

The Economy of God

The Digging of our Inward and Hidden Parts

- In the book of **Numbers**, we see first a **rock** that must be **smitten** for the living water to flow out and then a **well** that must be **dug** for the water to spring up.
 - Both the rock and the well are types of Christ.
 - The **rock** typifies **Christ on the cross**, **smitten by God** so that the living water, which is the Spirit of life, may flow out into us.
 - Christ as the **well of living water** springing up continuously **within us** is something else and has much to do with the present process of digging.
- **We** ourselves must be **dug**.
 - Our **heart** has much **dirt**, which needs to be dug out, and even in our **spirit** there is some **dirt**, which must be dealt with.

Digging the Conscience

- Our **conscience** is not so pure.
 - **Accusations** which we have not confessed to the Lord in our conscience is **dirt** that needs to be dug away.
- When we **refuse** to do what the Lord demands, this becomes an accusation in our conscience.
- If we would experience a free, inward flow of the Spirit, our conscience must first be **dealt with and purified**.
 - The dirt can only be dug away by **going to the Lord** several times each day.

Digging the Heart

- We must also dig away the many things **condemned** by the Lord in our **heart**.
 - Not many have a **pure heart** in seeking only the Lord Himself.
 - We must go to the Lord to dig away **all the things other than Christ** in our heart.
- What things need to be dug away?
 - The **future** and the **guidance** of the Lord.
 - The future is **not in our hands** but in the Lord's.
 - Day by day we are seeking the Lord's guidance, but we do not know how **many things complicate our heart**.

- There are so **many things** in our heart. The **problem** today is that there is too much dirt in our conscience and heart.

Digging the Mind

- We have a layer of the conscience, a layer of the heart, and now we have a layer of our **mind**, which **holds much dirt**.
- We not only dream during the night while we are asleep, but we are still **dreaming** during the day while we are awake.
- Since our mind has been **blocked** by dirt, the **living water** has also been blocked in our mind.
- The heaps of dirt are simply the many **thoughts**, **imaginations**, and **dreams**, which must be dug away before the living water can freely flow.

Digging the Will

- The **will** also contains much dirt.
 - There are not many who are **absolutely and utterly obedient to the Lord**.
- Many **experiences and circumstances** under His sovereignty simply **expose us** to the light so that we may know how stubborn our will is.

Digging the Emotion

- After digging away the dirt from the will, we need to deal with our **emotion**.
- When we are emotional, we are **occupied with ourselves**—we are under the **control and bondage** of our emotions.
- We need to **seek the Lord's presence**, and ask Him to **bring us into His light**.
 - Then we must **follow** His light to dig away the dirt in our conscience, heart, mind, will, and emotion.
 - The more we dig away the dirt, the more we will **be alive**.
- When the **living water** flows **freely** within us, then there is **victory**.
- This digging is accomplished only by **prayer**.
 - We have to spend more and more time with the Lord and pray according to His inner leading.

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