

“BROKENNESS - A KEY TO KINGDOM FRUITFULNESS”

[Part 5 - Conclusion] (Heb. 4:12-13; Rom. 8:4-11)

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INTRO: One of the primary reasons we are not living up to our kingdom potential is because of not being sufficiently broken.

I. THE DIVIDING OF SOUL & SPIRIT (Heb. 4:12-13).

- A. It is vital that the soul & body not act independently.
- B. Is your outward & inward man too intertwined?
- C. God wants to separate the outward & inward man, so that the inward man controls the outward man.
- D. Can your inward man abide in Christ while your outward man is engaged in activity or conversation?
- E. God’s Word divides soul & spirit (so the soul is subject to the spirit) by discerning the thoughts & intents of the heart (Heb. 4:12-13).

II. WALKING ACCORDING TO THE SPIRIT RATHER THAN THE FLESH (Rom. 8:4-11).

- A. We’re called to walk according to the Spirit rather than walk according to the flesh (v. 4).
- B. We walk according to what we set our minds on – either the things of the flesh or Spirit (v. 5).
- C. Being carnally minded produces death; being spiritually minded produces life & peace (vv. 6-8).
- D. Those who are Christ’s have His Spirit [life], which will one day give life to our mortal body (vv. 9-11).

III. EVIDENCES OF BROKENNESS

- 1. Your will is submitted to God (rather than an independent, soul/flesh led life)
- 2. You walk in humility rather than pride.
- 3. When hurt, you forgive quickly (don’t seek revenge).
- 4. You treat everyone with kindness and respect.
- 5. You get along with people (even those different).
- 6. You’re more interested in behaving righteously than being right.
- 7. You consistently manifest the fruit of the Spirit.
- 8. You’re led by the Spirit, but not in a self-promoting way or coming across as super spiritual.

IV. YOU CAN’T FAKE BREAKING!

- A. Only the Spirit can produce true fruit, not the flesh.
- B. We can will [choose] to resist negative characteristics of the soul and flesh, but we cannot will [choose] to produce or imitate the fruit of the Spirit.
- C. This breaking is a matter of cooperation with the Spirit within rather than just conforming outwardly by the energy of the soul to a particular behavior, producing a counterfeit characteristic (imitation fruit).

V. INVITING THE LORD TO HEAL, DELIVER & RESTORE YOUR SOUL (Ps. 23:1, 3; 25:20; 41:4; 69:18).

CONCLUSION: Let’s not produce imitation fruit by the flesh, but genuine fruit by the Spirit (Prov. 22:5)!