

The Economy of God

Dealing with the Soul

Dealing with the Mind

- With the intuition in our spirit, we need the mind.
 - To **sense** the spiritual things is one thing—to **understand** them is another.
 - The **things of God** are **sensed in the spirit**, but they are **understood in the mind**.
- **Rom. 12:2** – And do not be fashioned according to this age, but be transformed by the **renewing of the mind**...
 - To be conformed to this age means that we are **modern**, following the **present course** of the world.
 - If we are **occupied** by the things of this age, our mind can never be renewed.
- Since the mind is a part of the soul, it is **in the soul** that **transformation** takes place.
 - **Regeneration** has been accomplished in our **spirit**, but after regeneration, we still need the **transformation in the soul**.
- There should be a **change** in our thoughts toward almost everything.
 - This **change** in our thoughts is the transformation of our soul by the renewing of our mind.
 - When Christ **spreads** into the inward parts of the soul and **saturates** them with Himself, our soul transforms to **His very image**.
- This renewed mind is in the spirit and under the **control** of the spirit; it is filled with the spirit and full of the spirit. Hence, the spirit becomes the **spirit of the mind**.

Dealing with the Will

- Suppose our renewed mind understands what we sense by the intuition. Then the issue is our **willingness to obey** what we understand.
- If we do not have an **obedient will**, it is difficult to understand what is in the intuition.
 - The understanding must be backed by an obedient will, ready to **obey the Lord**.
- God created us with a free will. He **never forces** us to do anything but always gives us the **option to choose**. Thus there is the need to exercise our will.
- When our will is dealt with to such an extent, it will be transformed.
 - It will be **saturated** with Christ as our life by the spreading of the Holy Spirit.

Dealing with the Emotion

- Nearly all our **troubles** are related to the emotion.
 - It must be under the control of the Holy Spirit.
- Many times, our emotions have the Lord's **permission** but not His **pleasure**.
 - He **allows** us to love something, but He is **not pleased**.
- We all must learn to deal with our emotion according to the pleasure and joy of the Lord.
 - If we do not **sense the joy of the Lord** in what we are seeking, we must not love it.
- When our emotion is not under His emotion, we are **wrong** and can never have His joy.
 - If our emotion is kept under the rule of the Lord with His pleasure and joy, it will be saturated with the spirit.
- By dealing with the heart, conscience, fellowship, intuition, mind, will, and emotion, we will be **mature** and **fully grown**; we will have the **stature of the Lord**.

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