



SHIFT: REPOSITIONING FOR HEAVEN'S SUPPLY

Session 1: Understanding the Art of the Shift

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I. THE ART OF THE SHIFT

A. Shift — As A Noun

1. Definition: A change in position, direction, emphasis, focus, or approach.
2. A shift is the **change itself**—the movement from one position, condition, or way of operating to another.

B. Shift — As A Verb

1. Definition: To move, change, transfer, reposition, or redirect something from one place, position, direction, or condition to another.
2. As a verb, shift emphasizes **the action of making the change**.

PASTOR'S NOTE: *There are going to be seasons in your earthly life when things will shift! Life shifts, changing seasons, etc. You have little control over this—it just occurs.*

- Our thinking changes.
- Relationships change.
- Priorities change.
- Directional changes.

Some shifts (changes) in our earthly life that occur just because of time. Many of these types of shifts will require you to change thoughts, activity, and priorities in order to accommodate the shift of life.

C. Spiritual Shifts

1. Spiritual shifts occur at various stages and seasons throughout our spiritual journey.
 - a. However, unlike many of the natural shifts we experience in life, spiritual shifts are not necessarily automatic.
2. The contrast:
 - a. In our natural life:
 - Many shifts are inevitable.
 - They occur whether we are prepared for them or not.
 - Time and circumstances bring changes we cannot always avoid.



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- b. In our spiritual life:
 - Shifts are conditional.
 - They require us to recognize and respond to God's plan.
 - They can be delayed or even missed through inattention, resistance, or a failure to respond.

D. Satan's Strategy: To Derail Your Spiritual Journey

1. Satan's objective is always to hinder, interrupt, or sabotage our spiritual progress.
 - a. Your response to Satan's tactics plays a determining role in whether you continue progressing or become hindered along your spiritual journey.

2. Jesus' example of how to shift:

- a. **John 14:30**

NKJV "I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me..."

AMP "I will not speak with you much longer, for the ruler of the world (Satan) is coming. And he has no claim on Me [no power over Me nor anything that he can use against Me]..."

Summarized / Paraphrased Statement: "He has no control over Me, no authority over Me, and nothing within Me that gives him an advantage."

- b. Jesus was saying: "Satan can't find a place to get an advantage."

3. Satan is always looking for an opportunity to take advantage in your life.

- a. Scriptures:

- **1 Peter 5:8**

KJV "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour..."

- **Ephesians 4:27**

NKJV "Neither give place to the devil."

NIV "...and do not give the devil a foothold."

ESV "...and give no opportunity to the devil."



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GNT "Don't give the Devil a chance."

- b. Jesus gave no "place" to the devil.
 - He didn't give the devil any chance to find an opportunity to work in His earthly life.
- c. It appears that, for the enemy to work in our lives, he must find an opportunity. It also seems that he cannot find an opportunity unless we offer it to him.

E. An Example of Jesus Shifting Away from Satan's Attempts

1. Matthew 16:21-23

NKJV "From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day. Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, 'Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!' **But He turned** and said to Peter, '**Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men.**'"

- a. Peter's words were not in agreement with the plan of God for Jesus' life.
 - b. Upon hearing these words, Jesus shifted His attention away from *wrong thinking* and identified the source of these words as Satan.
- ##### 2. Notice how Jesus responded:
- a. Jesus recognized the wrong influence.
 - Jesus understood that Peter's words were not in agreement with the Father's purposes.
 - b. Jesus immediately rejected the suggestion.
 - "Get behind Me, Satan!"
 - Jesus did not entertain the suggestion, consider an alternative course, or allow Peter's perspective to redirect His thinking.
 - c. Jesus refused to shift his attention away from the Father's will.
 - "...you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men."
 - Jesus identified the problem: Peter was thinking from a natural, human perspective rather than God's perspective.
 - d. Jesus maintained his alignment with the Father's purpose.
 - Jesus continued toward Jerusalem, fully committed to accomplishing what the Father had sent Him to do.



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PASTOR'S NOTE: *When you learn the art of the shift you will stay on course, arrive where you are supposed to be, and finish strong.*

F. Paul's Ability to Shift

1. Mature sons of God know how to live in the realm of the Spirit.

a. **Romans 8:12-14**

NKJV "Therefore, brethren, we are debtors—not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God."

TPT "So then, beloved ones, the flesh has no claims on us at all, and we have no further obligation to live in obedience to it. For when you live controlled by the flesh, you are about to die. But if the life of the Spirit puts to death the corrupt ways of the flesh, we then taste his abundant life. The mature children of God are those who are moved by the impulses of the Holy Spirit."

b. One of the clearest marks of spiritual maturity in a child of God is the developed ability to shift from fleshly thinking and responses to Spirit-led thinking and responses, regardless of the circumstances.

- When circumstances provoke fear, we shift our attention to God's promises.
- When emotions attempt to control us, we shift to the leadership of the Spirit.
- When natural reasoning contradicts God's Word, we shift to the perspective of faith.
- When offense presents itself, we shift to walking in love.
- When the enemy attempts to distract us, we shift our attention back to God's purposes.

c. **Romans 8:5-6**

KJV "For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace."



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2. Paul's example:

a. Romans 8:18

NKJV "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy *to be compared* with the glory which shall be revealed in us."

- Paul was declaring that when he considered the suffering of his present circumstances in light of the glory God had prepared, there was simply no comparison!
- Paul shifted his attention from the weight of his present suffering to the greatness of his future glory.

b. Romans 8:31-39

NKJV "**What then shall we say to these things?** If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is God who justifies.* Who *is* he who condemns? *It is Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us.* Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written: 'For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter.' **Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.** For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."

- Paul demonstrates the remarkable ability to shift his attention away from the troubles confronting him and toward the greater realities of what God has accomplished for us in Christ.
- Paul recognizes the reality of opposition, adversity, and suffering. But rather than allowing these things to dominate his thinking, he deliberately shifts his attention to the superior realities of his covenant relationship with God through Christ.
- He lightly esteems the trouble in comparison to how highly he esteems what Christ has accomplished!

c. Paul shifted his focus from potential defeat to being more than a conqueror.



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3. The shift of **Romans 8**:
 - a. **Vs. 31**: God is for us.
 - b. **Vs. 32**: God has already given us His Son.
 - c. **Vs. 33**: God is the One who has justified me.
 - d. **Vs. 34**: The risen Christ is interceding for me.
 - e. Paul moves from considering the trouble—what is against him—to declaring what is working for Him in Christ.
4. Paul's conclusion:
 - a. **Romans 8:38-39**
KJV "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."
 - b. Whatever we give the highest attention to in our thinking will have the greatest influence upon our perspective and responses.
5. Paul had learned the art of the shift! He knew how to move his attention:
 - a. **FROM** what was against him > **TO** the God who was for him.
 - b. **FROM** accusations and condemnation > **TO** his justification in Christ.
 - c. **FROM** the pressures of adversity > **TO** the certainty of God's love.
 - d. **FROM** the possibility of defeat > **TO** the assurance of victory through Christ.

II. THE ART OF THE SHIFT: SIMPLE, PRACTICAL APPLICATION

Learning the art of the shift is developing the ability to recognize when our thinking, attention, attitudes, or actions need to change and deliberately bringing them into agreement with God's Word and Spirit.

A. Five Practical Steps to Making a Spiritual Shift

1. **RECOGNIZE**: What is influencing you?
 - a. To what am I giving the most attention?
 - b. Am I responding from the flesh or from the Spirit?
 - c. Is my thinking being influenced more by circumstances or by God's Word?



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- 2. INTERRUPT:** Stop the wrong flow!
 - a. Refuse to continue rehearsing negative thoughts.
 - b. Stop entertaining suggestions contrary to God's Word.
 - c. Do not allow offense, fear, or discouragement to dominate your thinking.

- 3. REDIRECT:** Shift your attention!
 - a. From the problem > to the promise.
 - b. From opposition > to God's faithfulness.
 - c. From fear > to faith.
 - d. From offense > to love.
 - e. From what is seen > to what is unseen.

- 4. REINFORCE:** Establish your thinking in the Word!
 - a. Find the scriptures that address your situation.
 - b. Meditate upon what God has said.
 - c. Speak in agreement with His Word.
 - d. Give greater consideration to spiritual realities than to natural circumstances.

- 5. RESPOND:** Act in agreement with the Spirit!
 - a. Change your words.
 - b. Change your attitude.
 - c. Change your response.
 - d. Change your actions.
 - e. Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

B. Make the Shift a Daily Practice

- 1.** Spiritual maturity develops as we repeatedly practice shifting from fleshly responses to Spirit-led responses.

- 2.** The more we practice, the more skillful we become.