

## Ephesians 2013-055 and 056

Spiritual Life Span Development  
Lesson 2:  
Adolescence  
Part 2

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*The Believer's Grace Adjustment to the Justice of God*

- Psalms 66:18 *If I perceive sin in my heart, the Lord will not hear me.*
- Psalms 32:5 *I acknowledged my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the LORD; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Selah.*
- I Cor 11:31 *But if we judge ourselves rightly, we should not be judged.*
- 1 John 1:9 *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all other unrighteousness.*

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*Invitation: Becoming a Member of God's Family:*

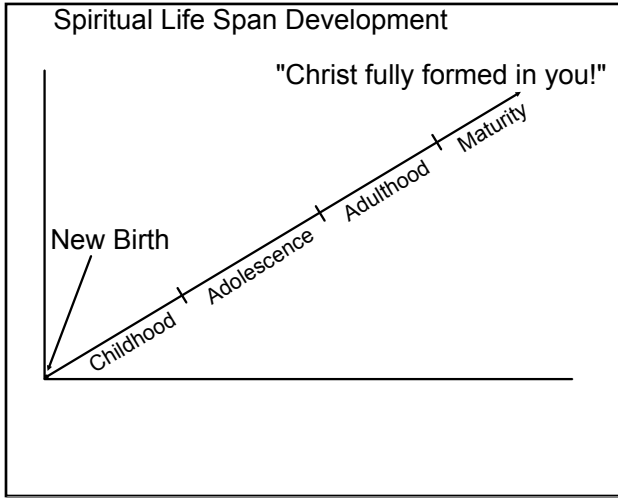
- Ephesians 2:8-9 *For by a free gift you are saved through trusting and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not as a result of how good we are, so that no one may brag.*
- Rom. 11:6, *"But if it is by a free gift it is no longer on the basis of how good we are, otherwise a free gift is no longer a free gift"*
- Gal. 2:21, *"I do not nullify the free gift from God; for if righteousness comes through the following rules, then Christ died needlessly."*

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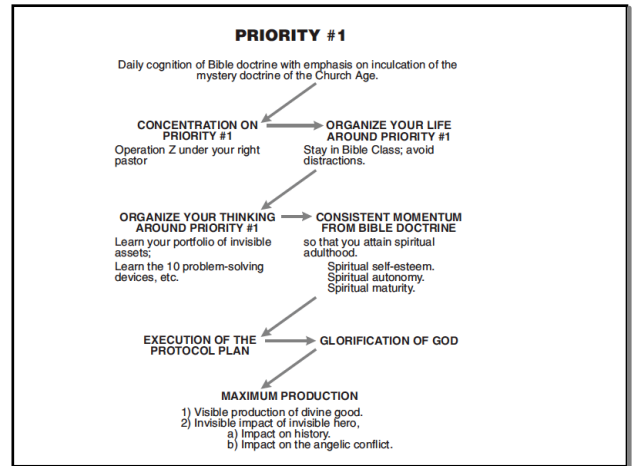
- Gal. 3:24, *"Therefore the rules of the Jewish Law have become our teacher to lead us to Christ, that we may be justified by trusting."*
- 1 Corinthians 3:11 *There is nothing else salvation can be built upon, only Jesus Christ.'*
- John 3:16, *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His uniquely born Son, that whoever trusts in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."*
- *"Trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved" Acts 16:31*

*Privately praying to God the Father that you trust what Christ has done, not what you can do, is the method of salvation.*

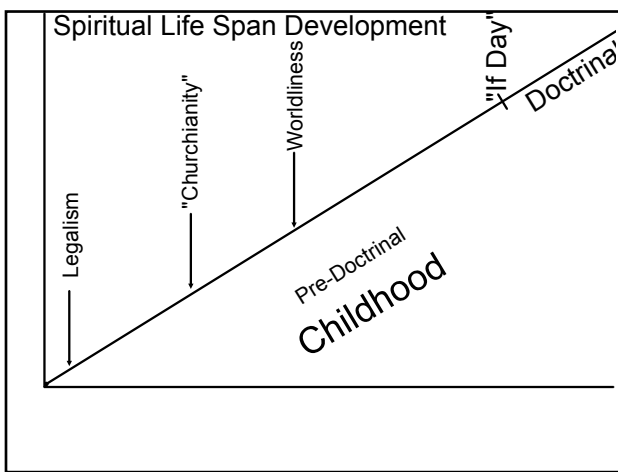
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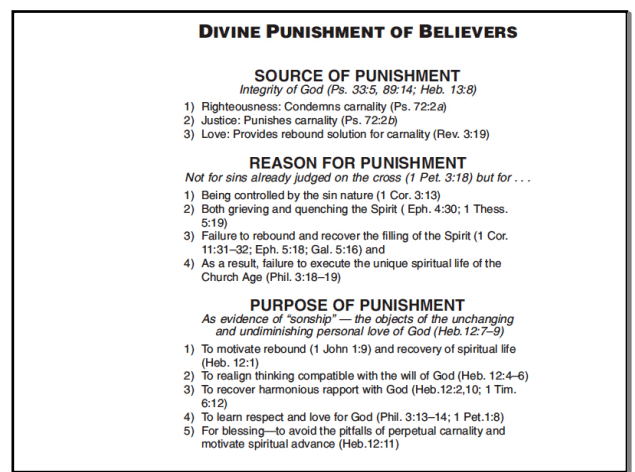
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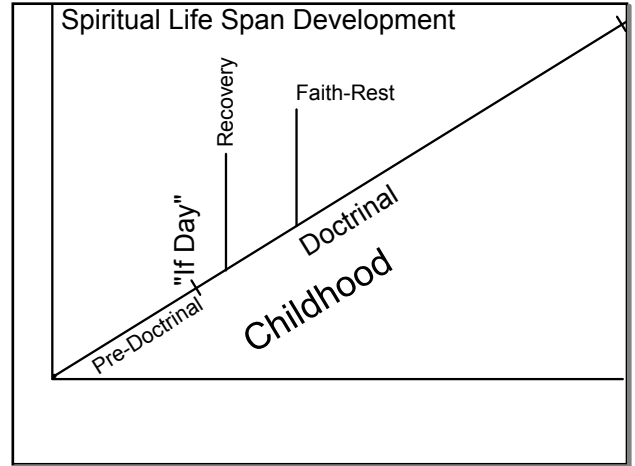
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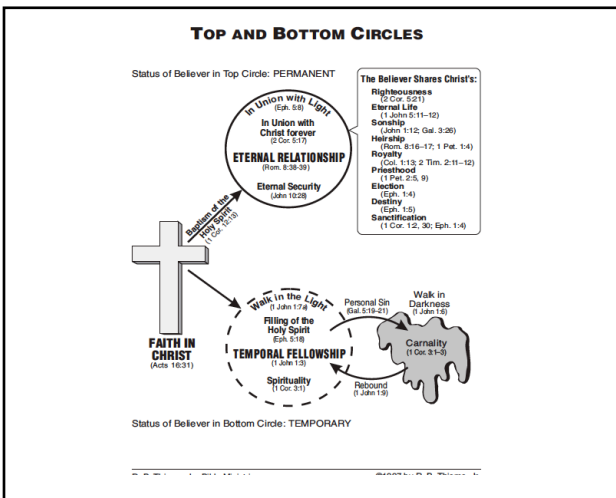
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Spiritual Childhood	
Spirit-Filling (1Jn1:9)	Faith-Rest
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Usage of spiritual life (1Jn1:9) is <u>fulfil to sporadic</u>, increasing in duration and consistency with repetition, as <u>human ideas</u> of God and the spiritual life become less dominant.</li> <li>"Faith-Rest" is <u>restricted</u> to claiming simple promises and learning Basic Bible at a rudimentary level. Easily distracted and threatened. Concentration <u>poor to sporadic</u>.</li> <li><u>Easily</u> led astray by false doctrine, <u>humanistic ideas</u> of God and the spiritual life, <u>works, ritual, human, pragmatism, Emotions</u> mistakenly used as criterion for spirituality.</li> <li><u>Negative Volition</u> is evidenced by loss of curiosity, legalism, prickliness (hypersensitivity), stubbornness, a habit of twisting of what is read or heard (reversal of what is clearly meant by a Bible verse or a person's words).</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Bible Study</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only in Bible Class, which is <u>rarely or sporadically</u> attended.</li> <li>&gt; Interest is in "Miraculous" or Eschatology.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Relationship-to-God</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feeble, touchy</li> <li><u>Dis-spirituality</u></li> <li><u>Misaligned-spirituality</u></li> <li><u>Emotions</u>-spirituality</li> <li><u>Impedimental</u></li> </ul>	

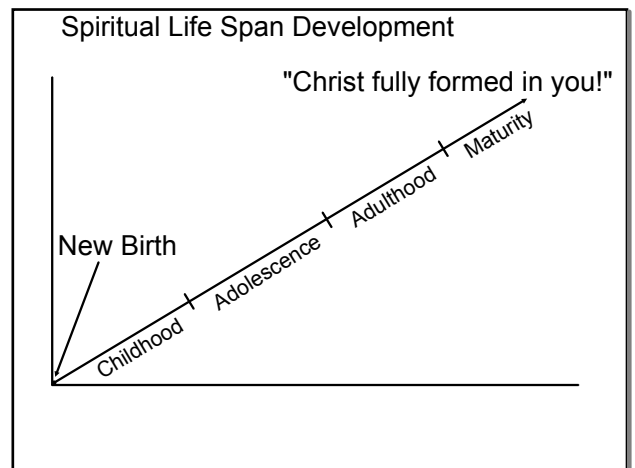
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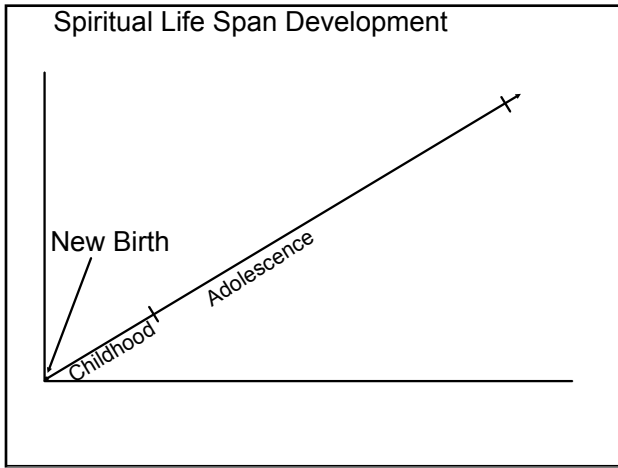
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Flow Chart of Spiritual Adolescence				
Spiritual Childhood		"Bar Mitzvah"	Spiritual Adolescence	
1Jn1:9 Spirit-Filling	Faith Rest	"If" Day	Grace Orientation	Doctrinal Orientation

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**Spiritual Adolescence**

Still attracted by false doctrine, humanistic ideas of God and spiritual life, works, ritual, human approval. Feeling less a criterion for spirituality. Intellect begins to matter more. All ideas now questioned. Answers begin to be known.

***This is the stage where Bible for itself begins to 'compete' with other values — and begins to win over them.***

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**Spiritual Adolescence**

- Usage of spiritual life grows from sporadic to more regular, increasing in duration and consistency with repetition, as human ideas of God and the spiritual life, come more into question.

"Faith-Rest" expands from claiming promises, learning Basic Bible — to reasoning it all out. Less distracted and threatened. Concentration sporadic, but stronger and more sustained.

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**Bible Study:** Higher Interest; and grasp? Beginning!  
 Is limited to Bible Class, which is more regularly attended.  
 Begins to have moments of thinking of the meaning of the lesson in class, and sometimes when not in it -Application is starting.

**Spiritual Skills:** Begins seeking isolation to study and think out Bible.

**Thinking:** "Hope"! The Bible begins to have meaning more than feeling, begins to coalesce in the mind.  
 Often talks to God, and asks God about MEANING of his own life. The "He" begins to replace the "me".

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**Relationship-to-God**

Still pretty Feely and touchy, but now also content.  
 Do's = become questioned.  
 Morality = becomes questioned.  
 Emotions = becomes questioned.

Judgementalism changes to "Doctrinal Arrogance."  
 But that's due to an emerging love of talking Bible, as it now begins to make sense!

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**Growth:**  
 Independent trust is increasing, and still curious.  
 Spouts Bible, parrots, and increasingly reasons it out.  
 If hurt, will seek answers.

Begins to appreciate pro's and con's. Can get bogged down in them.

**Trial Status:** Less SIM, but more PPS to combat "Doctrinal Arrogance" and Pride.

Believes with less discomfort (but more fixation) when disputed by 'smart' people.

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**DIVINE PUNISHMENT OF BELIEVERS**

**SOURCE OF PUNISHMENT**  
*Integrity of God (Ps. 33:5, 89:14; Heb. 13:8)*

- 1) Righteousness: Condemns carnality (Ps. 72:2a)
- 2) Justice: Punishes carnality (Ps. 72:2b)
- 3) Love: Provides rebound solution for carnality (Rev. 3:19)

**REASON FOR PUNISHMENT**  
*Not for sins already judged on the cross (1 Pet. 3:18) but for ...*

- 1) Being controlled by the sin nature (1 Cor. 3:13)
- 2) Both grieving and quenching the Spirit ( Eph. 4:30; 1 Thess. 5:19)
- 3) Failure to rebound and recover the filling of the Spirit (1 Cor. 11:31-32; Eph. 5:18; Gal. 5:16) and
- 4) As a result, failure to execute the unique spiritual life of the Church Age (Phil. 3:18-19)

**PURPOSE OF PUNISHMENT**  
*As evidence of "sonship" — the objects of the unchanging and undiminishing personal love of God (Heb. 12:7-9)*

- 1) To motivate rebound (1 John 1:9) and recovery of spiritual life (Heb. 12:1)
- 2) To realign thinking compatible with the will of God (Heb. 12:4-6)
- 3) To recover harmonious rapport with God (Heb.12:2,10; 1 Tim. 6:12)
- 4) To learn respect and love for God (Phil. 3:13-14; 1 Pet.1:8)
- 5) For blessing—to avoid the pitfalls of perpetual carnality and motivate spiritual advance (Heb.12:11)

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**Growth**

- Threatened by some arguments against Bible, combative if an area he has epignosis knowledge.
- Less prey for false teachers and ideas; likely to resist them, but becomes overly attached to "his teacher," so might miss accurate teaching from another.

**Functions:** Using Verses in Prayer and Faith Rest.

**Development:** Desire to know Bible grows, so Desire to know God grows.

**Doctrinal Orientation:** Bible desired and recalled. Bible reasoned and found making sense. Bible enjoyed!

God's View becomes a burning question.

**Relationship:** Prayer

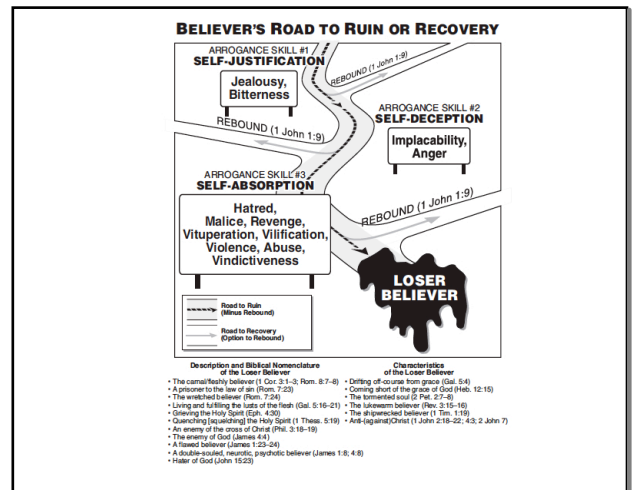
Study (maybe too much)

**Grace Orientation:** Lags behind Doctrinal Orientation due to overwhelming desire to learn.

**DOCTRINAL ORIENTATION**

A. Doctrinal orientation is based on doctrine circulating in the stream of consciousness of the soul.

1. Heb 4:12, "For the word of God is alive and powerful, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to separate the soul and the spirit, both joints and marrow, able to evaluate the thoughts and the motivations of the heart [the right lobe of the soul]."



B. The Mirror Metaphors of Doctrinal Orientation.

1. Jam 1:17-22, "Every good of intrinsic value gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shadow of turning. In the function of His will He brought us forth by means of the word of truth, so that we might be a certain first fruits of His creatures; know this, my beloved brethren. Consequently, every person must be prompt to hear [concentration], slow to speak [academic discipline] and slow to anger [remain objective]; for the anger of the individual [reaction to doctrinal teaching] does not achieve virtue from God. Therefore remove all pollution and excess of evil [rebound], receiving with humility the implanted doctrine, which is able to deliver your souls. Moreover keep on becoming doers of the word, and not hearers only constantly deceiving themselves."

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a. The difference between a hearer of the word and a doer of the word.

(1) Those involved in legalism say this means you have to get out and do things for God. You have to overtly do something considered to be very important, and if you do not, then all your listening to Bible teaching is no good. In reality, it is Bible teaching that develops the ordinary believer into an invisible hero. Invisible impact for Christ will be fully revealed after the eternal state begins. Being a doer of the word has nothing to do with overt Christian service. It has to do with the soul.

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(2) The doer of the word is related to having doctrinal orientation or metabolized doctrine on the FLOT line of the soul, deployed and used.

(a) "Hearers only" are those believers with only GNOSIS type doctrine in the soul. The positive believer who only gets to GNOSIS and does not metabolize or accept what is taught is a hearer only of the word of God. "Hearers only" do not advance beyond GNOSIS. The hearer of the Word denudes the soul of problem solving devices.

Human viewpoint replaces divine viewpoint; arrogance skills replace spiritual skills. Losers are hearers but not doers of the Word.

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(b) "Doers of the word" are those with Bible doctrine metabolized and circulating in the seven compartments of the stream of consciousness, called EPIGNOSIS. A doer of the word is the result of the function of the three spiritual skills in the execution of the protocol plan of God for the Church.

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(c) GNOSIS often becomes human viewpoint, whereas EPIGNOSIS is always divine viewpoint.

GNOSIS means no doctrinal orientation.

GNOSIS is academic understanding of doctrine without any true application of doctrine to self, to God, or to other members of the human race. You can apply academic understanding of doctrine, but it is always an application of error. Error applied results in the function of the arrogance skills and develops the loser believer. Anger as an arrogant and emotional reaction hinders the conversion of GNOSIS into EPIGNOSIS. It hinders the true function of hearing as the means of becoming the doer of the Word.

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(3) A doer of the word makes accurate and correct application of Bible doctrine to experience.

Metabolized doctrine is your motivation for whatever comes your way.

The doer of the word receives the word of God implanted by God the Holy Spirit. "Doing" is transferring Bible doctrine through faith perception to your stream of consciousness, where it circulates in seven compartments under the filling of the Holy Spirit. When you employ doctrinal orientation in the soul, you are a doer of the word.

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(4) Being a doer of the Word has to do with thinking, not overt action.

Doers of the Word have deployed in the soul the ten problem solving devices.

Hearers only cannot apply doctrine to experience, think doctrine, or have a doctrinal viewpoint.

Only doers of the Word have absolute thought in their soul.

b. The loser or flawed believer has no doctrinal orientation.

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(1) Lack of problem solving devices ready to be utilized in the soul means a flawed believer, totally incapable of accurate and objective application of Bible doctrine to experience.

(2) No spiritual skills means no spiritual life. No spiritual life means a flawed and a loser believer. A flawed believer has no capability for accurate, correct, objective self-analysis from the function of doctrinal orientation in the soul. The flawed believer is a hearer of the Word and not a doer.

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- (4) The limitations of the flawed believer.
- (a) He has no function of the spiritual skills.
- (b) Therefore, he has the function of the arrogance skills.  
The arrogance skills can start at any one of three points: self-justification, self-deception, or self-absorption.
- (c) Under the mirror metaphor, the flawed believer never advances beyond GNOSIS. Therefore, he is not aware of the fact that there is a life beyond GNOSIS.

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- (d) The flawed believer is blinded to his own failures, for GNOSIS can never erase strong delusion (the second arrogance skill).
- (e) The flawed believer is limited by the defense mechanisms: projection, denial, dissociation, rationalization, etc. These things destroy the relationship between a husband and wife.
- (f) The flawed believer has mood disorders and neurotic disorders. He sees flaws in others but never sees his own flaws. The flawed believer is hypersensitive about self but insensitive to others. The flawed believer manipulates others through guilt or some form of legalism.

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- (5) Therefore, the flawed believer forgets, disregards, overlooks, and cares nothing about what sort of person he was and is.
- (a) The flawed believer can never apply doctrine to experience with any degree of accuracy because he has become subjective under the arrogance skills.
- (b) Without problem solving devices of the soul, his sin nature takes control of the soul, so that failure to execute the protocol plan of God creates the loser believer.

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- (c) The loser believer has no objective analysis from metabolized doctrine and problem solving devices. Nothing is left for him except the subjectivity of the three arrogance skills.
- (6) The flawed believer replaces the mandate of forgiving as Christ forgave (Eph 4:32) with perpetual anger justified by self-righteous arrogance ("I have a right to feel this way"). They do not use the problem solving devices of the soul. They have chosen self-justification as their way of life. They are never wrong. They can always find from defense mechanisms and psychology justification for their wrong doing. These are the arrogant, implacable, inflexible believers. The flawed believer assumes the stature of a great believer. They think they are right, great, and doing the will of God.

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(7) The flawed believer is arrogant and cannot understand Bible doctrine apart from humility. "God makes war against the arrogant believer but gives grace to the humble believer." Jam 4:6; 1 Pet 5:5.

(8) The hearer of the word only is constantly deluding himself through the function of the three arrogance skills: self-justification, self-deception, self-absorption.

(9) For the loser-believer ("hearers only") production skills minus spiritual skills equal human good, dead works, and evil.

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(10) The flawed believer has no Christian service. All Christian service is dependent upon the spiritual skills. All legitimate Christian service functions under four categories of production skills.

- (a) Christian service related to your spiritual gift.
- (b) Christian service related to your royal priesthood.
- (c) Christian service related to your royal ambassadorship.
- (d) Christian service related to your invisible historical impact.

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c. The secret to perception in the spiritual realm is spiritual I.Q. The basis for spiritual I.Q. is the humility produced by the filling of the Holy Spirit. The filling of the Holy Spirit plus human I.Q. (the six thinking skills) equals spiritual I.Q.

Spiritual I.Q. plus operation Z (the metabolization of doctrine) equals the problem solving devices readied in the soul and the execution of the protocol plan of God. All three spiritual skills are necessary to reach spiritual maturity and become a doer of the word.

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d. Doctrinal orientation represents how you think, what you think, and when you think it. The divine viewpoint of life is how we win the battle before the battle is fought. The doer fights four great battles in the soul.

(1) The battle of stress in your soul. This is the battle of outside pressures of adversity versus the problem solving devices of the soul.

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(2) The battle of sin in the soul. This is the battle for control of the soul between the filling of the Holy Spirit and the sin nature.

(3) The battle of false doctrine in the soul. This is the conflict between positive and negative volition toward Bible doctrine. Therefore, this is the battle between doctrinal orientation versus false doctrine penetrating the stream of consciousness.

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(4) The battle of defense mechanisms versus problem solving devices. This includes the substitution of such things as denial, projection, autistic fantasy, idealization, dissociation, rationalization, and suppression for the problem solving devices. These defense mechanisms divorce you from the reality of Bible doctrine.

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e. There are seven ways in which the the problem solving devices actually functions in the doer's soul.

(1) Problem solving devices prevent the outside pressures of adversity from becoming the inside pressures of stress in the soul.

(2) The problem solving devices are the God-given means of accurate and correct application of doctrine to experience.

(3) The problem solving devices establish true spiritual values, the correct priorities of life.

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(4) The problem solving devices provide the spiritual environment for the attainment of spiritual capacity righteousness. No believer can find happiness beyond his or her spiritual capacity righteousness. When you get beyond your capacity, the arrogance skills always take over and dump you in a pool of misery.

(5) The problem solving devices provide motivation to keep going, keep advancing, keep moving in the spiritual life. You cannot be motivated by emotion; you must be motivated by the function of the problem solving devices of the soul. You will not have right motivation constantly unless you give it support. Metabolized doctrine is how you support your motivation.

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(6) The problem solving devices cause the elect angels to stand up and cheer. Angels are watching every Church Age believer. We were created to demonstrate the perfect integrity of God and to vindicate the justice of God in sending Satan and his fallen angels to the lake of fire.

(7) The function of the ten problem solving devices of the soul is absolutely necessary for the execution of the protocol plan of God for the Church.

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f. Application of metabolized doctrine in the stream of consciousness to experience provides self-analysis rather than self-deception.

(1) God has given each of us a perfect system for self-analysis. The textbook for this self-analysis is metabolized doctrine in the stream of consciousness.

(2) One of the several functions of doctrinal orientation is to use this problem solving device to circle right back into the metabolized doctrine circulating in the stream of consciousness as a mirror for self-analysis. We must understand ourselves from the divine viewpoint. This can be done by either divine discipline or doctrinal orientation.

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2. Jam 1:23-24, "Because if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer [and he is], he is like a person who observes the face of his birth in a mirror; for once he glances at himself then off he goes, and immediately he has forgotten what sort of a person he was."

a. The hearer produces wood, hay, and stubble, which is human good, dead works, and evil, 2 Cor 3:12. The winner-believer produces gold, silver, and precious stones, analogous to the function of the three spiritual skills. The spiritual skills plus the production skills equals the performance of divine good. Production skills minus the spiritual skills equal human good, dead works, and evil.

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b. The Mirror Metaphor. Mirrors in the ancient world were made out of polished metal and had to be polished daily, analogous to the daily perception and metabolization of doctrine. The mirror is analogous to metabolized doctrine circulating in the seven compartments of the stream of consciousness.

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(1) Hearers only of the Word listen to the teaching of the Word of God but never profit from it. They understand Bible doctrine only as academic understanding. They do not believe it once they have understood it. The hearer only of the Word cannot make a mirror in his soul. He has no objective self-analysis from the privacy of his own soul.

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(2) The "face of his birth" refers to the face with its first animation, when life is first given to the human soul at birth. The mirror represents Bible doctrine. Losers look in the Bible to justify something they are doing which is wrong. Others look in the Word of God to admire themselves. We all get different impressions by looking into a mirror. When you look into the mirror alone, it is like reading the Bible for yourself. When someone else looks into the mirror with you and describes what you look like, that is like the pastor teaching doctrine. People have a sense of security about their spiritual life when they do not even have a spiritual life as a believer. Any time you have to run to someone else for help, counseling, or spiritual advice, you do not have a spiritual life. Your spiritual life runs on metabolized doctrine circulating in the stream of consciousness. If you are out of fellowship, that doctrine does not circulate.

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(3) Hearing the Word without metabolization causes the loser-believer to reject any doctrinal teaching that condemns him. This is tantamount to looking into the mirror with a very quick glance, overlooking what sort of person you are, so that you care nothing for what has been taught from the Word. He does not even care what sort of a person he is. He forgets what sort of person he is. He reacts instantly to the doctrine he hears.

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(4) The hearer of the Word is generally lying to himself. He sees something in the Word of God but says to himself that it does not really apply to him, when in fact it does. Some of the meanest people are believers who lie to themselves. When you are full of self-justification, it is inevitable that you will deceive yourself. Looking into the mirror does not do you any good, because you are going to justify, be irrational, distort, and use your human I.Q. to say it is not so, so that the mirror is not doing you any good at all. What the hearer sees in the mirror, he denies. You lie to yourself and make yourself a pathological liar.

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(5) The negative believer merely glances at himself in the mirror of the Word of God and rejects what he sees because it is very unflattering. When you turn away from the mirror of the Word of God and lie to yourself, you forget all about it. You think you are still right, when in fact you are evil. You must have doctrinal orientation in the soul to stop this kind of thinking. Doctrinal orientation gives you a frame of reference, so that when you hear doctrine, you have the background to understand more doctrine. Doctrine is built on doctrine.

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(6) The word "immediately" indicates that the doctrine taught did not register. He immediately justified himself when he heard the doctrine taught. Therefore, he departs, functioning under the arrogance skills. He ends up with no problem solving devices circulating in his soul. He has no way of making application of doctrine to experience. He can only make a distorted and wrong application. This is why we have denial, projection, the use of defense mechanisms, and psychotic Christians. Doctrinal orientation is what keeps us straight as we look into the mirror of the Word of God.

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c. The Principle of Self-Analysis.

(1) Part of "doing the Word" is self-analysis from Bible doctrine that you have learned and metabolized in your own soul. Inside your own soul is a mirror created out of doctrine circulating in your own soul. When you look into that mirror with Bible doctrine circulating there, you have the opportunity of self-analysis. Bible doctrine forms a mirror in the right lobe of the soul. There has to be a mirror in your own soul to see yourself as you really are.

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(2) The less doctrine you have in your soul, the more imperfect the mirror, and you cannot see yourself as you really are. The more doctrine you metabolize, the more you can see yourself in the mirror of doctrine in the soul as you really are.

(3) Metabolized doctrine creates its own system for the accurate application of Bible doctrine to experience.

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(4) Therefore, the textbook for objective self-analysis is the Word of God. The system of self-analysis is from the privacy of your own soul. It is not someone else analyzing you, but you seeing yourself as you really are. Only Christianity provides the opportunity to look at your own life objectively through the Word of God.

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(5) When you have the ability to look into your own soul and from the doctrine in your own soul see yourself as you really are, then you avoid the function of the arrogance skills and self-delusion. Every believer can use the privacy of the priesthood for self-analysis. Believers do not need counseling, they need self-analysis from the doctrine in their own souls. You become spiritually self-sustaining. When you see flaws or failures, you recognize them as such and you can correct them from the other problem solving devices. You can grow up and make decisions for yourself.

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d. Principles of the Mirror Metaphor.

(1) A metaphor is the application of a word or a phrase to an object or a concept which it does not literally denote, in order to suggest a comparison with another object or concept.

(2) Self-analysis is the best analysis. Your self-analysis of your life is the best analysis of your life. By self-analysis is meant the function of the three spiritual skills (the filling of the Holy Spirit, the metabolization of doctrine, and the accurate application of the problem solving devices to experience) to produce this self analysis. Self-analysis is the believer, through doctrinal orientation, looking into the mirror in his soul and analyzing his own life with biblical accuracy, totally apart from any outside activity.

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(3) Objective and accurate self-analysis is a part of the application of metabolized doctrine to post-salvation experience. The metabolization of doctrine creates its own system of application of doctrine to experience.

The accurate application of doctrine to experience is directional and includes four categories:

(a) Toward God, Jam 4:6-8, 2:19-26.

(b) Toward people, Jam 2:1-13.

(c) Toward self. This is illustrated by the mirror metaphor, Jam 1:23-25.

(d) Toward prayer, Jam 4:3; 5:16-18.

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(4) The mirror metaphor is the application of Bible doctrine toward yourself. Self-analysis rather than self-absorption is objective. To be a hearer only is to enter into self-absorption. Self-absorption is subjective and distorting. Self-analysis is the end of the line for judging others, for vilification, for being irritated with others, for self-justification, for self-deception, and removes from your life self-absorption. Failure to be a doer of the Word means failure to make this objective and accurate application of Bible doctrine and failure to create a mirror in which you can analyze your life from the privacy of your own priesthood.

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(5) The mirror metaphor is used to emphasize the fact that every believer can use the privacy of his priesthood for objective self-analysis, which avoids the subjective self-analysis related to the arrogance skills or running to someone else for counseling. Self-analysis is the way you grow up and get away from any dependence on any of the functions of psychiatry (other than medication). From the three arrogance skills, any psychologist can take you down the path of human viewpoint.

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(6) The accuracy of the application of metabolized doctrine to self comes through the function of doctrinal orientation. Metabolized doctrine circulating in the stream of consciousness creates its own system of self-analysis for all problem solving in your life, and it keeps you looking objectively into the mirror of the Word of God on a daily basis.

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e. The mirror of the soul is manufactured in seven sections in the soul. The more doctrine you take in, the clearer becomes the reflection of yourself.

(1) The mirror of the soul is related to the frame of reference. Metabolized doctrine gives you a frame of reference for what the spiritual life is all about and how you compare with the divine standard.

(2) The mirror is related to the memory center. Hearers only forget what the Word of God says about their life.

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- (3) The mirror is related to vocabulary storage, which gives you the ability to think.
- (4) The mirror is related to categorical storage.
- (5) The mirror is related to the conscience. Conscience is the norms and standards which you have derived from whatever source.
- (a) Some come from human viewpoint, others from divine establishment, and some from metabolized doctrine. Rom 2:15, "in that they show the work of the Law printed in their hearts, their conscience offering the testimony, and their thoughts alternately accusing or else defending themselves."

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- (b) When you look into this mirror and see something that is absolutely wrong, you are faced with a decision. Are you going to continue doing something that is absolutely wrong or not? If you are going to continue, then you become a hearer and not a doer of the Word. There must be a change in your life. You must make a decision to stop doing something you have learned is wrong. The decision must come from you and not from someone else putting pressure on you.
- (c) Acts 24:16, "In view of this, even I myself keep on practicing to maintain a blameless conscience both before God and before people." Paul used the mirror constantly to change himself.

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- (d) 2 Cor 1:12, "For this is our boast, the testimony of our conscience, that we have conducted ourselves in the world, and especially in relationship to you both in holiness [the filling of the Spirit] and godly sincerity [metabolized doctrine], not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God." Paul rectified his poor relationship with the Corinthians by grace orientation.
- (e) 1 Pet 2:19, "For this is grace orientation, if for the sake of conscience toward God anyone bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly." This is an example of using doctrinal orientation to see grace orientation as the problem solving device for thorn in the flesh suffering.

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- (f) 1 Tim 3:9, "holding to the mystery of the doctrine with a clear conscience." We have to see ourselves as the mirror sees us. If we see ourselves as wrong, when we look in the mirror, then we find the solutions in the other problem solving devices in the soul. Doctrinal orientation is a means of correcting the wrongs we see in the mirror.

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(g) 1 Pet 3:16, "having a good conscience so that the things in which you are slandered, those who malign your good in Christ may be put to shame." You look into the mirror and see that you have not been wrong. Therefore, you put your problem solving devices into action, and none of them call for self-justification, arrogance sins, or emotional sins. You are not going to put anyone to shame by telling them they are wrong and you are right. That is arrogance and self-justification. We become far worse than the people who have mistreated us.

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(6) The mirror is related to the department of momentum or spiritual growth. Normal growth comes from the consistent function of the three spiritual skills, but accelerated growth comes from thorn testing. The combination of the two keeps the mirror polished.

(7) The mirror is related to the wisdom department or launching pad of the soul. When we see we have failed or are treated badly by others, we do not react, seek revenge or malice, but deploy the necessary problem solving devices and put the matter in the hands of the supreme court of heaven.

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f. As you learn Bible doctrine, the mirror of Bible doctrine is transferred into your soul. Then, in the privacy of your priesthood, you see yourself in the soul mirror that is created by metabolized doctrine circulating in the seven compartments of the stream of consciousness. Seeing yourself in the mirror of the Word of God in your soul, you have the opportunity for objective and accurate self-analysis. Once you make objective and accurate self-analysis from the privacy of your priesthood you are either going to take corrective measures (rebound and keep moving) or end up as a loser in the Christian life.  
 (1) Metabolized doctrine circulating in your stream of consciousness creates its own problem solving devices, and thereby creates its own system of application.

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(2) Metabolized doctrine creates doctrinal orientation. Doctrinal orientation then looks back into the mirror for self-analysis. Metabolized doctrine creates its own system of self-analysis through problem solving devices on the FLOT line of the soul.  
 (3) When we are positive to doctrine, we are designed to see ourselves as we really are. You are not commanded by God to get counseling from others. You are commanded to analyze yourself and apply doctrine to your own experience ("Keep on becoming doers of the Word"). There is no legitimate application of doctrine apart from the problem solving devices which doctrine creates in your soul.

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(4) The application of metabolized doctrine provides self-analysis rather than self-deception and self-absorption. If you make the right decisions from your self-analysis you will have self-respect (or spiritual self-esteem).

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3. Jam 1:25, "But he who looks intently into the perfect law of freedom, and persist [in the function of the spiritual skills], not having become forgetful hearers but a doer of accomplishment, this man [winner-believer] will be happy in what he does."  
 a. "Looking intently" is the consistent function of the first two spiritual skills resulting in the deployment of the problem solving devices in the soul.  
 b. The "perfect law of freedom" refers to the Word of God. God has provided perfect true equal opportunity and true freedom for every Church Age believer to learn doctrine. Equality and freedom guarantee differentiation among believers. God has provided equality in union with Christ. With true spiritual equality, comes freedom.

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(1) Ps 119:45, "And I will walk in freedom, for I will seek Your doctrines."  
 (2) Jn 8:32, "and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Only God can provide true equality and true freedom, but the freedom He provides for believers is spiritual freedom.  
 (3) Gal 5:1, "It is for freedom that Christ has set us free; therefore keep standing fast and do not become entangled again in the yoke of slavery." This is slavery to spiritual death, false doctrine, human viewpoint, the sin nature, and legalism or activism.

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c. The "doer of accomplishment" refers to the believer who executes the protocol plan of God through the consistent function of the three spiritual skills. It does not refer to Christian service.  
 d. Principles.  
 (1) Metabolized Bible doctrine creates its own system for the accurate application of doctrine to experience. This is the function of doctrinal orientation.  
 (2) Therefore, the textbook for objective and accurate self-analysis is the Word of God, as noted in the mirror metaphor.

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(3) To keep on becoming doers of the Word includes doctrinal orientation as a system of self-analysis from the privacy of your own priesthood.

(4) This system of self-analysis only works when there is a continual increase in the doctrinal inventory in the stream of consciousness.

(5) Metabolized doctrine in the stream of consciousness creates its own system of self-analysis. This system avoids counseling and takes responsibility for one's own decisions, good or bad.

(6) Self-analysis is the best analysis when doctrinal orientation is deployed in the soul.

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(7) Self-analysis is impossible when the believer is a hearer but not a doer of the Word.

(8) Self-analysis is the best analysis when there is maximum metabolized doctrine in the stream of consciousness and doctrinal orientation deployed on the FLOT line of the soul.

(9) Doctrinal orientation is the basis for accurate and objective self-analysis.

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4. The second mirror metaphor is found in 2 Cor 3:17-18.

a. 2 Cor 3:17-18 says, "Now the Lord [God the Holy Spirit] is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

But we all, with an unveiled face looking into a mirror to produc

(1) Spiritual freedom is the filling of the Spirit.

Spiritual freedom is in your soul; it is not an overt system of freedom as in the laws of divine establishment.

The filling of the Spirit provides spiritual freedom and spiritual I.Q. for all believers to utilize the divine initiative of antecedent grace for time and eternity.

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(2) "An unveiled face" means the removal of strong delusion, the removal of the arrogance skills. If you are not consistent in the function of the spiritual skills, you will develop the function of the arrogance skills. The consistent use of the spiritual skills means the destruction of the arrogance skills.

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## b. Principles.

(1) The second mirror metaphor refers to the positive believer who becomes a winner through the consistent function of the spiritual skills. The positive believer looks into the mirror of the Word of God, not to produce his own reflection, but to produce the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. That's why we are here.

(2) The great glory that belongs to the believer will never be revealed until the resurrection or rapture of the Church. Then the invisible heroes will be the most visible people in eternity. There is no equality in heaven.

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(3) Believers are being transformed into the image of the glory of the Lord. It is a process accomplished by consistent perseverance in the use of the three spiritual skills.

## 5. The lesson of the two mirror metaphors.

a. The lesson of the two mirror metaphors defines the function of doctrinal orientation as problem solving device number five on the FLOT line of the soul.

b. Doctrinal orientation is the basis for the extrapolation of the problem solving devices from metabolized doctrine circulating in your stream of consciousness.

c. Doctrinal orientation is the means of accurate and objective self-analysis from metabolized doctrine

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d. Therefore, the doer of the Word describes the believer who has deployed for offensive action, doctrinal orientation in the soul. This is cognition from the first mirror metaphor.

e. As a problem solving device, doctrinal orientation can only function under the status of the filling of the Holy Spirit. This is cognition from the second mirror metaphor.

f. Except for rebound, all other problem solving devices can only function on divine power, and that power is the filling of the Holy Spirit.

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Rebound, the Recovery of the FOTS, is the only responsibility and participation we have in living the Spiritual Life.

The pervasiveness of Doctrinal Orientation in the realms of our life determine the scope of the Holy Spirit's activity.

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NOW TO HIM WHO IS ABLE TO DO FAR MORE ABUNDANTLY THAN ALL THAT WE ASK OR THINK, ACCORDING TO THE POWER AT WORK WITHIN US, 21 TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS THROUGHOUT ALL GENERATIONS, FOREVER AND EVER. AMEN.