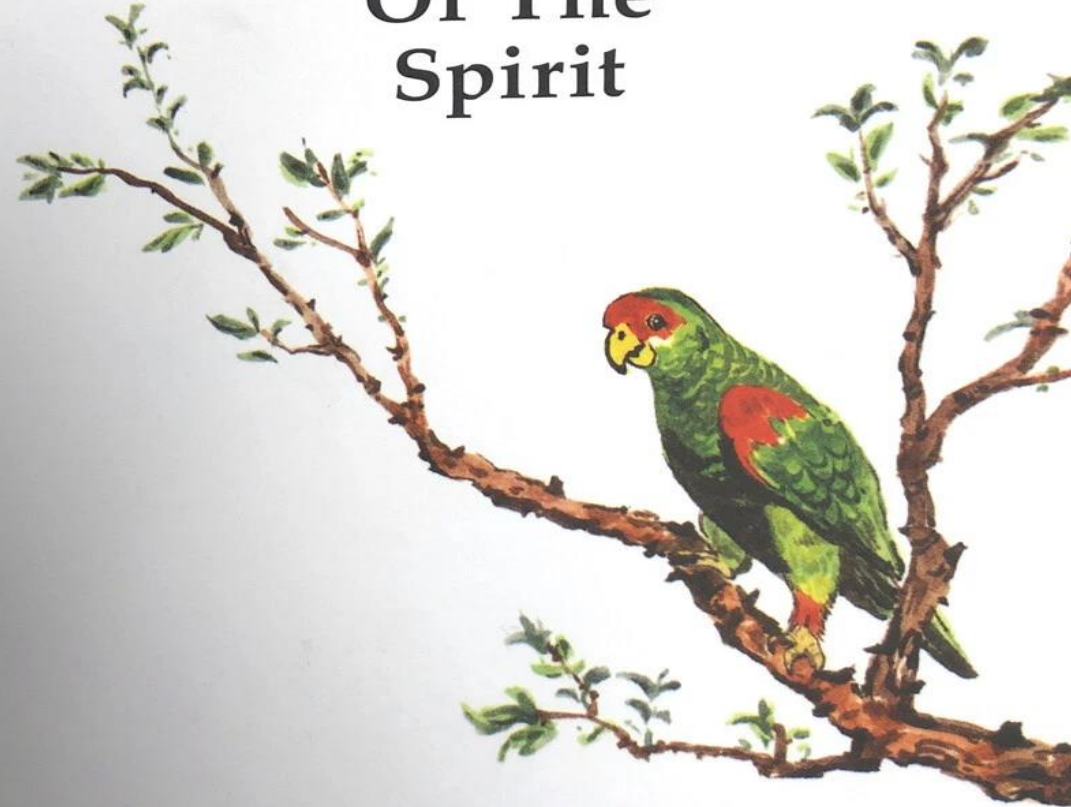


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What You Should Do

- Acts 17:10–11 (NASB 95)
- **10 The brethren immediately sent Paul and Silas away by night to Berea, and when they arrived, they went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for *they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so.***



Opening Remarks

- **This is not behavior modification.**
- **This is not to get you to change *yourself*.**
- **It is not self destruction.**
- **Or a form of self abasement.**
- **You are not being asked to Pray more, Give more, Work more.**
- **Many of you already do works out of guilt and obligation, anyway.**



Opening Remarks

- **This is to learn to discern what God is already (right now, right here, right where you are sitting) doing in your life and cooperate with it.**



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Chapter 1

The Importance Of Brokenness



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Before And After Brokenness



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Chapter 6

**Brokenness and
Discipline**



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Chapter 7
Dividing And
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The Church and God's Work. Chapter 5. Repeated.

- **“IF WE REALLY UNDERSTAND the nature of God's work, we shall readily admit that the outward man is truly a **formidable hindrance**. It is true to say that God is much restricted by man. The people of God should know the ultimate purpose of the church and also the interrelationships among the church, God's power, and God's work.”**

Dividing And Revelation. Chapter 7.

- **“GOD DESIRES not only to break down the outward man, but also to separate it so that the inward man may no longer be entangled in the outward man's activities. Or, we may simply say, God wants to divide our spirit and soul. How rare it is these days to find a pure spirit. Usually whenever our spirit comes forth, so does our soul; they are mixed.**

Dividing And Revelation. Chapter 7.

- **“So the first requirement in God's work is a pure, not a powerful spirit. Those who neglect this, though their work may be done in power, will find it destroyed due to the lack of purity. Though they may truly possess the power of God, yet because their spirit is mixed, they are destroying what they build.”**



Revelation. Chapter 7.

- **What is Revelation?:**
- **“Revelation enables us to see what God sees. All things are naked and laid bare before Him. Any covering is upon our own eyes, not God's.**



Revelation. Chapter 7.

- **What is Revelation?:**
- **“When God opens our eyes that we may know the intent of our heart and the deepest thought within us in the measure that He Himself knows us, this is revelation. As we are naked and laid bare before Him, so are we before ourselves as we receive revelation. This is revelation: for us to be allowed to see what our Lord sees.”**

Revelation. Chapter 7.

**A Revelation
Like this:**





Revelation. Chapter 7.

- **1976.**
- **First Bible Study I attended**
- **I was felt the bouncing in my heart, felt wonderful. I did not tell anyone.**
- **Leader gave a Word of Knowledge saying God was bouncing me on His knee.**
- **Altered my relationship with the Father since.**



Revelation. Chapter 7.

- That is revelation. You can't make it up. It is not from your head or logical processes.
- “Just what does God see? He sees what we do not see. **We are blind to what is of ourselves**, thinking it is of God while actually it is not. What we professed to be good, by that light we now condemn.



Revelation. Chapter 7.

- **“What we considered as right, we now reject. What passed for spiritual we now recognize as soulish. And what we thought was of God we now know to be of self. We confess: ‘Lord! Now I come to know myself. I have been blind for twenty or thirty years, and I did not realize it. I have not seen as Thou hast seen.’”**

Revelation. Chapter 7.

- And you know why it is so “Rare” to find a pure spirit?**
- 2 Corinthians 12:7–9 (NASB 95)**
- “Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me – to keep me from exalting myself!**
8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. 9 And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.”



Revelation. Chapter 7.

- **He MUST discipline us because we are self-centered by nature.**
- **Jeremiah 17:9–10 (NASB 95)**
- **9 “The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it? 10 “I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give to each man according to his ways, According to the results of his deeds.”**



Revelation. Chapter 7.

- He **MUST** purify us because we are self-centered by nature.
- **1 Corinthians 8:1 (NASB 95)**
- “Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes *ARROGANT*, but love edifies.”
- You **WILL** be puffed up. The dividing – dealings is required to keep us pure.



Revelation. Chapter 7.

- **And this message is resisted by the church. Much less not understood.**
- **Israel, Jacob are all examples of this.**
- **Realize much of Israel's history was resisting Him. He did not want Kings, yet the people rejected Him.**

Revelation. Chapter 7.

- **1 Samuel 8:6–9 (NASB 95)**
- **“But the thing was displeasing in the sight of Samuel when they said, “Give us a king to judge us.” And Samuel prayed to the Lord. 7 The Lord said to Samuel, “Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them.**



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- **1 Corinthians 10:11 (NASB 95)**
- **“Now these things happened to them as an example, and they were written for our instruction, upon whom the ends of the ages have come.”**



Revelation. Chapter 7.

- **“Such a seeing delivers you from the dead weight of self. Seeing is His dealing. The word of God is effective, for it enlightens you to the casting off of the outward man. It is not that after you have heard the word of God you gradually change yourself, as if seeing is one step and casting off another.**



Revelation. Chapter 7.

- **“No, enlightenment is itself a casting off; the two occur simultaneously. As soon as the light strikes, the flesh is dead. No flesh can live in that light. The moment one comes into the light he prostrates himself. The light has dried up his flesh. Beloved, this is effectiveness. Indeed the word of God is living and operative. God does not speak and then wait for you to produce. His word is effective in your life.”**



Quotes

- **Watchman Nee: (1903-1972)**
- ***“God is not looking for extraordinary people. He wants ordinary people who are willing to die to self.”***



Quotes

- **William Law (1686–1761)** – Anglican priest who Andrew Murray followed.
- ***“Self is the root, the tree, and the branches of all the evils of our fallen state.”***
- ➤ In *A Serious Call to a Devout and Holy Life*, Law argued that self-love and self-will were the greatest barriers to union with God. His writings call for radical humility and surrender.



Quotes

- **George Whitefield (1714–1770)** – Evangelist of the Great Awakening ***“Let my name die everywhere, let even my friends forget me, if by that means the cause of the blessed Jesus may be promoted.”***
- ➤ Whitefield’s ministry was marked by a deep desire to be forgotten so that Christ alone would be exalted – a profound example of dying to self.



Quotes

- **Francis Chan (1967-):** **“We minimize dying to self because we want Christianity to be easy. But Jesus never sugarcoated the cost of following Him.”**
- ➤ Chan often speaks about how Western Christianity tends to dilute the gospel to make it more palatable, avoiding the hard truths of surrender and sacrifice.



James McKendrick

- **New York Times, July 5th, 1938. JAMES M'KENDRICK; Scottish Evangelist, Who as Boy Worked in Mines, Dies**
- **EDINBURGH, July 4.-James McKendrick, Scottish evangelist, who had made sixteen preaching tours in the United States, died today at his home in East Rigg, Dumfriesshire, at the age of 79. He had suffered a heart attack on Sunday a week ago while addressing a meeting in Glasgow.**
- **Mr. McKendrick worked as a boy in Lanarkshire coal mines, and began preaching in his early twenties. He recently published the story of his life, which was translated into several languages, including the Chinese.**

Revelation. Chapter 7.

- Luke 9:23–24 (NASB 95)
- **23 And He was saying to *them all*, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross *daily* and follow Me. 24 For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it.”**

Revelation. Chapter 7.

- 2 Corinthians 1:8–10 (NASB 95)
- ***8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brethren, of our affliction which came to us in Asia, that we were burdened excessively, beyond our strength, so that we despaired even of life; 9 indeed, we had the sentence of death within ourselves so that we would not trust in ourselves, but in God who raises the dead; 10 who delivered us from so great a peril of death, and will deliver us, He on whom we have set our hope. And He will yet deliver us...”***



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Ephesians 1:18-19a (NASB 95)

“I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe.”

