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SECTION 6 – Writing the Word on Your Heart

Lesson 23 - Writing the Word on Your Heart Part 3

We've been learning by revelation that many of the things we do, and why many of us struggle, is because things were written upon our hearts through our society, our environment, our culture, the things that we were taught, and the things that we've been exposed to. These things actually formulate our nature. God has come to give us a new nature through the renewing of our minds, so that we will then by nature do the things of God as His Word is written on our hearts.

As we proceed through this teaching don't take the attitude that you've heard it all before. Keep in mind the parable of the sower and the four different levels that the Word must pass through before it gets through all of our filters and becomes written on our hearts. Some things may be repeated, and you may have to go over the lessons many times for the Word to become revelation, penetrate the filters, and be written on your heart.

John 8:31-32 *Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. 32 And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*

We are to abide in, not visit, not occasionally know, not occasionally get around, the Word of God.

What is the difference between being "set free" and being "made free"?

An animal can be caught in a trap and get set free, but that animal can fall back into that same trap again. But when you are 'made' free, you'll never again fall back into that same trap.

He didn't say the truth shall 'set' you free. It is a different word there. Many translations say 'set' but it's really that He'll come and *make* you free. Why is it important?

John 17:17 *Sanctify them by Your truth. Your word is truth.*

When the Word abides in your heart and it becomes written upon your heart, you will by nature do according to that Word which will leave you in a state of perpetual deliverance from the thing that used to hold you in bondage.

If you are still struggling in an area of your life, then the Word has not been written on your heart in that area. You're still thinking according to the flesh. You're still thinking according to that old nature. You're still thinking according to the way your society and environment trained you. But when you have the Word written upon your heart, you won't see that as desirable. You'll see that

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as dangerous. You'll see that as ungodly. You'll see that as vile. When the Word becomes written upon your heart, you shall know the truth and the truth will make you free.

God has come to write His Word upon our hearts so that we will then, by nature, do the things we're supposed to do. He promised this as a part of the covenant. Unless His Word gets written upon our hearts we will not do according to His Word, we will do according to the works of the flesh.

Romans 8:6 *For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.*

If you're carnally minded, you're going to do carnal things. If you're spiritually minded, you're going to do spiritual things. This is why God has come to write the Word upon our hearts.

We are joint heirs with Christ Jesus, and we are heirs of the promise to Abraham. The New Testament teaches us that the promise, the covenant made to Abraham, was made to Abraham and his seed, not seeds. The Bible tells us that that seed is Jesus, and if we're in Christ we are also heirs of the covenant and heirs of the promise. So the covenant is for you and for me, and God will not alter His Word or break His covenant.

Psalms 89:34 *My covenant I will not break,
Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.*

Jeremiah 31:33-34 *But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. 34 No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more.*

God says, "It's My covenant. I will write My Word on their hearts."

Ezekiel 36:26 *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.*

Where does sin come from? Where is sin conceived? It's conceived in the heart. Where is idolatry? It's a heart issue. It's manifested outwardly, but it's a heart issue. God is going to cleanse you from those things.

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 unrighteousness.*

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He is going to cleanse you. It's not just some ceremonial thing. He is going to forgive you. He's going to wash out of you the thing that caused you to do this junk in the first place. He's going to rewrite your heart. It's out of the abundance of the heart that all the issues of life proceed.

He's going to give you a new heart, one that's after Him, a heart that's like His. He will put His Spirit within you and cause you to walk in His statutes. Then you will keep His judgments and do them. God is going to write His Word upon your heart. He's going to give you a brand new heart. He will write His Word upon your new heart, and it will literally cause you by nature to do His statutes, to obey His law, to obey His Word. You will obey Him by nature.

God never intended for you to struggle. He never intended for you to do this all by yourself. He never intended for you to have to work it up. He always intended that as you abide in His Word, you would be His disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. His Word will come in you; the same Word which upholds the universe, the same Word which propels the universe, the same Word of power which He spoke when He spoke creation into being. When that Word is written upon your heart, that Word will literally cause you to do the right thing. That Word will literally cause you to obey Him, and follow Him, and walk after Him, and do His will, and His Word, and His bidding.

Romans 8:3 AMP *For God has done what the Law could not do, [its power] being weakened by the flesh [the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit]. Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as an offering for sin, [God] condemned sin in the flesh [subdued, overcame, deprived it of its power over all who accept that sacrifice],*

4 So that the righteous and just requirement of the Law might be fully met in us who live and move not in the ways of the flesh but in the ways of the Spirit [our lives governed not by the standards and according to the dictates of the flesh, but controlled by the Holy Spirit].

What did God do through the new covenant that didn't happen in the old covenant?

He made an ability for His Word to come through His Son. You cannot separate Jesus from His Word.

John 1:1,14 *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.*

You can't separate Jesus from His Word. In the Old Testament they had the Law, but they didn't have the ability to have the Word written upon their hearts, because the Word written upon their hearts is the manifestation of Jesus being written upon their hearts. God did what the Law was powerless to do in that it was weakened by that sinful flesh, by that old nature, by that old carnal mind. When He sent us Jesus He wasn't going to just forgive us of our sins, but intended to also

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give us a new heart and a new mind so that we can actually fulfill in our own life the righteous requirements of the law, so that you can actually live right.

Deuteronomy 6:4-5 *Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one! 5 You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.*

Jesus taught us that if we love Him we will obey His commands. So to love Him we must obey Him with all our heart, with all our soul, and with all our strength. Then His commands shall be written on our heart.

Steps to Having the Word of God Written on Your Heart.

Step 1: Teach the Word.

Deuteronomy 6:7a *You shall teach them diligently to your children,*

We are to teach the Word, and specifically to our children. The youth of today are spiritually and scripturally ignorant. They know little of the Word. Even in this supposed Christian nation we're not doing what God told us to do. He told us to teach our children the Word so that His Word would get written on their hearts. What gets written on our heart is what we're exposed to by our culture, our environment, our family, and what we're taught. God tells us to teach it to our children and thus begin this process.

Proverbs 22:6 *Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it.*

Who has the responsibility for teaching children the Word of God?

[The Bible says for you as their parents to teach your children the Word of God.](#)

We have absolutely abdicated and given up our responsibility in training our children. We turn them over to the children's class which is often nothing more than a little kiddie program. We turn them over to youth group which is often nothing more than a Christian dating club and a social gathering. We turn them over to others to teach them and believe we are doing our part in training them. You teach them everything which He command you. You teach them the Word. Open your mouth and teach. You train them up. You take every opportunity to teach and not just lecture them. Constantly teach them through the circumstances of life. When something comes up, teach them what the Word of God says and how to apply it. You teach them the Word.

Here's the other part about teaching the Word. Teach the Word to anybody that you're around. There's something that happens when you teach the Word. You can ask anybody who's a regular

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teacher. They'll tell you, when they teach, they tend to get more than the people who listen. When you begin to truly teach the Word, you have to find new ways to explain it and it causes you to begin to stretch the bounds of your understanding of God's Word. God says, "If you want to get the Word written upon your heart, teach it."

Matthew 28:19-20 KJV *Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:*

20Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

It's the great commission. The great commission is for everybody. Everybody's called to do this. Everybody's called to teach. I teach people all the time. I'm always teaching. We sit sometimes by the hours, and I keep teaching. We go out to dinner. I'm teaching. Even when we go to a fun place I keep teaching.

We need to be teaching the Word to everyone. We need to be teaching one another. We need to be going to the neighbors' teaching. Teach the word, even to the unsaved. Not only will it begin to write the Word upon their heart, it writes the Word upon your heart the more you spend time teaching the Word.

Parents, you'd better stop letting the television teach your children. And you'd better stop letting the Internet teach your children. We need to teach them the Word. The Word says to flee the very appearance of evil. The Word says to not put any unclean thing before our eyes. We need to start teaching the Word, so that Word becomes ingrained and seared upon our hearts so that we will, by nature, flee and resist temptation.

We have to be teaching them the Word; not a watered down, mansy, pansy, pussy footin' sissy, little whining, nipple sucking baby nothing word, and not a "feel good gospel". We need to teach the Word, the whole counsel of God; which means to rebuke; which means to correct; which means to warn of the fires of hell, of the dangers of sin. We need some preachers to stand up and have the guts to begin to teach on holiness once again; to begin to teach on righteousness again. And not just the preachers. We need the parents to begin to do the same.

We need one another to do that. We need to minister to one another. We need to turn to our brothers and sisters and our friends and teach the Word of God. And as we teach the Word it becomes written upon our hearts. Then we will by nature start doing the right thing instead of the wrong thing. God is coming to write the Word upon your heart.

The first strategy He gave us is to teach the Word. Teach the Word.

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For Further Study:

Psalm 119:11 *Your word I have hidden in my heart,
That I might not sin against You.*

Proverbs 12:25 *Anxiety in the heart of man causes depression,
But a good word makes it glad.*

Romans 10:8 *But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart”[a]
(that is, the word of faith which we preach)*