our joy. This is stopped by confessing the Word, by faith in Christ against Satan and his kingdom, by praise and by binding and loosing.
- The ministree must be taught discipleship - learning Christ's way and righteousness to replace his/her own ways by:

daily prayer life

daily reading and study of the bible

weekly fellowship with other Christians

ministry participation

praise and worship of the Lord Jesus Christ through Sabbath and when possible, midweek worship

learning the principles of abiding in Christ

learning to walk by faith, not by sight, and practicing a faith confession of the Word, by

- mouth, regarding their circumstances. learning to never, never, never give up under any circumstance because Jesus Christ is faithful, desires to ~ and answer all who call upon
- Him in repentance and humility and will heal and deliver.
- the ministree must be discipled in walking by grace through faith in Him, not by works or reliance on self or self-effort.

Finally, it must be remembered that the foundation for all change which brings forth healing of the inner man or renewal of the mind is the Lord Jesus Christ. There is no other foundation (1 Corinthians 3:11). And by a yielding trust and faith in Him, He does it all by His work of grace through that very trusting faith in Him. He works it all out, the entire process: examination - revelation - conviction - repentance - forgiveness - release - healing/deliverance - renewal. He does all-in-all (1 Corinthians 12:6). Your faith in Him releases His ability, power, and anointing, and the anointing breaks the bondage (yoke); He or she yields (to the Lord) - trusts - believes by that same faith in Him.

That, brothers and sisters, is how the ministry of renewal of the mind is done according to the scriptures.

### **The Problem of Obsession:**

Obsession is giving great credence and important to a false belief which a person believes is truth and then walking in that belief at the expense, detriment, and in most instances, the disturbance of others (frequently loved ones). It is, perhaps, one of the most difficult problems because the person affected walks in his own interpretation of the truth. This interpretation of the truth is placed upon the altar of one's own heart where it is given honor by being valued or respected above or beyond the revealed truth of God's Word. Thus, it is rooted in pride, along with other sin and, because it is venerated as truth and fiercely adhered to, it is equivalent to idolatry of self or mind. It is, therefore, essentially walking in one's own ways or interpretations of the truth at the expense of disregarding all else including God.

This is, perhaps, one of the most dangerous conditions of the soul because the fruit of obsession (and all practiced sin) is spiritual blindness and spiritual deafness leading to resisting the Holy Spirit leading to hardness of heart, which leads to the rejection of the truth, which leads to spiritual death and, eventually, physical death.

It is one of the most difficult areas of ministry for renewal of the mind and I personally believe that there is always a very strong demonic element dominating the thought-life of those afflicted. Without renewal of the mind and the intercession of the Holy Spirit, the fruits of obsession are always destructive.

An excellent example of the study of obsession of the mind is the example of King Saul as provided in 1 Samuel 20:1 - 1 Samuel 31:6. It is a classic example of how an anointed man of God, through disobedience, enters into the practice of sin, becomes obsessed, forgets God, fails

to recognize that the Holy Spirit has left him, develops spiritual blindness and deafness, resists ministry, develops hardness of heart, disregards the law of God and makes multiple attempts to kill David, becomes fearful, and seeks revelation through witchcraft, continues in hardness of heart, and eventually commits suicide.

A New Testament example of obsession is seen in the Pharisees in their regard and treatment of the Lord Jesus Christ in the Gospel of Matthew.

The beginning of obsession is rooted in a false focus upon a person (other than Jesus), a tradition, a political or religious doctrine (Nazism and Communism are excellent examples of obsessions which were cultural), or upon a wrong idea about a person, thing, an authority, religious figure, or even a false focus on a political or religious doctrine not founded in truth. This false focus opens the door to spiritual decline with subsequent twelve steps leading to spiritual death:

- A false focus leads to false centering.
- False centering leads to a false viewpoint.
- False viewpoint leads to a false interpretation.
- False interpretation leads to false understanding.
- False understanding leads to false acceptance.
- False acceptance leads to false conviction.
- False conviction leads to false belief.
- False belief leads to walking in that belief.
- Walking in that belief leads to hardness of heart.
- Hardness of heart leads to spiritual blindness.
- Spiritual blindness leads to rejection of the truth.
- Rejection of the truth leads to spiritual death (and, eventually, physical death).

Renewal of the mind is extremely difficult when this process is well-rooted because it leads the afflicted person into walking in his own interpretation of the truth. The person comes resistant to change, resistant to acknowledging wrong motives and wrong viewpoints, and frequently will not acknowledge that there is any problem or error. They are frequently preoccupied to an extreme degree with their own belief system as being absolutely correct, to the disturbance of others. They insist that they are right and admit no wrong, which makes direct ministry of the renewal of the mind immediately impossible. I believe the demonic stronghold in this condition occupies much of the thought-life and will of the person afflicted.

Experience in ministry demonstrates that such people require much intercession first, and almost always a powerful move of grace on their behalf by the Spirit of truth, the Holy Spirit. They must be ministered to in love with gentle firmness and compassion, for their not coming to the truth may prove disastrous for them. If they do not come to know the truth beforehand, they will, unfortunately, come to know it afterwards -- too late. When judgment comes for their

stubborn resistance of the Holy Spirit, after the Spirit has provided numerous overtures of grace to bring them under conviction, the same Spirit of truth will bring judgment and truth to them and indelibly imprint it on their mind, if not their “derriere.”

Frequently, as with Saul, they resist to the end and it is too late. We must learn from scripture.

Read the following scriptures to obtain spiritual insight into the problem of obsession and spiritual blindness:

Isaiah 44:17, 18-26  
 Isaiah 45:9, 20-24  
 Isaiah 46:2-6; 12,13  
 Isaiah 47:1-3,5,7-12,15  
 Isaiah 48:1-11;16-18;20-22  
 Isaiah 49  
 Isaiah 50:4,5 10 11  
 Psalm 107:11,12  
 Matthew 13:15

The remedy for spiritual obsession in the mind (soul) is seen in the following scriptures:

Isaiah 5 1:5,19  
 Isaiah 52:1-7;11-12  
 Isaiah 55:1,3,~  
 Revelation 3:18,12,20

### **Ministering to the Person Whose Mind is Obsessed:**

Ministry begins, when time permits, with several weeks (three or more) of intercessory prayer asking the Holy Spirit to prepare their heart and mind to receive conviction and bring them to repentance by His work of grace and by bringing His light and Word to their heart (mind).

Binding and loosing of the demonic stronghold so that the person can receive ministry:

- ✓ bind Satan first.
- ✓ then bind the ruler-spirit (strongman) - obsession.
- ✓ bind enabling strongman spirits: lies, idolatry, antichrist.
- ✓ bind the kindred spirits below them: spirit of error, spirit of stupor, deaf and dumb spirit, rebellion, stubbornness, defiance, rejection, resistance, denial, adultery (spiritual), fornication (spiritual), the religious (ecclesiastical) spirit, and all other spirits revealed by the Holy Spirit through word of knowledge, word of wisdom, or through the gift of discernment of spirits or by hearing God’s voice.

The procedure of binding and loosing should be followed. The spirits should be commanded to stop ministering to the person, to stop enabling them, to stop giving them their benefits, the communications and supply lines should be broken and all reinforcements bound up and off and their power bound and broken - all in Christ Jesus Name. Then seek the leading and guidance of the Holy Spirit as to whether or not to proceed with deliverance at that moment in time.

- ✓ If the person is unsaved, he should receive salvation by grace through faith and should exercise his will in praying a sinner's prayer of commitment, inviting the Lord Jesus Christ into his heart by faith ~fi~r repenting of all sin and acknowledging wrong thinking and walking in his own ways. He should ask the Lord's forgiveness, and invite the Lord Jesus Christ into his heart to be his Lord and Savior by trusting and expectant faith, in His Name.
- ✓ If the person with obsession is already a believer he should come to repentance, acknowledge wrong thinking, renounce it, and ask the Lord Jesus Christ for continual revelation of His will, truth, and light and the strength and grace to walk in it by trusting on Him.
- ✓ The minister should ask the obsessed person to confess all ancestral sins on all sides of all of his/her families back to the families' origins, for grieving the Holy Spirit, repenting for their sins and for those whom they have hurt, imparting the Name of Christ Jesus and the anointing upon the descendants of all—who were hurt, in restitution and asking the Holy Spirit to empower their prayer, and breaking the generations curses incurred through all ancestral sins - all in the Name of Christ Jesus.
- ✓ The minister should lead the ministree through a prayer to break all soul-ties with past sins, generations curses, past unholy relationships, and all soul-ties to false focuses, false beliefs, false imaginations, false attitudes, false understandings, and all of these should be broken off of his/her mind, all in the Name of Christ Jesus.
- ✓ The minister should pray the prayer to dispatch warrior and ministering angels to retrieve all soul-fragments by the power of the Holy Spirit, in Christ Jesus Name.
- ✓ To receive healing and renewal of the mind, the person must first humble himself/herself. We learn this from the example of the obsession of King Nebachadnezzar, who himself was delivered of his own obsessions by humbling himself and acknowledging the sovereignty and power of the God of Israel (Daniel 2:47) leading to his ability to say, "I see..." (Daniel 4:25) and then blessing the God of Israel (Daniel 3:28).
- ✓ Minister the need for submission to God's Will and Word. The person with obsession must be willing to trust and obey and acknowledge God's Word as the only truth.
- ✓ The minister must teach the ministree the need to seek and develop holiness in his/her life without which no one will see God (Hebrews 12:14).

- ✓ Bind to them the Lord Jesus Christ's ministering angels of love, power, a sound mind, grace, supplication, wisdom, revelation, knowledge, understanding, truth, good counsel, to minister these things to them in the Name of Christ Jesus.
- ✓ Anoint them with oil.
- ✓ Through the ministry of impartation by the laying on of hands, impart to them:
  - The Name of Christ Jesus.
  - The anointing.
  - Submission to God's Will to be received by grace.
  - Strength to be received by grace.
  - God's light and God's Will for their life through discipleship in the faithwalk with the Lord Jesus Christ. If the ministry of impartation cannot be utilized by the laying-on-of-hands, then it may be manifested through the spoken word, doing it in-the-Spirit.
  - The development of a daily prayer life.
  - The development of daily scripture reading.
  - Entering Christian fellowship.
  - Ministry participation.
  - Weekly praise and worship.
  - Seeking holiness.
  - Learning to abide in Christ.
  - They must learn to ask God to intercede on their behalf, then ask the Holy Spirit to empower these impartations.

Persons with obsession almost always have problems with their "flesh" and must seek the grace of humility to humble themselves to the Lord Jesus Christ and to submit to His will, truth, and light, without which there can be no freedom from obsession, asking the Lord to circumcise their heart.

Minister renewal of the mind upon the guidance and leading of the Holy Spirit. Seek the leading of the Holy Spirit as to whether deliverance should be ministered first, or afterwards if demonic "hooks" such as negative emotions and emotional traumas must be dealt with first.

I personally believe that people with severe obsession have all had some form of moderately severe to overwhelming emotional trauma and similar degrees of soul-fragmentation.

When the person with obsession is able to humble themselves and acknowledge wrong thinking and seeks repentance, healing of the inner man and renewal of the mind, and deliverance, then a prayer such as the following may be prayed:



**Prayer for Protection and Deliverance from Obsession:**

“Lord Jesus Christ, I repent of my own self-will, pride, presumption, arrogance, wrong thinking, and hardness of heart in exalting my own will and false beliefs over Your truth and light. I repent and renounce these sins and all sins and ask Your forgiveness for grieving Your Holy Spirit and for walking in my own idolatrous ways. I now seek Your Will for my life and ask for a right heart toward you and others.”

“Circumcise my heart, Lord Jesus Christ. I invite you in and ask for Your Holy Spirit to bring His light into my mind (heart) to illuminate me with Your truth and light and salvation, and to wash me clean of all false images, false attitudes, false imaginations, false understandings, and all falsehoods by Your grace, through Your precious Blood and in Your Name.”

“I submit to Your Holy Spirit and to Your Will for my life from this day on and seek the leading of and dependence upon Your Holy Spirit to lead me into all truth, to teach me all things, and to show me your light through your anointing. I ask for all of these things in Your Name, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.”

The Lord gives four promises to those who -- on Him (Ezekiel 11:19; Luke 24:27):

1. He will give them one heart (mind) (single-mindedness)
2. He will give them a new spirit in Him (make them a new creation).
3. He will remove the hardened heart.
4. He will give them a heart of flesh. (Sensibility, mercy, compassion)

Only the Lord can renew the mind and minister to the mind of man. All things are in Him, through Him, and for Him (Romans 11:36). For this reason, direct ministry to the mind of the ministree by the Lord Jesus Christ must be followed by abundant thanks and praise, for the purpose of it all is, firstly, His Glory and His imparted blessing is our freedom.