

## **THE CHAMPION SPIRIT**

### The Importance Of A Strong Spirit: Walking In The Spirit

#### **I. It is vital that we understand the importance and value of strong spirit**

- A. Matthew 7:6-If you do not see the value of a strong spirit you'll never invest the time and energy to develop one; What you do not see as valuable of you will neglect
- B. 1 Timothy 4:8-Spiritual training and the development of your spirit is the most valuable thing that you can invest in as a Christian; it will profit you in everything & in every way
- C. Even though your spirit has been born again and has been created in the image of God it has the potential to get weak if it is not handle properly

#### **II. One of the Satan's primary goals is to get you thinking, acting, and talking in away that opposes the Word of God, which is walking in the flesh**

- A. Walking in the flesh is walking in a direction that opposes the Word of God-John 6:63
  - 1. **Profit**-Advance in anything good, improve, acquire something valuable

2. Walking in a way that opposes the word will not improve your life, but make it worse; it cause an will increase bad things
  3. Any good business men knows if he's going to be successful, then he must not invest in things that yield no profit
- B. The results of a believer walking in the flesh and yielding to the flesh are catastrophic
1. When you yield to the flesh you open yourself to the curse Jesus redeemed you from
    - a. Jeremiah 17:5-There's a connection between walking in the flesh & failure
    - b. Psalm 18:30-You can't oppose the perfect way and succeed
    - c. Proverbs 10:22-The curse brings poverty/lack of every kind
    - d. Deuteronomy 28:1,15-The curse doesn't come until somebody disobeys God
  2. The moment u oppose the word/walk in the flesh u become accessible 2 the enemy
    - a. Psalm 91:4, Luke 6:46-The word of God is the shield of the believer and when a believer walks in agreement with the Word they become inaccessible to the advances of the enemy
- C. If you get in the flesh and get in disagreement with the Word of God, you are not in faith and if you are not in faith, then you can't win-1 John 5:4
1. Victories come when you think in line with the Word, talk in line with the Word, and act in line with the Word when everything around is telling you, not this time
  2. You show me a believer who won't come off of the Word and I'll show you a believer who will not be defeated in any situation

### **III. If your spirit is weak, you will give into the flesh & if you give into the flesh you cannot win**

- A. What is the flesh? – Galatians 5:16-17,24
1. The flesh is the part of you that has yet to be influenced by God
    - a. When you got born again your spirit was influenced immediately, your mind has to go through the process of being influenced by God as it does the body will be more influenced by God in how it acts
  2. The flesh's (unrenewed nature) desires oppose the desires of your spirit
    - a. The part of you that has been influenced by God doesn't agree with the part of you that hasn't been influenced by God
- B. The flesh wants to keep you from doing what you "the spirit" wants to do-Romans 7:14
1. 14-He was governed by the part of him that had not been renewed
  2. 17,20-He credits his actions not to his spirit, but to the governing principle of sin that remains in his mind and body
    - a. 16 (AMP)-The habit is still there because the mind & body haven't been retrained
  3. 14-16-He knows what's right and wrong but he's not directing his mind to what he knows is right by his spirit-Romans 8:5

4. 20-This sin (old way of doing) is still operating in his mind and body all the while his spirit has been made new and that's the part of him that wants to do what's right
  - a. 18(AMP)-We see his spirit lacking the strength necessary to rise up and make his mind and body do what they don't want to do
5. 23-There's a law in his flesh (unrenewed) attacking what he knows is right in his mind and bringing his spirit into captivity
6. A strong spirit is the answer to subdue a carnal mind

**IV. A strong spirit, The Champion Spirit, will enable us to walk in the spirit and not be governed by the desires of the flesh and in turn experience victory in our lives**

- A. Ezekiel 16:30-Evidence that your spirit is weak is that you keep giving into the flesh
- B. 2 Corinthians 10:3-5-It's the your spirit's job to bring the mind into subjection to the word
  1. 3-I'm fighting with my spirit
  2. 5-With my spirit I force my thoughts into subjection toe God's Word
  3. This is the process of renewing the mind; cast down the wrong thought think on the right one
- C. 1 Corinthians 9:27-I, spirit, bring my body into subjection to the Word of God
- D. Matthew 4:1-10-Callings are missed, assignments are not completed, and battles are lost as a result of people giving into the flesh
  1. Satan's trying to get him in the flesh and act in a way that opposes God's Word so that He can have access to his life
  2. Jesus won't allow his mind to think outside of the Word or His body to act in disagreement to the Word