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## SECTION 6 – Writing the Word on Your Heart

### Lesson 24 - Writing the Word on Your Heart Part 4

God has come to write His Word upon our hearts. This is part of the covenant that He made with us. When we have God's Word written upon our hearts we will by nature do the things that we're supposed to do.

**Deuteronomy 6:6-7** *And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. 7 You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.*

Step one in getting the Word of God written on our hearts is to teach it everywhere you go and to everyone.

#### Step 2: Speak the Word.

#### When are we to speak the Word?

You shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk. And when you lie down. And when you rise up. In other words, all the time.

That covers everything. You're either sitting, walking, lying, or rising. That's every moment of your life. You are to speak the Word out loud.

**Ephesians 5:15-18** *See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*

*17 Therefore do not be unwise, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And do not be drunk with wine, in which is dissipation; but be filled with the Spirit, 19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.*

That word circumspectly literally means to be looking on all sides, watching for an enemy that's about to attack. Be watching on all sides for an enemy that's about to attack.

Speak the psalms, which were simply God's Word put to song. They are His Words, they're poems. You need to redeem the time for the days are evil. Don't be unwise. Be circumspect. Be aware of the enemy's attacks. Know what the will of the Lord is. Be filled with the Spirit by speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

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When you begin to get with one another and begin to talk about the Word of God, you will feel the presence of God come. You will feel the Holy Spirit come. When you get together and you're talking about the Word of God you will feel the presence of God. When you begin to speak the Word of God to one another, when you begin to talk about the Word, God shows up! The Bible tells us in the book of Malachi that God makes a book of remembrance. When believers get with each other and begin to talk to one another about God, God actually writes it down in a book. He makes a remembrance of it.

The will of the Lord is that you be filled with the Spirit. How do you get filled with the Spirit in this context? Speak to one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. You talk about the Word. You speak the Word.

Jesus said, "If you will confess Me before men, I will confess you before My Father which is in heaven." (Matthew 10:32) He also said that He was going to the Father and would send us a comforter, the Holy Spirit. (John 16:7)

When we begin to speak the Word of God to one another, what begins to happen is Jesus hears us confessing Him before men. Jesus turns to the Father and says, "Father, they're talking about Me. Release another measure of the Holy Ghost!" The Father sends us the Holy Spirit. That's why when you go out witnessing and you start telling somebody about God's promises, about the plan of salvation, and you tell them the Word of God, and you walk out of that experience and you're just charged. Many of you have experienced that. You feel the charge of God when you preach the Word. As you were confessing Jesus before men, Jesus was confessing you before the Father, and the Father was sending you the Holy Ghost!

We are to speak to one another. Talk about it when you lie down. Talk about it when you rise up. Talk about it when you walk. Talk about it when you sit. Speak the Word. There's something very interesting about the power of speaking the Word. What you speak becomes seared into who you are. It becomes seared deep on the inside. Not only is it that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks, but what the mouth speaks becomes seared upon your heart.

We can learn something from the strategies taught to secret agents. They are trained and prepared how to resist brainwashing if they are ever caught. One method of how they brainwash you and try to trick you is they tell you lie after lie after lie. They try to get you to begin to confess and acknowledge the lies, because they know that once you begin to speak it out, you begin to believe it. For example, if you are told your name is Bob when it is John, in order to resist the brainwashing it is not enough to mentally disagree with the statement. You must actually speak out the truth. Whenever you hear a lie, you must actually speak out the truth. You would reply that your name is John and not Bob. How you resist the negative brainwashing is you must speak the truth.

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**Ephesians 4:15** *but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—*

We are to speak the truth in love. We are to talk about His commands. Talk about His Word when you rise up, when you lie down, when you're walking, and when you're sitting. Speak His Word. It's not enough to just sit there.

**Joshua 1:8** *This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*

**What does the word meditate mean?**

That word meditate literally means to mutter under your breath. It means to speak it out.

Day and night speak the Word. It shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall speak it out day and night so that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it.

When you keep speaking the Word, it will cause it to be written upon your heart so that you observe and do all that is in it. You've got to speak the Word.

**Step 3: Publicly identify with the Word and with God.**

**Deuteronomy 6:7-8** *You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. 8 You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.*

Now what in the world did that one mean? They would have a little box, about an inch by an inch, and they would stuff scriptures in there, and then they would wrap it around the wrist or they would tie it on the top of their forehead. It was a very public identification with the Word of God. They were publicly identifying with Jehovah.

You are to publicly identify with the Word. When you publicly identify with it, and you gain your identity from it. What you identify with, you'll take on as part of your nature. When you choose to identify with something, the nature of that, the truth or lies, the belief system of that becomes ingrained in you. We are to be publicly identified with Jesus Christ and Him alone.

*You will take on the nature of what you choose to identify with.*

When I was in high school, there was a guy who was in our choral group. He was this big guy, a baritone with a really manly voice. He could sing incredible. Quite an actor too. He ended up going into one of these schools down in Los Angeles that was dominated by the homosexual

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community. Now this guy was a man's man. He came back a year later, and when he came back he spoke in an effeminate voice. He was speaking like a flaming guy from San Francisco, and he had totally gone to the homosexual lifestyle. He was never effeminate in his habits or his actions before. It wasn't some genetic thing. He chose at some point down there that he was gay. He chose to then identify himself with a homosexual community. Then once he chose to identify with them, he took on their nature. It became a part of who he was. Whatever you identify with will become a part of your nature, because what you identify with is what you gain your identity from.

If you're identifying with something other than God, and you're getting your identity from something other than God, God calls that idolatry. That is why in the Old Testament Israel was forbidden to take on the markings of the heathen. They were not to take on their markings and therefore identify with those groups which stand opposed to God.

There's a spiritual dynamic that whatever you identify with, you take on that nature. When you choose to identify yourself, whether it's through markings; whether it's through piercings; whether it's through tattoos; whether it's through the way that you dress; whether it's through the way you speak or the way you act; when you choose to publicly identify with groups that are not according to God, you will take on their nature and not God's nature.

Jesus didn't come to do away with the Law. He fulfilled the Law. We may not have to obey the specific requirements of the Law in the sense that you don't have to take so many steps outside your back door and dig a hole in order to go to the bathroom, but you must obey the principle of that Law. The principle of that law is a sanitary law. The principle is that if you violate proper sanitation, you're going to get sick. That's what God was dealing with there. And even though you don't have to go so many steps out and dig a hole, because we have indoor plumbing now, if you don't wash your hands, if you get feces all over your hands, and then you start eating, you will get sick just like they would have gotten sick. That's why God established sanitation laws. Even though you don't have to do it specifically the way He said to do it in the Old Testament, you cannot violate the heart of that law, cause it still exists.

Let me put it to you this way, and it's not extreme. What if I were to stand up here as a preacher and say, "You know what? I want to reach people that are Satanists. So I'm gonna wear a pentagram. And I'm gonna wear some upside down cross earrings. And I'm gonna wear all black. And I'm gonna carry around a Satanic bible. Oh no, I believe in Jesus, but I'm just gonna dress like them because I want to relate to them."? Now would you even sit here and watch me? There's no way! Cause you'd say, "There's something wrong with that preacher. There's something wrong. He ain't a servant of God."

What's the difference between that and me dressing like a gangster? And me dressing like a street thug? What if I specifically identify myself with gangster rappers and with those who stand opposed to everything that's holy and sacred and honorable before God? What is the difference?

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I tell you it's nothing, because whoever you choose to identify with, that is who you are going to take on the nature of.

God tells us to publicly identified with Him. Yet we look at the world and we identify with them. That's why we wear our hair the way it is. That's why we dress in the clothes we do. We keep trying to identify with the world. We want to look cool. God wants you to identify with Him publicly, because whoever you identify with, you're gonna take on their nature. Whatever the belief systems are of those that you identify with will begin to become seared upon your heart, because there's a spiritual dynamic to physical public identification.

**1 Corinthians 9:19-23** *For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; 20 and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those who are under the law, as under the law, that I might win those who are under the law; 21 to those who are without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those who are without law; 22 to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. 23 Now this I do for the gospel's sake, that I may be partaker of it with you.*

Don't read that out of context. It was not an identification issue. He was free to eat meat that was sacrificed to idols, but if it caused someone to stumble, then he wouldn't do it. Paul was saying that if he found something that he was free to do caused offense, he would reject his freedom in order that he might preach to them. Paul didn't say he went into a culture, saw what they're like, identify with their look, their talk, their speech then dress like them, act like them, stand up and do concerts like them so that he could reach them. He never said anything like it and it's totally contrary to the Word of God.

This is one of the main reasons why sin is the same in the church as it is in the world. Our young people are just as sexually immoral, just as bound in drugs, just as bound into all the vile things as the world is, because we're sitting there standing up from the platform identifying with the world. We've made youth church look like some rock concert. We identify with the world, and whoever you publicly identify with, you will take on their nature. It is a spiritual dynamic.

That is why God repeatedly told them not to act like or identify with the heathen. Don't celebrate the heathen festivals. Don't celebrate the heathen holidays. Don't identify with the heathen. God understood this dynamic that whoever you identify with, you'll take on their nature. He wants you to publicly identify with Him.

### **Step 4: Write the Word.**

**Deuteronomy 6:9** *You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.*

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#### **How much can you remember if you write it down verses just listening?**

Experts say that if you just listen to my teaching right now, you'll only remember about 10% of it. But if you're taking notes, and you write down what I say, you'll remember up to 85% of it.

Write it down. It's very simple. The scientists have just discovered this in the last 20 or 30 years, but God knew it from the beginning. God revealed it to us 3500 years ago. Write it down. You want the Word to get in your heart, write it down.

When God speaks to you something, write it down. Write down the Word.

**Habakkuk 2:2 KJV** *And the LORD answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it.*

Write it down. This is such a simple one. If you want to get the Word written upon your heart, write it down.

**Deuteronomy 17:18** *And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book out of that which is before the priests the Levites:*

God is giving the rules and commandments to kings. He told Israel that when you get a king, this is what the king must do. The king must write a complete copy of the Law for himself. He had to write it down. God knows that when we write it down, it becomes seared upon our heart.

**Deuteronomy 17:19-20 KJV** *And it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life: that he may learn to fear the LORD his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them:*

*20That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel.*

God gave him this task that his heart may not be lifted above his brethren; that he may not turn aside from the commandment to the right hand or to the left; that he may prolong his days in his kingdom.

If we want the Word of God written upon our hearts we must teach it, talk about it, publicly identify with God and His Word, and write it down. It's going to get on the inside of you. The Word will become written on your heart, and it will become a part of your nature. And when the Word is written upon your heart, you will do by nature according to the Word of God.

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God never intended for you to struggle! He intended for His Word to be written upon your heart so it would cause you to obey His commands all the days of your life. Do these things and you'll watch a transformation in your life.

#### **For Further Study:**

**Psalm 77:12** *I will also meditate on all Your work,  
And talk of Your deeds.*

**Jeremiah 20:9** *Then I said, "I will not make mention of Him,  
Nor speak anymore in His name."  
But His word was in my heart like a burning fire  
Shut up in my bones;  
I was weary of holding it back,  
And I could not."*