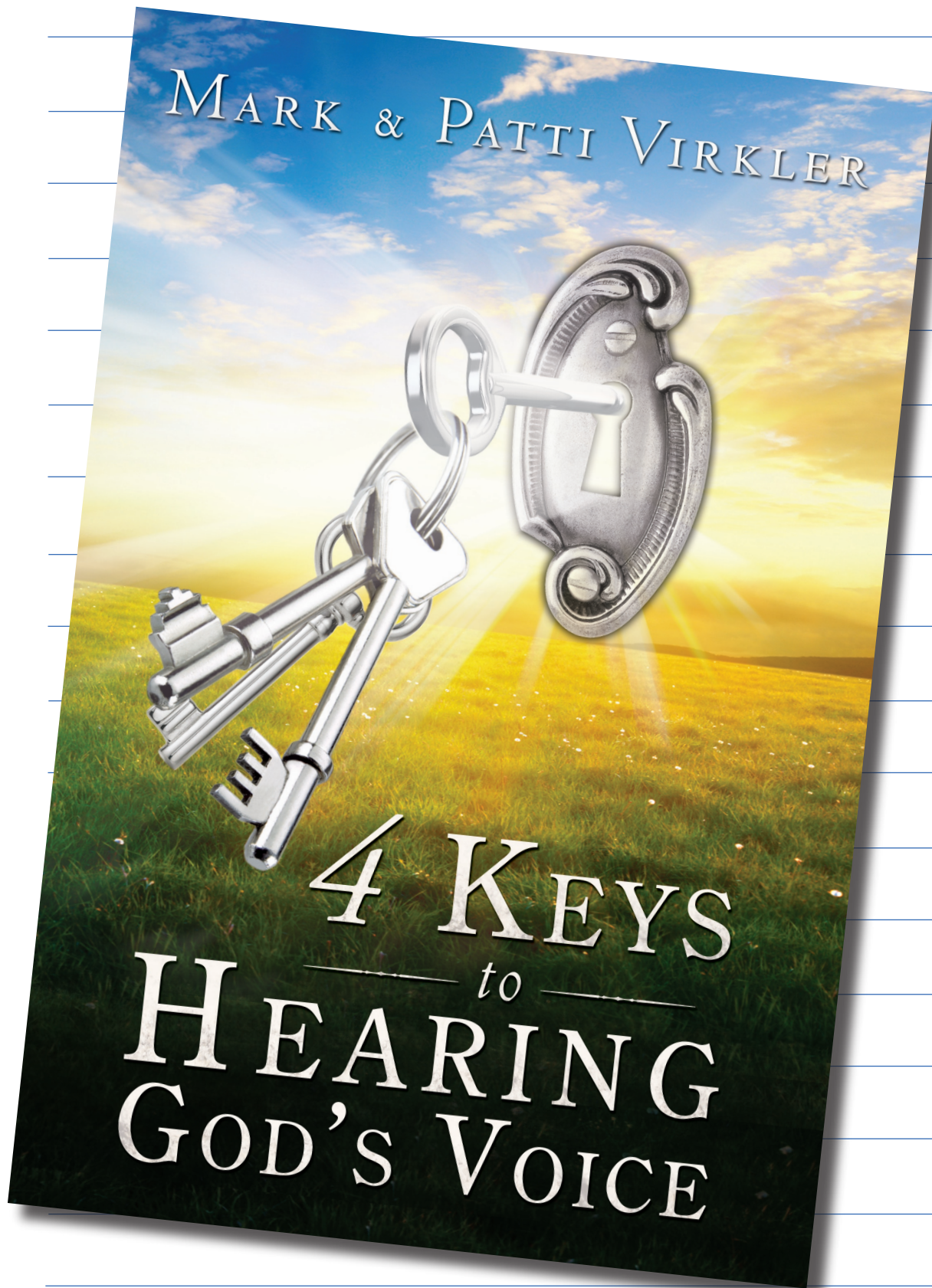


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LIFE ENRICHMENT AND REVIEW NOTEBOOK

4 KEYS TO HEARING GOD'S VOICE

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DISCOVERING FOUR KEYS TO HEARING GOD'S VOICE



AS EXEMPLIFIED IN HABAKKUK

STATED BRIEFLY

Key #1 “I will stand at my guardpost

Another example: Ps. 62:5

Key #2 I will keep watch and see

More examples: Heb. 12:2; Acts 2:25

Key #3 What He will speak to me...”

Another example: Jn. 7:37-39

Key #4 Then the Lord said, “Record the vision...”

Another example: Deut 17:18

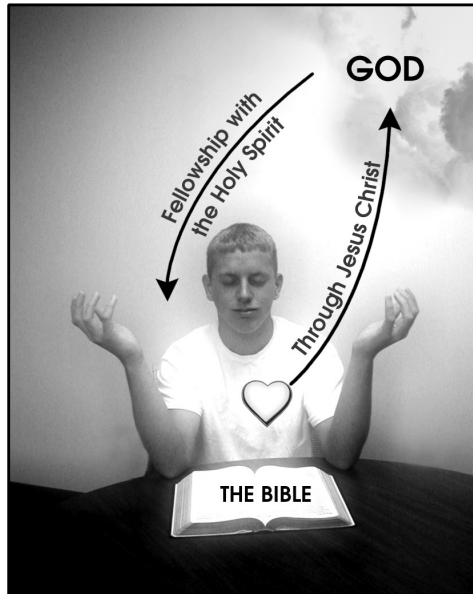
Habakkuk 2:1,2

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CHRISTIAN SPIRIT ENCOUNTER IS VERY DIFFERENT FROM NEW AGE SPIRIT ENCOUNTER!

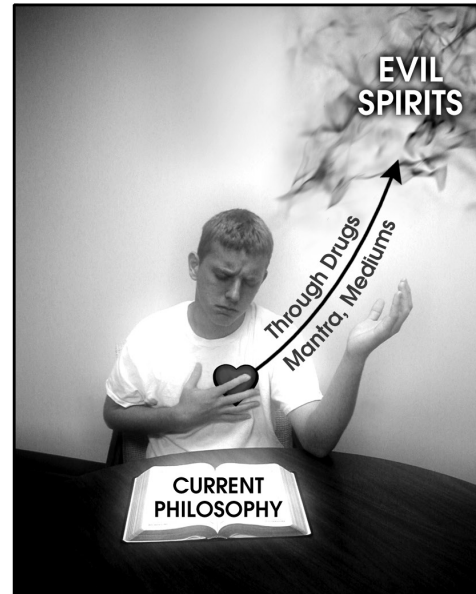
- ◆ Christians have different foundations
 - ◆ Christians have different goals
 - ◆ Christians have different processes

GOAL IS DIVINE ENCOUNTER



THE CHRISTIAN

GOAL IS SPIRIT CONSCIOUSNESS



THE NEW AGER

Therefore, even though apparent similarities exist, a closer look shows great differences.

BIBLICAL SAFEGUARDS FOR HEARING GOD'S VOICE

(Check each that is currently in your life.)

- 1. You are a born-again Christian, having accepted Jesus Christ into your heart as your Lord and Savior, and having had your sins washed away by His cleansing blood.
- 2. You accept the Bible as the inerrant Word of God.
- 3. You demonstrate your love and respect for God by your commitment to knowing His Word.
- 4. You have an attitude of submission to what God has shown you from the Bible.
- 5. You have two or three spiritual advisors to whom you go for input on a regular basis.

A fairly young Christian can meet all these requirements. It only takes a day and a half to read through the New Testament, and the rest of the requirements can be met upon conversion. It is wonderful if new believers begin communing with God during the early days of their spiritual walk. They then find the rest and peace their souls so eagerly long for.

- Check here if you meet the above five safeguards.
- Check here if you do not meet the above five safeguards but plan to resolve the problem area(s) within the next few weeks.
- Check here if you do not plan to meet the above five safeguards and choose not to return for the rest of the seminar.

ONE KEY SAFEGUARD – “SPIRITUAL COUNSELORS”

PROVIDING AN UMBRELLA OF PROTECTION

“Obey (Greek: *Peitho* – allow yourself to be persuaded by) your leaders, and submit to them; for they watch over your soul, as those who will give an account. Let them do this with joy and not grief, for this would be unprofitable for you.” (Heb. 13:17)

“In the multitude of counselors there is safety.” (Prov. 11:14)

God has established spiritual advisors as an umbrella of protection, to help guard us from self-deception within our own hearts, as well as from the deception of satan.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN A SPIRITUAL COUNSELOR:

1. A **close friend**, one who knows the sheep, and whose sheep recognize his voice.
2. One who has a **solid biblical orientation**.
3. One who can sense the **voice of the Spirit** of God in his own heart.
4. One who is willing to **commit himself to the sheep**, who will invest his time and energy, and is willing to lay down his life for the sheep for whom he is responsible.
5. He himself **receives counsel**.
6. He is **ahead of me** in the area.

WHICH JOURNAL ENTRIES DO I SUBMIT?

1. You will want to submit major decisions in your life to your spiritual counselor before acting on them. A major decision is one which calls for a major change in the direction of one’s life, ministry, or job, or a major financial commitment to which he will be bound for several years to come.
2. In addition, you will want to take your early journaling and prophecy to your counselor for confirmation, in order to help you gain confidence in discerning the voice of God within your heart.

You will also recognize that God is the authority over all authorities (Rom. 13:1), and that the heart of the king is in the Lord’s hand (Prov. 21:1). Therefore, as you pray for the one over you (I Tim. 2:1-4), you trust God to work His perfection through man’s imperfection.

HOW MANY COUNSELORS DO I NEED?

“Every fact is to be confirmed by the testimony of two or three witnesses.” (II Cor. 13:1)

SOME ALREADY ESTABLISHED COUNSELORS ARE:

Parents, spouses, employers, home cell group leaders, pastors, elders, Sunday School teachers, spiritual directors and so on.

It is not wise to build close spiritual relationships with members of the opposite sex. There is too much danger of these evolving into physical relationships and causing destructive explosions.

HOW TO AVOID AUTHORITARIAN ADVISORS

Jesus said that we don’t rule over others as the heathen do, with the use of force, but **in love we serve one another**. The use of domination, intimidation or control is strictly forbidden to the way of love (I Pet. 5:1-6).

The center of these relationships is friendship rather than authority.

Submission is an openness to the Spirit-led counsel and correction of several others, while keeping a sense of personal responsibility for our own discernment of God’s voice within us.

List below several names that come to your mind as those to whom God would have you receive counsel from.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Have you been hurt by abusive authorities? Yes No

Has God healed your hurts? Yes No

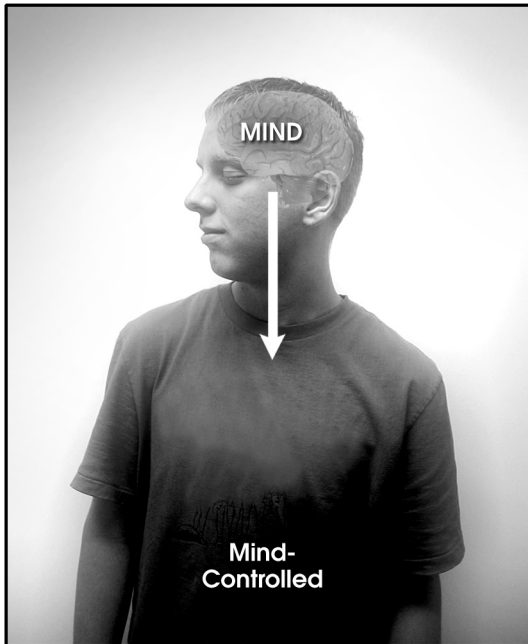
If you are still unhealed, spend some time in prayer with a friend and let God guide you through the healing process.

A THEOLOGICAL BACKDROP FOR EXPERIENCING SPIRITUAL INTIMACY

THE MIND AND THE SPIRIT (I COR. 1:18 – 2:16)

To experience spiritual communication, most Westerners will have to do the following:

Dethrone the Mind (Rationalism)



Rationalism Defined: “Reliance on reason as the basis for establishment of religious truth; a theory that reason is in itself a source of knowledge superior to and independent of sense perceptions.”

(Webster’s New Collegiate Dictionary)

Enthroned the Spirit (Spirit Control)



Realize that knowledge can be transmitted Spirit to spirit.

“Things which eye has not seen and ear has not heard, and which have not entered the heart of man, all that God has prepared for those who love Him. For to us God revealed them through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches all things, even the depths of God.”

(I Cor. 2:9,10)

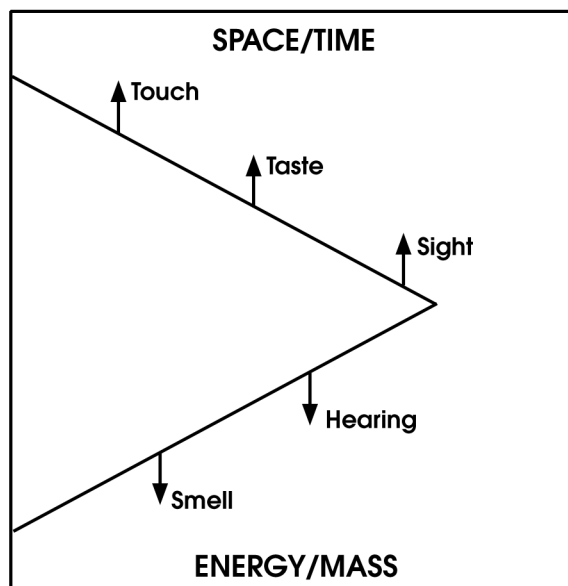
God is calling us to present our minds and our hearts to Him to fill and to flow through. Biblical meditation incorporates both Spirit-led reasoning and heart revelation.

Jesus allowed divine initiative to guide both His heart and His mind (Jn. 5:19). Let us seek to do the same. Our lives will be fully restored and balanced when they match the lives of New Testament Christians.

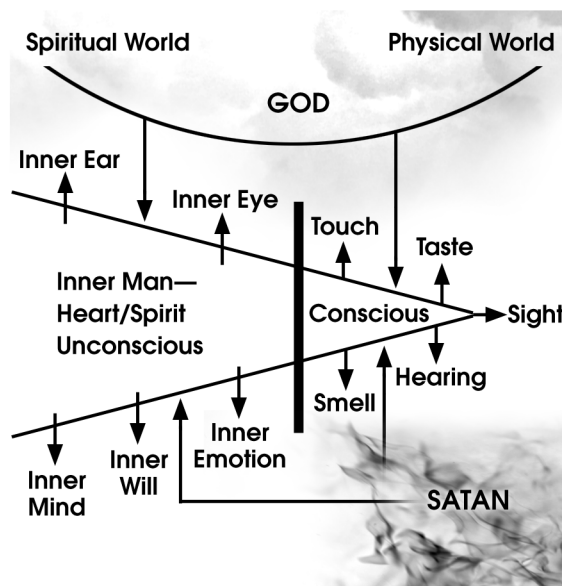
A PHILOSOPHICAL BACKDROP FOR EXPERIENCING SPIRITUAL INTIMACY

FIRST WORLDVIEW — RATIONALISM

The Box—Spiritual world nonexistent or unknowable



SECOND WORLDVIEW — RATIONALISM/MYSTICISM COMBINED



GOD IS CALLING US TO GO BEYOND RATIONAL CHRISTIANITY

RATIONAL CHRISTIANITY

1. Code of ethics
2. Laws
3. Works
4. Head knowledge
5. Theology
6. External guidance
7. Self effort
8. Conscious level only

SPIRITUAL CHRISTIANITY

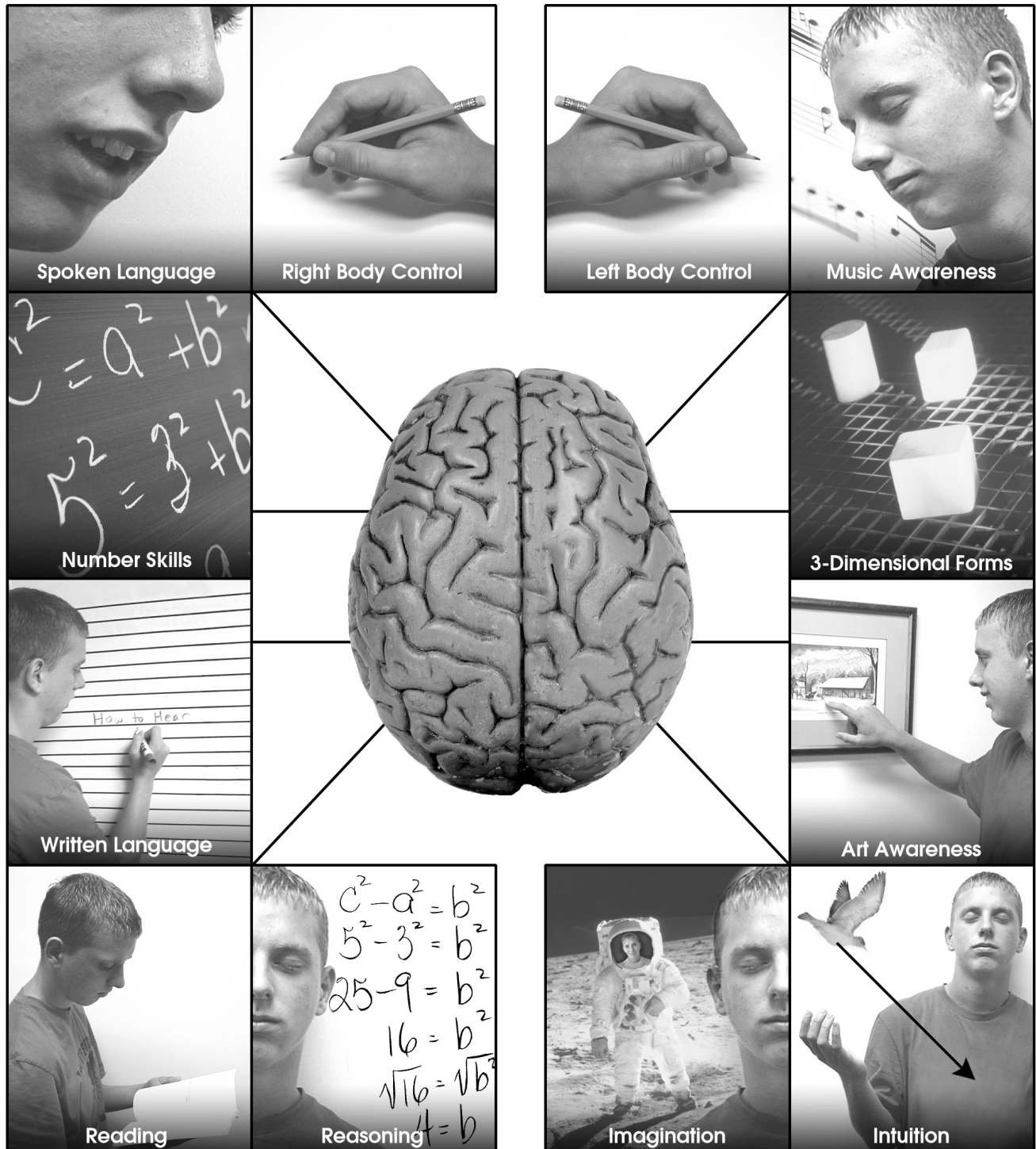
1. The power that works within
2. Intimacy (Abba Father)
3. Romance (marriage of the Bride)
4. Illumined truth
5. Spirit encounter
6. Inner witness
7. Fused strength
8. Dreams, visions, communion

The Lord spoke to me a verse of Scripture from John 5:39,40. He said to me, “Mark, you search the Scriptures, because you think that in them you have eternal life; and it is these that bear witness of me; and you are unwilling to COME TO ME, THAT YOU MAY HAVE LIFE.”

It was as if a sword went through me. Of course! I had idolized the Bible! In my love for Scriptures, I had made them God, rather than a book that God had written to me about other people’s experiences with Him. I had been willing to live out of the Bible rather than out of God Himself. And I was pierced within as I realized that Jesus had initially spoken these words from John to the Pharisees of His day.

A SCIENTIFIC BACKDROP FOR EXPERIENCING SPIRITUAL INTIMACY

LEFT- AND RIGHT-HEMISPHERE BRAIN FUNCTIONS



Are you left- or right-brained? Find out with a fun online test, free at www.cwgministries.org/brain

SPIRITUAL INTIMACY: THE DESIRE OF GOD'S HEART

Key Thought: We must catch a vision that communion is God's deepest desire.

1. Creation (Genesis 3:8)
2. Nation of Israel (Deuteronomy 5:22-31; James 2:23)
3. David (Acts 13:22)
4. Jesus – The Full Expression of God's Desire (John 17:3)
5. Mary and Martha (Luke 10:38)
6. Paul (Philippians 3:10)
7. Us (Hebrews 12:18-26) "Do not refuse Him Who is speaking."
8. Eternity (Revelation 19:7)

**God Created Us for the Supreme Purpose
of Having a Love Relationship with Him.**

A LETTER TO YOUR BELOVED

EXERCISE: Write a love letter to Jesus and let Him respond. As you share your heart and love with Jesus, you may sense a flow of spontaneous thoughts and impressions coming back to you. God may be telling you of His love for you. If so, begin to write out of the spontaneous flow and allow this to become a two-way love letter.

CAUTION: USING JOURNALING FOR DIRECTIVE GUIDANCE...

AT THIS POINT IN TIME we ask you to only use your two-way journaling for building a deeper relationship with your divine Lover, Almighty God. His passion is to share His heart with you, to build up your faith, hope and love (1 Cor. 13:13), and to offer you edification, exhortation and comfort (1 Cor. 14:3). Please restrict your journaling to these categories for this period of time, and stay away from predictive and “yes” and “no” questions. We will discuss how to deal with these types of issues later in the teaching. We recommend you use “The Leader’s Paradigm” for such decisions (see page 28).

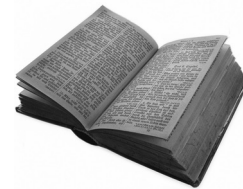


KEY #1 – RECOGNIZE GOD’S VOICE AS SPONTANEOUS THOUGHTS WHICH LIGHT UPON YOUR MIND

**God’s Voice (*Rhema*)
Is Sensed as a Spontaneous Thought, Idea, Word, Feeling or Vision**

- Thoughts from my mind are analytical.
- Thoughts from my heart are spontaneous.
- Biblical meditation combines analysis and spontaneity.*

BIBLICAL SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT THAT SPONTANEOUS THOUGHTS ARE THE VOICE OF THE SPIRIT WORLD



1. NOT ALL THOUGHTS IN OUR MINDS ORIGINATE WITH US (II COR. 10:3-5).

“For though we walk in the flesh, we **do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh**, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses. We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ....”

2. PAGA – “THE CHANCE ENCOUNTER”

The Hebrew word for intercession is *paga*, which literally means “to strike or light upon by chance,” or “an accidental intersecting.”

3. THE RIVER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FLOWS WITHIN THE BELIEVER’S HEART (JN. 7:37-39 NKJ).

“On the last day, that great [day] of the feast, Jesus stood and cried out saying, ‘If anyone thirsts, let him come to Me and drink. He who believes in Me, as the Scripture has said, out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.’ But this He spoke concerning the Spirit, whom those believing in Him would receive; for the Holy Spirit was not yet [given], because Jesus was not yet glorified.”

4. NABA, THE HEBREW WORD FOR PROPHEYSING.

	PROPHECY	FALSE PROPHECY
Root Hebrew Word	<i>Naba</i>	<i>Ziyd</i>
Literal Definition	Bubble up	Boil up
Expanded Meaning	His prophecy bubbles up. His prophecy gushes up.	He boils up his prophecy. He cooks up his prophecy.
Inner Poise	Fix eyes on Jesus and tune to spontaneous flow.	Fix eyes on self’s desires and devise a word or vision.

5. WE ARE A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.

“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit [who is] in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?” (I Cor. 6:19 NKJ)

6. THE CHRISTIAN’S SPIRIT IS FUSED TO THE HOLY SPIRIT.

“But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit [with Him]. (I Cor. 6:17 NKJ)

“The spirit of man is the candle of the Lord....” (Prov. 20:27a KJV)

7. WE ARE A BRANCH GRAFTED INTO A VINE.

“I am the vine, you [are] the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.” (Jn. 15:5 NKJ)

**OTHER SUPPORT FOR THE CONCEPT THAT
SPONTANEOUS IDEAS ARE THE VOICE OF THE SPIRIT WORLD**

1. The experience of creative flashes
2. The experience of destructive flashes

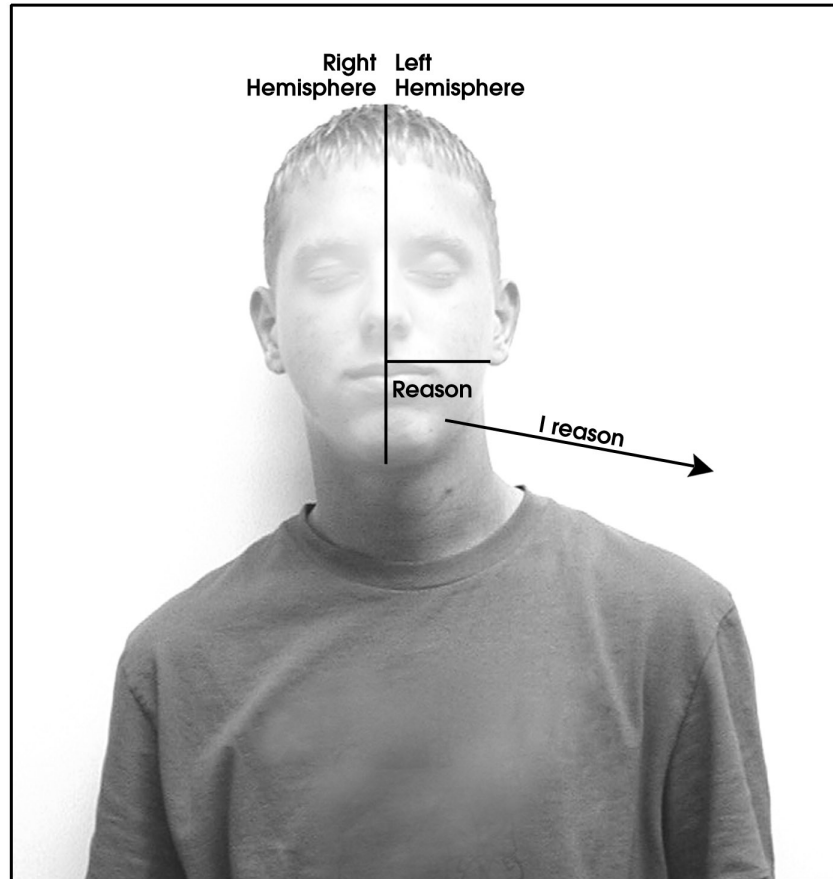
**THE FOLLOWING QUALITIES WILL CHARACTERIZE
GOD’S THOUGHTS INTERJECTED INTO YOUR HEART**

1. They are like your own thoughts and musings except that you sense them as coming from the heart not the brain, in that they will be **spontaneous, not cognitive or analytical**.
2. They can easily come as God speaking in the first person.
3. They are often light and gentle, and easily cut off by any exertion of self (own thoughts, will, etc.).
4. They will have an unusual content to them, in that they will be wiser, more loving, and more motive-oriented than your thoughts.
5. They will cause a special reaction within your being (e.g., a sense of excitement, conviction, faith, life, awe, peace).
6. When embraced, they carry with them a fullness of strength to carry them out, as well as a joy in doing so.
7. Your spiritual senses are trained as time goes on, and you will more easily and frequently experience God speaking in this way.
8. Remember: God is speaking to you all the time, and you are receiving His injected thoughts. Until you begin distinguishing them from your own, you are simply grouping them all together and assuming they are yours. In learning to distinguish His voice, you are learning how to separate the spontaneous thoughts that are coming from Him from the analytical thoughts that are coming from your own mind.

Western Study

Man's use of his rational abilities

“Application of the mental faculties
to the acquisition of knowledge”
(*Webster*)



Study (My use of one part of one hemisphere of my brain)

1. Is nowhere endorsed in Scripture (II Tim. 2:15 is a mis-translation in the KJV Bible).
2. Is self in action (Humanism – a false god).
3. Is self using reason (Rationalism – a false god).
4. Results in wisdom from below – earthly, natural, demonic (Jas. 3:15). For example, reason caused Peter to be at odds with the purposes of God (Jn. 18:10,11).

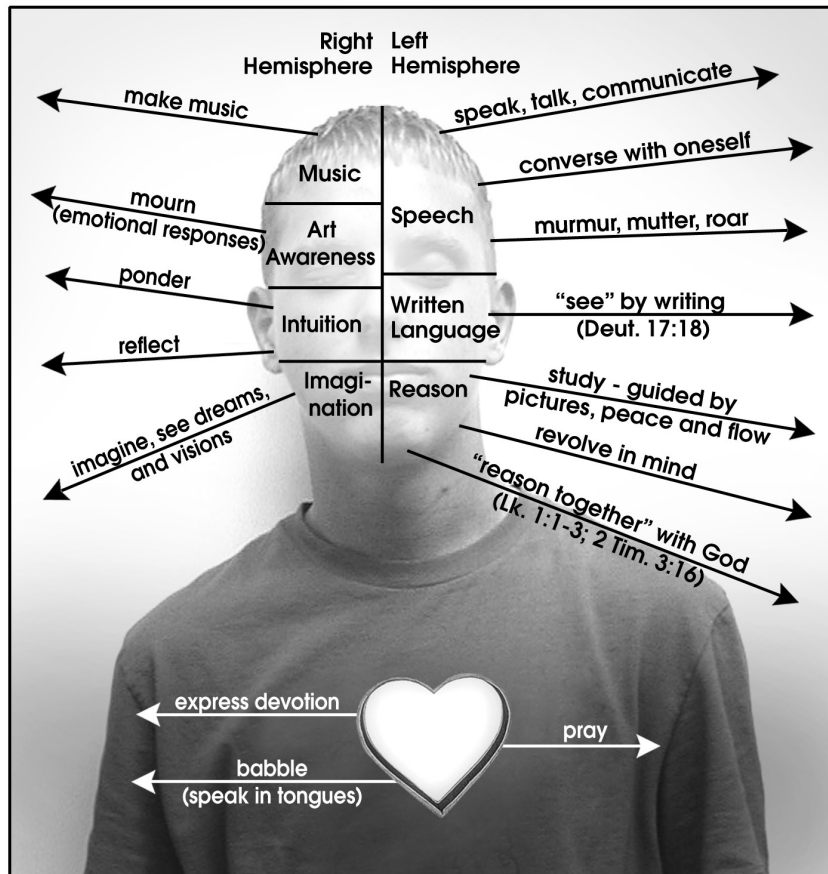
Study violates the following biblical principles:

1. Gal. 2:20 – I resurrect self, which no longer lives.
2. Rom. 12:1 – I am using my faculties rather than presenting them to God to use.
3. Is. 1:18 – I'm reasoning, rather than reasoning together with God.
4. Gen. 3:5 – I've fallen prey to the temptation of the Garden of Eden that "I can know good and evil."

Biblical Meditation

The Holy Spirit's use of every faculty of man's heart and mind

“To murmur; to converse with oneself, and hence aloud; speak; talk; babbling; communication; mutter; roar; mourn; a murmuring sound; i.e. a musical notation; to study; to ponder; revolve in the mind; imagine; pray; prayer; reflection; devotion”
(Strong's Exhaustive Concordance)*



Meditation (God's use of every part of both hemispheres of my brain as He fills and flows out through my heart by His Spirit)

1. Is endorsed 18 times in the KJV Bible.
2. Is God in action within the individual.
3. Is God granting revelation through the heart and mind which has been yielded to Him.
4. Results in wisdom from above – pure, peaceable, gentle (Jas. 3:17).

Meditation applies the following biblical principles:

1. Gal. 2:20 – I let Christ live through me.
2. Rom. 12:1 – I am yielding my outer faculties to the indwelling Spirit (i.e. to “flow” – Jn. 7:38).
3. Is. 11:2 When reasoning together with God, I receive a **spirit** of wisdom, understanding and knowledge.
4. Jn. 5:19,20,30 – I'm living as Jesus did, out of divine initiative, doing what I see and hear my Father doing.

*Old Testament numbers: 1897, 1900, 1901, 1902, 7878, 7879, 7881; New Testament numbers: 3191, 4304

PERSONAL APPLICATION – JOURNALING EXERCISE

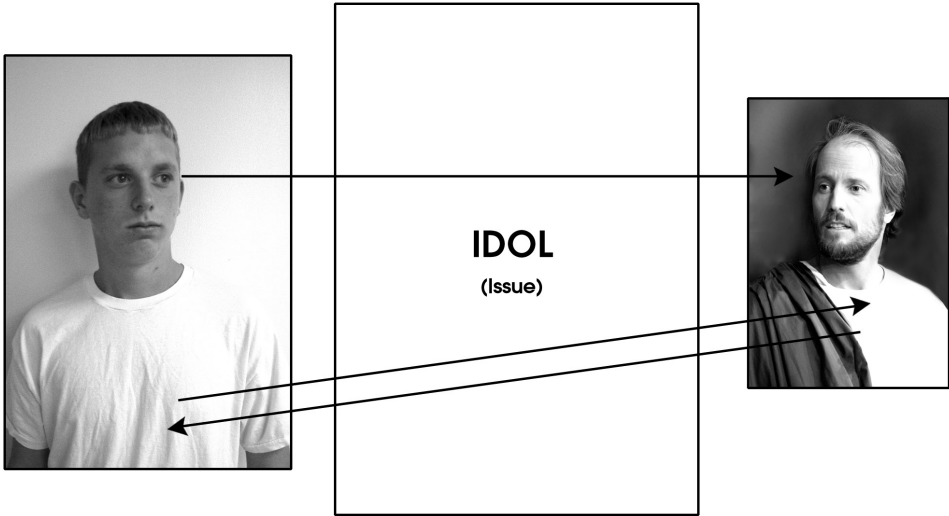
Take 5-10 minutes to complete this journaling exercise. Write down a question you would like to ask the Lord. It can be any question you choose, so long as it is not one of the most traumatic questions of your life. Those cause you to get uptight and tend to inhibit you from maintaining the biblical poise of stillness which is commanded as we approach God (Ps. 46:10). You may ask Him, “Lord, do You love me?” or, “How do You see me?” or, “What would You like to say to me?” Or you may ask Him about a situation you are facing, or about what He wants to say concerning the truth of this session, or whatever. Take a moment, choose your question and write it down, tune to spontaneity, fixing your vision on Jesus, and record what bubbles up within you.

PRAYING WITH AN IDOL IN YOUR HEART

Ezekiel 14:4

PRAYING WITH AN IDOL

“THE THING” is held more prominently in your consciousness and vision than is Jesus.



The answer comes back through the idol: “Yes.”

PRAYING WITHOUT AN IDOL

Jesus is held more prominently in your heart and mind than is “The Thing” for which you are praying.



The answer comes back from Jesus: “Yes.” or “No.”

THE PRINCIPLE: The intuitive flow comes out of the vision being held before one’s eyes.
AN EXAMPLE: Balaam – Numbers 22:15-35



KEY #2 – QUIET YOURSELF SO YOU CAN HEAR GOD’S VOICE

“My soul, wait in silence for God only, For my hope is from Him.” (Psalm 62:5, NASU)

REMOVING OUTER NOISE

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

REMOVING INNER NOISE (VOICES, THOUGHTS, PRESSURES)

PROBLEM	SOLUTION
1. Thoughts of things to do.	1. Write them down so you don't forget them.
2. Thoughts of sin-consciousness. the	2. Confess your sin and clothe yourself with robe of righteousness.
3. Mind flitting about. you.	3. Focus on a vision of Jesus with
4. Need to get in touch with your heart.	4. Begin singing and listening to the spontaneous song bubbling up from your heart.
5. Need for additional time to commune when your mind is poised and still.	5. Realize that times when you are doing automatic activities (driving, bathing, exercising, routine jobs, etc.) are ideal times for hearing from God.

HOW ELISHA AND DAVID STILLED THEMSELVES

It is interesting to me to study the great prophets of the Bible to see what they did when they wanted to touch the divine flow. Take Elisha, for example. In II Kings 3:15,16 we find that when Elisha wanted to receive a prophetic word from God, he said,

“‘Now bring me a minstrel.’ And it came about, when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him. And he said, ‘Thus says the Lord....’”

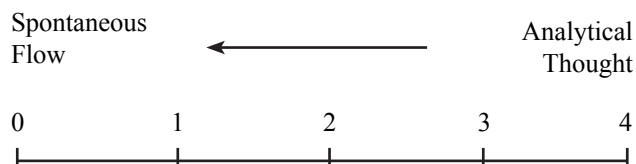
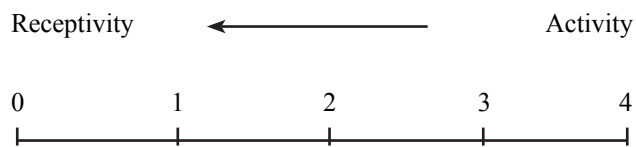
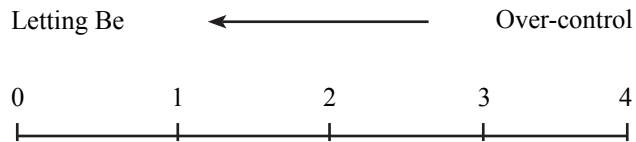
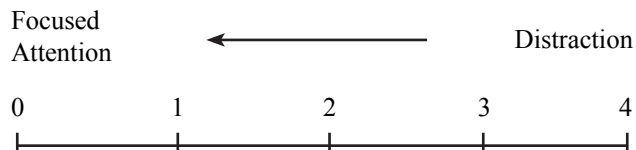
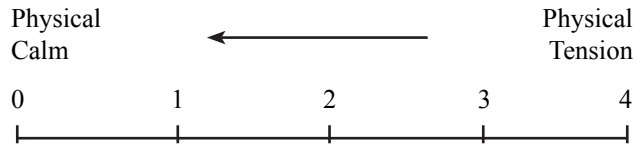
So we see that Elisha used music to assist in tuning him to the voice of God from within, and away from outer reasoning. It is interesting to note that outer reasoning is considered left brain by scientists and that both intuition and music are considered right brain.

I suggest that when you want to move from reasoning, which flows through the left side of the brain, to intuition, which flows through the right side of the brain, you can do as Elisha did, and use music (which also flows through the right side of the brain), and that will cause a shift internally from the left hemisphere to the right hemisphere. It is so easy, and so simply and thoroughly biblical.

Of course, David also used music to quiet himself. His psalms, which are his recorded prayers, were set to music. I have found that what works well for me is to sing a quiet love song to the King of Kings and picture the words which I am singing (vision also flows through the right side of the brain). This poises me instantly before the intuitive flow that springs up from my heart and I begin immediately recording the precious words which flow from my Lord and King.

IDENTIFYING THE STATE OF BEING STILL

Circle the number that is closest to where you tend to live.



Meditation is commanded throughout the Scriptures, and so are each of these elements that make up the meditative pose. Consider the following with me.

THE BIBLICAL EXHORTATION CONCERNING PHYSICAL CALM

“There remains therefore a Sabbath rest for the people of God. For the one who has entered His rest has himself also rested from his works, as God did from His. Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall through following the same example of disobedience.” (Heb. 4:9-11)

“And to whom did He swear that they should not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? And so we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.” (Heb. 3:18,19)

THE BIBLICAL EXHORTATION CONCERNING FOCUSED ATTENTION

“Let us also lay aside every encumbrance, and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run...fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith...” (Heb. 12:1,2)

“Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, these things the Son also does in like manner.” (Jn. 5:19)

THE BIBLICAL EXHORTATION CONCERNING LETTING BE

“Cease striving [marginal reference: let go, relax] and know that I am God.” (Ps. 46:10)

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all comprehension, shall guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” (Phil. 4:6,7)

THE BIBLICAL EXHORTATION CONCERNING RECEPTIVITY

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you, unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing.” (Jn. 15:4,5)

THE BIBLICAL EXHORTATION CONCERNING SPONTANEOUS FLOW

“He who believes in Me, as the Scripture said, ‘From his innermost being shall flow rivers of living water.’ But this He spoke of the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him were to receive....”(Jn. 7:38,39)

OTHER CHARACTERISTICS OF THE STATE OF STILLNESS

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____

PERSONAL APPLICATION – JOURNALING EXERCISE

Lord, please talk to me about becoming still. What avenues are most effective in bringing me to inner stillness? What are Your thoughts concerning stillness?

Write your personalized form of the above questions in the space that follows. Then relax, picture yourself with Jesus in a comfortable Gospel setting, maybe walking along the Sea of Galilee or strolling through the fields of Judea. Turn to Him. See His

love and compassion, and joy and excitement at being able to spend this time with you. Smile! Become a child and take His hand. Allow the scene to just happen as the Holy Spirit wants it to. Ask Him the question on your heart. Tune to spontaneity and jot down the answer He gives you. Do not test it while you are receiving it. Stay in simple childlike faith. You will have plenty of time to test it after the flow is finished.



KEY #3 – LOOK FOR VISION As You Pray

KEY VERSES:

“Then He said, ‘Hear now My words: If there is a prophet among you, [I] the Lord, make Myself known to him in a vision, [and] I speak to him in a dream.’” (Num. 12:6 NKJ)

“O Lord, God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto Thee.” (I Chron. 29:18 KJV)

“Then Jesus answered and said to them, ‘Most assuredly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of Himself, but what He sees the Father do; for whatever He does, the Son also does in like manner.’” (Jn. 5:19)

“‘And it shall come to pass in the last days,’ says God, ‘that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.’” (Acts 2:17 NKJ)

If we look at Scripture, we see that dreams and visions have been prevalent throughout the history of God’s dealings with people. The following is just a very small sampling of the hundreds of scriptural references to dreams and visions.

Genesis 15:1- 21

Genesis 40:5-7

Exodus 3:1-6

Numbers 12:6

Deuteronomy 13:1-5

Joshua 5:13-15

1 Samuel 28:6

1 Kings 3:5-6

Ezekiel 12:22-27

Daniel 8:15-18

Matthew 2:12-13

Acts 9:10-12

Acts 11:5-6

Romans 11:8,10

Ephesians 1:18

Revelation 1:10,14

Revelation 4:2-3

Revelation 15:5

If you have any doubt about the validity of dreams and visions, or about the place of seeing with the eyes of your heart as an integral part of your Christian life, I strongly encourage you to look up each of these verses and find out exactly what the Bible has to say. Our opinions and beliefs are only as strong as the scriptural foundation upon which they are built. In fact, I recommend you do a concordance search of all verses on dream,

vision, see, look, and eyes. Pray over the verses as you meditate on them. This way you will have hundreds of verses and a solid biblical perspective. Ask the Lord how He wants to use the eyes of your heart, and how He wants you to use them. This meditation was foundational to my understanding and conviction concerning the eyes of our heart. I encourage you to do the same! The Church needs firsthand revelation, not passed down theology.

PROTESTANTISM'S 500-YEAR-OLD UNGODLY BELIEF AND INNER VOW

The Ungodly Belief: All use of images constitutes a graven image.

The Inner Vow: Therefore, I will reject all uses of images in my Christian life.

The Result: Many Protestant books on systematic theology do not even include a section on dream, vision, imagination, or any other application of the use of the eyes of one's heart. This is startling considering that the biblical stories and actions which came as a result of dreams and visions form a section of Scripture equal to the entire New Testament!

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN IDOLATRY AND SETTING AN IMAGE IN ONE'S MIND

	IDOLATRY	IMAGE
AUTHORIZED BY	Man (Ex. 32:1)	God (Ex. 25:8-22; Col. 1:15; Heb. 12:2)
THE GOAL	Worship the idol (Ex. 32:8)	Never worship the image; use image as stepping stone into divine flow. (Rev. 4:1)
THE ACTION	Idol remains dead (Isa. 44:19)	Divine flow is prompted (Rev. 4:2)
THE PRAYER	Pray to idol (Isa. 44:17)	Never pray to image; as divine flow is activated communication with God is established. (Rev. 4 - 22)
THE PURPOSE	To worship the Thing (Isa. 44:15)	To focus one's heart before God (II Cor. 3:18; 4:18)
THE ATTITUDE	Stiffnecked; proud of heart (Ex. 32:9)	Seeking God humbly (Prov. 2:1-5)
THE CONTROL ISSUE	Manipulating God; magic (I Kings 22:20-23)	Watching God in action; Christianity (Rev. 4 - 22)

WHY IS USING THE EYES OF OUR HEARTS IMPORTANT?

1. God has commanded us to imagine His Word (“meditate” - Josh. 1:8; I Chron. 29:18).
2. Divine creativity comes through image (Ex. 25:9-22; 35:35).
3. When God reasons, He uses imagery (Is. 1:18).
4. When Jesus taught, He used imagery (Matt. 13:34).
5. As Jesus lived, He ministered out of vision (Jn. 5:19,20).
6. God has declared that one of the primary ways He communicates with us is through dream and vision (Num. 12:6; Acts 2:17).
7. God counsels us through our dreams at night (Ps. 16:7).
8. Sight is better than blindness (Jesus healed the blind - Mk. 10:46-52).
9. The Lord’s Supper utilizes imagery (“This is My blood, this is My body, do this in remembrance of Me” - Jn. 6:53,54; I Cor. 11:23-25).
10. Personal transformation occurs while we look into the spiritual realm (II Cor. 3:18; 4:18).
11. Pictures are powerful and produce heart faith (Gen. 15:1,5,6).
12. The Bible is full of pictures, dreams, visions, metaphors, similes, parables, and images (Genesis through Revelation).
13. Our prayers are to be full of imagery (Ps. 23).
14. Our worship is to be full of imagery (Ps. 36:5,6).

PERSONAL APPLICATION

I encourage you to take a week or two of your devotional time to study the verses above as well as those on page 19, praying over them and asking God to show you insights and revelations from them which you have not seen before. Place a paper and pencil by your side and record those things you discover. This will form a biblical foundation in your life upon which you may begin building a theology concerning how God handles and uses dream and vision.

I have found many Christians have taken a negative view concerning the use of the eyes of one’s heart without prayerfully studying the hundreds of verses about dream, vision and imagination available in

the holy Scriptures. Generally, they attribute the use of the eyes of one’s heart to New Age practices, without ever considering how God wants them to use them. If you are in this category, I ask that you would take time right now to repent for forming judgments without adequate biblical input.

Have you formed a theological opinion concerning whether one is to use the eyes of the heart?

Yes No

Have you prayerfully meditated on at least 25-50 verses from Scripture that teach the positive use of the eyes of one’s heart?

Yes No

DEFINING KINDS OF VISION

1. Spontaneous vision on the screen within your mind

2. Spontaneous vision while in prayer

3. Seeing a vision outside of yourself

4. Vision while in a trance

5. Visionary encounter through experiencing dreams

Each of these kinds of vision are equally valid and spiritual, and all are to be tested thoroughly, weighed and considered.

Visions can be full color or black and white pictures. Both are equally valid.

PRINCIPLES OF VISIONARIES

1. Our goal is to be like Jesus Who was a constant visionary (Jn. 5:19,20; 8:38).
“The Son can do nothing of Himself, unless it is something He *sees the Father doing*...”
 - I accept this as my goal in life.
 - I am currently living this way.
 - I will seek to learn to live this way.
2. We are to look **for** vision (Hab. 2:1,2).
“I will *keep watch to see* what He will speak to me... Then the Lord answered me and said, ‘Record the vision.’”
“Watch and pray...” (Matt. 26:41)
“Fixing our eyes on Jesus...” (Heb. 12:2)
 - I generally look for vision when I pray.
 - I don’t look for vision while I pray.
 - I will look for vision while I pray.
3. We are to look **in the vision** until the vision has stopped flowing (Dan. 4:10,13; 7:2,9,13 NASB).
“...I was looking...”
“I was looking in the vision in my mind...”
“Daniel said, ‘I was looking in my vision by night....’”
“I kept looking until thrones were set up and the Ancient of Days took His seat.”
“I kept looking in the night visions...”
 - When a vision begins, I continue to watch it.
 - When a vision begins, I quickly turn away from it.
 - I have rarely received vision because I haven’t looked for vision when I pray.
 - I will begin looking steadfastly at the visions that begin to flow within me.
4. We must realize that we can have encounters with Jesus, God, and angels in visions **in our minds, and that these are actual spiritual encounters** (1 Kings 3:5-15; Dan. 4:4,5,10,13,14; 7:1,13-16; Matt. 1:20; 2:12,13,19,22).
 - I have met Jesus in a vision in my mind.
 - I have not met Jesus in a vision in my mind.
5. A natural way to present the eyes of our hearts before God is to visually enter a Gospel story in prayerful contemplation and allow God to move in it as He wills, or to fix our eyes upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, asking Him to meet us and shower us with His grace (Heb. 12:1,2; Rev. 4:1,2).
 - I have met Jesus visually in the midst of Gospel stories.
 - I have not met Jesus visually in the midst of Gospel stories.

ALLOWING GOD TO RESTORE YOUR VISIONARY CAPACITY

Some find that vision is almost completely, or even totally, impossible. There may be several reasons this is so. It is best to seek the Lord for revelation concerning what the block or hindrance is, and then ask for His revelation of the steps to take to heal the issue. The following are some common problems that I have run into, along with some solutions that have proven helpful.

PROBLEM #1 – DISDAINING THE VISUAL AND IDOLIZING THE RATIONAL

In healing this problem, one must:

1. repent for not fully honoring and using the gift and capacity of vision which God has placed within;
2. repent for idolizing logic and cognition;
3. state his commitment to present both his visual and analytical capacity to the Holy Spirit for Him to use;
4. ask God to breathe upon and restore his visual capacity; and
5. begin practicing and exercising the visual capacity by learning to live in pictures as readily as he lives in thoughts.
6. Then he is ready to begin presenting the eyes of his heart to God to fill, **by looking** for His vision as he walks through life.

PROBLEM #2 – FEAR OF ENTERING INTO CULTISM

In healing this problem, one must:

1. realize that the ability to think and see using pictures was given to man by God, not by satan;
2. realize that even though satan seeks to fill man's visual abilities, so does God;
3. acknowledge that God does not want us to turn away from use of the visual capacity, but rather He wants us to present it continuously to Him to fill;
4. renounce fear of receiving a satanic counterfeit, while confessing faith in God's ability to fill the visual capacity;
5. confess fear as sin and receive God's gift of faith;
6. realize that satan can attack the thought processes as easily as he can attack the visionary processes; therefore, both must be presented continuously before the Lord for Him to fill and to flow through.

PROBLEM #3 – CUTTING OFF THE VISUAL CAPACITY IN ORDER TO AVOID THE SIN OF LUST

In healing this problem, one must:

1. realize that there are effective means of dealing with lust, other than cutting off one of the capacities that God has placed within;
2. learn to appropriate some of these other alternatives to effectively deal with the sin of lust;
3. repent for cutting off the visual capacity;
4. ask God to restore it and recreate it;
5. begin using it again; and
6. ask God to fill it with His divine vision.

PROBLEM #4 – CUTTING OFF THE VISUAL CAPACITY IN ORDER TO AVOID SOME UNPLEASANT SCENE

In healing this problem, one must:

1. recognize and discover the precipitating reason for cutting off his visual sense;
2. offer the scene to God, asking Him to walk into it and heal it with His loving, all-powerful presence;
3. ask God to restore the use of his visual capacity;
4. begin again to use pictures and visions as he walks through life; and
5. present the eyes of his heart to God for Him to fill and flow through.

PROBLEM #5 – DISTORTED IMAGES

In healing this problem, one must:

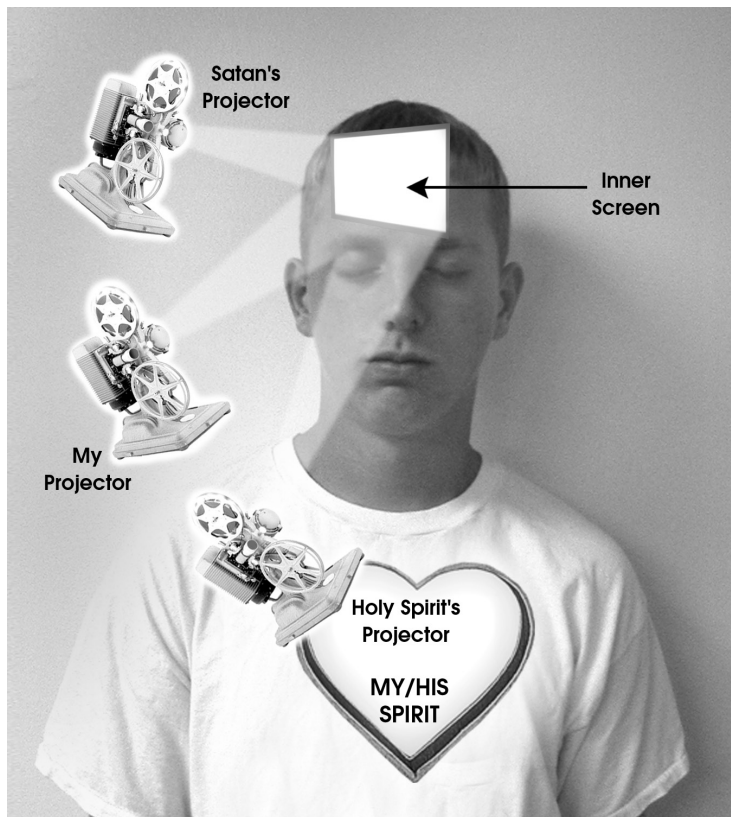
1. repent of and renounce any sin that allowed demonic forces to be present;
2. renounce and command to leave any demons causing distortion (have one knowledgeable in deliverance praying with you);
3. invite the Holy Spirit to fill the area; and
4. walk in holiness and renounce any further demonic attack using the name of Jesus Christ.

In summary, these are a few of the common blocks that keep people from living effectively in their God-given gifts of dream, vision and imagination. May each one learn to fully use all the abilities that God has provided within man.

SUGGESTIONS FOR BECOMING OPEN TO SEEING IN THE SPIRIT

1. One must “be still” outwardly and inwardly so the Holy Spirit can issue forth with a flow of living images. Review the chapter on stillness. You will sense a bubbling flow within you as the vision comes alive with a “life of its own” (i.e., the Holy Spirit’s life).
2. Enter a Gospel story using vision. This is probably the most common way of all. Simply allow yourself to see what you are reading. And you can do more than just see the scenes yourself. After seeing the scenes, ask God to show you what He wants to show you, and a flow of inner images can take over that is directed by God.
3. Open the eyes of your heart during your quiet times, allowing God to show you things. I have found that **focusing intently** upon Jesus until He begins moving or speaking prompts the flow of the Spirit’s images.
4. When interceding, picture Jesus with the person you’re praying for and ask the Holy Spirit to turn this godly imagination into a vision, and then tune to flow.
5. Listen to your dreams, which are a natural expression of the inner world. Ask God to speak to you during the night (Ps. 127:2). When you awaken, **immediately** record your dreams and then ask God for an interpretation. He will give it. Read a good book on Christian dream interpretation. Communion With God Ministries also markets a set of audio CDs and a study guide by Mark Virkler, “Hear God Through Your Dreams.”
6. Praying in the Spirit opens up communication with the Holy Spirit and allows Him to arise, especially if you are presenting the eyes of your heart to God to fill.
7. During praise and worship, open the eyes of your heart to see what you are singing and allow the Holy Spirit to carry the vision where He wants.
8. Picture things you know are biblically true and tune to flow, allowing the Holy Spirit to turn these godly imaginations into visions.

ONE INNER SCREEN – THREE PROJECTORS



1. I am to instantly cut off all pictures put before my mind's eye by satan.
2. I am to present the eyes of my heart to the Lord to fill. In this way I prepare myself to receive.
3. The Spirit projects on my inner screen the flow of vision which He desires (Rev. 4:2).

TESTING WHETHER AN IMAGE IS FROM SELF, SATAN OR GOD		
SELF	SATAN	GOD
Find Its Origin (Test the Spirit – John 4:1)		
Born in mind. A painting of a picture.	A flashing image. Was mind empty, idle? Does image seem obstructive?	A living flow of pictures coming from the innermost being. Was your inner being quietly focused on Jesus?
Examine Its Content (Test the Ideas – I John 4:5)		
A painting of things I have learned.	Negative, destructive, pushy, fearful, accusative, violates nature of God, violates Word of God. Image afraid to be tested. Ego appeal.	Instructive, upbuilding, comforting. Vision accepts testing.
See Its Fruit (Test the Fruit – Matthew 7:15-20)		
Variable	Fear, compulsion, bondage, anxiety, confusion, inflated ego.	Quickened faith, power, peace, good fruit, enlightenment, knowledge, humility.

PERSONAL APPLICATION – JOURNALING EXERCISE

Ask the Lord the following questions: “Lord, how important is it to use the eyes of my heart? How have I been using them? How would You have me use them?” Picture yourself with Jesus in a comfortable Gospel story. See the scene around you. Then fix your eyes on Jesus. Smile! Enjoy His presence. Ask Him the questions written above. Tune to spontaneity, and begin to write in the space below the flow of thoughts and pictures that come back to you. Do not test them while you are receiving them. Stay in faith. Know that you can test them later. “Thank You, Lord, for what You say.”



KEY #4 – JOURNAL (WRITE) YOUR PRAYERS AND GOD'S ANSWERS

THREE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE WHICH CLEARLY ILLUSTRATE A FORM OF JOURNALING:

WAYS IN WHICH JOURNALING IS EXTREMELY HELPFUL IN ONE'S PRAYER LIFE:

1. Frees you to write in faith, knowing you can test it later.
2. Enables you to receive whole pages, rather than single phrases.
3. Keeps your mind occupied and therefore out of the way.
4. Helps you recall the message after a period of time.
5. Helps you persevere during periods of waiting.

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN JOURNALING AND AUTOMATIC WRITING

In automatic writing, a spirit controls one's **hand**, whereas in journaling there is a spontaneous flow of ideas birthed by God in your **heart** and then recorded in your journal by your hand freely under your own control. Therefore, in journaling the entire being is involved.

PRACTICAL SUGGESTIONS FOR JOURNALING

1. Your time of journaling should be when you are alert physically and spiritually.
2. Write in a notebook, type on computer, or use a hand-held recording device.
3. Keep your journal secluded and use codes when necessary. Grammar and spelling are not critical when journaling.
4. Date all entries.
5. Include in your journal your communion with God, your dreams and their interpretations, visions and images the Lord gives you, and personal feelings and events that matter to you (angers, fears, hurts, anxieties, disappointments, joys, thanksgivings).
6. God will cause your journal to naturally focus on faith, hope, and love (I Cor. 13:13). Be comfortable with that.
7. Have a good knowledge of the Bible so that God can draw upon that knowledge as you journal.
8. Those wanting to add more structure to their journaling may use the first few pages to list people and items God is burdening you to pray for regularly.
9. When you begin to journal, **write down** the question you have, rather than just thinking it. This simple act will assist greatly in facilitating the Lord's response.

10. As you are learning, you should journal a minimum of 5 times a week, until the process of living in flow becomes natural.
11. Skip a line in your journal when you move from God speaking, to you speaking, and vice versa. This will help you keep the transitions clearer when you re-read it.
12. Re-read your last journal entry before you begin your next day's entry. It helps you check whether or not you have been obedient to the previously spoken **rhema** word.
13. I review my entire journal when the notebook is full and write a brief summary of the key themes God has spoken about to me. I put this summary in the front of my next journal.
14. I have found that every time I ask the Lord for a date, the dates have always been wrong. Therefore I have stopped asking. I suspect the desire for dates is related to witchcraft.
15. Journal in the area God has given you authority and responsibility. Greater accuracy will be found here and going outside these areas regularly could be evidence of a spirit of pride.

DANGER – WARNING!

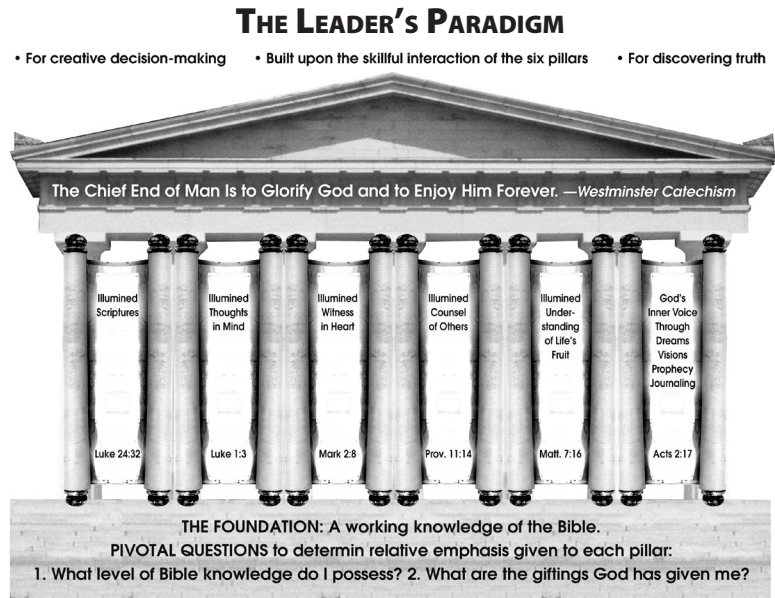
Journaling amounts to personal prophecy, so the categories given for prophecy of “edification (building you up), exhortation (encouraging you toward a specific way of living) and comfort” are the **categories you should restrict your journaling to** (I Cor. 14:3). After all, the central purpose of hearing God's voice is to build and deepen your relationship with Him. **Keep your journal focused on this objective.** When I, and others, have strayed away from this focus and journaled about other areas such as predictive prophecy, and specific results of specific actions in our own or other people's lives, I (we) have found that many mistakes occur. Examples include whether a person will be healed or not, whether an estranged spouse will return, a job, etc. In our journals God is calling us to rest, believe, have faith, and trust regardless of what the outcome will be. And because we believe, trust and have faith, we maximize the opportunity for God's supernatural grace to work in our and others' lives, and life is worth living because we are not full of negatives. So God must call us to faith, and He will over and over, but I suggest for your benefit you steer clear of journaling about specific outcomes to specific actions, and predictive events. Save that for those individuals who develop into the OFFICE of a prophet (Eph. 4:11). At this point most of us will be operating in either the “spirit of prophecy” (Rev. 19:10) or the “gift of prophecy” (I Cor. 12:10).

WHAT REPLACES THE WORSHIP OF RATIONALISM THAT IS DISCARDED?

A NEW PARADIGM (SYSTEM) FOR ESTABLISHING TRUTH BASED ON SIX BIBLICAL PILLARS

(Check each pillar you are currently using)

- 1. God's voice through the illumination of Scriptures.
"And they said to one another, 'Did not our heart burn within us while He talked with us on the road, and while He opened the Scriptures to us?'" (Lk. 24:32 NKJ)
- 2. God's voice through the illumination of your thoughts.
"It seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write it out for you in consecutive order...." (Lk. 1:3)
- 3. God's voice through discernment in your heart.
"And immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves He said to them, 'Why do you reason about these things in your hearts?'" (Mk. 2:8 NKJ)
- 4. God's voice through the discerning counsel of others.
"Where [there is] no counsel, the people fall; but in the multitude of counselors [there is] safety." (Prov. 11:14 NKJ)
- 5. God's voice through the revealed understanding of life.
"You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thorn bushes or figs from thistles?" (Matt. 7:16 NKJ)
- 6. God's voice through dreams, visions, prophecy and journaling.
"And it shall come to pass in the last days,' says God, 'that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your young men shall see visions, your old men shall dream dreams.'" (Acts 2:17 NKJ)



How many of the above must line up before I am convinced I have truth? All of them. And even then, I realize that we see through a glass darkly, therefore I still may not have full truth, but only a small glimpse of it. So I honor my brother who disagrees, because he very likely has another glimpse of the overall truth which I need to receive from him.

BALANCING THE SIX PILLARS IN VARIOUS SITUATIONS

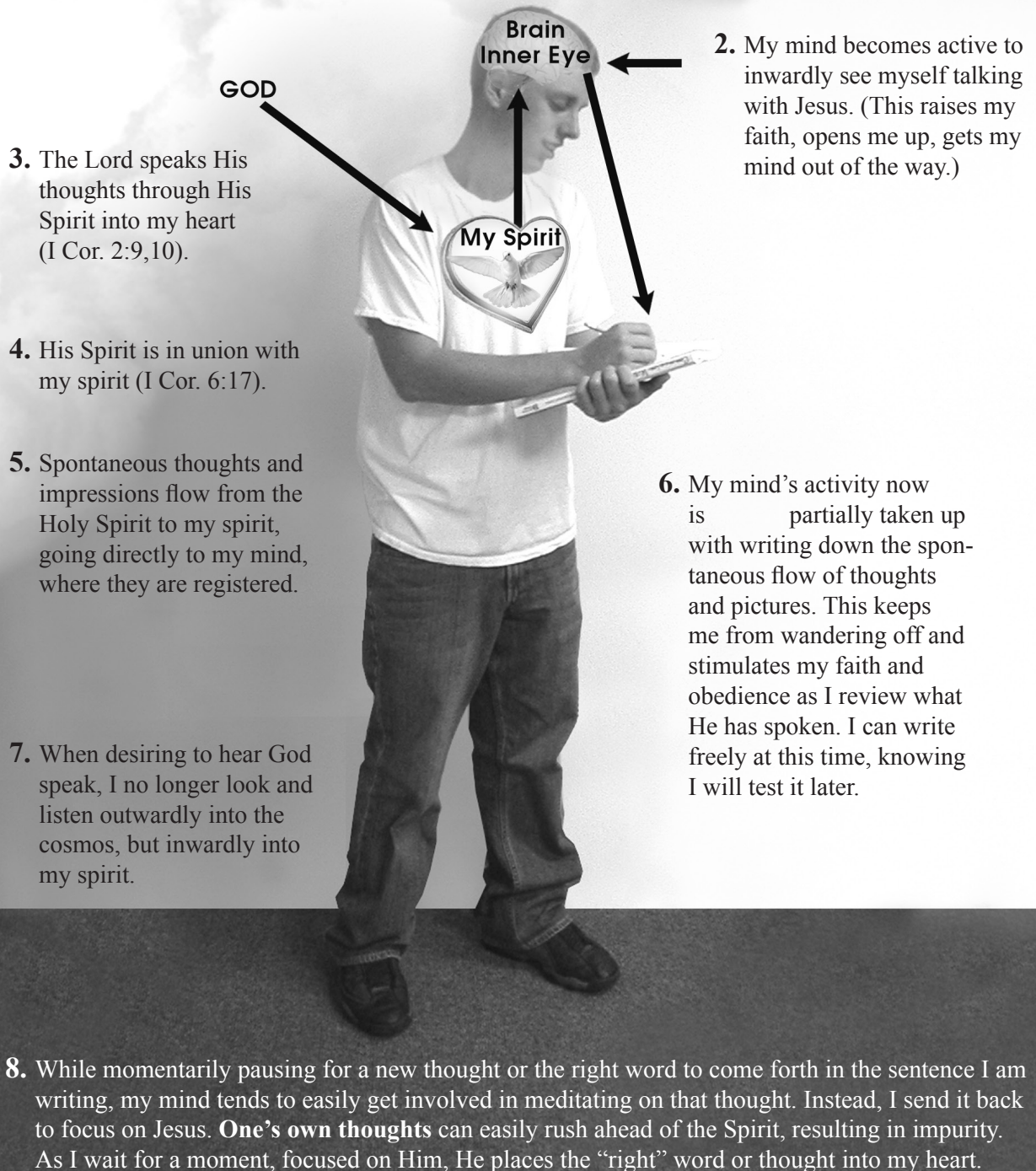
The amount of weight I place on each pillar varies depending on the type of question I am seeking an answer for:

1. In relational and counseling situations, I rely heavily on illumined Scripture and journaling.
2. When seeking specific directive guidance (e.g., a job, getting married, a move), I rely more heavily on peace in my heart, the counsel of others and what the experience of life is saying back to me. For example, when wondering what I should be doing for a job, I sensed the Lord saying in my journal to "wait upon Him." I misinterpreted that to mean I was not to be pursuing any course of action. After waiting several months and going deeply into debt, the experience of life was showing me that I was off track (because God is obviously not calling me to sit around and go into debt). So I abandoned my journaling and actively pursued gaining an income, which I consequently received. What I suppose God was saying to me was, "Have an inner attitude of waiting upon Me as you pursue courses of action I set before you." Similarly, when God says in my journal, "I will heal this person," I have come to believe that He is telling me what His will is (that He wants to heal the person). However, I (and many others) have found out that many things can thwart God's perfect will from being realized, and many times the person is not healed.

HABAKKUK – A BIBLICAL MODEL

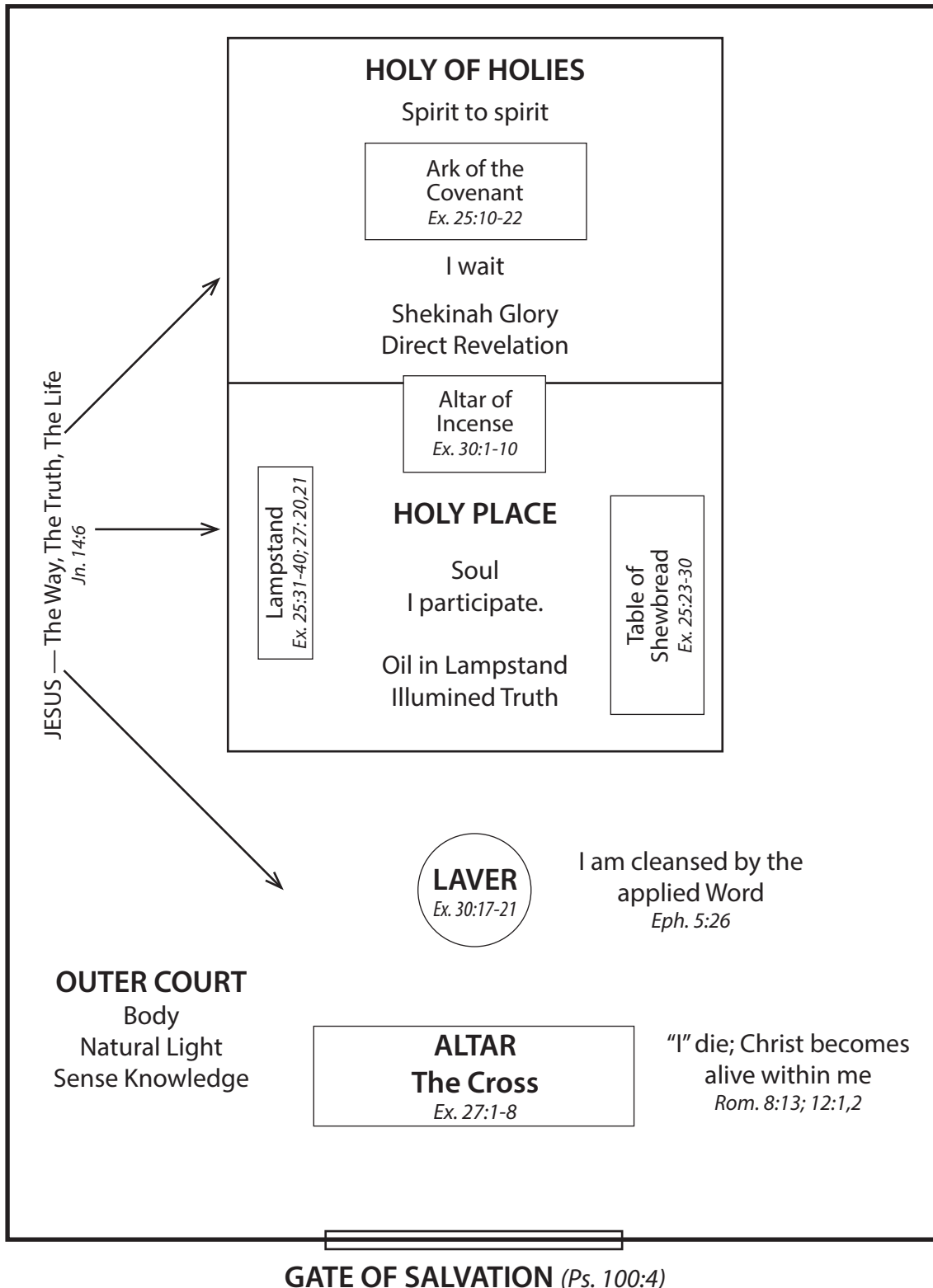
MY EXPERIENCE OF INWARDLY QUIETING DOWN AND ALLOWING JESUS TO SPEAK

1. I still myself in the Lord's presence, most often through worship, singing in the Spirit, or devotionally entering into a Scripture passage. My outer being is quieted, my inner being is quieted. I am in neutral, poised before my Lord.



The Tabernacle Experience

God's Design for Approaching Him (*Heb. 8:5*)



Checklist for Tuning in to God

I Am Living the Tabernacle Experience

- Altar — I have laid down my own initiative, self-effort and strength.
- Laver — I cleanse myself regularly by meditating upon the Bible.
- Shewbread — My will is ground fine before God and I walk in fellowship with the Body of Christ.
- Lampstand — I have moved from my reasoning to Spirit-led reasoning.
- Incense — I am a continuous worshipper; in everything I give thanks.
- Ark — I wait before God in stillness to receive what He has for me.

I Am Applying the Tuning Dial of Habakkuk 2:1-3

- I am quieting myself down by...
- Fixing my eyes on Jesus.
- I am tuned to spontaneity.
- I am writing down the flow of thoughts and pictures that come to me.

I Am Applying the Fine-Tuning Dial of Hebrews 10:19-22

- My heart is true, honest and sincere.
- I have absolute faith that God's river is flowing within me.
- My conscience is completely clear through Christ's cleansing blood.
- I have been obedient to God's previous *rhema*.

I Am Confirming My Journaling Through Other Ways God Speaks

- My journaling lines up with Scripture, and the character of God.
- My spiritual advisors confirm my journaling is from God.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES

PLUS EXERCISES WHICH PROMOTE REVELATION AT HOME

Additional highly recommended materials which deepen this training experience:

- *4 Keys to Hearing God's Voice* book, CD and DVD series by Mark and Patti Virkler
- *Wading Deeper in the River of God* book by Mark and Patti Virkler
- *How Do You Know?* book by Mark and Patti Virkler
- Train your children with our teen's and children's versions on this topic
- **Order from:** www.CWGMministries.org or 716-681-4896

SESSION 1 – AN OVERVIEW OF THE FOUR KEYS TO HEARING GOD'S VOICE

These activities correspond with the teaching notes beginning on page 2.

CLASSROOM DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

(AFTER THE DVD SESSION HAS BEEN VIEWED):

1. Break into groups of two people each and:
 - a. Discuss times you have heard God telling you to pray for a person. What did His voice sound like? Would you say it came as a spontaneous thought?
 - b. Share times you have seen pictures on the screen inside your mind which you felt were from God.
2. Group leader asks for 2-4 to share testimonies with the entire group of when they received from God a spontaneous thought or a spontaneous picture, and the impact it had on their life or someone else's life.
3. How many of these four keys have you tried **at one time** while trying to hear God's voice? Are you willing to do all four at one time, as did Habakkuk and John (Rev. 1:9-11)?

4. Can we bank on Jesus' statement that "My sheep hear My voice?" Do you consider this a guarantee?
5. Share any questions or thoughts you have about the teaching on the four keys.

EXERCISES TO PROMOTE ONGOING REVELATION AT HOME:

1. Memorize the following: (**A tip on Bible memorization:** Write the verse on a 3x5 card and carry it with you throughout the day, speaking it over and over. Visualize it. Journal and ask God what He wants to speak to you concerning the verse and its application to your life. Come to class prepared to share your verse from memory as well as the specific insights God has given to you concerning its application to your life.)
 - Habakkuk 2:1,2
 - The four keys to hearing God's voice (stillness, vision, spontaneity, journaling).
 - "Hearing God's voice is as simple as quieting yourself down, fixing your eyes on Jesus, tuning to spontaneity, and writing!"
2. **Journaling:** Do some two-way journaling using all four of these keys at the

same time. Picture yourself as an 8 year old child coming to Jesus. If you can't write easily then draw a picture. Put a smile on your face as you are together with Jesus and thank Him for being there. Ask the following questions (one per day): "Lord, do You want to speak to me? Lord, do You love me? Lord, what do You want to say to me?" Share your journaling with someone you respect in the Lord, and ask if their spirit bears witness it came from the Lord. Bring it to class to share if it is not too private.

SESSION 2 – A CULTURAL BACKDROP FOR HEARING GOD'S VOICE

These activities correspond with the teaching notes beginning on page 3.

PRAYER AND JOURNALING EXERCISES

(AFTER THE DVD SESSION HAS BEEN VIEWED):

1. **Large group journaling exercise (7 minutes):** Ask the Lord one of the following questions: Lord, how would You have me show greater honor, respect and love toward my spouse, my children and/or the friends You have given me?
2. **Sharing journaling in groups of two (5 minutes):** Once the journaling time is over, the group leader will ask everyone to team up with one other person and read their journaling to them. Do not paraphrase it. Simply read it. If, when you hear a person's journaling your heart bears witness that it is from God, tell them that. Then share your journaling back with this person.
3. **Large group sharing of journaling (8 minutes):** The group leader will ask for several volunteers to share their journaling with the entire group. Give them a hand clap after they have shared their journaling. Encourage them in their walk of faith.
4. **Prayer for release from the hurt of abusive authorities:** Since many have been hurt by abusive authorities, have a time of group prayer for healing of hearts from this abuse. Group leader instructs everyone to tune to vision and flow and then leads the group in the following exercise: 1) Instruct everyone to picture a person who has been abusive or controlling and hurt them, and then 2) Have them confess the following prayer, phrase by phrase, after you as you lead them. (Pause after each phrase so they can repeat it out loud and from their hearts, being sure that they and you remain tuned to vision and flow.)
 - "Lord, I ask for Your grace to forgive this person.
 - By the power of the Holy Spirit I choose to forgive them.
 - I choose to honor them.
 - I choose to release them.
 - I choose to bless them.
 - (Lay your hand on your heart)
 - Lord, circumcise my heart.
 - Cut out the hurt and anger and pain and give me a new heart.
 - Holy Spirit, I receive a new heart from You.
 - Let Your oil pour into my heart.
 - Restore my heart.
 - Release me and set me free.
 - I bind all anger and hurt and pain and resentment and unforgiveness in the name of Jesus.
 - I cast it out in Jesus' name.
 - Anger, pain, resentment, be gone!
 - Anger, pain, resentment, be gone!
 - Anger, pain, resentment, be gone!
 - Lord, I receive Your light to fill these areas.
 - Forgiveness, arise within me.

- Forgiveness, arise in Jesus' name.
 - Forgiveness, arise in Jesus' name.
 - Joy, arise in Jesus' name.
 - Joy, arise in Jesus' name.
 - Joy, arise in Jesus' name.
 - Thank You, Jesus, for Your healing power.
 - Thank You, Lord.
 - Amen!
5. **Now lead the group in the above prayer a second time.** Ask them to picture **another** person who has hurt or abused or tried to control them. Go through the above prayer again with them confessing each phrase after you.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. In groups of two, share your memory work from Session One: the Scripture verse, the four keys, and the sentence which incorporates all four keys.
2. Together as a group, state the four keys with the hand motions, and the single sentence which incorporates all four keys.
3. What questions do you have about submitting to two or three spiritual counselors?
4. Other than your spouse, why would it be wise for your advisors to be of the same gender you are?
5. Since God has commanded us to have counselors, will He provide these for each of us? What might prevent us from recognizing or embracing the counselors He has given us?
6. Ask for 2-4 volunteers who have journaling from the previous week to read it to the group.

EXERCISES TO PROMOTE ONGOING REVELATION AT HOME:

1. **Seek God in prayer:** Many of us have had more than two authorities who have hurt us. **So pray the above prayer for release from the hurt of abusive authorities** as many more times as you need to. Each time you pray it, you picture **another** authority that has hurt you. Receive full healing! You can stop when the Lord no longer brings an authority's name or face to your mind.
2. **Memorize the following from the information in this session:**
 - "God's voice sounds like spontaneous thoughts that light upon your mind."
 - Three categories of journaling you should submit to your spiritual advisor.
 - Six character traits your spiritual advisor/counselor should have.
 - Three differences between New Agers/cultists and Christians who enter the Spirit realm.
 - Friendship is to be the center of the relationship between you and your spiritual advisors, not authority!
3. **Journaling during the week:** During your journaling times this week, ask the Lord who He has given to you as your three spiritual advisors. Write them down. Approach them and ask if you can share your journaling with them. Get their agreement to this. Begin sharing (reading or emailing) your journaling with them (don't paraphrase it; read it or email it). Share your journaling with them at least 3-5 times over the next two weeks. Get confirmation that you are on the right track! Grow in faith! If you skip doing this, this course will not work for you! You must learn to use spiritual advisors!

4. **Questions you are to use this week as you journal:** “Lord, what do You want to say to me about the role of counselors in my life? What do You want to say to me about my attitude in asking for and receiving counsel? What is Your view of spiritual counselors? Since You are the Wonderful Counselor, what counsel would You like to give me today?”

If your journaling is not too private, you should bring it to the following class session, and be prepared to share it when the instructor gives the opportunity.

SESSION 3 – SPIRITUAL INTIMACY: THE DESIRE OF GOD’S HEART

These activities correspond with the teaching notes beginning on page 8.

PRAYER AND JOURNALING EXERCISES

(AFTER THE DVD SESSION HAS BEEN VIEWED):

1. Everyone writes a two-way love letter as instructed on the DVD (7-8 minutes).
2. **Sharing Journaling:** Break into groups of two. If your love letter is not too private, share it with (read it to) another person. Let them be blessed by what God has spoken to you, and let them encourage you that it was God speaking to you, thus stimulating one another to faith and good works. If someone is reading their two-way love letter to you, and your heart senses it is God speaking back in the love letter, tell them this and encourage them in faith.
3. **Group leader:** Invite volunteers who received journaling back from the Lord, to share their love letter with the entire group. After they have read their journaling, affirm them with a hand clap from the group.

CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. In groups of two, share your memory work from Session Two.
2. Together as a group, state the four keys with the hand motions, and the single sentence which incorporates all four keys.
3. Have 2-4 volunteers read some journaling they did during the last week.
4. Discuss Dr. Virkler’s assertion that if one does not hear God’s voice, then their primary recourse is to live according to biblical laws (Gal. 5:18).
5. Have you tried living according to biblical laws? What has been the fruit in your life (Rom. 8:1, 2)?
6. Share with your group examples of how you sense God has sought to draw you out of religion into a relationship with Him.

EXERCISES TO PROMOTE ONGOING REVELATION

AT HOME:

1. Journal several times during the week using all four keys (stillness, vision, spontaneity and journaling).
2. Share your journaling with your spiritual advisors.
3. **Journaling Questions** – use one per day during the week: “Lord, what do You want to speak to me concerning law and grace? Lord, can I live by Your voice every day? Can I hear You moment by moment throughout the day? How will my life be affected if I live out of Your voice continuously? Lord, what do You want to say to me today? How can I love those around me more completely?”

SESSION 4 – KEY #1: RECOGNIZE GOD’S VOICE AS SPONTANEOUS THOUGHTS

These activities correspond with the teaching notes beginning on page 10.

PRAYER AND DISCUSSION EXERCISES

(AFTER THE DVD SESSION HAS BEEN VIEWED):

1. **Large group journaling exercise (7 minutes):** Ask the Lord one of the following questions: “Lord, do You love me? Lord, how do You see me? Lord, what would You like to say to me?”
2. **Sharing journaling in groups of two (5 minutes):** Once the journaling time is over, the group leader will ask everyone to team up with one other person and read their journaling to them. Do not paraphrase it. Simply read it. If when you hear a person’s journaling your heart bears witness that it is from God, tell them that. Then share your journaling back with this person.
3. **Large group sharing of journaling (8 minutes):** The group leader will ask for several volunteers to share their journaling with the entire group. Give them a hand clap after they have shared their journaling. Encourage them in their walk of faith.
4. Ask for people to share thoughts, comments or questions about the teaching segment.
5. Let volunteers quote memory verses from previous weeks and share what God has spoken to them concerning the verse. Or break into groups of two to share memory verses.

EXERCISES TO PROMOTE ONGOING REVELATION AT HOME:

Memorize the following and journal daily. Each day journal about one of the verses/words below and ask God what He wants to speak to you

concerning it and its application to your life. Also ask God again how He sees you and about His love for you. Come prepared to share your journaling and memory verses with the class.

1. John 7:37-39; 2 Corinthians 10:3-5
2. Biblical Meditation – “to murmur; to converse with oneself, and hence aloud; speak; talk; babbling; communication; mutter; roar; morn; a murmuring sound; i.e. a musical notation; to study; to ponder; revolve in the mind; imagine; pray; prayer; reflection; devotion.”

SESSION 5 – HOW TO INSTANTLY REMOVE ALL IDOLS FROM YOUR HEART

These activities correspond with the teaching notes beginning on page 15.

PRAYER AND DISCUSSION EXERCISES

(AFTER THE DVD SESSION HAS BEEN VIEWED):

1. **Large group journaling exercise (7 minutes):** Ask the Lord: “Lord, what do You want to say to me concerning praying with an idol in my heart?” Or use any of the following questions which you did not already journal about: “Lord, do You love me? Lord, how do You see me? Lord, what would You like to say to me?”
2. **Sharing journaling in groups of two (5 minutes):** Once the journaling time is over, the group leader will ask everyone to team up with one other person and read their journaling to them. Do not paraphrase it. Simply read it. If when you hear a person’s journaling your heart bears witness that it is from God, tell them that. Then share your journaling back with this person.
3. **Large group sharing of journaling (8 minutes):** The group leader will ask for several volunteers to share their journaling with the entire group. Give them a

hand clap after they have shared their journaling. Encourage them in their walk of faith.

4. Ask for people to share thoughts, comments or questions about the teaching segment.
5. Let volunteers quote memory verses from previous weeks and share what God has spoken to them concerning the verse. Perhaps also break into groups of two to share memory verses.

EXERCISES TO PROMOTE ONGOING REVELATION

AT HOME:

1. **Memorize this principle:** The intuitive flow comes out of the vision being held before one's eyes.
2. **Journal** and ask God what He wants to speak to you concerning the above principle and its application to your life.
3. **Memorize:** 1 Corinthians 6:17.
4. **Memorize:** *Naba* means to “bubble up;” thus flowing spontaneous bubbling thoughts are coming from the river within.
5. **Memorize:** *Paga* – “to strike or light upon by chance,” or “an accidental intersecting.”
6. **Journal several more times during the next week:** Ask the Lord how to avoid praying with an idol in your heart and how to pray properly. Ask if there are any decisions you have made with idols in your heart, and if so, what He would have you do now. Ask what He wants to say to you about how to improve your relationship with your family and close friends. (You can spend several days working with this question, journaling about different people each day.) Share your journaling with your spiritual counselors.

SESSION 6 – KEY #2: BECOME STILL

These activities correspond with the teaching notes beginning on page 16.

PRAYER AND DISCUSSION EXERCISES

(AFTER THE DVD SESSION HAS BEEN VIEWED):

1. **Large group journaling exercise (7 minutes):** Ask the Lord the question posed at the end of the DVD training session and journal: “Lord, please talk to me about becoming still. What avenues are most effective in bringing me to inner stillness? What are Your thoughts concerning stillness?”
2. **Sharing journaling in groups of two (5 minutes):** Once the journaling time is over, the group leader will ask everyone to team up with one other person and read their journaling to them. Do not paraphrase it. Simply read it. If when you hear a person's journaling your heart bears witness that it is from God, tell them that. Then share your journaling back with this person.
3. **Large group sharing of journaling (8 minutes):** The group leader will ask for several volunteers to share their journaling with the entire group. Give them a hand clap after they have shared their journaling. Encourage them in their walk of faith.
4. Ask for people to share thoughts, comments or questions about the teaching segment. Ask for testimonies concerning what technique(s) they have found have helped them to effectively become still.
5. Let volunteers quote memory verses from previous weeks and share what God has spoken to them concerning the verse. Perhaps also break into groups of two to share memory verses.

EXERCISES TO PROMOTE ONGOING REVELATION

AT HOME:

1. Memorize Psalm 62:5 and Revelation 1:10-11a and journal about them, asking God what He wants to speak to you concerning the verses and their application to your life.
2. During the week journal several times. Share your journaling with your spiritual counselors. Journaling questions: “Lord, what do You want to say to me about Galatians 3:27? Lord, what do You want to say to me about using worship and music as I approach You? Is it OK to sit before You as I pray (as David did)? What religious activities do I do that get me into a striving mode, so I cannot hear You easily?” **Make sure you ask all three questions that were posed at the end of the DVD.**
3. Come to the next class prepared to share your memory verses and any journaling that is not too private.

SESSION 7 – KEY #3: LOOK FOR VISION AS YOU PRAY

These activities correspond with the teaching notes beginning on page 19.

PRAYER AND DISCUSSION EXERCISES

(AFTER THE DVD SESSION HAS BEEN VIEWED):

1. **Large group journaling exercise (7 minutes):** Ask the Lord the following: “Lord, remind me of a time You have spoken to me through a dream. Do You want to speak to me through dreams? Do I need to change my attitude about dreams?”
2. **Sharing journaling in groups of two (5 minutes):** Once the journaling time is over, the group leader will ask everyone to team up with one other person and

read their journaling to them. Do not paraphrase it. Simply read it. If when you hear a person’s journaling your heart bears witness that it is from God, tell them that. Then share your journaling back with this person.

3. **Large group sharing of journaling (8 minutes):** The group leader will ask for several volunteers to share their journaling with the entire group. Give them a hand clap after they have shared their journaling. Encourage them in their walk of faith.
4. Ask for people to share thoughts, comments or questions about the teaching segment. Are you comfortable with the contrasts provided between “idolatry” and “setting an image in one’s mind?” Have you ever examined Scripture to build a theological understanding concerning “godly imagination?” What does the expression mean: “a picture is worth a thousand words?” Give illustrations. Are you prepared to explore the place of pictures as part of your encounter with Almighty God?
5. Let volunteers quote memory verses from previous weeks and share what God has spoken to them concerning the verse. Break into groups of two to share memory verses.

EXERCISES TO PROMOTE ONGOING REVELATION

AT HOME:

1. Memorize John 5:19 and Acts 2:17 and journal about them, asking God what He wants to speak to you concerning the verses and their application to your life.
2. Look up at least 30 verses from the list in this session, which discuss the use of the eyes of one’s heart, seeing visions, or picturing. Journal and ask God what He wants you to learn from these verses.

Share this journaling with your spiritual advisors.

3. Journal daily and ask God what He wants to speak to you. **Make sure you ask all three questions that were posed at the end of the DVD.**
4. Come to the next class prepared to share your memory verses and any journaling that is not too private.

SESSION 8 – HOW TO RESTORE YOUR VISIONARY CAPACITY

These activities correspond with the teaching notes beginning on page 23.

PRAYER AND DISCUSSION EXERCISES

(AFTER THE DVD SESSION HAS BEEN VIEWED):

1. **Large group journaling exercise (7 minutes):** Ask the Lord the question posed at the end of the DVD training session and journal: “Lord, how important is it to use the eyes of my heart? How have I been using them? How would You have me use them?”
2. **Sharing journaling in groups of two (5 minutes):** Once the journaling time is over, the group leader will ask everyone to team up with one other person and read their journaling to them. Do not paraphrase it. Simply read it. If when you hear a person’s journaling your heart bears witness that it is from God, tell them that. Then share your journaling back with this person.
3. **Large group sharing of journaling (8 minutes):** The group leader will ask for several volunteers to share their journaling with the entire group. Give them a hand clap after they have shared their journaling. Encourage them in their walk of faith.

4. Ask for people to share thoughts, comments or questions about the teaching segment. If you have ever primed the pump in your Christian life, and it precipitated a move of God in you or through you to others, would you share that testimony with us? Discuss ways in which we “prime the pump” in various areas of our lives, even our spiritual lives. If it is acceptable to prime the pump in some areas, is it also okay to prime the pump as we seek a vision from God?
5. Let volunteers quote memory verses from previous weeks and share what God has spoken to them concerning the verse. Or break into groups of two to share memory verses.

EXERCISES TO PROMOTE ONGOING REVELATION AT HOME:

Memorize Hebrews 12:2a, 1 Chronicles 29:18 KJV, and Matthew 9:29b. Journal about them, asking God what He wants to speak to you concerning the verses and their application to your life.

1. Continue looking up the verses about the use of the eyes of one’s heart, seeing visions, or picturing. Journal and ask God what He wants you to learn from these verses. Share this journaling with your spiritual counselors.
2. Journal daily, asking God what He wants to speak to you. **Make sure you ask all three questions that were posed at the end of the DVD.**
3. Come to the next class prepared to share your memory verses and any journaling that is not too private.

SESSION 9 – KEY #4: TWO-WAY JOURNALING

These activities correspond with the teaching notes beginning on page 27.

PRAYER AND DISCUSSION EXERCISES

(AFTER THE DVD SESSION HAS BEEN VIEWED):

1. **Large group journaling exercise (7 minutes):** Ask the Lord the following question: “Lord, what do You want to say to me concerning journaling? How important is journaling in my life? What time during my day is it best for me to journal?”
2. **Sharing journaling in groups of two (5 minutes):** Once the journaling time is over, the group leader will ask everyone to team up with one other person and read their journaling to them. Do not paraphrase it. Simply read it. If when you hear a person’s journaling your heart bears witness that it is from God, tell them that. Then share your journaling back with this person.
3. **Large group sharing of journaling (8 minutes):** The group leader will ask for several volunteers to share their journaling with the entire group. Give them a hand clap after they have shared their journaling. Encourage them in their walk of faith.
4. Ask for people to share thoughts, comments or questions about the teaching segment.
5. Discuss the principle that all prophecy is conditional, based on man’s response.
6. Discuss journaling as prophecy, and what that indicates about its usual content and purpose(s).
7. Discuss why it is true that your journaling hotline to heaven does not replace the need for you to receive revelation through other members of the body of Christ.
8. Let volunteers quote memory verses from previous weeks and share what God has spoken to them concerning the verse. Or break into groups of two to share memory verses.

EXERCISES TO PROMOTE ONGOING REVELATION

AT HOME:

1. **Memorize** Ezekiel 33:13-16 and journal about this passage, asking God what He wants to speak to you concerning the verses and their application to your life.
2. **Journal** several times during the week and share your journaling with your spiritual counselors. Ask any of the following journaling questions you have not already asked: “Lord, what do You want to speak to me concerning journaling? How important is it that I do it? Lord, how can I restrict my journaling to the categories of edification, exhortation and comfort? How should I journal about an event in which the results are dependent upon someone’s choice and decision? Lord, what do You want to speak to me?”
3. Come to class prepared to share your memory verses and your journaling that is not too private.

SESSION 10 – A TUNING DIAL: “THE TABERNACLE EXPERIENCE”

These activities correspond with the teaching notes beginning on page 30.

PRAYER AND DISCUSSION EXERCISES

(AFTER THE DVD SESSION HAS BEEN VIEWED):

1. **Large group journaling exercise (7 minutes):** Ask the Lord the following question: “Lord, what do You want to say to me concerning using the Tabernacle Experience as a way of approaching You?”
2. **Sharing journaling in groups of two (5 minutes):** Once the journaling time is over, the group leader will ask everyone to team up with one other person and read their journaling to them. Do not paraphrase it. Simply read it. If when you hear a person’s journaling your heart bears witness that it is from God, tell them that. Then share your journaling back with this person.
3. **Large group sharing of journaling (8 minutes):** The group leader will ask for several volunteers to share their journaling with the entire group. Give them a hand clap after they have shared their journaling. Encourage them in their walk of faith.
4. Ask for people to share thoughts, comments or questions about the teaching segment.
5. Let volunteers quote memory verses from previous weeks and share what God has spoken to them concerning the verse. Break into groups of two to share memory verses.

EXERCISES TO PROMOTE ONGOING REVELATION AT HOME:

1. Memorize Hebrews 8:5 and journal about it, asking God what He wants to speak to you concerning the verse and its application to your life.
2. Journal through each piece of furniture in the Tabernacle Experience. Journaling questions:
 - The tribe of Judah was positioned before the gate = Am I entering Your gates with thanksgiving and praise?
 - Brazen Altar = Have I laid down my will on this topic? Am I a living sacrifice?
 - Brazen Laver = Am I washing myself regularly by reading and applying the Bible?
 - Table of Shewbread = Is my will ground fine (symbolized by the grain that makes up the bread), and am I living in fellowship with other Christians (symbolized by eating together)?
 - Golden Lampstand – lit by oil = Am I allowing the Holy Spirit to illumine my heart and mind as I read the Bible? Are verses leaping off the pages of Scripture?
 - Altar of Incense – rekindled morning and evening = Am I a constant worshipper, or have I begun to grumble?
 - Ark of the Covenant = Am I standing or kneeling quietly before some symbol that makes God real to me (e.g., Jesus)? Am I quietly receiving His voice and vision?

Lifelong Application: Make fixing your eyes on Jesus, tuning to flow and two-way journaling a regular part of your life from this day on. Share your journaling with your spiritual counselors. May God’s grace be upon your life! May this message take root in your life and bear 100-fold return.

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13 sessions – Average length: 30 Minutes

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