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Welcome / Prayer

<https://www.independentsentinel.com/john-kerry-says-we-must-reduce-farming-to-feed-the-world/>

Farming is too dirty,

- “We can’t get to net zero; we don’t get this job done unless agriculture is front and center
- “It doesn’t work, so we have to reduce emissions from the food system to keep the 1.5 degrees.

<https://www.thaimbc.com/2023/10/27/jeff-bezos-pushes-wefs-bug-eating-agenda-for-public/>

(see) Bezos pushing insects to save planet PLAY VIDEO

Bloomberg says eating bugs is a consequence of climate change

WaPo says we should start eating ants and crickets

<https://www.tysonfoods.com/news/news-releases/2023/10/tyson-foods-announces-partnership-protix-more-sustainable-protein>

Alerted to Bragg’s vinegar –

<https://www.eater.com/23540919/braggs-apple-cider-katy-perry-drama>

Katy Perry and Orlando bloom bought Bragg’s and they get their apples from a supplier that coats with Apeel, who are they?

<https://thehighwire.com/editorial/why-is-wef-bill-gates-funded-apeel-on-organic-produce/>

how did Apeel, a bizarre World Economic Forum (WEF) and Bill Gates-funded food coating that makes spoiling fruits and vegetables appear fresh, become approved for use on USDA Organic produce under the name Organipeel?

And for those still on the fence about the company, OGA, which is asking the OMRI to explain what’s in Organipeel and what led them to approve it—since they haven’t shared that crucial information—sums up its assessment of Apeel nicely, stating:

“Given everything else Bill Gates and the World Economic Forum expect us to swallow or inject, we can’t be too skeptical, but are the problems with Apeel on the same level as other food safety concerns?”

Point? WW2 had victory gardens – learn to be self sufficient. Or don’t, but be aware.

Last week we continued with Jesus breaking the habit loop and zeroed in on what ‘pluck it out’ and ‘cut it off’ means when you sin with your eye and with your hand.

Test question:

Someone asks you what that’s all about & says Jesus is crazy. Your response?

We finished talking about what Jesus points toward – the mortification of the flesh. It’s not a 1-time thing.

We TOUCHED on (see old slide, and this is a series all by itself) the concept of life-through-death

You see this manifested in

- Life of Christ
- Life of the disciples (never living for themselves)
- Deaths of the prophets (not serving themselves, but you 1Pet1:12)
- The promises of God (REALLY READ about these guys!)
 - Abraham
 - Jacob
 - Moses
 - Gideon
 - David

Think of many “heroes” of the faith you can and there’s an element of death in the promises God gave them.

You see it in the Christian disciplines

- Giving
- Praying
- Fasting
- Serving others (when you have ‘better’ things to do)

Life through death involves suffering – an element not taught in the Western churches.

We don’t like that because it doesn’t make us warm

But without it, we’ll NEVER be able to understand the gospel.

Onto another example habit loop... (Matt 5:38 slide)

Matthew 5:38 "You have heard that it was said, 'AN EYE FOR AN EYE, AND A TOOTH FOR A TOOTH.' 39 "But I say to you, do not resist an evil person; but

CUE (habit loop: retaliation, how we react to conflict)

- When faced with conflict what social habit(s) do you project?
 - formulate a comeback?
 - seek to understand first?

whoever slaps you on your right cheek,

NEW ROUTINE (Fill yourself with a new food, get busy doing something different)

turn the other to him also.

Do what nobody does

- The ungodly can return good for good
- The ungodly can return evil for evil
- Only the godly can return good for evil

NEW REWARD

/// 45 so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven

then goes on to say:

⁴⁶ "For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? ⁴⁷ "If you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing *than others*? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? ⁴⁸ "Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Perfect? Who is perfect? What does He mean?

Perfect (5046) (teleios from telos = an end, a purpose, an aim, a goal) means complete, mature, fully developed, full grown, brought to its end, finished, wanting nothing necessary to completeness, in good working order.

Gnostics – secret knowledge = key to salvation,

- Matter is evil, spirit is good
- God is really un-knowable personally
- Only enlightened people can see truth (sound familiar?)

Paul constantly battled Gnosticism

Gnostics used this word “perfect” often.

Curious Paul uses it

The word has 3 shades, depending how it's used:

1. Speaks of totality (vs partial / limited)
2. Speaks of fully developed (vs immature)
3. Refers to being in a state of full-preparedness, or readiness (vs ill- or un-prepared)

So the 'retaliation' habit loop is broken by recognizing the cue (the slap)

The new routine is allowing them to have their way

He doesn't go into profound detail but covers a broad array of issues and the apostles fill in the blanks



Ask yourself, what does it take to turn the other cheek?

humility

These roosters represent two men

One must choose which battle he wants to win:

- the physical/carnal/earthly battle for superiority against him
- the spiritual battle for his soul against the powers of sin (deception) and darkness

For the carnal, just be yourself and let him have it with your opinion followed by insults

For the spiritual, this takes a different approach.

Here we're talking about 'turn the other cheek' everyone knows.

What IS humility?

(walk them through **this** - <https://www.blueletterbible.org/>)

- humble
- pick James 4:20

From (Pig for aching feet slide) sermonindex.com (great place to find IN-DEPTH word studies you can't find elsewhere) originally used (from Pindar, an ancient greek lyric poet from Thebes in the 5th cent. B.C. on) with the sense of low-lying.

It is notable that to the Greeks tapeinos and derivatives were words of contempt for they saw man as the measure of all things (sounds very contemporary). To be low on the social scale, to know poverty, or to be socially powerless was

considered shameful to the proud Greeks. Thus they used tapeinos almost exclusively in a derisive way, most commonly of a slave.

We see examples **here**:

Mt 18:4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

- A child hasn't been taught 'social posturing' yet, and will say, "But the emperor is naked, mom."

Lu 3:5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways *shall be* made smooth;

- again, used as in 1st definition in blueletterbible to level, reduce to a plain

And the encouragement to adopt this WAY OF THINKING

Phil 2: 3 Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others. 5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,

So (parable 2 sons) **we just run out and turn the other cheek?**

Jesus gave a parable of 2 sons being told to go work in the vineyard. **What were the responses of the 2 sons?**

Matt21: 28 "But what do you think? A man had two sons, and he came to the first and said, 'Son, go work today in the vineyard.' 29 "And he answered, 'I will not'; but afterward he regretted it and went. 30 "The man came to the second and said the same thing; and he answered, 'I will, sir'; but he did not go. 31 "Which of the two did the will of his father?" They * said, "The first."

Jesus *said to them, "Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and prostitutes will get into the kingdom of God before you. 32 "For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him; but the tax collectors and prostitutes did believe him; and you, seeing *this*, did not even feel remorse afterward so as to believe him.

Who did the Father's will?

Why did the first one go do His Father's will? – because he regretted/repented himself = he changed his mind

General question here: **What do you have to do first before you change your mind about something?**

You have to THINK about it...

Going back 1 slide (Phil 2:5) have this attitude, or KJV says, "Let this mind be in you"

In other words, start thinking along these lines.

In our short series about epigenetics we'll see what happens to you physically when you start doing this

(go here → <https://www.amazon.com/Mind-Brain-Neuroplasticity-Power-Mental/dp/0060988479>)

According to Schwartz & Begley of *The Mind and the Brain: Neuroplasticity and the Power of Mental Force: the Quantum Zeno Effect (QZE)*. QZE is the repeated effort that causes learning to take place. When you go over and over something, reading it, thinking about it, writing it down, and then repeating this process, you deepen your knowledge and understanding, direct your attention, and grow nerve cells. The neurons in your brain line up and fire together because you are firing synapses over and over, which causes genetic expression to happen and makes the synapses and proteins stronger. The changes in your brain caused by this deep, repeated, intellectually targeted focus can be seen with brain imaging techniques.⁶

Basically the QZE stipulates that your brain becomes what you focus on and how you focus.

So the consequence is a structural change in the brain that produces behavior because we operate from what we have built into our brain.
