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Watering the seed in your Mind pt 6

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Let's just read the first two scriptures from **Proverbs 13:7** *“As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he,* and then in **Matthew 12:34** *... for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.*

And then in **Luke 6:45** *A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.*

Let's just bow our heads in prayer.

Gracious Father, we're so thankful, Lord, for Your Word. And Father, we just pray that I know we've been on this watering of the garden of your mind, but Lord we're just going to continue it until we finally get it.

And so, Lord, maybe we realize that we are spirit beings, that we are actually Your Spoken Word. And so, you want us to reflect Your mind, and we have no thought coming.

So, we ask these things in Jesus' Name. Amen.

You may be seated.

We should be able to see that our actions are only an expression of our thoughts. ***Circumstances do not just happen; they grow out of the conditions of our hearts.***

In other words, look, the Bible says all things will work together for the elect and for those who love the Lord. So, if all things work together, then what about a man, As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. Think about that. All right. Just as our spiritual lives are progressive where word must be piled upon word to bring forth that Glorified body, so too ***do our circumstances add to our suffering in order to help our character to grow and develop.*** Because without suffering you can never have the character that Christ had because He learned obedience by the things that He suffered. ***Every situation we face in life is like a piece of a large puzzle that once fitted together gives purpose and meaning to each of them.***

You actually wonder, when you're going through it, but then you can look back upon your trials through life and you say, oh, now I know it. Now I understand that

God was trying to get a hold of me and he's trying to shape His mind in me. So, you could look back at your entire life and see how God took you and shaped you, things that you have wondered how you were ever going to get out of them. God pulled you up, but you may have had to go through them, through that thing, to show that you don't want to go there again. In other words, you learn from your mistakes.

Now I know Brother Bosworth said. It was such a marvelous time; in those old days we would crack corn on the railroad tracks and it was just such a blessed time. But he said, mind you, I never want to do it again. So, there are certain things that you've suffered, and you're glad you did, but you're glad you're not going through it again.

The circumstances and conditions we face each day are **only reflectors** that help us to know how far along in our development we have come. Therefore, you may not always receive what you pray for, but know one thing for sure, **you will always receive what you have sown for** because you reap what you sow. As I said, your circumstances are reflectors.

Now if you're going through the same circumstances over and over again, then there's a little bit of insanity there because even Einstein said, that if you try doing the same thing over and over again and you get the same results, but you're looking for different results, he said, that's the first sign of insanity. So, if you're going over and over again in your mind and you're doing things and it keeps coming out wrong, then just face it, it's wrong. Set it aside and do something else.

Like Brother Vayle said, Look, he said, people say I'm quick on the trigger. But he said, I put things on the shelf for 50 years because I didn't understand them. So, we need to also do that. Just trust the Lord and lean to it, not to your own understanding, but lean to His.

Therefore, our desires and prayers are only gratifying to us when they are in harmony with what we are actually sowing in the recesses of our minds. When we fight circumstances, we are only revolting against the effect of what we have been sowing. What we have been sowing. We see the circumstances that are without, and we may not like what we see, yet they are there only because we keep nourishing them in our minds, and we keep feeding and thus preserving them in the Garden of our Mind. So, if you don't like the results you're getting, the circumstances, change your thinking.

We so often wish to improve upon our circumstances, but yet we are so unwilling

to improve ourselves. In other words, let me say this again so you'll understand it. That is why our circumstances remain the same. We so often wish to improve upon our circumstances. But yet we are so unwilling to improve ourselves. We say, I sure wish I were like Jesus, or I sure wish I were like Brother Branham. But you sure don't want to suffer like they did to get there. I mean even Jesus learned obedience. How? By the things that He suffered.

Like when John and James wanted to sit down with Him at the Father's right hand. He said are you willing to suffer what I must suffer? Because that is a key. And if you desire to be like Him, then your mindset must be as His Mindset was. Let the mind that was in Jesus be in you.

And that is why our circumstances remain the same. ***If we shrink from the crucifixion of self, we shall never achieve our heart's desire.*** A man who wishes to have a better lifestyle must be willing to work for what he wants.

Too many people live at the poverty level and wish daily that they could rise above it, and yet they are personally unwilling to do something about their condition other than gripe and complain about it. ***You are the reason you are what you are.*** Nobody else is. What you have sown is what you are reaping in your life. Don't blame your circumstances on others, blame them on your mindset.

You don't get a close-knit family by the luck of some draw, but you get a close-knit family through hard work and constant, constant and constant communication.

It's like years ago when my daughters were young, I think Christina was two and Elizabeth was 3. And so, Elizabeth wanted to touch something on the table. And I just sat in my easy chair. And I was talking to my mother. She was there. And of course, she's pretty much like Brother Vayle was. She says what was on her mind. And so, I said, "Elizabeth, don't do that". And she looked at me and kind of looked back and forth. She started to do it again. I said, "Elizabeth", to get her attention louder. I said, "Don't do that". And my mom said, why don't you get off your fat... (I won't even say the word,) and do something about it. Be a real parent. Well, I learned parenting skills right there.

See, my mother never did talk much to us. I mean when we were kids, when we learned the facts of life. She just told us if you boys ever get somebody pregnant, don't bother to come home because I'll kill you. So that's just the way she was.

So, I learned right there though, when my oldest daughter was three, I think or

two, she maybe two years old. And I learned right there, hey, you've got to be an active parent.

You've got to do something about it. You don't hit a child on the side of the head and say be smart. No, he's going to get Dumber. He's not going to get smarter and he's going to stay away from you. So, you know you want to draw them into you. You want to love them. So, look them in the eyeball because the eyeball is a gate to the soul. Look them in the eyeball and tell them what they did and tell them why it's wrong. Don't just say, I think it's wrong. Say, look, God's word says you don't do those things and they'll catch on. Because, listening at a two- or three-years-old children, they Start learning a lot of things.

Good thoughts and actions can never produce bad results. Now think about that. If your thoughts are good, they're going to produce good thoughts or good results. But if your thoughts are bad, they're going to produce bad results. Well then you say, well, why did I have a bad result here? Because your thoughts were bad. You see? Get that seed out of the garden.

Jesus told us that “***a good tree cannot produce bad fruit.***” Therefore, if we think good thoughts, we will have good actions which will produce good results.

Matthew 7:17-19 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

So, a Pentecostal preacher cannot preach the truth. A denominational preacher cannot preach the truth. It's a bad seed, It's a bad tree, and it'll produce bad results. Now you say, oh, that was a nice sermon. Well, did you hear the whole thing? Usually there's some kind of twist or some kind of denominational tag that they put upon it.

18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

Well, he's preaching the same message we are. And yet he's doing this and this, that. Well, you're not listening to his whole sermon. Because a man of God, that is preaching the truth will not live like a heathen. So, if you're a heathen, then it's because you're a bad tree. I'm sorry. So, get rid of that. Just tear it down.

You reap only what you sow. Therefore, if you delight in the Lord, you will receive the things that you have need of.

Psalms 37:4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.

Proverbs 16:3 Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.

You make the commitment; you are the one who must Sow the Seed, and then God simply honors the Law or Reproduction that says, ***every seed will bring forth after its own kind***. Did you ever wonder about that scripture? Right there we are. See, we are Spoken Word Creatures. I mean our new birth is all about Spoken Word and so, we are a Spoken Word. So, it's time that we let the mind of Christ take over our being.

I have seen too many people complain about their lack of victory, yet they do not sow victory, but they sow defeat. They're always complaining, always griping, always grouching about this and that and the other, instead of saying, look, no matter what you throw at me, I'm not going to let it affect me at all.

I saw an interview that Tucker Carlson was having with a man who went to prison because he just said, "We can only afford to make this certain drug because there's only so many people need it. And so, it cost us actually so much to make it. It's costing us this amount of money". Well, it used to be because a lot more people took the drug and so they made a lot more of it and it costs a lot less. So, he went to prison. And in prison, he said he learned a whole lot about life.

He learned that people are in prison because of mistakes that they made, but they don't deserve the prison term that they got. They may deserve some prison term, but not the prison terms that they get. So, you see our government tends to want to imprison people for longer than they deserve. But he learned a lot. And he said he was always happy and so they kept throwing things at him, trying to make him not happy. But he said, how can you make me not happy? Look, you got four years of your life robbed and you were thrown in prison. He said, listen, those are good four years because I learned a lot. He said, "I read hundreds and hundreds of books". He said, "I learned about myself".

And he said, "It's just like if you're an entrepreneur, you don't look at life and say, well, I made a mistake. And so, you become afraid to make another mistake. No. You just go on to another thing and you try to do something there". You say, don't let your mistakes hold you back. It's like Edison, it took him 10,000 times to create

the light bulb. But he finally did it, because he knew it was there. So, I've seen too many people complain about their lack of victory.

I just wish I had more victory. I wish I was a better Christian. I wish I was this. I wish I was that. But they're sowing defeat. Don't ever say, well, I must be a foolish virgin.

Because then you are, because as you think it, so you will be. So, I just say this, you might not think that you're supposed to be where you're supposed to be, but you know this, that **He which began the good work in you will perform it**. So, it's not about you performing it anyway, it's about him performing it. So just let go and let God. But they just sow defeat.

From Brother Branham's sermon **E-17 Hour Is Come 51-0415E** He said, "**Your right mental attitude towards God's Divine promise will bring any promise to pass**. Any promise. **Any promise**."

I remember, before I met my wife, I was praying and I said, Lord, that a man that gets a Good Wife gets a good thing. I said, so I don't have a wife and I'd like to have a wife. And then I met my wife in the same month. So, you just have to give God back His word. I remember I was unemployed, and I was praying. I said, Lord, You said that if a man asked for a fish, what father would give him a serpent? And if he asked You for a bread, what father would give him a stone?

But anyway, I quoted the scripture about, a job, and God giving us the desire of our heart. And I said now, I don't have a job, but you're my Father. And since you're my Father, you're obligated to provide for me. So, all I'm asking for is a job. And so that the next morning I woke up, the telephone rang, and the guy said, hey, I've got a job for you. It's been on hold for two months because of affirmative action. But anyway, we had a buyer just leave and we're going to have you come in for an interview. So, I came in and I got the job. And so, I actually was ahead of the affirmative action person that they brought in to take the same job that I had. In other words, he was an expeditor. I became a buyer, which usually takes you two to four years to become a buyer. So, the Lord has everything. All things work together for the good. And you got to trust Him, just give Him back His Word because that's what He wants to hear. He wants to make sure that your mind has His word in it. And then if your mind has His word in it, then when you're praying, you'll pray His Word and then you'll get the results of your prayer.

*Now, maybe you don't believe that. You say, "Well, my faith is weak." **I wouldn't confess it. See? Don't let the devil know that.***

Always say, "I have good faith. I believe God with all my heart." See? Don't testify nothing of the devil.

And when you accept Him as your Healer, don't never act like you're sick or crippled anymore. Believe that you're healed. Take Him at His Word. Then it's all over on God then and not on you. See? As long as you take God at His Word, then the Word will produce what It promised to do."

And that's why I threw away the canes, I'm sorry. If you want it back, you can have it. Because I said, look, it's about time. I trust God. I used a Walker for three weeks, and then I used the cane you gave me for two weeks. And then I used a single cane. And then I said, I got to just trust God. And I trusted God, and I'm getting stronger and stronger. And so, you just have to trust Him and take Him at His word.

Therefore, *Thoughts of Grace and kindness*, that's the word that we don't know too much about. We should study more about it. Thoughts of grace and kindness *will crystallize into habits of Grace and kindness*, You start thinking grace, and you're going to have grace for everybody. You start thinking, God, I need Your grace. And then you say, oh, by the way, help me to have grace for everyone else. All right, God, I need your mercy, you're a God of mercy. And you know what? I need to show that mercy myself.

Therefore, *Thoughts of Grace and kindness will crystallize into habits of Grace and kindness*, which *solidify into friendly and cheerful circumstances*:

Pure thoughts filtered through God's Word will crystallize into habits of holiness and self-control, which *further solidify into circumstances of rest and peace*. Do you want rest and peace? Well, there's a way to go about it. You have got to start thinking about rest in peace. You have got to start thinking about holiness and self-control and then you come to rest in peace.

If you sow *thoughts of self-reliance, courage, and decisiveness*, they *will bring forth circumstances of success, plenty, and freedom*. Wow, you say I can do all that. Yeah, you're a little creator, aren't you? Aren't you Born with His Spirit in you, His life in you? Did not God bring forth all things by the word of His mouth? Won't you bring forth the same results by the word of your mouth?

From Brother Branham's sermon **Serpent Seed 58-0928E**, he said, *The Bible said that we were predestinated to the sons and adoption of the sons of God before the foundation of the world. Then when God slayed the Lamb in His own*

thinking before the foundation of the world to prove out His attributes, what He was, when the Lamb was slain, we were slain with It.

Oh my, that's a good one. We were actually slain for our sins. We're actually slain with Him. Now He materialized it all. So, we didn't have to materialize it. I don't know how many times I've listened to people talk about dying and being swept away and coming into the light and coming into the presence of God. And every one of them without a doubt says, I never wanted to go back. It was so beautiful there. Yet now that they come back they're treating everybody differently. They treat their children differently, their dogs different, their husbands different. They treat everybody differently. They say, "I'm glad I am back because I'm enjoying life". If you can enjoy every day and not look forward to tomorrow, but just enjoy the day that you have. Brother Branham said, we were meant to be in this life. We were meant to be in a human, fleshly, tangible life and the world, we were made for it. So, just enjoy every day and if you don't like it because it is not sunshiny, well then say Lord, may there be another sunshine for me, like the light of Jesus and may I be a sunshine to someone else.

Yeah, I remember a CEO. They said, "What do you do when you kind of feel the pressure and you're seeing maybe the numbers are not what you want?" They said, "What do you do?"

He said, "I just get up and I go out, I find someone on the street that looks like they need a sandwich and I buy them a sandwich. And I do something nice for somebody and that changes my whole attitude in life." So, think about the next time you see someone who maybe is not dressed right or maybe looks like they're down, and there are too many people saying, oh, I'm afraid to put my arm around them, because I might get lice or something. Listen, don't be that way.

I prayed for people who had tuberculosis. And God healed them. Four people in one meeting, God healed. They haven't had any deaths in 21 years from tuberculosis, in that church. So, you say, oh, I'm afraid to touch that person because I might get tuberculosis. Well, I said the blood of Jesus Christ is stronger than this tuberculosis.

When the blood of the Lamb was caught in His Own mind back there before the foundation of the world, mine and your names were written on the Book then. All in His great thinking. He's infinite. If He didn't, why did He permit it?

41 Which is the strongest, as I said, the Saviour or sinner? Which has got the most strength? Then the stronger had to permit the lesser. And He only does it for His glory. When He made Lucifer, He knowed he would be the devil. And He

had to let it be there to show that He was the Saviour, the Christ. He had to let it happen that way.

The Bible says, what if God made the Sinner to show forth the glory of those that are righteous. He makes the darkness of night to show forth the beauty of the day. He makes the storm to show forth the peace after the storm.

Romans 9:22 says, ***What if God, although choosing to show His wrath and make His power known, bore it with great patience the objects of His wrath prepared for destruction?*** Jesus let the man. He knew the man was going to spit on Him, and He let him spit on Him. He knew they were going to revile. He let them revile. So, what if He did this? They were prepared for destruction, He says, bore with great patience, the objects of His wrath prepared for destruction. And what if He did this **23. *And that He might make the riches of His glory to the objects of His mercy, whom He prepared in advance for glory.***

Are you being prepared for glory? Are you being prepared for Doxa, for the opinions, values, and judgments of God? I hope we are.

Now, back to Brother Branham, he said. *Now, don't the Bible say all things work together for good to them that love God? So, what are you scared about? Let us be up and doing with a heart for any strife. Be not like dumb driven cattle, had to be begged and persuaded. Be a hero. I like that. Stand up. 42 A little poem, that used to help me so much when I was a kid, goes something like this:*

There was a noble Roman, In the Roman Emperor's days; Who heard a coward croaker, Before the castle say: Oh, it's safe in such a Fir tree, There's no one can shake it.' Oh, no,' said the hero, 'I'll find a way or make it.' There you are. That's right.

43 *If this Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever... **It wasn't an easy thing**, when I stepped out of this Tabernacle that day, and everybody was telling me this would happen and that would happen.*

"You'd be considered a fanatic and thrown into jail.

You know, in the 1st 2 steps I saw the glory of God, but in the next four steps, I saw Satan attacking me and saying, you're going to make a fool out of yourself. But I said, who's fool, are you? I'm a fool for Christ. Who's fool, are you? And I went to the pulpit and God did everything that He told me He would do back in those first two steps.

"You'd be considered a fanatic and thrown into jail. And all of the medical

association would get against you." But God said do it. The Bible said He was, and now a revival fire burns in every nation under the heavens. That's right. Stand up to it.

How do you tackle your work each day? Are you scared of the job that you find? Can you stand right up to the work ahead of you? Have you got a tired and empty mind? (I hate that stuff.) Or do you stand right up to the work ahead of you Or is fear ever running through it? If so, tackle the next you find, By thinking you're going to do it. Stay with it. Certainly. Purpose in your heart like Daniel. Stay with God.

You see how those little poems affected Brother Branham. He got the right thinking in his mind. Remember him going up the hill with his car? I think I can. I think I can. I think I can. Think you can and you will.

So energetic thoughts will crystallize into habits of cleanliness and industry, which will solidify into circumstances of courteousness: Gentle and forgiving thoughts will solidify into protective and preservative circumstances. In other words, you're standing up for the poor guys being put down. Loving and unselfish thoughts will crystallize into habits of self-forgetfulness for others which solidify into circumstances of sure and abiding prosperity and true riches.

The Bible says, **"To have friends you must show yourself friendly"** and in order to show it you must first think it. If you keep sowing the same particular train of thought, be it good or bad, it cannot help but to produce its results on the character and circumstances in which you live.

Isaiah 58:11 *"And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose water s fail not."*

I keep thinking, "We're going through the worst time in the history of the world." And yet what has it done to me? What has it done to the people in Goshen? They were protected by God. What has it done to us? I want you all to keep in prayer. I sent it out to everybody whose emails I have and a church that believes the doctrine in Congo DRC. The rebels came into this area and hacked certain people to death. I saw pictures of them. I mean, on the side of their head they'd have a circle, and it was just cut off. You could just see the bone, a round circle. Then on the top of their head, looked like wedges where the machetes sunk into their head, and they tried to kill them. And so, there were two sisters that were killed, and a little girl, six years old was killed, and three men that were not killed. But they're suffering because they're all bloodied up and everything else.

So, we are fortunate that we don't have that kind of thing around us, but God will use whatever circumstances that you go through, He will use it to make you a better person. Now in that case, those people are dead, but they are a better person because they're in the arms of Christ.

And I'm sure that they would not want to go back to this life and struggle like they do with looking for water etc. And so anyway, we have circumstances here, that are different from circumstances there in Africa. But God uses whatever circumstances we have to make us mindful of Him and to produce Him in us.

Therefore, everything you are, even your **Character** comes forth from the **Garden of thoughts** that is in your heart, making you what you really are. And the Garden of your thoughts affects everything that is already in you, not only affecting your character, and molding your character, but even to the circumstances that you enter into daily, and the way you handle those circumstances. You can get all shaken up by things that have happened, or you can say praise the Lord, it's a preordained trial.

And God uses those circumstances in the shaping of your character into the final product that He has predestined for you.

Therefore, every trial you endure, every test God puts you through, comes about as a result of the Seed Thoughts that lay within your heart. Therefore, every thought seed that is sown, or that we allow to fall into the fertile soil of our minds, to take root there, will produce its own, after its own likeness or nature.

Sooner or later each thought seed we have sown in our hearts will have to take blossom and become manifested in our lives as an action or deed. And each action or deed, that's what we understand about the mark of the beast. It's in your hand, it's in your forehead, in other words, in your thoughts.

And then you do what's in your thoughts, right? And each action or deed will bear its own fruit in terms of opportunity or circumstances. So, if you have the mark of God, the Holy Ghost, then your thoughts will produce righteousness and so will your actions. Because the Bible says if a man that doeth right is righteous. So, it's doing what is right.

As the Scripture tells us, good thoughts will bear good fruit and bad thoughts will bear bad fruit.

Therefore, *Loving thoughts create an atmosphere of help, and trust, which crystallize into habits of Grace, kindness, and charity, which create further circumstances of friendliness, and cheerful benevolence, and reciprocity on behalf of those who are the recipients of your loving thoughts.*

Sometimes we do it for family members, and we do it for people we like, but we won't go near people we don't like. Well, what's wrong with that? There's a whole lot wrong with that. Now I can understand avoiding conflict. But I also know that if we have those thoughts in us to avoid, then we need to conquer those thoughts. Jesus didn't avoid it. Jesus came, He did for everybody. He treated everybody the same, and so should we.

Apostle Paul spoke of our Love which is our outward manifestation of our revelation as something that is reflective of your character inside.

1 Thessalonians 1:4 Wuest "*Remembering unceasingly your works produced and characterized* (notice your works produced and characterized) *by the Faith which is yours,* (In other words, your Revelation produces your works, and it characterizes them by the Revelation,) *and your toil which is motivated and characterized by your divine and self-sacrificial Love, and your patient endurance under trials which finds its source in your hope which rests in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of God, even the father.*"

So, what am I saying? Well, it all begins up here, actually in here (heart). It all begins there. And you are what you are by the grace of God. And if you want to be more like Him, then just simply die out to your thoughts and let His thoughts come through you. We had the expression in the 70s. We said, "What would Jesus do? Well, that was kind of a carnal thing going on. But actually, there's a truth to it. What would Jesus do?"

Therefore, if we look at what motivates us, is it money? Is it greed? Is it our faith which is our Revelation, or the Revelation of Jesus Christ? The Apostle Paul said it motivated his works and toil, and his patient endurance. And when that Faith is expressed, it produces an outward work we call love. For God so loved. He did what? He gave. He gave what? He gave the most precious thing that was His, and that was His son. And He just simply gave you what was most precious to Him.

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Jeremiah 31:12b *“Their Soul shall be as a watered Garden.*

So, what are you watering? Are you watering the bad thoughts, the gossip thoughts? The people that you like to talk to. They'd like to gossip with you can't wait to talk to them, or you kind of dread talking to them.

Do you see how our Faith, our revelation works into us an outward expression which brings glory back to God our Father? And Apostle Paul also spoke of the early church in Ephesus as having this outward love towards all the brethren as we see in,

Ephesians 1:15 *Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,* your outward expression of that revelation.

Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him: 18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints.

So, the people had come up to faith. Then they expressed their faith through love. And Apostle Paul said, “Now you're ready to receive the spirit of wisdom and revelation,” which didn't come till this hour. But we have it.

Colossians 3:12 *Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of (what?) mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering.*

1 Pet 3:1 *Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;*

Brother Vayle told me when my father died. Then we came in contact again, he said, “Listen, don't preach to your family, because they can't handle the Word, but just love them, because either you will love them in, or you will love them out. So just love them. Be as good as you can to those who don't have the word. So, they without the word will do for you, so that at the white throne they will be given life.” Do you understand? Can I say that again? Do you understand?

1 *Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if an any obey not the word, they also may, without the word,* without being constantly preached

at, *any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives.*

The man comes in and says that my wife's a real Christian. They said, oh, there's no real Christians today, he said, I'll prove it to you. He said, let's act like we're drunk. He says, Honey, I want some eggs. So, she fixes them, his eggs, just the way he likes them. And he looks at them and throws them on the floor. Come on boys, let's get out of here. And he says, that ain't the way I like them. And she knew that they were the way he liked him. And they heard her cleaning up the mess singing, "Must Jesus Bear the cross alone and all the world go free. But there's a cross for everyone, and there is a cross for me."

2 While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. 3 Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; 4 But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price.

Now, if you're yelling and telling your husband what to do and this and that, you're wrong. Just simply you're wrong. According to scripture, you are supposed to have a meek and gentle spirit. If you got that meek and gentle spirit, you wouldn't go up to a neighbor and say the things you say to your husband. But you say it in different ways to your neighbor. You talk to your neighbor sweet this and that. Well, why don't you do it to your husband?

5 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands:

Now see, you don't have to obey just any brother that comes along and say, you have got to obey me. No, you obey your own husband.

6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement. 7 Likewise, ye husbands, dwell with them according to knowledge, giving honour unto the wife, as unto the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life; that your prayers be not hindered.

8 Finally, be ye all of one mind, having compassion one of another, love as brethren, be pitiful, be courteous: 9 Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing: but contrariwise blessing; knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing. 10 For he that will love life, and see good days, let him refrain

his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile: 11 Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensue it.

12 For the eyes of the Lord are over the righteous, and his ears are open unto their prayers: but the face of the Lord is against them that do evil. 13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good? 14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled.

15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Now I hope those sisters gave those men who were doing the slashing, a good sermon. But see, the problem is that usually, we let down our faith in those circumstances and we look at the circumstances itself. But if you preach, then you go into His arms as a martyr, all right? Not just as a person hacked to pieces because of political differences. So, give him a piece of your mind, and may it be the mind of Christ. I remember years ago a woman said that a man came into the house, he shot at the husband. He drove out the window and he was ready to shoot the woman. And she just started talking about the Lord Jesus and he remembered his youth and he didn't shoot her; he just left the house. So, be that way, OK?

16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ. 17 For it is better, if the will of God be so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

Pure thoughts create an atmosphere of holiness and sobriety, which crystallize into habits of sanctification and self-control, which further solidify into circumstances of rest and peace. Pure thoughts, What are they? God is great. God is good. Thank you, Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:23 *And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the (Parousia) coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Now, this scripture tells us that somehow, we will be preserved during the time of His Parousia. This preserving can be seen in **1 John 1:7** *But If you walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, the blood of Jesus cleanses you from all sin.*

There is what will preserve you, walking in the light is what does it. And notice, He is doing it for you.

Romans 6:17-19 *But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Obeyed from the heart. What? The doctrine. That is what it does. 18 Being then made free from sin, (When? When you have believed from the heart.) ye became the servants of right-wise-ness. (You become a servant of right thinking, that is what right-wise-ness or righteousness is.)*

19 *I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity; even so now yield your members servants to right-wise-ness unto holiness.*

Let me say it this way, There was a time when you yielded yourself to those things which were not right, but now you are yielding your vessel to that which is right, and that brings holiness, and that brings a life of peace and rest.

Let's bow our heads in prayer.

Gracious Father, we're so thankful, Lord, that it all is within the thoughts of our mind. If we just think, Lord, about You, think of righteous thoughts, think of mercy toward others, think of grace toward others, it brings back with it grace and peace. So, Father, we just commit our lives to You. In Jesus Name we pray. Amen. Amen.