

SESSION 5

FREE AT LAST - OPINIONS



- *“How I see it is not how it is, it is just how I see it.”*





- **1 Cor 13:10-13" *but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away. 11 When I was a child, I used to speak like a child, think like a child, reason like a child; when I became a man, I did away with childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known. 13 But now faith, hope, love, abide these three; but the greatest of these is love.***

- **Rev 3:17-19-*Because you say, "I am rich, and have become wealthy, and have need of nothing," and you do not know that you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked, 18 I advise you to buy from Me gold refined by fire so that you may become rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself, and that the shame of your nakedness will not be revealed; and eye salve to anoint your eyes so that you may see. 19 Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.*"**

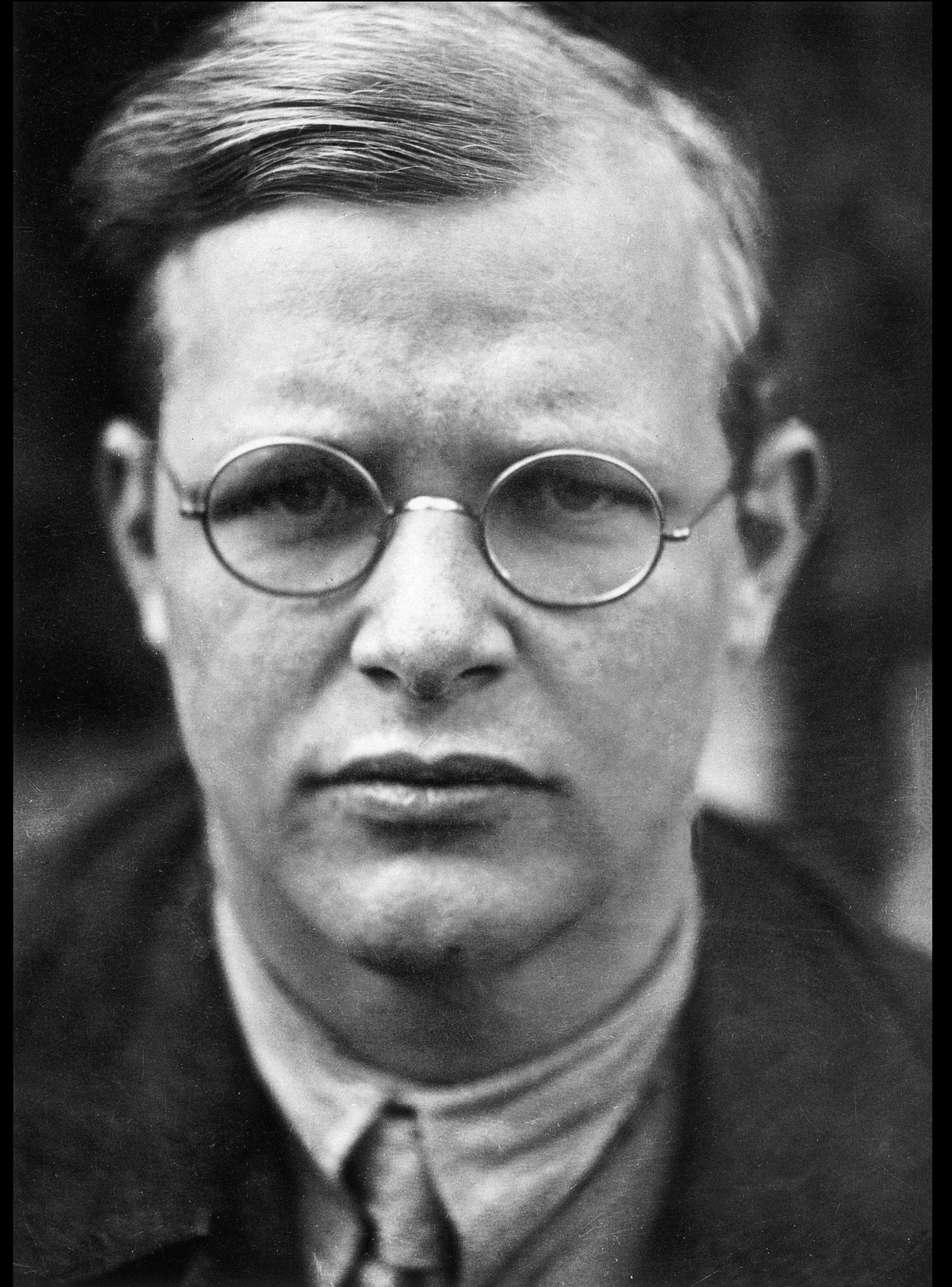
*"JUDGMENTS BASED  
ON YOUR OPINIONS  
CAN CAUSE YOU TO  
AGREE WITH EVIL"*





"WE MUST BE  
READY TO ALLOW  
OURSELVES TO BE  
INTERRUPTED BY  
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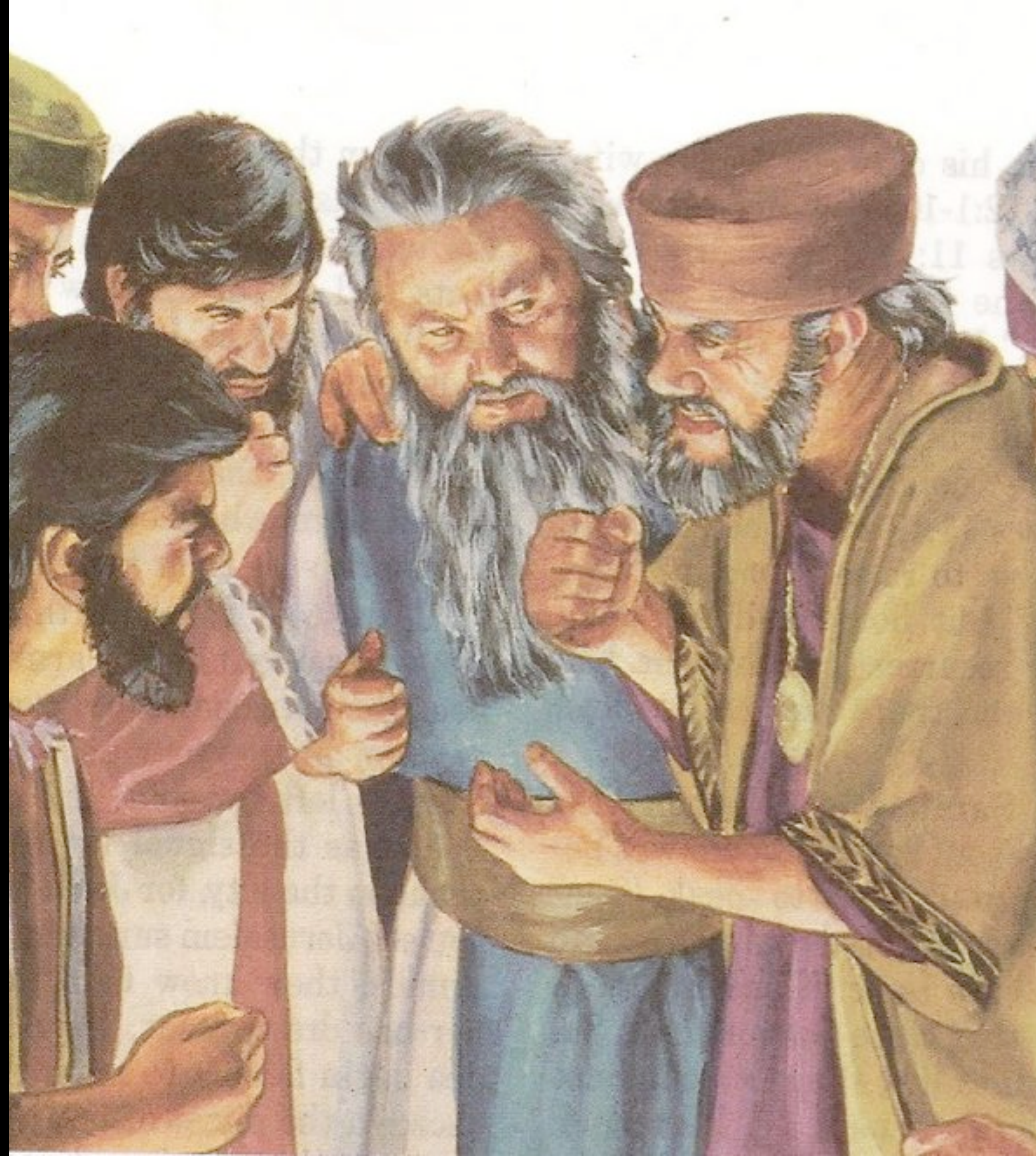


“So what if they  
have low self  
worth, what they  
are doing is  
wrong!!!”





“When we don’t seek the Father for greater self worth, we resort to religion.”





- **John 8:44- "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies."**



“I believe  
you believe  
that, but  
that is not  
who you  
are.”





- **Heb 4:12 (AMP)-*For the word of God is living and active and full of power [making it operative, energizing, and effective]. It is sharper than any two-edged sword, penetrating as far as the division of the soul and spirit [the completeness of a person], and of both joints and marrow [the deepest parts of our nature], exposing and judging the very thoughts and intentions of the heart.***



# 2 STEPS TO FREEDOM

- 1. Forgiving yourself and others
- 2. Releasing yourself and others from your judgments



Question to ponder:

Can you  
give up  
your  
opinions?





- Prov 18:13- "*Spouting off before listening to the facts is both shameful and foolish.*"

**NLT**

- **1 Sam 15:22-23-Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. "For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king."**



## • **25 WARNING SIGNS OF A RELIGIOUS SPIRIT**

• (From Rick Joyner's "Warning Signs of A Religious Spirit")

• A person with a religious spirit:

- 1. will often see as his primary mission the tearing down of what he believes is wrong.
- 2. will be unable to take a rebuke, especially from those he may judge to be less spiritual than himself.
- 3. will have a philosophy that will not listen to men, but "only to God."
- 4. will be inclined to see more of what is wrong with other people, other churches, etc., than what is right with them.
- 5. will be subject to an overwhelming guilt that he can never measure up to the Lord's standards.
- 6. will keep score on his spiritual life.

- 7. will believe that he has been appointed to fix everyone else.
- 8. will have a leadership style which is bossy overbearing and intolerant of the weakness or failure of others.
- 9. will have a sense that he or she is closer to God than other people, or that his life or ministry is more pleasing to Him.
- 10. will take pride in his spiritual maturity and discipline, especially as it compares to others.
- 11. will have the belief that he or she is on the cutting edge of what God is doing.
- 12. will have a mechanical prayer life.



- 13. will do things in order to be noticed by men.
- 14. will be overly repulsed by emotionalism.
- 15. will use emotionalism as substitute for the work of the Holy Spirit.
- 16. will be encouraged when his ministry looks better than others. 17. will glory more in what God has done in the past than in what He is doing in the present.
- 18. will have the tendency to be suspicious of, or to oppose new movements, churches, etc.
- 19. will have the tendency to reject spiritual manifestations that he or she does not understand.

- 20. will overreact to carnality in the church.
- 21. will overreact to immaturity in the church.
- 22. will be overly prone to base evidence of God's approval on manifestations.
- 23. will be unable to join anything that he does not deem as being perfect or near perfect.
- 24. will be overly paranoid of the religious spirit, and quick to recognize it in others, but not himself.
- 25. will have the tendency to glory in anything but the cross of Jesus, what He has accomplished and Who He is.