

The Economy of God

Dealing with the Heart and the Spirit

- To **contact** the Lord is a matter of the **spirit**, but this must be **initiated and maintained by the heart**, for our heart is the **gateway** of our whole being.
 - Whatever **enters** into us must enter through the heart.
 - Whatever **comes out** from us must proceed through the heart.
- If our heart is not **alert** as we listen to a message, we will not get the substance of it.
- When we are reading, we will receive nothing if our heart is not upon the content.
- The **love of the Lord** is the best way to **unlock** the door of the heart.
 - The most effective way to open the heart is to **preach the love of God**.

Dealing with the Heart

- We must deal with our heart so that we might have a proper relationship with the Lord.
- If we would seek and serve the Lord, we must deal with two matters:
 - To be **pure**
 - To be **single in the heart**
- This is not just a matter of a **clean** heart, but we need a **pure** heart.
 - We may be clean but **mixed** and therefore not pure.
 - To be mixed means to have **more than one goal and one aim**.
- Our heart must be purified from so many **ambitions** so that the **Lord Himself** may be our only goal.
- When the heart is purified from many goals, the **sky is clear**.

Dealing with the Conscience

- Immediately following the dealings with the heart, the conscience must be dealt with.
- If we are pure and single in our heart, the **function of our conscience** will immediately be very **keen and alert**.
 - Our conscience will begin to **accuse** us, causing us to **confess and deal with it**.
 - This will make our conscience without offense.
- A conscience without offense means to be **free from any kind of offense or accusation**.
- When our conscience is purified, we will serve the **living** God.
 - Sometimes it seems as if God is not so real and living—then our conscience is **dull and full of offenses**; it needs to be dealt with by confession and cleansing.

Dealing with the Fellowship

- Following the dealing with the conscience, the faculty of fellowship in our spirit is dealt with.
 - Fellowship between us and God is maintained by a good conscience.
 - When the conscience is offended, it becomes a **barrier** and damages our fellowship with the Lord.

Dealing with the Intuition

- As the fellowship follows the conscience, so the intuition follows the fellowship.
 - When the **fellowship is broken**, the **intuition does not function**.
- A transparent conscience will bring us into the presence of the Lord, resulting in a living fellowship with Him.
 - Through the **living fellowship**, it is easy for our spirit to **sense the will of God**.
- When the Holy Spirit anoints us by moving in our spirit, we receive a **direct sense of the intuition**.
- Through the intuition within our spirit we have an **inner knowledge**, not a mental understanding—sensing something of God.

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