

Reservoir of
Righteousness

BATS 13 & 14:

How the Human Achievement
Motivator's Overthrow The
Spiritual Life

Approbation Study

Guiding Principles

- ◆ “To ‘hope to be better’ [hence acceptable] is to fail to see yourself in Christ only.
- ◆ “To be *discouraged* is unbelief,—as to God’s purpose and plan of blessing for you.
- ◆ “To be *disappointed* with yourself, is to have *believed* in yourself.
- ◆ “To refuse to make ‘resolutions’ and ‘vows’; for that is to trust in the flesh.

Selfism

- ◆ Selfism –

Concentration on one's own interests

- ◆ Selfishness –

seeking one's own
advantage, pleasure or well-being

Selfism

- ◆ HAM's: Human Achievement Motivators
aka the Lust Patterns of the Sin Nature
- ◆ HATS:
Human Achievement Tactics & Strategies
 - ◆ The Strategies for the Attainment of the
 - ◆ Selfishness Goals and the Tactics used to
accomplish them.

Selfism

- ◆ Strategy:

a plan designed to achieve a particular long-term aim or goal.

- ◆ Tactic:

- ◆ short-range plans or actions to achieve a strategy.

Selfism:

Approbation Motivation

- ◆ The 1st Human Achievement Motivator:
Approbation
- ◆ Strategy:
Attain Happiness in Life through
obtaining the approval of others.

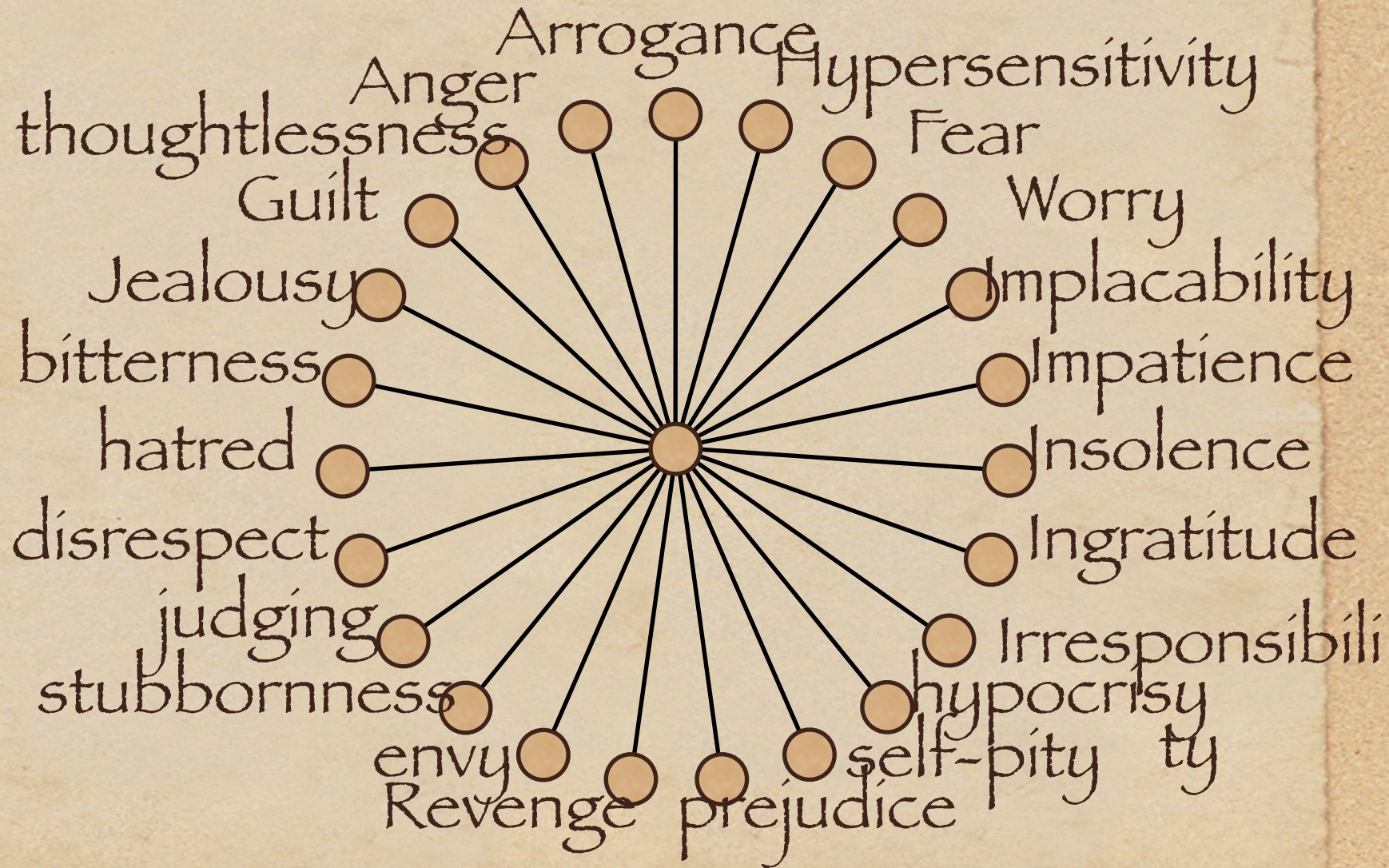
Approbation Motivation

- ◆ Approbation Motivation results in a dominant Appraisal Filtering by Self Concept.
- ◆ Everything in life is seen as an issue relating to my worth as a person based on my real or perceived shortcomings.
- ◆ I will develop the HATS Strategy of elevating my Self Worth through validation by others.

Approbation Motivation

- ◆ Human Achievement Motivator:
Approbation
- ◆ HATS: Human Achievement Tactics and Strategies:
- ◆ Strategy: Attain happiness by means of approval and popularity among a selected population.
- ◆ Tactic: Approbation has at least 23 Tactics

Approbation Tactics



Resisting Temptation

- ◆ 1. Knowing the mechanics of temptation.
- ◆ 2. Identifying Temptation when it happens, by knowing HAM's and HATS.
- ◆ 3. The capability of Resisting through Biblical Alternative Thinking Skills (BATS).

Fear and Worry

- ◆ Approbation based fears revolve around our self-concept; how do I stack up to my standards for the "perfect me"?
- ◆ 1. Appearance
- ◆ 2. Abilities
- ◆ 3. Achievements

Fear and Worry

- ◆ These Biblical standards are not considered:
 - ◆ 1. Doctrinal Orientation
 - ◆ 2. Spiritual orientation
 - ◆ 3. Volitional orientation
- ◆ How are you functioning in your:
 - ◆ Ambassadorship
 - ◆ Priesthood

Fear and Worry

- ◆ These Biblical standards should be the true measure of our self-esteem and our self-concept, not how we look, what we can do, and what we have attained.
- ◆ The spiritual life standards will have you comparing yourself to the Bible, not to others.
- ◆ If you are comparing yourself to others you are probably functioning in approbation motivation.

Fear and Worry

- ◆ Worry is what Reflective Appraising Fear does.
- ◆ What you fear is what you worry about.

Fear and Worry

- ◆ Worry short circuits the Faith Rest technique and causes the believer to be pinned down in no man's land.
- ◆ If a believer gets pinned down too long in no man's land they move into Total Domination by the HAM's.

Reversionism Review

- ◆ Total Domination by the HAM's results in what is called Backsliding, or better, Reversionism
- ◆ Reversionism is a simple means of explaining that there are steps to failure in the Christian life, just as there are steps to maturity.

Reversionism

- ◆ Reversionism is a technical theological term used for the process that leads to rejecting absolute truth, and drawing into your mind and accepting relative truth (Human Thinking).

Reversionism

- ◆ Reversionism is the act of reverting to a former state, habit, belief, or practice of post-salvation sinning.
- ◆ Reversionism is a reversal of your priorities, your attitudes, and your affections.

Reversionism

- ◆ The process of reverting begins with implosion or exploding within, by yielding to the temptations of the sin nature.
- ◆ Implosion leads to explosion or fragmentation.
- ◆ Fragmentation unchecked leads to Reversionism.

Reversionism

- ◆ Reversionism is the status of the believer who fails to execute the protocol plan of God for the Church Age.
- ◆ He returns to a pre-salvation mode of operation and lifestyle - The HAMS.

Reversionism

- ◆ Reversionism is maximum influence of the Human Nature of Adam (sin nature) over the life of the believer so that the believer functions under the dictates of the Human Nature exactly as he would as an unbeliever.

Reversionism

- ◆ Reversionism and Carnality are related, but not *synonymous*.
- ◆ Many believers have made the mistake of confusing the two, so we shall compare and contrast.

Reversionism Vs. Carnality

- ◆ Carnality is an absolute which describes the believer out of fellowship with God and in a state of sin under the yieldedness to the old sin nature, Romans chapter 7 and 1 Corinthians chapter 3.

Reversionism Vs. Carnality

- ◆ Reversionism is relative.
- ◆ It is a relative state of apostasy and decline described by the various categories of retrogression.
- ◆ In Reversionism, you are perpetually carnal.

Reversionism Vs. Carnality

- ◆ While the carnal believer can still be positive toward doctrine and faithful in using the 1 John 1:9 Spiritual Control Recovery technique, the reversionistic believer is negative toward doctrine, has entered the vacuum of the soul, and does not consistently use the 1 John 1:9 Spiritual Control Recovery technique.

Reversionism Vs. Carnality

- ◆ The reversionistic believer follows the pattern of implosion, explosion, and sinks into the various stages of reversion unchecked by 1 John 1:9 Spiritual Control Recovery.

Reversionism Vs. Carnality

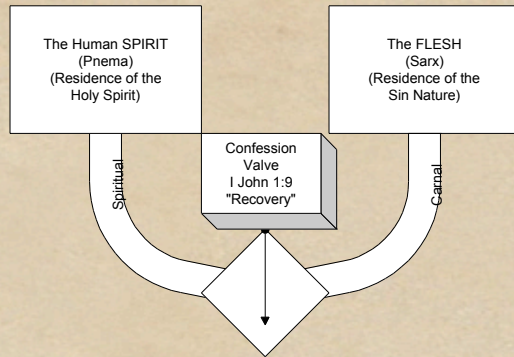
- ◆ While all reversionists are carnal, choosing to yield to their sin natures, all carnal believers are not Reversionists.

Reversionism Vs. Carnality

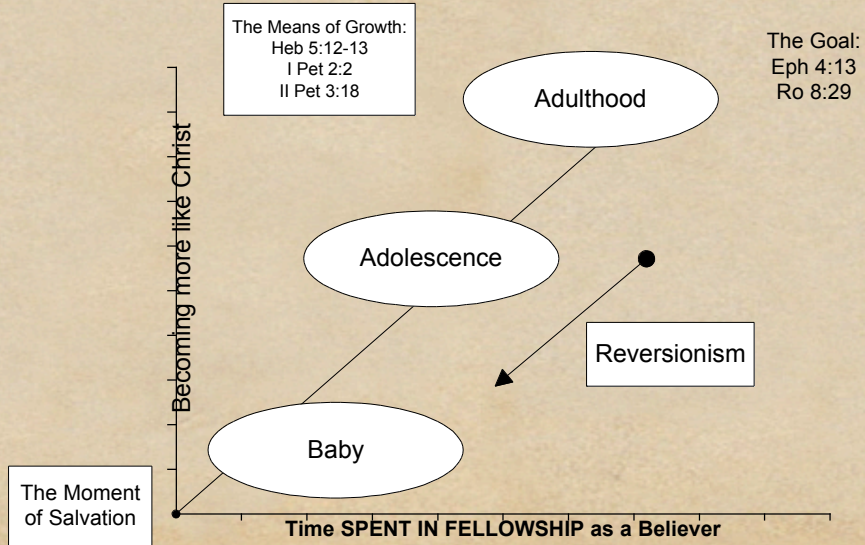
- ◆ Carnality can exist temporarily while the believer is advancing in the protocol plan.
- ◆ The believer is in an absolute state while growing (spiritual), just as he is in an absolute state while declining (carnal).

The Difference Between Spirituality/Carnality and Growth/Reversionism

I. Spirituality/Carnality is "Absolute"



II. Growth/Reversionism is "Relative"



Reversionism Vs. Carnality

- ◆ Carnality can be either a temporary or permanent setback in the execution of God's will, purpose, and plan for your life.

Reversionism Vs. Carnality

- ◆ 1 Corinthians 3:1-3 "And I, brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual persons [believers yielded to the Spirit], but as unto carnal [fleshly, yielding to the sin nature], as childish in Christ.

Reversionism Vs. Carnality

- ◆ I gave you milk [basic doctrine] to drink, not solid food [deeper doctrinal truth], for you were not able to receive it [the solid food], and you are still not able [to perceive it].

Reversionism Vs. Carnality

- ◆ For you are still carnal, belonging to the sin nature [self-fragmented], for since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not carnal and keep walking in conformity with unsaved people?"

Reversionism Vs. Carnality

- ◆ Carnality is manifest in implosion or self-fragmentation, and then in explosion or polarized fragmentation.
- ◆ You walk in conformity with men (unsaved people) when in the stages of Reversionism, indistinguishable from unbelievers.

Reversionism Vs. Carnality

- ◆ Categories of sinning related to
Reversionism:

Reversionism Vs. Carnality

- ◆ Frequent sinning is the status quo of the believer who follows the pattern of implosion, explosion in the first four stages of reversionism.
- ◆ Frequent sinning is characterized by ignorance; therefore, failure to utilize the 1 John 1:9 Spiritual Control Recovery technique.

Reversionism Vs. Carnality

- ◆ Continuous sinning is the status quo of the believer who follows the pattern of implosion, explosion in the last four stages of reversionism.

Reversionism Vs. Carnality

- ◆ Sporadic sinning is when the believer checks implosion, explosion and reversion by consistent use of the 1 John 1:9 Spiritual Control Recovery technique, followed up with the use of the other problem solving devices.
- ◆ This is the status of the believer on his way to spiritual adulthood.

Reversionism Vs. Carnality

- ◆ Occasional sinning is when the believer checks implosion, explosion and reversion through 1 John 1:9 Spiritual Control Recovery, but more often by the Resistance to Temptation Technique.
- ◆ This is the status of the believer in spiritual adulthood.

Reversionism Vs. Carnality

- ◆ Rarely sinning is when the believer checks implosion, explosion and reversion through 1 John 1:9 Spiritual Control Recovery, by the Resistance to Temptation Technique, and most often by the Reckoning Technique in the Appraisal Process.
- ◆ This is the status of the believer in

Reversionism

- ◆ The reversionistic believer is classified as a loser in the Christian life.
- ◆ He doesn't lose his salvation; that's impossible.
- ◆ But by failing to execute the protocol plan of God, the loser loses his escrow blessings for time and eternity.

Reversionism

- ◆ Reversionism is a series of related failures in the spiritual life which results in failure to execute the protocol plan of God, terminating in Christian Degeneracy.

Reversionism

- ◆ Christian degeneracy is defined as the decline from the normal standards of the protocol plan of God for the Church Age through the process of implosion, explosion, and reversion.

Reversionism

- ◆ Reversionism is recession from any stage of spiritual growth through negative volition to doctrine.
- ◆ Reversionism is characterized by negative volition to doctrine, being influenced by evil, and results in perpetual carnality causing a life of perpetual discipline.

Reversionism

- ◆ Reversionism is lack of spiritual growth, apostasy, failure to attain to the three stages of spiritual adulthood: spiritual self-esteem, spiritual autonomy, and spiritual maturity.

Reversionism

- ◆ Reversionism is the believer's retrogression because of negative volition toward the mystery doctrine of the Church Age, which both defines and reveals God's plan, will, and purpose for your life.

Reversionism

- ◆ The reversionist cannot be distinguished from the unbeliever in mental attitude, lifestyle, motivation, and mode of operation.

Reversionism

- ◆ The reversionistic believer is under demon influence. The believer cannot be demon possessed, but he can come under demon influence.
- ◆ In demon influence, the soul of the unbeliever or reversionistic believer is infiltrated by false doctrine, called the "doctrine of

Reversionism

- ◆ 1 Timothy 4:1: But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, (NAS)

Reversionism

- ◆ 1. Reaction and distraction.
- ◆ 2. Frantic search for happiness.
- ◆ 3. The Pseudo-Happiness Boomerang.
- ◆ 4. Emotional revolt of the soul.
- ◆ 5. Intransigent negative volition.
- ◆ 6. Blackout of the soul.
- ◆ 7. Scar tissue of the soul.
- ◆ 8. HAM Total Domination Reversionism.

Reversionism: Stage 1

- ◆ There are two categories of negative volition in the first stage of reversionism: reaction and distraction.
- ◆ Negative volition from reaction is linked to polarized legalism, in which you react to the conflict between legalism and antinomianism.

Reversionism: Stage 1

- ◆ Subjective fragmentation includes unrealistic expectation which is arrogant preoccupation with self, and role model arrogance which is arrogant preoccupation with others.

Reversionism: Stage 1

- ◆ In addition, distraction from Bible doctrine can be caused by apathy, indifference, wrong priorities, and the arrogance complex of sins.

Reversionism: Stage 1

- ◆ This reaction and distraction leads to fragmentation.
- ◆ Every believer is a walking grenade, who pulls the pin of his grenade by the use of his own volition.
- ◆ Pulling the pin comes from committing a sin related to the arrogance complex in some form of reaction.

Reversionism: Stage 1

- ◆ Once you fragment your life, the first thing you do is react to everything that was once important to you spiritually.

Reversionism: Stage 1

- ◆ Romans 12:2-3: And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Reversionism: Stage 1

- ◆ 3 For through the grace given to me I say to every man among you not to think more highly of himself than he ought to think; but to think so as to have sound judgment, as God has allotted to each a measure of faith.
(NAS)

Reversionism: Stage 1

- ◆ Obviously, we cannot progress in the Christian life without the standard of thinking from doctrine.
- ◆ If we are not progressing through perception, metabolization, and application of doctrine, we are retrogressing. No one stands still in the Christian way of life.

Reversionism: Stage 1

- ◆ In this stage, it is possible and even probable that the believer can recover through the use of the 1 John 1:9 Spiritual Control Recovery technique.
- ◆ At the same time, something may challenge him back to right priorities, and learning and using the problem solving devices. It may take divine discipline to wake him up.

Reversionism: Stage 1

- ◆ The presence of reactor factors in the life result in distraction from doctrine.
Reactor factors are closely related to the believer's initial and subsequent distraction from Bible doctrine. The reactor factors include many antithetical concepts which follow the trends of the HAM's.
- ◆ Reactor factors include the following:

Reversionism: Stage 1

- ◆ Wrong priorities, in which the believer places money, success, pleasure, loved ones, friends, social life, sex, material things, or normal things over God. When these things take priority over God, then the believer is in trouble.

Reversionism: Stage 1

- ◆ He develops a personal scale of values that excludes God, God relationship, love of God, and occupation with the person of Christ.

Reversionism: Stage 1

- ◆ Rejection of authority in general or rejection of the authority of the pastor-teacher results in rejection of the Church Age message regarding God's will, plan, and purpose for your life.

Reversionism: Stage 1

- ◆ Personality conflict often comes from hypersensitivity and other forms of fragmentation.
- ◆ A lack of objectivity when reprimanded, either by the Scripture or by someone in authority.

Reversionism: Stage 1

- ◆ Reaction to gossip, maligning, or unjust treatment of one kind or another.
- ◆ Blaming self-fragmentation on others rather than on yourself.
- ◆ None of us ever grow up until we take the responsibility for our own bad decisions.

Reversionism: Stage 1

- ◆ Once negative volition sets in, there is a vacuum in the soul, which is the beginning of reversionism.
- ◆ The beginning of reversionism is always related to reaction and distraction because of negative volition toward Bible doctrine.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ Stage 2: The Frantic Search for Happiness.
- ◆ Once you have become negative toward doctrine and created the vacuum of the soul, you lose the Contentment of The Fruit of The Spirit, which results in the frantic search for happiness.

Reversionism: Stage 2

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ The frantic search for happiness finds the believer going in the direction of the trends of his old sin nature.
- ◆ Legalism unchecked results in moral retrogression.
- ◆ Antinomianism unchecked results in immoral retrogression.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ Once a believer goes negative toward doctrine, he becomes frantic in his search for happiness.
- ◆ The frantic search for happiness is described in one phrase in 2 Tim 3:4: "lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God."

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ The frantic search for happiness has many directions: power, influence, approbation, success, status symbols, money, pleasure, social life, friends, health, sex, material things associated with happiness.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ If you are not content or happy with what you have now, then you will never be content or happy with what you will have in the future. So if the reversionist is not content with what he has at the moment when the vacuum of the soul is first opened by negative volition and distraction, he will never be content with anything more in the future in reversionism.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ If you are unhappy with what you have at the moment of implosion, explosion, and reversionism, you will be the same, even if every wish and desire of your soul were given to you at the moment you entered into reversionism.
- ◆ This is why the frantic search for happiness is frenetic.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ True Happiness or contentment is based on capacity for life from metabolized Bible doctrine in the Heart of the soul, not from prosperity.
- ◆ In other words, once you believe in Jesus Christ, happiness is not what you have and unhappiness is not what you have not.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ Happiness is based on capacity for life, which is based on mental attitude, which is based on the amount of metabolized doctrine in your Heart.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ Prosperity, success, power, approbation, status symbols, money, sex, pleasure, social life, or material things are really not a source of happiness. They are enjoyed by people with capacity for happiness and life, but they are a distraction to believers without capacity from doctrine.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ The only true source of happiness for the believer in Jesus Christ is metabolized doctrine in the soul, which develops +H. +H is that problem solving device where we share the happiness of God.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ You must develop capacity to share the Joy of God.
- ◆ His Joy is a FOTS and grows according to the doctrine resident in the Heart.
- ◆ The soul in reversionism has no home for God's happiness.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ The advance through each stage of spiritual adulthood increases capacity for life.
- ◆ Advance in God's plan for your life always provides a balance between capacity for what you have and the enjoyment of what you have.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ +H or sharing the happiness of God must be distinguished from the misery encountered in the frantic search for happiness.
- ◆ Happiness comes to the believer who executes God's plan for his life, but there is no happiness to the believer involved in the frantic search for happiness.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ You cannot be content with what you have unless you have maximum doctrine resident in your soul.
- ◆ This contentment begins with spiritual self-esteem, moves into spiritual autonomy, and reaches its peak in spiritual maturity.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ To be content with what you have is +H, which comes from capacity in the soul.
- ◆ Capacity in the soul comes from Bible doctrine.
- ◆ The vacuum in the soul is the opposite of this, and inevitably results in the frantic search for happiness.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ Philippians 4:11, "Not that we speak on the basis of want, for I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am."

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ The trend toward legalism includes crusader activism, self-righteous arrogance, personality arrogance, the arrogance of Christian service, irrational (emotional) arrogance, the arrogance of unhappiness (subjective preoccupation with self), so-called "victorious living," the arrogance of asceticism, using Christian service as a means of spirituality.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ The trend toward antinomianism is related to multifarious sexual sins, drug addiction, violence, criminality, total self-indulgence, or debauchery.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ Following the Disillusionment of Reaction or Distraction, the perpetually out of fellowship believer searches for a means to replace the +H (Joy) of the Holy Spirit with some form of HAM Happiness.
- ◆ This resultant HAM happiness (-H) for the Believer is just as empty as it is for the Unbeliever.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ God allows SIM (Self-Induced Misery) to bring life back into focus for the HAM Believer, in Grace, allowing the Believer an opportunity to recover his or her senses and return to the Spiritual Life Provisions of the BATS.

Reversionism: Stage 2

- ◆ If the HAM Believer fails to see the misery he has entered, the Father, in Grace, begins the Divine Discipline (DD) Stage to increase the intensity of the misery to bring the Believer back to reality.
- ◆ Whether SIM or DD, the intensity of misery is called the Pseudo Happiness Boomerang, Stage 3 of Reversionism.