

Sermon: Ten Problem-Solving Devices in Christian Living

Chronological Theological Outline of the Recording

I. Invocation

- Opening prayer of thanksgiving
- Petition for illumination and preparation for the Lord's Table —

II. Introductory Review

- Recap of last week's doctrine: **Propitiation**

III. The Ten Problem-Solving Devices (Full List)

1. Rebound – 1 Jn 1:9
 2. Filling of the Holy Spirit – Eph 5:18
 3. Faith-Rest Drill – Rom 8:28 (et al.)
 4. Grace Orientation – 1 Pe 5:7
 5. Doctrinal Orientation – 2 Ti 3:16
 6. Personal Love for God the Father – Mt 22:37 (alluded)
 7. Impersonal-Unconditional Love for All Mankind – Jn 13:34 (alluded)
 8. Sharing the Happiness (+H) of God – Jn 15:11 (alluded)
 9. Personal Sense of Destiny – Rom 8:28 (inferred)
 10. Occupation with Christ – Heb 12:2 (alluded)
- (Only devices explicitly developed in the audio are expanded below; others remain placeholders.)
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IV. PSD #1 – Rebound (1 John 1:9)

1 John 1:9

- ὁμολογῶμεν – “name, cite, agree with God”
- Guarantees: “He is faithful (πιστός) and just (δίκαιος)”
- Dual result: “forgive ... cleanse from all unrighteousness”

Exegetical Aside

- Forgiveness = known sins; Cleansing = unknown/forgotten sins
Pastoral Application
- Keeps believer inside the divine power system
- “Keep short accounts with God” —

V. Transition: Positional vs. Experiential Truth

- Baptism of the Spirit = positional union
- Filling of the Spirit = experiential power —

VI. PSD #2 – Filling of the Spirit

Philippians 4:11-12

- Paul “learned” (μανθάνω – progressive, academic learning) contentment
- Secret = spiritual mechanics beginning with Rebound + Filling

1 Corinthians 2:14

- Natural man (ψυχικὸς ἄνθρωπος) cannot comprehend spiritual things; Spirit-filling mandatory for perception —

VII. Mechanics of Putting Off / Putting On

Ephesians 4:22-24

- Put off (ἀποτίθημι) old man; put on (ἐνδύω) new man

- v 23 “Renewed in the spirit (πνεῦμα) of your mind” – spiritual metabolism
Illustration
- “Two Radios” – lower the OSN frequency; amplify new-creation frequency via Bible intake

2 Timothy 3:16

- θεόπνευστος – “God-breathed” Scripture = daily spiritual oxygen/food —

VIII. Colossians Mandate for Faith Living

Colossians 2:6

- “As you received (aor.) Christ Jesus the Lord—by faith—keep walking (περιπατεῖτε, pres. act. imp.)”

1 Corinthians 11:31

- Self-judgment (διακρίνω) prevents divine discipline —

IX. PSD #3 – Faith-Rest Drill

Three Stages (as named in the recording)

1. Claim a Promise – e.g., Rom 8:28; Heb 13:5; Phil 4:19
2. Construct a Doctrinal Rationale – Essence, Logistical Grace, or Plan of God
3. Reach a Doctrinal Conclusion & Rest
Key Verses (in exact order cited)
 - A. Ephesians 5:18 – Command to be filled (πληροῦσθε)
 - B. John 4:24 – Worship “in Spirit and in Truth”
 - C. Romans 8:28 – “God causes all things ...”
 - D. 1 Peter 5:7 – “Cast your care ...”
 - E. Philippians 4:19 – “My God will supply ...” (quoted by memory)
 - F. Psalm 37:4-5 – Delight, commit, trust
 - G. Psalm 56:3 – Trust when afraid
 - H. Proverbs 28:25 – Faith vs. arrogance
 - I. Proverbs 29:25 – Fear of man vs. safety in the Lord
 - J. Proverbs 3:5-6 – Trust, lean not, acknowledge, straight paths —

X. PSD #4 – Grace Orientation

Definition & Contrast

- Mercy = God withholds deserved judgment
- Grace = God supplies undeserved blessing
Practical Outworking
- “Creature credit” excluded; blessing on the basis of divine character
- Horizontally: give others the room God gives you —

XI. PSD #5 – Doctrinal Orientation

- Align thinking (νοῦς) with revelation, not circumstances
- Requires daily “breathing in” of Scripture (2 Ti 3:16) —

XII. PSD #6 – Personal Love for God the Father

- Safe category of personal love – Object = Perfect —

XIII. PSD #7 – Impersonal–Unconditional Love for All Mankind

Greek Distinctions

- ἀγάπη = impersonal, virtue-dependent (subject-oriented)
- φιλέω = personal, attraction-dependent (object-oriented)
Problem-Solving Value
- Neutralizes hostility; prevents reactionary sin
- Illustration: professional code of conduct with hostile hospital patients —

XIV. Remaining PSDs (Named Only)

8. Sharing the Happiness (+H) of God – Jn 15:11 (placeholder)
9. Personal Sense of Destiny – Rom 8:28 (placeholder)
10. Occupation with Christ – Heb 12:2 (placeholder) —

XV. Concluding Exhortations

1. All PSDs depend on #1 & #2—stay in fellowship
2. Daily metabolize doctrine; spiritual malnutrition turns up the “old radio”
3. Apply Faith-Rest immediately when disaster strikes
4. Extend grace and unconditional love; solve interpersonal conflicts before they begin —

XVI. Transition to Communion

- Corporate Rebound (1 Jn 1:9) in preparation for the Lord’s Table —

Scripture Reference Chain (Exact Recording Order)

1. 1 John 1:9
2. Philippians 4:11-12
3. 1 Corinthians 2:14
4. Ephesians 4:22-24
5. 2 Timothy 3:16
6. Colossians 2:6
7. 1 Corinthians 11:31
8. Ephesians 5:18
9. John 4:24
10. Romans 8:28
11. 1 Peter 5:7
12. Philippians 4:19
13. Psalm 37:4-5
14. Psalm 56:3
15. Proverbs 28:25
16. Proverbs 29:25
17. Proverbs 3:5-6
18. Romans 8:1 (mentioned in passing) —

Preaching Note:

This outline deliberately echoes the R. B. Thieme cadence—concise doctrinal

bullets, Greek word pulls, and immediate application. Re-visit Rebound & Filling frequently so the congregation never loses the mechanics.