

Abiding in Spiritual Empowerment:

The 7-Step Process
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Introduction

- Many feel a call upon their lives to serve others variously in education, sports, business, government, entertainment, medicine or religion, to name a few fields of endeavors.
- Regardless of the field of endeavor, each person is empowered with an anointing to serve, but few understand the source of that anointing.
- There are three possible sources of empowerment: natural, supernatural and spiritual. Each of these is defined.
- This lecture will help participants to understand each level of anointing and the role conscience plays in determining the level of empowerment for service.

Natural & Spiritual Defined

- Spirit is defined as pertaining to the Creator. Natural is defined as pertaining to creatures.
- Natural things show forth spiritual things to those who are predisposed to know them. Otherwise, natural things become a stumbling block for them.
- Spiritual things are known only by those who are spiritual.
- Only God brings forth that which is spiritual. Creatures never bring forth spiritually.
- Men bring forth naturally but are deceived into bringing forth supernaturally. Satan and his ministers are deceiving spirits, even “angels of light” who use men and women to do his supernatural will.
- Another way to look at natural is what the Bible speaks of as the flesh. The flesh (creature) brings forth flesh as did Mary in the birth of Jesus. Spirit brings forth spirit as in the case of Christ who was birthed in Jesus.

Spiritual & Natural Worlds

- In the beginning, man was created after the God kind. God is a Spirit. All that God created and placed under the dominion of man was of the God kind.
- Man was a two part being: spirit and soul. The spirit was the very image of God and the soul was its likeness. Man dwelled in a spiritual world.
- The spirit of man being in the image of God covered the natural soul of man as long as man was obedient to God's word. God cannot die and Adam could not die as God's image.
- The soul (natural man), however, could die an eternal death or separation from God because the will is in the soul and the will can choose to obey God or not to.

Natural and Physical Worlds

- Man lives in a physical world governed by natural laws. This is little understood in the grand scheme of things. If man lived in a natural world governed by natural laws, he would be naked and the devil would have advantage over him.
- The natural world is like the spiritual world but it is not the same. Angels, for example, live in the second or natural heaven but God's throne is in the third or highest heaven.
- Disobedience caused separation of man from his Creator. To fulfill His word to man that eating of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil would bring death, God brought about a third component to man, coats of skins or a physical body and world capable of dying.
- The coats of skins represented the physical component of man and the physical world God gave man to live in as protection from evil angels whose dwelling place was in the second or natural heaven that Adam fell to upon disobeying God.

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- This physical component was fitted for life in the physical realm as opposed to the natural realm for the good of man. And it took/takes a physical body to be legitimate in the physical world.
- Man for all intents and purposes became a natural being living in a physical body until his spirit is quickened or made alive by the Spirit of Christ.
- Physical death shows forth eternal death and was/is God's mercy unto man that man might turn to God and not die an eternal death.

Adam in the Garden of Eden

- Adam was placed in the Garden of Eden after he was created. Remember, physical death made known the for worse invisible eternal death also called the second death.
- Adam was commanded by his Creator to multiply and replenish the earth. As Adam was not physical at this point he was not told to bring forth children in the physical. Rather, Adam was like God and the earth was to be replenished or refilled with God like creatures. Hence, Adam was empowered to serve spiritually.
- Creatures already existed but they were not God like.
- We can see what Adam was called to do in fast forwarding to Abraham's day. There was no Godly person on earth that God could use to save man from death.
- Abraham an idolatrous man, called out of the world by God and sanctified, becoming the father of the faithful. Through Abraham, God is raising up unto Himself a God like people.
- We don't know how many children Adam raised up before the fall, but we do know that there were other beings living during Adam's day because Cain was afraid one of them would kill him as Cain did his brother Abel.

Conscience is a Natural Light

- Conscience is that internal voice that sits in judgment over our will. There is a very common myth abroad that says that conscience is the means by which we tell what is right and what is wrong. But conscience is never that.
- It is *training* that tells us what is right or wrong. But when we know what is right or wrong, it is our conscience that insists that we do what we think is right and avoid what we think is wrong. That distinction is very important and needs to be made clear.
- *Conscience: A roadmap given to each person that leads to the path of what is right.*
 - Socialized conscience- Relates to the external forces, particularly, the individual's lived and historical experiences, which shape the individual's overall world view.
 - Intrinsic/innate conscience- The base level of morality within each individual.
 - Universal conscience- Refers to a complete state of consciousness in which the individual has moved from the intrinsic/innate conscience state to a sustained posture of inclusive values that transcends all culturally learned morality.

How The World Empowers

- The way people use their environment to meet their material needs gives a clue to the method by which the world empowers itself, not only in terms of its financial operations, but also in terms of the collective institutions of the world.
- That method is through Supernatural means, moving away from the natural light of the conscience to an altered state of so-called "enlightenment;" so that the progression of man's pathway from the conscience to God might be disrupted; and never realized.

Example of the Natural in The Old Testament

- Israel was brought forth by God and He was their King. He covered them with an anointing via the Law to bring them to the Spirit. As God worked to move Israel from the natural to the spiritual, Israel lost sight of God's work. Instead their attention was given to the nations around them and they desired to be like them. In one instance, they rejected their spiritual King for one like the natural kings of their neighbors. When Samuel, the prophet brought the matter before God, He told Samuel that they did not reject Him but that they rejected their God. Though things of the spirit are the highest things, people often desire the lower natural things because they are socialized to believe natural things are better than spiritual things.

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